

and vigor of young man- and womanhood pay great heed to the admonitions of older heads—no disrespect to older people is meant, but self-confidence reigns supreme. It is a glorious thing to have youth!

This year Chemawa sent a class of twenty-two graduates forth to enter the world's gladiatorial arena. We are all hopeful for them. We have known many of them for years. We know them, their strong and their weak points, better than they know themselves. We have watched and studied them for years, solicitously, while they have given little attention to themselves beyond knowing that they existed. They go forth full of courage, while we hope and fear for them. This has ever been the law between old and young people—it always will be the law. These young graduates are in the main of average fitness and capacity—some of course are better equipped than others, owing to the health and strength of mind and body. There is no reason why all should not succeed—we hope they will.

Many of them must be satisfied with small beginnings. They must make good in little things. They must do well those things that are nearest at hand. They must prove themselves in the estimation of those in whose hands lies the power to advance them. They should bear in mind that someone is watching them all the time—"sizing them up." They must make use of the intelligence with which a wise Creator has endowed them. They must recognize the value of education, but should not confuse education and intelligence. There are no two ways about it, education can never take the place of intelligence. On top of our good wishes for our 1916 graduates we wish to impress upon them the importance of "thinking." The superiority of man over a goat or a guinea pig, lies in his ability to think. This might be termed the "acid test" between men, for one man is superior to another according to his ability to think more clearly and deeply. Commencement means the beginning. Our graduates must determine to be students so long as they live. They must study conditions—be observant of nature and of their fellowmen. The American is sincere in wishing every member of the class that happiness which only well-merited success can bring.

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One of the greatest hindrances to success on the part of any individual is lack of purpose. There is too often a complete lack of mental concentration and determination; seemingly utter failure to sense the necessity of centering thought and action on some one thing worth while. People float along on life's seas like ships without rudders.