

# SELF-EDUCATION, A LECTURE

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Young men,—We live in times when the apparatus of education is a theme of much discourse, when schemes for the advancement of education, are put forward by thinkers and are worked out by workers—when mills and manufactories are in full operation for the production of model masters—when inspectors and examiners are running to and fro upon the earth, and there is a general conspiracy against the ancient and honourable order of Dunces. Yes, young gentlemen, this is a fact which may not be relished, but which cannot be ignored, that we live in an age of examination—that a literary examination is becoming the door to all appointments. We, in this country are not as yet under the influence of the system so much as they are at home; but we feel the movement; and we shall I doubt not, ultimately be carried along with it. Some day we shall find ourselves, in respect of this latest development of our civilization, almost upon a level with the Chinese, with whom this system has been for many years thoroughly carried out, and indeed, for all that I know, has been carried out a little too thoroughly.

Now the kind of education which will enable a man to win in this race, is emphatically the regular education. Scho-

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