

marked powers of thought and expression. The prize was awarded to Mr. Elder, whose oration was "Who Is Great Among You?"

Mr. Elder permits us to give a few thoughts from his oration:

"Every man wishes to do something to make his name memorable. Early in life he fixes his standard of excellence. Very much depends upon what he conceives to be true greatness. A worthy ideal of true greatness is service for the world, regardless of wealth or fame.

"In every age man has admired the military hero. It is the blood-stained warrior who stalks across the stage and becomes the hero in poetry and romance. Alexanders, Cæsars and Napoleons attract the admiration of the aged. With splendid triumph America hails the "Hero of Manila" and England pours out lavish appreciation on her victorious Kitchener.

"Observe yonder the genius of the stock exchange. There millions are being combined in corporations, the humble masses are being crushed and the minds of our greatest statesmen are taxed to solve the arising social questions.

"Have our ideals changed? Instead of the hero with his 'garments rolled in blood' have we come to worship the giants of finance and commerce? All honor to men of wealth who are ministering to the good of others; but the man of wealth who shows no charity to the lowly shall never find a niche for his gilded statue in our Temple of Fame.

"We do well to study the characters of Washington and Lincoln. Goodness, self-sacrifice and deep devotion to humanity were elements of greatness in their lives. They could not help but live lives of 'charity for all and of malice towards none.'

"It is not necessary to wage a carnal warfare to be truly great. In every contest between truth and error we can find ample scope for that which is manly and brave in our natures. Moral courage is the highest type of the heroic.

"The populace admires the workman who puts the headstone on the corner; but the Master sees the conscientious workman who lays well the foundation. That man is truly great who faithfully and cheerfully toils in the field of divine appointment.

"He who with kind words and good deeds fills his life fullest of the benign servitude of love makes the nearest approach to the great pattern life of Him who came not to be 'ministered unto, but to minister,' and such a man most closely conform to his Master's saying, 'Is there any great among you, let him be your servant.'"