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SUCCESS IS NO ACCIDENT

It is won only through striving. No man or woman ever accomplishes anything without laboring for it. People do not stumble into positions of importance and consequence; these are attained only through constant effort and persistent striving.

THE GRADUATING CLASS

The day of graduation for the class of '18 is drawing near. Soon the members of the class will have received their diplomas and will have passed from the school and from our midst. This will occur before the next issue of the American, for we expect to get out but one more number of the school paper this year, and it will be after all commencement events have become history.

As we understand the situation, there are many things planned by the various graduates. Some intend, no doubt, to continue their studies at institutions of higher learning, while others will buckle down at once to the work of men and woman—material work, where what they have learned at Chemawa for both head and hands will prove of inestimable value to them. Let those who elect to carry their studies further do so in all seriousness, endeavoring to acquire knowledge which will be of service and value to themselves and their fellows. We admonish those whose path will lead them at once to labor for the production and acquirement of material things to give honest thought and toil in whatever is undertaken wherever it may be. In this way only can you gain the respect and confidence of others and hold it in yourselves. Be not afraid of honest toil, for it is better to wear out than rust out. By taking good care of yourselves, eating and sleeping properly, you will be a long time wearing out. It is lack of rest, gluttony, and various other forms of dissipation which destroys and kills.

Let each member of the class, for his and her own sake, so live that the people of your community will have confidence in you and respect for you. Do not exalt yourselves above your fellows, but on the other hand do not so conduct yourselves that you are inclined to debase yourselves beyond the point of modest humility. Strict honesty and seriousness of purpose will hold you right where you belong—neither too high nor too low.

There are six members in this year's graduating class—five girls and one boy. Many of these young people have lived here for years and we have become accustomed to looking upon them as fixed members of our large family. They have endeared themselves to us in many ways and when they are gone we shall miss them. We have faith in them and hope for them. You will always find trouble and obstacles confronting you, but bear in mind that he who overcomes the greatest obstacles is the greatest man—or woman. To the class: The American's best wishes!

REPORTER'S NOTES

By Robert Downie

The Brewer Hall boys are proud of the fact that they are to be given the Junior Red Cross banner.

The Alumni have a strong team this season and are looking forward to a good game with the 'varsity team.

Mr. Henderson returned from a week's vacation and reports that he had a good time and is ready for work in the store again.

Roses are blooming all over the campus and it is certain we will have plenty for commencement if they are properly conserved. Do your bit!

On Wednesday last the Chemawa baseball squad defeated the Salem High team by a score of 5-0. This is the second game with the high school boys, but they are unable to score on our team.

John Pablo recently wrote a letter to the class of '19 and sent a souvenir from France. The class appreciates the token and are having it enclosed in a glass case. The class of '19 keeps in touch with many of our boys who have gone "over there."

The Brewer Hall baseball team is preparing for the game with the strong Mitchell Hall team to be played during commencement week. They have lost two of their players who have changed lodging places and who will play with the Mitchell Hall team.

On Decoration Day Chemawa will play their last game of the season with the Willamette University on our home grounds. Willamette is trying hard to defeat our boys, but so far has been unable to do so. Our boys are still in good condition and intend to give them a good cleaning.