

PROFIT BY PAST FAILURES

If just the right thing could be said at this time to arouse ambition and effort on the part of our students what a saving it would be in the time and energy of both students and teachers. Vacation is past and to all a fresh opportunity is open, one in which you can not only make great headway, but in which you can in a large measure make up for past failures. "How?" you ask. Simply by taking hold now and putting your heart into your work. Give your undivided interest to every task assigned to you and find in it an opportunity for advancement whether it is exactly pleasant to you or not.

There are no lines of learning in which we find everything to our liking, and usually the hardest work brings the greatest gain. Therefore, do not wait one day to plunge in; for just so long as you wait, just so far will you get behind. Some of you will remember with humiliation the results of waiting last year—the difficult lessons at the last and then the failures in final examinations.

All that can be avoided if you make the most of every day as it passes. This applies to industrial work as well as academic. As you know, even greater importance will be placed upon industries this year than ever before, and it will require more interest and effort to complete the course creditably. Best of all, put the two together and make one branch of work help in the other. Without both your education will not be complete.

Try to study to the best advantage. In order to do all this you will have to be wide-awake, full of energy, and willing. The latter especially is necessary; for the teacher may do his or her part—yes, more—but unless you have a willing, cheerful spirit the effort is lost. This has often been thrown at you before, but it is worth repetition.

You do the learning, as without your effort and co-operation the teacher can do nothing. Do not wait to be wound up like a clock and set going, but be ready and willing to enter into your lessons with a spirit of wanting to learn for the sake of your own advancement, and not because you must, or because your teacher is anxious to have you do it. Remember that the school is for you and the sooner you get in and dig the sooner you will reach the top.

WHAT WILL YOU MAKE IT?

Another year of school has begun. What are you Chemawa students going to do with it and its opportunities? Great stress will be brought to bear upon you to have you complete the outlined courses of study for the year. But there are many worthy things, boys and girls, that you can do which are not outlined in the specified school courses. Now is the time when

you can form many pleasant associations which will mean much to you in later years. Good fellowship should prevail among the students, thus making your school life as joyful as possible.

Your interest in all school activities—the literary societies, the debating and class contests, all branches of athletics, the musical organization, and the social life of the school—is very necessary in the rounding out of a manly or womanly character. Moreover, the most important thing for you to bear in mind is the fact that it is during these school days that your character for life is being formed. What will be your object during this course? Will it be to cultivate a true, strong, physical, mental and moral manhood and womanhood, so that you can go out into the world and face its battles with a true front? Or will you lend your energies to the work of becoming skilled in cunning, deceit, and treachery, to go out with a preparation for "bluffing," which, however bold and imposing it may appear, can never bring you success?

It remains for you to recognize the countless benefits to be derived from your school life at Chemawa and to seek to strengthen this link in your chain of student years that it may be one of great durability and usefulness.

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