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RESPONSIBILITY OF INDIAN YOUTH

This topic is of vital importance to each one of our students and should be taken to heart and deeply considered. Do you begin to appreciate the responsibility that is upon you? Whether you would have it or not, the outcome of your race depends very largely upon the Indian student now in school, and you at Chemawa are no small part of that element. As you take up the activities at school each day what purpose, what aim, what ambition do you have? Let us not say what it probably is, but what it should be. It should be to bring to you and your race freedom, pride and power.

With the advanced light of civilization and the growing interest manifested on all sides by your friends, your purpose, aim and ambition should be to cultivate the ability with force and independence to use intelligently these rights, and it should be, above all, to develop strong, true, manly and womanly character. Do you think of these obligations as you go on from day to day in school life? For those who are not taking the initiative in the fight right now is the time to cease wasting opportunities when so much is depending upon them.

A strong feeling exists in our country that the Indian schools have not filled their highest possibilities for the Indian youth. Surely this has not been wholly the fault of the schools. Many of the students have been too content to accept the home, food, clothing, which were to be had for the asking without using these advantages to improve their future condition. We do find, however, a large number who have made strong efforts against opposition and difficulties to come to school—not to shift the responsibility of holding a "job," but to fit themselves for higher and competent work. These young people are marching steadily on, rounding out each year a stronger, more independent manhood and womanhood.

We see for these positions of power and influence. For them the school has not been a failure. But what of others, those who come without purpose or aim, but for the conveniences the school offers? Are you one of them? If so, it is not too late yet to wake up and start a new course. Indeed, you must wake up and arouse all the forces within you, for the time has come for the present generation to stand for greater

independence. The responsibility is upon you. Whether for good or bad, you are working out the destiny of your people.

SYSTEM IN OUR WORK

School life in an institution like ours is a life of activity. Most of our students are confronted with innumerable duties. These demand time, thought and labor, yet they are duties which we cannot afford to neglect. The complaint of lack of time is almost universal and he who has the most time for recreation often seems to have the least. Such should not be the case, for numerous as our duties may be, and despite the labor they require, there is abundant time for all of them and time for recreation besides, if we but take advantage of it.

Often at the close of what has seemed a busy day, we have accomplished very little, but when we make an examination of our work, we find that much of our time has been lost because we had no definite plan or system. On other days when we have followed out a definite plan, we have easily accomplished more even than we expected, simply because we did our work systematically.

STORY OF MY WORK

Albert Smith, Grade 3

I am a mason. I learned how to mix cement and how to fix cement floors. I learned how to finish the top of the floor. I know how much cement to put in to the gravel and sand. We put one bucketful of cement to every 8 bucketfuls of gravel and sand. I learned how to smooth the floor off and to fill and burst the blisters in cement floors. When we put the top of the floors on we use only sand and cement.

They use a spade to make the walk rough so people cannot slip on it. When cement walks freeze the top will peel off and it will crumble.

I know how to mix plaster and lay bricks. When we mix plaster we use sand, cement and lime. We must not get any sticks in the cement when building a house. We must know how much mortar it will take to build a brick house. When you build a brick house you have to figure how much brick it will take to build it.

We had to unload gravel, sand, coal and lumber last month.