

**WRITES SPLENDID LETTER**

The majority of our readers are aware of the fact that the Indian String Quartet, now touring the East under the auspices of the Redpath Lyceum Bureau is a Chemawa product. Under a recent date, Alex Melovidov, second violin player of the quartet, wrote from Ohio to Supt. Hall of our school the following splendid letter:

I owe everything to Chemawa and the teachers who instructed me while there. I am proud to state that I was once a student at Chemawa. I would not say this if I didn't think I could make good. If the students there only realized what Chemawa offers them, not in one particular line but in all lines, they would study much harder. I didn't put any too much time into my school work while there, but I stuck to my music.

One doesn't know what is before him until he goes out into this wide world of ours to face its problems. I keep on studying every chance I get and find that I've learned a lot by keeping my eyes open as I go along.

Our work is taking everywhere, and we have large audiences in every town. Chemawa is mentioned during every concert that we give. People come up to see us after the concert and ask us to tell them something about Chemawa. Of course we always have a good word to say of the school.

The last time we were in Chicago we played for some of Chicago's prominent musicians, and after we finished our program they came forward and told us how much they enjoyed it and how well we played together.

There is no reason why a good many students should not go out from Chemawa and do as well as we are doing—not alone in music, but in whatever they choose. They can do it if they but center their minds upon the one thing they wish to be and stick to it. The only way to become anybody in this world is to stick to one thing and work at it hard. I've proved this by the little experience I've had since I left there.

The country out this way doesn't seem much different from the country out there—only it is more thickly settled. I don't think I could find a more beautiful spot than Chemawa, although I have seen many beautiful places on my trip.

Wishing both you and Mrs. Hall a very pleasant winter, I will close. The rest of the boys join me in sending best regards.

Yours sincerely,

ALEX MELOVIDOV.

**THE FOOD PLEDGE**

Now that many have signed the food conservation pledge, just what are they going to do about keeping it?

This is a question that we should all ask ourselves,

and if we are good Americans the answer will be emphatic—we are going to comply conscientiously with the conditions of the pledge every day and at every meal.

Food saving is the immediate and urgent duty of every man, woman and child in civilian life. It has been asked by our government, and it is a necessity for the success of this war.

The fact that food conservation in the United States is not compulsory, but is asked merely as a volunteer service, should be an unfailing appeal to Americanism. If you are behind your government you will keep your pledge and be glad of the opportunity to eat a little less of the prescribed foods in order that the underfed women and children of our allies may have more; also that the men fighting our battles at the front may be abundantly supplied with "fighting fuel."

There are many branches of service in Uncle Sam's army. The food conservation service is the only branch open to every man, woman and child in the nation. The enlistment should be 100 per cent, and each enlistment should mean a definite saving of meat, wheat, sugar and fats—the four staples of which there is a world shortage and which must be supplied by the United States to our allies in this war against war.

After signing the Hoover pledge it is left with you personally to keep it. Your pledge is wholly an affair of honor. There is no one appointed to watch you and see that you keep it, except yourself.

Are you "on the job?"

**PUPILS' NOTES**

A number of girls are knitting socks for our boys who have joined the army.

The eighth grade class is glad to see Frederick Wilder back in the class room again.

Rose Simmons, ex-student, is now located at Tulalip, Washington, as assistant seamstress.

The eighth grade takes much interest, in penmanship in which Mr. Hobucket is instructing.

The pupils of the lowest grade are improving fast and all hope to be in the second grade by Christmas.

The children of Winona Hall who were excused from study hour will do their studying in the sitting room.

The mandolin and guitar club, under the direction of Mr. Loos, had their first lesson on Monday. The girls are very enthusiastic and are anxious to learn.

The garden detail has made fine progress in digging potatoes for our winter's use. They have about 3,000 bushels stored away in the root house and are still gathering more by harrowing the field over to pull out the ones that have been covered up by the plow.