

new political delusions will grow up as fast as old ones are extinguished. But there is a select class existing, and a larger select class arising, on whom a work of the kind described would have an effect, and for whom it would be well worth while to write it.—*Herbert Spencer.*

“It’s wiser being good than bad ;  
 It’s safer being meek than fierce ;  
 It’s fitter being sane than mad.  
 My own hope is, a sun will pierce  
 The thickest cloud earth ever stretch’d ;  
 That, after Last, returns the First,  
 Though a wide compass round be fetched ;  
 That what began best can’t end worst,  
 Nor what God blessed once prove accurst.”

—*Robert Browning.*

A SHORT SERMON.—You are the architect of your own fortune. Rely upon your strength of body and soul. Take for your motto Self-reliance, Honesty and Industry ; for your star, Faith, Perseverance and Pluck ; and inscribe on your banner, “Be just and fear not.” Don’t take too much advice ; keep at the helm and steer your own ship. Strike out. Think well for yourself. Fire above the mark you intend to hit. Assume your position. Don’t practise humility ; you can’t get above your level ; water don’t run up hill ; pull potatoes in a cart over a rough road and the small potatoes will go to the bottom. Energy invincible, determination with a right motive, are the levers that move the world. The sure art of commanding is to take a fair share of the work. Civility costs nothing and buys everything. Don’t drink. Don’t smoke. Don’t chew. Don’t swear. Don’t gamble. Don’t lie. Don’t steal. Don’t deceive. Don’t tattle. Be polite. Be generous. Be kind. Study hard. Play hard. Be in earnest. Be self-reliant. Read good books. Love your fellowmen as well as God. Love your country and obey the laws. Love truth. Always do what your conscience tells you to be a duty, and leave the consequence with God.