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LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

To anticipate the needs of a country and prepare for them before the situation becomes one of desperate proportions is the part of wisdom. To do things well and thoroughly is what counts in this world. A nation which has the largest army of efficient workers is the greatest and strongest nation. This makes it plain that the hope of the future lies in the children of today. As they are taught so will they be as men and women; and as they become as men and women so will the nation be.

Superintendent of Public Instruction for Oregon, Mr. J. A. Churchill, evidently has a clear vision on these points for he is lending every possible aid to exciting the interest of the children of the state in industrial pursuits, with special attention to matters agricultural. On another page we have printed an outline of what it is proposed to do. We rejoice in the fact that on every side, so far as we have learned, there is great interest manifested in the undertaking. The Oregon Agricultural College and the State University are giving great assistance in getting the movement started, as are the schools of the state.

The general plan follows that of Ohio in many respects. Ohio sent her prize-winners to the national capital as a reward for their achievement in constructive lines. Oregon proposes that those boys and girls who make the greatest success of their undertakings shall represent their communities at the state fair next fall, while a limited number shall have the honor and pleasure of a free trip to the world-exposition at San Francisco next year. But this is only a part of what the girls and the boys will gain by taking part with a will in the work as laid out. The greatest reward which they will receive will come from with-