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SELF-DISCOVERY

How often we hear some boy or girl declare that they cannot learn; no use in going to school; that they are unable to understand arithmetic, and so on. Occasionally a boy requests permission to be an all-day worker and give up academic studies altogether. We trust that what we shall have to say will not be over the heads of our students, but the matter of using your God-given powers is so important, and the possibilities locked up in every one of our students is so tremendous, that we hope our readers will get the idea in the main as presented.

All through life, young friends, we are constantly surprised by revelations, new glimpses of ourselves, which proves that we have been using only a part of our forces, often only a very small part because of our ignorance of the great possibilities locked up within us.

Many is the man or woman who, when thrust into positions of responsibility, developed splendid qualities which they had never previously utilized. They did not even know that they possessed them.

The truth is, most of us are virtually strangers to ourselves. We know much less of ourselves than we do of those about us. The great majority of us never find our highest, most potent, self.

If every one of our young men and women could be aroused, worked up to their possibilities, to the potencies that are latent in each of them, and would do their best to utilize those potencies, so rapid would be the advance, so marvelous the change, that a wonderful transformation would take place to the astonishment of themselves and all who know them.

Dig down into yourselves; there is where you will find the power. The majority of us look outside instead of inside for our motor force. Since time began the human race has been hunting for help to bear its misfortunes, to improve conditions—but ever seeking relief from without. We are just beginning to find that the help we have been crying for and looking for is inside and not outside of us. The power to obtain anything we need or can ever want is within us awaiting release, opportunity for expression.

Many of you may honestly believe that you are doing your level best in your work, that you are using every bit of your energy and to the best possible ad-

vantage. But if some great additional motive for exertion should come into your lives today you would astonish yourselves, and those who know you, by the undreamed-of strength and added ability you would develop to meet the occasion. We all need to be aroused, to be waked up to the knowledge of the working powers locked up within each of us. The first step toward living a real life is self-discovery, for no matter how great are one's dormant possibilities we cannot see any more than we have discovered.

We take it that the real problem of education is how best to show youth its possibilities, how to arouse latent energies, give the boy and girl a picture of the highest possible self, how to stimulate its growth and development. The real education is evolution; calling out what is in the mind, developing it, exercising the mental faculties until they become vigorous and strong enough to seize, to grip and to hold. The educator who, by encouragement and inspiration, leads to self-discovery is the greatest of all educators.

You will never make your life count for much until you at least try to find yourself. In order to do this one should put himself in the most favorable position possible for self-discovery; one should, if possible, keep close to people who have succeeded in a large way along the line of one's own ambition. Contact with strong, forceful personalities is a great help to self-discovery.

Our sprinters when training for a track meet make better time when running with another. The determination to keep up or get a little ahead is thus stimulated. Two boys running neck-and-neck will make better time than either one could alone because each stimulates, urges and inspires the other. All through life you will come across ambition-arousers, character-moulders, and if you are eager to follow up the lead they give you, you cannot avoid being benefitted. So we say, if possible, get into an ambition-arousing, stimulating environment. You will find that it will stir you to redouble your efforts, will awaken your slumbering powers and spur you on to renewed endeavor.

The constant effort to better our best, to reach a

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