It is as I expected. One thing leads to another in Mr. Wing's mind. He had been reading the "Footsteps" which I had left with him, hoping to jog his memory. He began right away, "I have been reading what you have to say about Lincoln's one term in Congress, and that made me think of something which I had forgotten.

"I was coming across from the Treasury to the White House one night, and I met him. He was walking slow, had his big shawl around his shoulder. He asked me to go back with him. 'Henry,' he said, 'what are you going to do when the war is over?'

"Well," ~~I said~~, "Mr. Lincoln, I have studied law, and I think I will go on with that. And I have some idea that I could get elected to Congress. I might try that."

"'Now, Henry,' he said, 'don't begin on Congress unless you will go on with it. One term doesn't mean so much for a man. He just gets started, learns the ways and the men. I had only one term in Congress, and I know how it is. When you go down there, you have to make your own way, prove yourself to those that have been there a long time. It is pretty hard on the new comer. You know how the members in Congress are, they don't pay any attention, as a rule, to anybody that is talking - they read their newspapers or their books or go into the cloak room. A man sometimes could talk on half a day without an audience of more than five or six, at a time paying any attention to him.' (I knew that was so for I had been a reporter in the Senate) 'That makes me think of _____

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been a reporter in the Senate) 'That makes me think of first speech in Congress. He was a pretty confident fellow - counted a good deal on his oratory, and he had prepared a careful speech which he expected would capture the House. Well, he went down there and he saw how they paid no attention to the men they were accustomed to. He thought that was the way it would be with him; but what he didn't know was that when a new man comes along



everybody does pay attention to see what kind of a person he is - size him up. He got up to make his speech, and the whole House was there looking at him. It just about frightened everything outof his head. He began and stuttered and went over and over his first paragraphs and lost his way completely. Finally a friend who sat beside him pulled his coat tail. He looked around to hear what he had to say. He said, "Sit down. You are coming out at the same hole you went in at." No, I would not go in for Congress, Henry, unless I was sure I was going to stick to it long enough to have it amount to something.'

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"Where were you when Lincoln was elected?" I asked him.

"Well, now," he said, "I will have to go back to tell you something about myself to get it straight. I was teaching school in Vermont. I was not interested in Lincoln, I voted for Douglas. My mother was a Democrat."(He evidently thinks a great deal about his mother - quotes her frequently) "But somehow you kept hearing about Lincoln. Up in Vermont they had a story which they used to tell of a boy who had heard Lincoln speak. Right after it he went to a dentist to have a tooth pulled and made no fuss. 'Didn't it hurt?' the dentist said, surprised. 'I was not thinking about that,' the boy said, 'I was thinking about Linkun.'

"Well," as I said, "I was teaching school in the same place in Vermont where I had graduated. I was teaching higher mathematics. My father was a minister. He understood me, and when I was fifteen he told me to go out and earn my living and work my way through school. And I did that. I was $200 in debt when I decided to teach school and earn the money to pay up. Then I came down to So. Norwalk. I wanted to study law, and I went into the office of Cyrus Northrup. I was in Danbury at court when Lincoln called for 75,000 men. I liked what he had to say - no threat, just to protect the property of the U.S., to put down an insurrection. That seemed to me all right, and that we ought to

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do that, and so I enlisted at South Norwalk in the 27th Connecticut.

"They picked out 12 of us for the color guard, and I was made a corporal. I took it seriously. I didn't expect to come back. I gave my life when I enlisted.

"We got in at Fredericksburg. You remember how the Irish Brigade was sent to take St. Mary's Heights (?) - the priest gave them the supreme unction - not many of them came out alive. (Look this up) Well, Hancock came around to our company, 'We've got to take those guns, boys.' We stripped, and we took an oath that they never should get out flag.

"Now I will have to go back and tell you something. When I went to South Norwalk to study law, I was 21, and I didn't have any money. I had to earn that in order to carry on my studies, so I took orders for slate roofing, and put it on nights and mornings. One day a man came to me and he wanted to give an order for a new roof. I looked at his house, and said, You don't want slate on that, it's too heavy. He said, 'I will take a chance.' I said, I won't sell you the slate. Your roof will sag.

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said, I won't sell you the slate. Your roof will sag.

"When the war broke out and I enlisted, he came to me and said, 'Henry, I have always remembered about your refusing to sell me slate. I have a boy 16, he wants to go to the war, will you take him with you?' Well, I did. This man's name was Nash. And now to come back.

"Just before we were ready to attack at Fredericksburg, that boy came to me and said, 'Henry, I am going to be killed in this attack, and you are going home on crutches. My mother came to me last night and told me that.' His mother died when he was two years old. 'I want you to pray with me.' And I did. Soon after that Hancock called 'Come on!"

"We were all stripped for attack. I went about one quarter of a mile and I was hit in the leg. (I think this was

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