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FACE YOUR DIFFICULTIES

Every single one of our students who have reached the age where they can think rightly have well defined ideas that they would like to attain success, honor and influence. In fact, all young people have such ideas—it is right that they should. A great many fail because they lack the backbone to overcome difficulties—the hard things which present themselves. And why is it a fact that so many dodge the difficult things as they come up? Because it is the easy way.

It follows that the surrender to obstacles and hard work is the general rule and successful resistance the exception. However, here and there you find boys and girls who do overcome obstacles and who keep it up in nearly everything which presents itself to them, and who triumph over difficulties. In these students we recognize future masters—those who acquire the conquering habit—and we find such students rejoicing in the strength that comes from repeated victories.

Habitually mastering difficulties places a student on the sure road to overcome all difficulties in whatever vocation he engages; the large majority of fellows who yield weakly when difficulties arise are the very material the conqueror builds upon. There are but two ways to deal with hard things: One is to give up, yield to that lazy feeling, give up chemistry, history, physiology, etc., on account of them being hard; pass your lessons up generally, and give up a fight which might place you at the top because it takes too much effort. Follow this line of surrender for a year or so and where are you? Just examine your backbone, test your mind, your moral strength, your conscience also. See how your whole capacity for achievement has been weakened until you are incapable, probably forever, like the great majority of people that you see as you pass along.

It appears to us that a boy or girl with any sense at all will try the other way first; that is, tackle the difficulties as they come and be their master instead of their servant. Master the lesson or knotty problem in your school work and realize the joy of victory and see, also, how strong you will then be for the next day's work. Master those hard things faithfully until "mastering" becomes a habit. Then see how strong your mind has become, how you jump ahead

in your work—how you grow to be a master instead of a nonentity. Try this habit of honest effort. Commence right now this obstacle-conquering habit and if it fails you go back to the weak method of surrendering to difficulties and take your place with the great mass of people who have accepted defeat as being helpless—for this helpless habit begins early and it grows. It commences through the dodging of responsibility, of unloading your work upon someone else—never doing a thing that is not absolutely forced upon you. Never broaden your mind by study or proper reading—just drift along. In time you will wonder why other boys and girls, men and women, are getting to the front while you are in the rear. Your mind may have become so stunted through laziness and lack of ambition and inability to think right that you will lay all blame for your failures upon your teacher, your department, your school, or your environment, and not possess enough discernment to see that the trouble lies wholly within yourself.

So cultivate strength and determination rather than weakness, and in time take your place in the company of strong men and women—the world's workers and helpers of today.

ATHLETIC SCHEDULE

Following is our track and baseball schedule so far as it has been arranged. At present it is not complete and other dates will be announced later:

- April 8. Baseball at Chemawa, U. of O. Freshmen; lost 6-3.
- April 9. Baseball at Salem, U. of O. Freshmen; lost 3-2.
- April 15. Baseball at Newberg, Pacific College.
- April 23. Track Meet at Eugene, University of Oregon.
- April 23. Baseball at Corvallis, O. A. C.
- April 27. Baseball at Chemawa, Willamette University.
- April 29. Baseball at Chemawa, Pacific College.
- May 6. Track Meet at Corvallis, O. A. C.
- May 7. (Tentative) Baseball at Chemawa, North Dental College.
- May 13. Baseball at McMinnville, McMinnville College.
- May 13. Track Meet at Chemawa, Washington High School.
- May 20. (Tentative) Baseball at Chemawa, North Dental College.