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THE NECESSITY OF PURPOSE

In chapel on the evening of November 2nd Supt. Hall again addressed the student body and he emphasized the necessity of "energy and right purpose." For students, and others, too, for that matter, discussion of these elemental qualities is always timely and in order, for all of us are prone to lapse—to forget. The discourse was splendid and we are pleased to publish it, as follows:

It seems to me that I have used up a good many topics in my Sunday evening talks concerning the different activities so important in your school life. However, the things which cannot be brought to your notice too often and which ought to be emphasized and rubbed in, and which is needed in your education as much as any quality, are energy and the spirit for accomplishing a rightful purpose in the face of any and all obstacles. The saying, "Whatever is worth doing at all is worth doing well," is certainly true.

I was impressed yesterday morning with the lack of energy in six or eight boys who had been detailed to rake up the leaves in the front yard. Did these boys do a good job? Any one of those six or eight boys could have performed the work better and quicker alone than all of them did. They "loafed" practically all of the morning and the experience was one of actual injury to themselves. And yet we hear many compliments in regard to the well-kept lawns of Chemawa. In fact, may it not be true that deep down in the consciousness of many of the students who come here for an education there was, and is, an influence which prompted them to come here largely on account of the home-like and neat appearance of the campus and school generally? Indeed, it is most probable that some of those six or eight boys had heard of the comfortable, "homey" atmosphere pervading our school and came here largely on that account.

Chemawa stands for energy in its pupils, and it also desires to inculcate in them ready and cheerful acceptance of responsibility. Boys, nothing will so stiffen your self-respect as to feel that you, and you alone, are responsible for whatever job is given you. Staying qualities are required in a job of work as much as in a game of football. If a boy is touched with a little "yellow" it invariably comes out in a game of

football—it also shows up when he is detailed on a job of work. I tell you that the staying qualities in a boy often causes him to make a better showing than the fellow who is bright and quick, but who lacks determination.

I want to impress upon you boys and girls who are new to Chemawa that you should accept your places at the school as a factor in your education—that you are a part of the system. Go into your work energetically, exhibit staying qualities, and it will not be long before you will have the same affection for "Old Chemawa" as have all the older students and thousands of others now gone out.

Do you know that I doubt if in all America there is an educational institution which has a more loyal band of present day and ex-students than has Chemawa. So I say to you new students, acquire an affection for your school quickly, get into the swing of events here, secure all you can of the very best that Chemawa affords. To do this you must develop energy and staying qualities, for unless you are in some measure a success here, you will soon drop out of sight and be relegated to the scrap heap—both in school and after you leave it.

THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

The desk at the White House, used for official correspondence by President Wilson as well as by a number of predecessors, has an extremely interesting history.

The British ship *Resolute* was sent to the Arctic in 1852 to search for Franklin, the explorer. Such serious difficulties were encountered in that region of ice and snow that the officers and crew were obliged to abandon the ship. Some three years later an American whaler found her, extricated her and finally towed her into port.

The United States government bought the vessel and after she had been refitted President Pierce sent her to England in token of America's good will and friendship for that country. Some years after this it was decided by the British authorities that she was past service and so she was dismantled and broken up at Plymouth. At the order of Queen Victoria some of her timbers were worked into lumber and from this a handsome desk was made.

This desk was sent by the queen to President Buchanan as a memorial of "the courtesy and loving kindness" evinced by the United States in refitting the ship and sending her back to England. Ever since it has been among the highly prized pieces of White House furniture.