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HOW IS IT?

No matter what our lot may be,
We try to change it, don't you see.

The tadpole longs to be a frog,
A little pig to be a hog.

A woman does the best she can,
But thinks she'd rather be a man.

The rising generation loves to state,
"The older generation's 'out of date.'"

And so it goes from sun to sun,
With nothing lost and nothing won.

We wish some force, some common law,
Would put to shame both tongue and jaw.

And then this world would surely be,
The proper place for you and me.

"KNOW THYSELF"

One may know many people, yea! thousands of them, and not be much better off for his extensive acquaintance of the human family. It is the kind of people, not the number alone, that benefits one, whether or not those worth-while people take you into their inner self and give you lavishly of their best in thought and deed. One may know people, the mention of whose names bring him pride, or others whose acquaintance he blushes for—is loath to acknowledge. One acquaintance may be an asset, the other a liability. There is, however, one person that you should know thoroughly; one whose personality you should study, as it will be certain to prove of importance to you. That one person is yourself. "Know thyself!"

If we will take pains to get really acquainted with ourselves, to "see ourselves as others see us," to quote "Bobbie" Burns, there is no doubt but it will free us from much bother—trouble. The development of a faculty to see, or know, ourselves will prove of inestimable value to us as long as we live. By self-analysis, or study, we not only discover the sources of our strength (our strong points), but we also in all probability will uncover many of our weaknesses. Self-study should discover to us what we would better do and also what we should let alone. We should all know ourselves better than anybody else can possibly know us, and it seems but reasonable to assume that if we mean well by ourselves, as we should, we will use the knowledge we have of ourselves for ourselves, and use it wisely.

We should consider ourselves especially in the matter of getting an education—what use we shall put it

to if we secure it. In this day and age of the world life is not rosy with promise unless at least a fair education is possessed. Things of real value, either material or mental, seldom drop into the lap of an ignorant man. Where it is a combat for placement of any nature, where positions are sought, and the strife is between the educated man and ignorant fellow you will find that nine times out of ten the educated man will win out.

Know thyself! Mayhap you may possess bad manners. Possibly you are brusque, discourteous, without meaning to be so. Change your manner—take on a new style. Study yourself and probably you will be surprised at the discoveries you will make. Did you ever ask yourself if you are truly socially decent? Try it now. It may be worth while—who knows?

Order is a good sign; it proves a certain desirable mental attitude regarding the processes of our lives. It attracts orderly people to us and gives us a sense of pride in our work—in the things which we do. True education produces a certain mental order—it should show a refinement of manner, a personal polish that is felt rather than seen; and, above all, it should enlarge one's vision and make things more clear in every particular. Beware the fellow who, on acquiring a little education, becomes egotistical and boorish; he is but half-educated and can easily develop into a hoodlum. A gentleman is a gentleman and a lady is a lady, and—there is nothing finer in all the world. There is always need for more of them—no overcrowding here. "Know thyself."

For your own good, students of Chemawa, study yourselves and choose wisely in getting your education, but for your own good get one; get the best within your power. In this way lay a good foundation for all the glorious days that may be granted you. Qualify yourselves for all the good things which will be within your grasp when you let down the bars to education. Nothing can pay you greater dividends as an investment than an education—the finer and better the education the greater will be your dividend. Be really and truly educated. Do not be led astray by "false gods" and allow yourself to be known as an "educated fool," a despicable cad for whom nobody will have any use and whom all people of refinement will shun.