

ration of his achievements. He was a man of firey temper, and often, as he himself admits, acted upon impulses and was sensitive at times even to morbidness. He committed many grave mistakes. In his political dealings with Mexico, he was deceived by Santa Anna more than once, and he placed confidence in Mexican officials, when from past experience he might have known they could not be trusted. During his mission to the United States he made an unwarranted attack upon the patriots, Wharton and Archer, accusing them of disloyalty to the cause they represented. These painful mistakes reflect upon his character, only to show that even the noblest of men are liable to err in judgment. But after all he is the grandest patriot of Texas. He was the first and greatest American colonizer to brave this unknown land. To risk his fortune in the country of the proud and treacheous Castilians, he shared the hardships of the frontier, and ate his meals of horse flesh with the humblest settlers.

Twice he visited the City of Mexico facing perils unknown, and in his last visit almost suffered martyrdom for his people. He no sooner entered the streets of the city than the terrible Asiatic Cholera filled it with horror. Surcharged with this scourge of death, 10,000 of its inhabitants perished during Austin's stay of eighteen months. He bore his imprisonment heroically, but no doubt there struggled through his breast those manly emotions that told how deeply he suffered from these wrongs.

From the beginning to the end of his career, he never