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A PROBLEM FOR ALL

The great problem of life is how to live. This is indeed a problem—a most serious as well as vexing one. To live well is to live right. To live right means a lot of preparation; it means education that is real; it entails thought of the highest order, backed up with industry, patience and endurance; it means the development of latent qualities which will enable one to meet the unexpected. Yes, preparation for life is made up of thousands of little fragmentary thoughts and qualities that may be called upon suddenly, and which when called for will march forth in perfect array ready for the command.

It does not require much reflection on the part of youth to realize that the sooner this preparation is made the greater must be its value and benefit to the maker, as the earlier in life it is made the longer will be the period of its use. If for no other reason, selfishness alone should quicken a young person in making preparation. An elderly person, the major part of whose life is behind him, has little need of preparation for life, as he will have little time in which to put it to use. We conceive that preparation is a matter of greatest importance to young people—the most important thing next to life itself.

Longfellow aptly says, "Youth is fiery, age is frosty," and so it is. Youth is generally hasty, impetuous, while old age, with experience, gazes upon youth with a mixture of fear, awe, anxiety and disapproval. Youth is too hasty, hot-headed, "fiery" for age. But age tends to wisdom and the counsels of age should be given a respectful hearing by youth. Age and wisdom with each passing year point more and more plainly and directly to the need of preparation for life, which is but another term for education. Young folk, get an education. Get it at any price, for regardless of price it is always a good investment.

He who is well-educated is thrice armed for the battles of life. Money, good and powerful ally that it is, can achieve many things, but it will not buy you an education. An education is priceless; it cannot be bought; if it could be purchased like goods on the merchants' shelves all wealthy people would have educations. Make no mistakes, young folk, an educa-

tion is priceless. The time of youth, the period when the mental faculties are plastic, impressionable, is the time for most rapid and easy advancement in the way of preparation for life—in the matter of securing an education.

We, here at Chemawa, are now nicely entered upon a new school year; let us make it a year of glorious achievement. Advancement, education, for all. Dallying along, procrastinating; putting off the essential things for the baubles of life, those things which glitter; posing for the grandstand mob, these and similar human characteristics have caused many a youth to leave school after a term of many years with a comparatively empty head. The way to achievement lies down a straight lane called by a company name—Application & Industry. Mistake not, for Application & Industry have a monopoly on the road to achievement. It is a toll road—you must pay through work. Be not doubtful, for when you pay the price you will have made a splendid investment.

Every thing must end, as we are prone to think and declare, and along about the first of next June our present school year will close. Just a few weeks before the closing of school there is ever a feeling of care and anxiety on the part of those pupils who took their opportunities too lightly and wasted much of their time. The final examinations approach and there is a hurried burst of research work, cramming, and the like, which if it carries the "researcher," "crammer," if you will, beyond the "safety line" will have saved the face of some student but will have little value of a permanent nature. So apply yourselves during the school year that you will not have to cram at the end of school. "Know" things as you go—learn them—master them not merely for the recitation, but for life. This is the way we mean—it is the Chemawa way. Preparation for life should be our motto. Really, it is a good motto and we believe we shall adopt it. "PREPARATION FOR LIFE!" Good, is it not?

Some may become discouraged, faint-hearted, over the fact that their fellows seem to leave them, pull away from them in the educational race. To such we would say, "Everything yields to unwearied pursuit."

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