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## **SOME WILL FAIL**

Graduation time is near at hand and before another edition of The American comes from the press graduates will have gone forth into the world of strife from various sister institutions of learning. The work of these schools, colleges, and universities will be judged by the character, or quality, of their graduates. Chemawa must be judged by the same standard as other schools. There is no other way.

In the very nature of things some must fail in the final examinations. It is nearly always so where the final tests are fairly given and fairly met. Lets us go on record right here with the assertion that there is no disgrace in failure where an honest and energetic effort has been made. Where such energy and effort has not been in evidence and where the student is not fit, no institution of good standing and reputation can afford to grant diplomas. The institution which graduates an unfit student discredits itself by the act—there are no two ways about it. It is an injustice to the pupil, for he is sent out onto the great battle-ground of earth minus the real sinews of industrial strife—a fair education.

The pupil, if in the least degree wise, will know in his own mind, better than anyone else, whether he is really fit to receive his degree. If he is not fit he knows it, and, if he is honest with himself, will not expect it nor want it. Rather, he will prefer, where it is at all possible, to remain at his institution for another year and then go forth with a feeling of confidence in himself which only the consciousness of real merit can give. Such a student should always bear in mind that it is no dis-