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OUR SCHOOL

Again The American greets you and wishes its readers, one and all, the best of all good things. We are publishing earlier this year than ever before as everything about our big school seems timed a little earlier than usual. Our pupils have returned a week or two sooner than has been the case in past years and we are already "hitting our stride." The prospects for a fine year of school work are very bright.

We have so far as we know a complete list of teachers and instructors in the various departments and they are all able and willing and the indications are that things about old C. I. S. will hum as never before. If big things are to be accomplished it will be necessary for all to pull together. This means that the students, too, are to get into the spirit of things and make good use of their time and opportunities. Supt. Hall desires and demands only the best, for it alone is good enough.

THE PROBLEM

How many of you boys and girls whom we are addressing at the beginning of the school year, 1925, will be here one year from now? How many of you students have the backbone and character to stick to your job of securing an education? Have you the staying power to complete your full course at school? This year will you give your first attention to the business of securing more learning, stronger character, more refinement, and a nobler endeavor to excel?

Our observation and experience of many years in the control and care of boys and girls in our Indian schools, has shown us that there is no quality in a boy or girl like that of determination; tenacity of purpose. We are just starting on our first half of the year's work. What wonders each one of you can perform; how much knowledge you can store away in the next six months!

We would that every boy and girl in this school had the determination and character back of him to stick to his job, for it is now up to all of you to get information, an education, secure more learning, more refinement and a grasp on the nobler and better things of life.

Grit, persistency, sticking to a purpose, hanging on; grit to master your lessons, grit to complete every piece

of work in your school course; grit to conquer your passions, evil desires, and to stick to the highest ideals of which you are capable is what will carry you through to a successful finish. The tendency to stick, hang on, will enable you to be thorough, straightforward, and to build up a strong character.

It seems to us that there is no one thing that should be emphasized more than the great necessity of having grit, grit to stick to anything you undertake which is worth while.

Clear grit is always more than a match for any obstacle and has achieved all the great things in the world's history. It is useless to try to discourage a person of a bulldog tenacity of purpose. He cannot be disheartened. He laughs at pictures of danger, hardships, and obstacles in the way. Nothing, absolutely nothing daunts a person endowed with faith and determination.

The secret of success in any project is not to be afraid of failure, and to plunge into the thing we have set our heart on with all our might and enthusiasm, without even a thought of the possibility of failure; and if failure does come, start all over again with more determination than before and fight until we win. Tenacity of purpose is characteristic of all people who do things.

They may lack some desirable traits, may have a good many peculiarities and weaknesses, but the quality of sticking at a thing, clear grit, is never absent from a boy or girl, man or woman, who does things worth while. Drudgery cannot disgust such people, labor cannot weary them, hardships cannot discourage them; they will persist no matter what comes or goes, because persistence is a part of their natures.

Have you students ever seen a person who had no give-up in him, who could never let go his grip whatever happened, who would come up smiling and with greater determination than before to push ahead? Have you ever seen a person who did not know the meaning of failure? If you have you have seen a conqueror, a king among people.

Fearlessness, boldness, coupled with common sense, has ever been characteristic of great achievers. People

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