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TO THE MINUTEST DETAIL

No-one in talking to young people could have uttered words of greater significance than were the statements of Supt. Hall in his address to the students during a recent chapel service. Attention to detail, dependability, industry, and other necessary qualities on the part of the young man were all molded into one little talk of big import. He spoke as follows.

I heard of a boy not long ago who applied to a firm for a situation. One clause in his letter of recommendation was sufficient to at once secure him the place. It was this: "He is a boy who knows how to carry out an order to the minutest detail." It is needless to say that the merchant did not care to look for further testimony as to his fitness. That was the kind of a boy business men are looking for. That boy is on the way to success, because he knows how to obey orders.

Why is it that some people can carry out orders so fully as to win the commendation of their employers, while others seem always to leave out something, to bungle and confuse—to leave out, perhaps, the most important thing of all? It must be because they are not seeking to please their employer and make his business theirs. They are after the pay, but do not take a personal interest in the work. They do not give their whole mind to their business, but only half attention, and they do not grasp all the details of orders given and so fail to carry them out.

We have to deal with not a few boys and girls here at Chemawa who have this failing, and they are like a broken staff upon which we lean and it gives way beneath us. It is a sad comment on any one's character that it must be said, "I can not trust him to do what he is told to do." Boys and girls, are you ready and able to carry out all orders to the minutest detail, just as they are given to you? If you are, then you have that which will recommend you to those who are looking for faithful, conscientious workers. Business men will not employ half-hearted, inattentive people. Now is the time to learn this lesson that it may be of use to you when you leave here to take up the duties on the outside.

No matter what business you take up, if you want

to succeed, you must do what you have to do a little better than anyone about you—better than the other fellow—so that the attention of your superiors will be attracted to you. Simply doing your duty will not do, for every one is expected to do his duty. You cannot make people believe you are interested in your work if you are not.

A VIRGIN FIELD FOR EXPLORATION

Those who crave the pleasure and excitement of penetrating into unknown, unexplored wilds and studying the physical features of the land, the flora and fauna, collecting scientific data of various kinds and feeling something of the thrill that must have come to Columbus, Captain John Smith, Daniel Boone and numerous other great pioneer discoverers and explorers when they discovered new lands or threaded their way into wildernesses which previously had known only wild animals and wilder men, in order to realize their ambitions need not sail to South America or Africa as Col. Roosevelt and others of modern times have done; they can find just the adventure they have dreamed of and are longing for here on the North American continent, right at their own doorstep, speaking relatively.

There are some parts of the United States that are but imperfectly known, also there are many questions relating to various sciences that have never been answered satisfactorily or correctly with respect to territory within our domain but we have little or no territory that can be said to be wholly unexplored. In Canada, however, there is a wide field for exploration and scientific investigation in lands to which the white man is a total stranger, some indeed, it appears, that have never been visited by aborigines, at least not in the memory of any now living.

Something like 30 per cent of the territory embraced in the Dominion remains unexplored, according to the Vancouver Province. Indian reports indicate that one of the largest oil-bearing areas on the face of the earth lies in the basin of the Mackenzie river. The Indians also tell of lakes 100 miles and more in length in the Yukon. These have never been seen by white men. The untrodden Mackenzie mountains apparently are unknown even to the Indians.