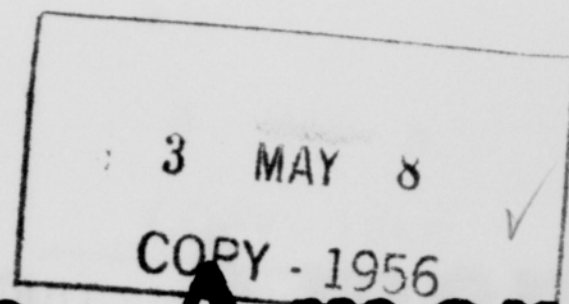




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A LESSON FOR ALL

If all the wisdom of the ages should be showered upon us it would profit us not at all if we absorbed none of it. Men and women, boys and girls, gather knowledge in proportion to their desire for it and in further accordance with the value they place upon it. We absorb knowledge from the experiences of other people as well as our own. All things being equal, the older a person may be the greater will be his experience and in corresponding ratio also his knowledge of affairs. It is for this reason that older people are so well equipped to advise those younger than themselves. For some weeks Supt. Hall has been addressing the student body every Sunday evening in assembly. These talks have been of a high order and we hope they have made the indelible impression which should have followed their delivery. Following is a recent address to our students:

The fact that you are students in attendance at Chemawa today is evidence that you came here to secure an education in order that you may be equipped for the battle of life, and it is a battle; but it is a battle worthy the material in the best of us. I refer to the battle of life, not a battle that brings a smell of powder, but a battle that needs red blood all the same. If we are to be successes in life we must be made of good material and on that there must be expended the best of workmanship. You must fashion your own lives and put into practice what is brought to you by your instructors. If a student has a good thought life he is far on the road to success. "As a man thinketh in his heart so is he." Get the thought? You will be just what you think. If you think strong and noble thoughts you will be strong and noble. If you think low and vile thoughts you will be low and vile. There is no escape from it. So, students, if you feel that you can and will succeed you will be successful. If you feel timid and persist in the thought that you haven't the capacity, then, indeed, you have lost the opportunity that would give you success. There is no half-way line. It remains to be seen whether Chemawa is going to have the pride, the glory, of having educated men and women who have gone out into life and made successes. Success means what? It means work; it means sacrifice; it means pa-

tience. He who becomes learned must gather wisdom every day. He who becomes rich must put aside a little every day and invest it properly. No person can be very much of a success who cannot save. He who becomes strong must every day exercise every muscle in his body, and he who becomes mentally powerful must exercise the mind, the thinking part of him, that it may become strong and help him develop his life in a broader and grander way.

The man or woman who finds riches by his own effort, gets wisdom and knowledge himself, is a grander and nobler man or woman than the person who is born great or inherits wealth.

True success is in being master of one's own self in the situations as they arise in daily life. The genuinely educated man places a high value on his life and determines the use he will make of it. Therefore, students, cultivate your thought life—take advantage of your school days right now. Go into your work and studies here as if you were choosing them; do your tasks in a spirit of willingness; in all you do strive to gain independent thought and action, so that when you come to take your place in the world's work you will be able to use your lives in a purposeful, helpful way.

PRETTY DEAD

A native of a boom town in Oklahoma, who had moved away, happened on one of his old neighbors who still lived there, and asked him about the town.

"Oh, it's awful," replied the unfortunate neighbor. "Dearest place you ever saw. Say, you know Jones, don't you? Well, he dropped dead in front of the post office Sunday, and they didn't find the body till Thursday."

ONE IN A MILLION

It was married men's night at the revival meeting.

"Let all you husbands who have troubles on your minds stand up," shouted the emotional preacher, at the height of his spasm.

Instantly every man in the church rose to his feet except one.

"Ah," exclaimed the preacher, peering out at this lone sitter, who occupied a chair near the door and apart from the others, "you are one in a million."

"It ain't that," piped back this one, helplessly, as the rest of the congregation turned to gaze suspiciously at him, "I can't get up; I'm paralyzed."