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WHERE KINDNESS COUNTS

You may think that a little word of kindness or thoughtful act is of no value, but it always has its weight. For instance, as the new pupils come in this fall, the way in which the older boys and girls receive them will speak for the character of the school as well as the boys and girls themselves. By way of commendation it ought to be said that some of the new pupils are speaking in words of deep appreciation of the reception they have received at the hands of older students. These students may not know it, but nothing better could be said of them. This very spirit of kindness shows the spirit of kindness within. It would surely be a hard person who would thoughtlessly allow such an opportunity as our students now have to pass.

Each of us knows from some lonely experience the comfort of a kind and helpful word, or just a sympathetic look from even a stranger. Oh! it counts. The place and people may be strange and the rules and customs bewildering and it will seem to the new-comer that he or she will never get onto things. At times the burden of it all will nearly crush out the high ambitions and the courage with which he decided to give up everything and come to school; but probably only a word of interest and encouragement will renew the old spirit and start the unhappy student on the right course.

We all know how it feels to be an "outsider." It seems that all the rest know each other and have such good times that we long to enter right in with the same freedom. Yet we hold back because of a cold and indifferent attitude that says, "you are a stranger." Yes, we all know how it goes and we know, too, how one bit of kindness counts. Since you know this, do not fail to give it, for in many cases it may mean success or failure to a new student. Give them all the warm and hearty hand of a sincere friend, ready to help them over the hard places in which you in your first weeks of school were helped by the kindness of an "old student" who knew the ways of school life.

WAKE UP

Right now, at the beginning of school, is the time to have a serious talk with yourself and determine

what you are going to do with this year's opportunities. It is a matter with yourself, and a serious one. The school offers many advantages which come to some of you for the first time and to others, perhaps, for the last time; but in either case it is for you to decide what you will take and how you will take it.

There is always an equal chance for all who have ambition and determination, which follows the old rule, "There is always room at the top." Of course we know this means for those who strive; and so it is with you. Some will say that they do not have ability, or this thing or that stands in the way. Each will gain according to his effort, and although he may not reach the height others do, he will reach his own height, which is all that is expected. Therefore, if there is an equal chance, awake and enter the contest. The admission is free, and a prize awaits every honest contestant.

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