

SELF-CULTURE.

THE ONLY OPEN DOOR TO THOUSANDS.

Those who have the opportunity of attending school during the years of youth, may well be expected to achieve a respectable standing, if not distinction, in scholarly attainment, through the facilities which public schools, academic and collegiate institutions afford. But there are those who are not favored with these opportunities; they live remote from schools, or they are obliged to work for their own maintenance and to assist in the maintenance and education of others; and some, unfortunately, ignore their opportunities, neglect to attend school or to study out of it.

Every week, bright, enterprising young men of twenty or twenty-five years of age consult us as to what they shall do, and when we prescribe some pursuit which requires at least a fair English education, or even a classical one, they confess their utter inability to adopt our advice because they have no education; not from want of opportunity perhaps, but because they preferred, during their school years, to run the streets, witness base ball games, shooting matches, regattas, or go into the country to hunt or fish; and thus wasted the precious time. When such persons reach the age of manhood they awake to the necessities of their situation, and feel obliged to