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EXPLANATION: Since this is the beginning of a series of articles some explanation may be necessary. The pronoun I is used because no other person—directly or indirectly—is in any way responsible for the ideas I may advance. Neither do I desire to be unnecessarily plain in language. I believe thoroughly in the educational side of the Indian schools, and while much has been excellent, the possibilities are beyond what has been accomplished.

I have other reasons for using the pronoun I; it is more definite. On one occasion when I was working as a student in the office of Dr. George Bauer, formerly of Yale University and at the time we were working connected with the University of Chicago, and we had put up what we thought was an excellent monograph, he had us go through it and strike out the "we's" saying "only the lords and kings are permitted to use the second person." Another great man, hearing the comment, said all great men are egotistical (he did not say all egotists were great) and then referred to a former president of Princeton University, a man noted then and now for sound, philosophical writing, said he was the most egotistical "old cuss" he ever knew. Then exhibiting to me one of the former president's books, pointed to the use of the "I" eighteen times on the first page. Then as if this were not enough to convince, he turned over to the noted author's statement of his well known doctrine of conscience, where he had made abundant use of the first person and then by star to a foot note in language something like this: "Since writing this conclusion I find that Aristotle has anticipated me."