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COMMENCEMENT AT CHEMAWA

A Series of Events of Unusual Excellence and Interest.
Nothing Could Have Added in Any Way
to the Glory of Our School.

Everywhere as one year succeeds another there is a constant effort at Chemiawa to advance, to improve on what the past has produced, to fall into step in the march of progress. Never were the traditions of Chemawa's past more glorious than those of the present. The series of commencement events just closed were of higher order than the writer has ever before seen at the school. Local interest seems to have quickened, Salem people came personally in large numbers to see—and be convinced—the newspapers of the capital city were of invaluable assistance in giving publicity to our commencement events and to them we address special thanks. In summing up we will give in brief detail the prominent features of the closing week:

Some weeks ago preparations were started for demonstrations in the various departments comprising the institution. In certain departments the demonstrations were absolutely surprising in their merit. The value of the work and experience gained in the preparation of these exhibits cannot be estimated any more than one can convey a correct impression of their all-around general excellence with pencil and paper. The exhibits were the occasion of much favorable comment at the time the displays were made and even yet are a favorite topic of conversation. We cannot award too much praise to those whose efforts made these demonstrations so successful from every point of view. Exhibits were made by the domestic science, sewing, big kitchen, bakery and other departments.

It may properly be stated that commencement started on the evening of Friday, May 30, as on that date Supt. and Mrs. Hall gave a reception in honor of the graduating class. Including the class and other invited guests there were some forty or fifty people present on this occasion, which proved most memorable in every way. The hours were made all too fleeting in games and conversation and the serving of most delicious refreshments. No one, no matter what the occasion may be, will ever fail to be impressed by the genuine and spontaneous hospitality offered guests by

Supt. and Mrs. Hall. As host and hostess they are ideal. Let us remark at this point in our narrative that during commencement week "The Residence" was an open house for all and not a day passed but one or more receptions, including dainty refreshments, were held. This was a feature that was remarked upon by various people and was the subject of much favorable comment and commendation.

At 8 o'clock on Sunday evening, June 1st, in the presence of a large number of guests, the faculty, and students, Rev. Thomas S. Anderson of Salem delivered the baccalaureate sermon to the class. His text was "Life," and his treatment of it was masterly. The speaker proved an unusually gifted man and the ideas and ideals he presented made such a profound impression upon those present that they will never be forgotten. He is a man of big vision and has the gift of making others see. We were all delighted to hear him. All of the musical numbers on the program were of special interest and excellence. Following is the program as rendered:

Processional	- - - - -	Orchestra
My Country, 'Tis of Thee	- - - - -	School
Invocation	- - - - -	Rev. Thomas S. Anderson
		Presbyterian Church, Salem, Oregon
Vocal Solo—Teach Me to Pray	(Jewitt)	Charles Williams
Cathedral Chimes	(Arnold-Brown)	- - - - -
Alice	(Ascher)	- - - - -
Baccalaureate Sermon	- - - - -	Rev. Thomas S. Anderson
Praise Ye the Father	(Gounod)	- - - - -
Song—"Chemawa"	- - - - -	School
Recessional	- - - - -	Orchestra

On Monday afternoon our boys crossed bats with a nine from the Oregon Agricultural College at Corvallis. There was a good attendance at the game, which proved of interest to our fans in every way except the score, which was against our boys, the tune being 9 to 3. Just the same enthusiasm was at "cherry red" heat and the rooters were in good voice.

In the evening there was a declamation contest between students of the various grades. All of the contestants acquitted themselves most creditably and although all could not win prizes they were well paid for their efforts in the advancement of themselves in an oratorical way—in the sense of hidden beauty to be found in language both in prose and poetry. The

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