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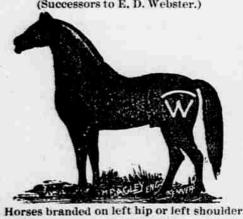
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"The mind can never open into its largest compass and power under any, NEBRASKA. but the broadest and highest motives.'

"Let us understand our work in all ts minutia and be influenced by such motives.

"First with and for ourselves in grounding in principle our guides of action and in proper preparation before entering a calling so arduous and so im-

"Would that we might be filled with aspirations, calm, living aspirations that are not dampened, much less quenched, by the routine of common yet sacred duty that enables us to feel that in every detail of our labor is our blessing.'

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