

A MAY-DAY MELODY

The rills are full of laughter,
 The woods are full of song,
 The fragrant clover blossoms
 The upland meadows throng;
 And Blue-eyed May comes softly
 As the faint field-crickets' whir,
 And trails with blooming border
 Her robe of gossamer.—Ex.

 Think Enough of Yourself

For every conceited person in the world there is one who does not think enough of himself. This sounds like a large estimate, for a good opinion of one's self seems to be the rule rather than the exception. But it becomes reasonable when it is translated into action, which is the only test of opinion.

The man who thinks he has a good opinion of himself and will not put that opinion to the proof by doing something that calls for criticism is altogether too common. There are those who expect to be encouraged before they show at their best—they lack self-conceit. Those who insist upon doing better than they have done after their work has been scorned are the ones who have the real self-conceit—the kind that counts. Blame the former, and he sinks back into mediocrity; blame the latter, and he jumps out of the indistinguishable mass and takes on individuality.

As long as one is at home and in school it is of comparatively little consequence whether he arrives at results through being praised into them or blamed into them. The main thing in an environment of kindness and disinterestedness is to produce the results. But the change is sometimes ghastly when the outer world is reached with advancing years and responsibilities. A word of correc-

tion, instead of bringing about a sincere determination to avoid such an error in the future sometimes brings on a feeling of hatred if the corrector or of discouragement in doing one's duties.

Some strong men think that submission to correction is an evidence of weakness. But the inability to accept suggestion and correction is a proof of weakness rather than strength, and strength uncontrolled is hardly to be told from weakness—neither produces the best results. The wise man invites suggestions of betterment and amendment in his work. It not only makes toward perfection, but it affords an excellent standard for measuring the capacity of the critics.

The way to overcome too poor an opinion of one's self is to begin comparing your own work and accomplishments with those of your neighbors. It will often work wonders with the humble-minded, especially the discovery that one with a reputation has it solely through forcing his own idea of his value upon others by words rather than deeds.

—Ex.

 Y. M. C. A.

Assistant Superintendent Campbell led the meeting on Wednesday evening. His talk was very interesting and instructive, after which the meeting was changed into business matters, but on account of the fire drill we left the room with untransacted matters.

The Y. M. C. A. work this year is very much improved in every respect than the previous years. There are about sixty-eight active members, which is about one-fifth of the boys in this school.

Play- and Bible class-room will soon be established. The reading room ranks among the best of its kind in any institution or school, yet improvements are being planned.