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EDUCATION—ITS VALUE

"Know thyself!" If our young readers (mayhap old, too) will take the trouble to get really acquainted with themselves they will have accomplished something which should prove of inestimable value to them as long as they live. To be on speaking terms with one's real self is to know all of one's weak points as well as those qualities of greatest force and strength. To be able fully to know one's self it is necessary to have a good base for operations and this base is called education.

Without a fair education life in this day and age of the world will not prove very fruitful in the way of things valuable, be they mental or material. No ignorant man thinks he is ignorant, but the educated man sizes up the ignorant fellow and sees clearly his status from every angle. Good breeding will keep the educated man from any display of superiority on his part, but just the same there is a chasm between illiteracy and mental culture that can be bridged by education only. Oceans of ink could be expended in vain in attempting descriptions of the various forms of these chasms.

Order is a good sign of an education, because education should mean mental order—not disorder. A few words of conversation, perhaps in a chance meeting on the roadside, will discover to the educated person the cultural status of the man who accosted, greeted, or directed him. There are many modes of estimating a stranger, but chief among them are the evidences of education—or lack of any evidence whatever of this nature. Education need not necessarily be of a bookish character, but it must embrace "that something" which throws forth a radiation of mental order—culture, intelligence, competency, mastery, or some quality combining them wholly or in part.

Now, students of Chemawa, for your own good get an education; get the best within your power. Lay a good foundation for all of the days which may be granted you. Qualify yourselves for an enjoyment of the good things which will come to you when you let down the bars for education. Nothing can pay you a greater dividend as an investment than an education—the finer and better the education the greater will

be your dividend. Do not be led astray by false gods and become an "educated fool," a despicable cad for whom nobody has any use or regard and who will be despised by all true ladies and gentlemen. Be the real thing—a man or woman with true vision and noble impulses and desires. Be of the elect, the nobility of earth. If you so will it must come to pass that you shall exalt yourselves. Now, see that it shall be so.

Before many more days the final examinations of the school year will have been given many of you here at Chemawa—and other institutions of learning throughout the land—and some of you, we fear, may fail. If you fail, any of you, it will be wholly for lack of education. Is this not true? Well, it will be the same when you go hence and enter the larger school of life which will engulf you later on. For lack of education you may again fail. Can you not grasp our meaning? Can you not see the value of education from what we've written? That it is a necessity with you? If you fail to see it we have wasted our time in attempting to make your need clear to you and may as well quit. Take stock of yourself—"know thyself."

TOLD IN PARAGRAPHS

During the midnight mass service in the Russian Catholic church in New York a pickpocket was found among the worshipers, who interrupted their prayers long enough to put a rope around his neck and drag him out for the purpose of lynching him. The man was rescued by two policemen. He was accused by one of the angry men of having stolen \$960 from his pocket, while another said he had taken \$65 from him.

The war department has given out statistics to the effect that the United States has spent 106 years of its 145 years of existence in a state of war. This statement is not so bad as it sounds, however, since most of the wars were small ones long drawn out with Indian tribes. The longest was the Sioux war which lasted 25 years, ending in 1890. Next in length of time came the Kickapoo and Snake wars, which lasted 13 years. We were also at war with Tripoli for four years. Yet the United States has the reputation of being the "most peaceful republic."