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WHAT TO STUDY.*

A CHAPTER FOR STUDENTS.

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We purpose offering a few suggestions as to the course of study which students ought to pursue, and though we are well aware that exterior helps, in the way of lectures and practical instruction, are of great advantage, yet, after all, by diligence and application, the self-taught student may render himself independent of such assistance. Let none feel discouraged because he may not happen to enjoy privileges of this nature. Many of our most eminent men have been self-taught men, and have attained a position amidst circumstances of the most adverse character.

A great deal of the success of the student will depend on the adoption and carrying out of a systematic method of study. A common fault is the attempting of too much at once. The result

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