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NORTHAMPTON, Mass., July 10.—Probably some people can conscientiously say that they never had a chance. But most people have failed because they did not really try. A recent report tells of a young man, with a wife and children, working eight hours each night to support them and maintain himself in college, where he ranked near the head of his class. Any student knows of the life of Darwin, who from a sickbed that permitted him to work scarcely more than twenty minutes each day changed the course of the thought of the world. How easily one of these men could have concluded that the necessity of supporting his family made it impossible to secure an education and the other that poor health prevented him from following his scientific investigations to a conclusion!

The great fact seems to be that when a man dedicates his whole soul to his work, when he fully determines to meet the responsibilities that he incurs, in his time of need some power outside himself directs his course and gives him the strength to prevail. To such men comes revelation. They do better than they know. Therein lies the hope of the world.

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NORTHAMPTON, Mass., July 11.—Some foreign nations seem alarmed at our increases of duties on imports. Such alarm is not justified. On the whole, the increases are moderate and generally intended only to equalize the difference between foreign and domestic costs of production. It ought to be remembered that following all the recent increases in tariff rates have come large increases in imports. The only exception was due apparently to the Spanish War, but a year later large increases began. For over a generation each protective tariff has changed the basis but enlarged the market for imports. Of course, some lines may have been injured and others compelled to come in on a rate more fair to United States standards of wages and living. This is not saying the new tariffs promoted or retarded the increases. But the fact is higher rates did not decrease the former imports. The most reasonable explanation seems to be that protection encouraged business and a more prosperous people bought more goods abroad. Instead of being disturbed at the tariff foreign nations should know that our general imports will be large so long as our business is good.

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