

mind by the fear that a window cleaner might fall upon me."

A member, addressing the house, usually stands with his head uncovered; but not always. There is an occasion when it is absolutely out of order for a member to speak in a standing position and without his hat upon his head. When a debate has ended, and the question which has been discussed is put from the chair, an interval of two minutes—during which the electric bells ring all over the palace of Westminster—is allowed to enable members to get to the chamber. The time is taken by a sandglass on the table, and when it has elapsed the doors are locked. It is at this particular juncture that it is essential for a member, who wishes to address the house, to retain his seat and wear his hat. If he were to follow the ordinary practice, and stand up with his head uncovered, he would be roared and shouted at from all sides of the house for his breach of etiquette. Mr. Gladstone once had occasion to address the house just as a division was about to be taken; and as he always left his hat at the cloak-room, he was compelled to borrow a substitute from a colleague who sat behind him. But Mr. Gladstone's head was of abnormal size—it is said that his hats had to be made for him—and the proffered headgear only covered the top of his head. For some moments his voice could not be heard above the laughter produced by his comical efforts to balance the borrowed hat. Then the late Lord Herschell, at that time in the lower house as member for Carlisle, who had an exceptionally large head, came to the rescue. He passed his hat to his leader, and Mr. Gladstone made his motion.

In the curious customs of the house of commons, there is nothing more amusing than the strange ceremony which marks the termination of every sitting. The moment the house is adjourned, messengers and policemen shout out in the corridors and lobbies, "Who goes home?" These words have sounded every night for centuries, through the palace of Westminster. The performance originated at a time when it was necessary to go home in parties for common protection against "footpads," who infested the streets of London. But, although serious danger of being "held up" in any part of the metropolis has almost ceased, the cry of "Who goes home?" is still heard every night when the house of commons is in session.

LAWRENCE IRWELL.

#### NEED ABILITY AND ENERGY.

The first characteristic that a boy ought to have to prepare himself for the battle of life, is self-reliance. He must believe in his own integrity, ability, and energy to accomplish things. A young man may be the soul of honor and lack

either ability or energy, and never make a success commercially. It requires the combination of the three, with good horse sense and application to business. A boy must be faithful to his employers and must work for their interest and not for the clock to strike 12 or 6. I am one of those who believe a boy has just as good a chance to succeed now, as ever before in the history of the world. There is more demand for good men in good positions than there ever was. These better positions are surrounded by greater salaries, greater responsibilities, and greater opportunities to achieve success than ever before.

PAUL MORTON.

[Mr. Morton is vice-president of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad. He began his railway service in December, 1872, since which time he has been clerk in the land office of the Burlington and Missouri river road, clerk in the general freight department of the Burlington, assistant general freight agent, general passenger agent, and general freight agent of the same road. When the Santa Fe emerged from bankruptcy, Mr. Morton was elected vice-president in charge of traffic.—Chicago Daily News.

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Miscellaneous Assets .....	9,205.58
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Cash .....	4,030,413.55
	\$17,091,214.18
LIABILITIES	
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