you will, in his relations in society, and let there be a stepping stone to afford his anxious will the least encouragement, and you find he requires no propelling impetus to help him to ascend. His motion instantly becomes upward, and every facility which offers the least chance of success, he seizes with avidity, until by well spent labor, both moral and physical, he attains the height of his aspirations and ambition. I said by the aid of stepping stones, as it were, a man attains to the height of his ambition; but I meant not to limit this remark to the society of which he constitutes a part. It is true that there are men whose aspirations are circumscribed by the pleasure of the people who have made them the recipients of their favors, but after admitting the existence of this fact, it is far from being universal. The history of the world shows it otherwise, in the bloody and dread conflicts which have despoiled nations of their heritage; and the wars which are now convulsing Europe on account of the avaricious-ness and insatiability of a single man. I would not have you to understand me to say, that men, alike, are ambitious. Far from it. all men are not so, because I believe that avarice is a larger ingredient of ambition. Some of them, are influenced by motives to purely genuine, to have an insatiable thirst for an increase of dominion.

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