

ness of life. Dr. John Browne always spoke of his wife as the *sine quâ non*, and how should we get on without their sympathy and encouragement and helpfulness in prosperity and adversity, and their possession of the valuable commodity so freely bestowed upon us, and to which the young man's feelings gently turn at spring time? Whether these, by comparison, fragilely constructed beings are really capable of bearing the strain and stress of public affairs remains to be proved, and perhaps I am wrong in not believing that education, expansive influence of responsibility will bring out qualities which lie dormant or only lend themselves to irregular development. This may be so—time alone will show, and I hope I have placed the facts on either side sufficiently plainly before the jury, to enable them to make up their minds for themselves and come to a common-sense conclusion.