

What is a Gentleman?

There is still another definition of a gentleman, coming from a correspondent, that is somewhat in advance of the English description, to-wit: "A man who dresses for dinner." The definition suggested is by Dr. Francis Lieber and is as follows: "A gentleman is a man who respects himself and others' from a kind and true heart, and from a sound intelligence, and who conforms to the customs of his class."

That is a comprehensive definition, and makes ample provision for the full address, where its absence would be conspicuous. So, a gentleman must be a self-respecting man, a kind man, a true man, a well informed and sensible man. These are positive qualities, and so, cut out a great many things. A self-respecting man—how very much of bad quality does that cut out! Profanity, obscenity, sacrilege, scandal, abuse, deceit. Beautiful, indeed, would be society if only self-respect held constant sway. It is the soul of gentility.

And then, there is kindness and truth! Can one conceive of a gentleman who is mean and false? Or one who is abusive or treats another like a dog? It makes no difference, into what vicissitudes one's life is cast, back of the secret of a true life is kindness and fidelity to truth.

And knowledge is an increment, too. This comes of honest thinking and reading of God's ways in the world. This sort of intelligence helps along self-respect and tends to make a kind true heart. It is a great help.

And then the latter condition—conforms to the customs of one's class—in view of the other requisites, imposes upon a man, to select his associates who are self-respecting, kind, true and intelligent.

This is a matter in which standards are of the highest importance to every well-meaning man.—Ex.

A Candidate for a College Education

Of all the candidates for the free scholarships offered by The Oregon Daily Journal, there is, perhaps, no more interesting aspirant than John Bensoa, a student at the Chemawa Indian school Chemawa, Oregon.

John Benson was born some 21 years ago in Unalaska and is of Aleut origin. When he was 12 years old he came to the United States and entered Carlisle Indian school, remaining in Pennsylvania for three years. After a visit home of one year he returned to the United States and became a pupil of the Chemawa Indian school, where he has been for the past three years. He graduates in July from this school, ranking high in his studies and being president of his class. He is especially gifted in oratory.

He is a member of the Presbyterian church and an active worker in the Y. M. C. A., being president of the Chemawa society.

Owing to his literary ability Benson has been given normal teachers' training during the last year, teaching the fourth grade in this school.

Besides his literary training, he is a fair carpenter, having been apprenticed in this department for three years.

Benson is very strong physically and mentally and a good student. He has no land or inheritance of any kind and is entirely dependent upon his own efforts. His natural abilities, his energy and his determination to have a collegiate education should appeal to every one and it is hoped that a substantial vote for him will be the response of many of those interested in The Journal contest—Portland Daily Journal.