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Knew, Then, Thyself.*

LONG ago, as history measures time,
when our planet was regarded as a flat disk
girt by an unknown sea, and heaven was
no farther away than the fair summit of
Mount Olympus; when learning centered
about the eastern curve of the Mediter-
nanean, and a knowledge of music, mathe-
ematics and philosophy constituted a liberal
education, a master mind emphasized the
seemingly simple precept, 'Know thyself.'

Centuries later, when the disk had
rounded into a sphere; when Jehovah had
superseded Jove; when civilization had be-
come continental; when the classics, mod-
ern languages and literature had been
added to the list of scholarly pursuits, a
keen little Englishman echoed the injunc-
tion of the ancient Greek.

And to-day, when scientific research has
extended beyond the confines of the habit-
able portion of the earth, invaded the
depths of the sea, explored the uttermost
heights of the atmosphere and mapped the
heavens; when God is worshipped as a
spirit and ever more reverently as we begin
to comprehend the marvels of his creation;
when the making of many books has given
this knowledge entrance through every door
open to receive it, how much more reason
have we than had Alexander Pope to re-

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