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**S**LOWLY up from the ladder's base,  
 Round upon round, he steadily climbed,  
 Watching each opening in the race,  
 His deed to the moment's need he timed.  
 This is the secret to you I confide,  
 Of his rise, so deserving and steady;  
 He has done with his might whatsoever he tried,  
 For new duties he ever was ready.  
 As a legal adviser, he knew what to do;  
 To Colby his presence adds luster.  
 In the Senate, he proved of the very rare few,  
 About whom the lesser lights cluster.  
 For his church's high morals, and lib'ral construction  
 There is nothing his ardor can quench.  
 To his future, his past is a mere introduction,  
 He will shine at his best on the bench.