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OPPORTUNITIES

Weak students wait for opportunities; strong students make them. The lack of opportunity is ever the excuse of a weak, changeable or vacillating mind. Every life is full of opportunities. Every lesson you have is an opportunity. Every examination carries with it a chance for advancement. Every transaction is an opportunity—an opportunity to be polite, an opportunity to be manly, an opportunity to be honest, and an opportunity to make friends. Every proof of confidence in you is a great opportunity.

It is the idle, lazy student, not the worker, who is always complaining that he has no time or opportunity. Some young people will make more out of the opportunities which many carelessly throw away than others will get out of a whole lifetime. Don't wait for your opportunity—make it. Whatever you do, as students at Chemawa or after leaving school, or wherever you may be at present, make every sacrifice necessary to keep in an atmosphere, an environment, that will stimulate you to self-improvement. Keep close to those who will help you to make the most of yourself. This alone may make in you the difference between a grand success and an almost complete failure.

Stick to those who are trying to do something and to be somebody in the world—people of high aims and lofty ambitions. Keep close to those who are dead-in-earnest, for ambition is contagious. You will catch the spirit that dominates in your environment. The success of those about you who are trying to climb upward will encourage and stimulate you to struggle harder if you have not done quite so well yourself.

There is a great difference between the chance of a young man or a young woman who starts out with a thorough understanding with themselves that they are going to make a success of their lives, with a resolution to win at all hazards, and those who set out with no particular aim or ambition, backed by no firm determination that they will make good no matter how long it takes or how hard the fight.

Students and readers, it is pitiful to see so many drifters in our schools and elsewhere; young people who would like to get on but who have not the ambi-

tion or grit to commit themselves to the task of securing an education, fully determined that nothing shall discourage them, that they shall recognize no obstacles in their course—obstacles which those with a loose aim and half-hearted purpose view on every hand. A firm resolution to conquer will frighten away the bugbears which deter the faint-hearted and unambitious person. Yes, a grim determination to do a thing will banish a lot of obstructions and difficulties. There is no use in trying to keep back a man or woman, boy or girl, who is strongly determined to advance. Doubts and fears flee before resolute purpose. There is something fine and noble in the very determination of a student to win at all hazards, something grand in resolution to conquer and not waver—something which not only inspires our admiration but wins our confidence and carries our conviction.

We believe that the student who takes such an attitude is a winner; that there is a great reason back of his superb self-confidence—the consciousness of power to do the thing he undertakes. So right now, readers, young and old, each one of you, resolve that you will take advantage of every opportunity offered you at this great school, or where else you may be, and prove your resolution by being constant day by day, using every minute to improve your mind.

Those of you who are attending school at Chemawa have opportunities staring you right in the face which we urge you to embrace. They are offered you free of charge. They are opportunities for which any white boy or girl would pay at least \$800 per annum. Think it over and decide for yourself; decide right, though, make your decision to fight for an education, and to make such decision absolutely final burn all bridges behind you. Then, when you know that you have committed yourself to the one work of securing an education you will be careful of your time, your judgment will improve as you trust it, depend upon it and use it, and your progress will be a surprise and joy to yourself. So, let us admonish you to make your own opportunities.

How many realize that as a rule it has not been people favored with money, but the poor boys and girls, lowly people with seemingly no chance, who have

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