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PECULIAR PRINCIPLES

"The Society of American Indians has some peculiar principles. Before it reared itself as a structure its potential members had dug a deep foundation. Once organized it continued to dig until its critics believed it would expire. Its deep foundation and its avowed lofty principles could not be understood. Failure was predicted." This statement we find in The Quarterly Journal, January-March, 1914, of The Society of American Indians.

To some digging and building a good foundation may appear a "peculiar principle" on first thought, but even superficial consideration must show that it is a most wise thing to do. Such a course of procedure is the only one that is to win, no matter where or when it is applied. Make a good foundation if you desire to build on it anything of a lasting nature. If the foundation crumbles then everything above it must collapse. The truth of this applies to everything undertaken by man. It is a basic principle and really is not a "peculiar principle."

Here at Chemawa, as everywhere else in the world, a good foundation is a prime necessity. Our students must bear this truth in mind all the time and in their studies endeavor to get hold of fundamental principles. All that follows will depend upon a real knowledge of principle—a mastery of principle. A student trying to work in classes above those in which he naturally belongs will always be at a great disadvantage because his foundation will be poor. It is the same in the work-a-day world—the laborer knows this, too.