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## SELF-HELP

No person ever got very far by depending upon others to help him. The men and women of the past who made good depended more largely upon themselves than they did upon others, else they never would have made a ripple in the affairs of the world. There is no doubt of this assertion, for it is proved time without number in the history of man in his relation to the notable achievements of the past.

The one who on the first appearance of an obstacle turns instinctively to some-one else for help by his own act admits his helplessness—his weakness. Cultivate a spirit of self-reliance. Remember that for him who admits no obstacle there is no obstacle.

Do not repine and whine vainly because "things do not go right," instead, take off your coat and proceed to make things go right. If you are determined upon that which is right do not compromise on anything, for there is no half-way ground between right and wrong. It must be admitted that it is often hard to determine just what is right, consequently just what course to pursue in certain events. Then is the time to seek counsel of some-one experienced in such affairs, and one whom you know to be of good intent. But, having secured good advice, depend upon yourself in steering a course which you have confirmed to be right.

Look for instance at what the lives of notable men and women of the world teach us. Many—the vast majority—were poor as boys and girls, and in some cases (Abraham Lincoln and others) life was very hard and the future seemed to promise little. The field of life seemed barren, indeed. But these human flowers took root and blossomed so profusely and splendidly that there was no longer a barren field. The world was a better and brighter place through the flowering of these poor boys and girls.

What made them what they were? Did outside assistance drag them on until things dreamed became realities—accomplishments? No! By their own endeavor they made accomplishment a common thing in their lives. They waited for no-one to lead, but started on their own course guided by an inner vision which was sustained by a moral sense that it was right—they made it right, so sure were they of the right, so full of good purpose. If you would reach a higher altitude than is gained by the rank and file of your fellows,

help yourself—depend upon yourself.

By the foregoing we do not mean that one shall live aloof from his kind—rather nearer, if anything, that he may, if possible, render aid, not ask for it. There is no better or greater life than one of usefulness in the broader and better sense; usefulness that may better the whole world; usefulness that by example will impress and uplift mankind and serve as a model for the few or the many, according to the circle of our influence. Help others to do their part, their work, by leading and blazing the way. More self-helping leaders is what the world needs. There are too many in the ranks and too few leaders such as we picture in our mind. Help yourself first and then by the lesson you have thus learned you will be better fitted for the task of helping others who may be weaker than yourself. Is this not an idea worthy of some consideration?

## CHAPEL

Our chapel exercises last Sunday evening were conducted by The Chemawa Girl Reserves under the direction of Miss Eakin. The program was given as the Fourth Annual Open Session of the organization and consisted of songs, Scriptural reading, salute to the Christian Flag, responses and prayers, and as a close there was a Ceremonial Presentation of the Code entitled "Candles That Burn." It was in every sense an evening of interest and profit and thanks are due Miss Eakin and the girls for their time and trouble in preparing and presenting such a pleasing program.

## ESCORTS

Sun., Apr. 20—McBride	- - - -	Mr. Ratzberg
		Miss Peterson
Winona	- - - -	Mrs. Walker
		Mr. Berry
Hawley	- - - -	Mr. James
		Mrs. James

Although a number of our radio fans attempted to get the program broadcasted by Phoenix Indian School talent last Wednesday evening no one succeeded, so far as we can ascertain. The Oregonian station, KGW, is on nearly the same wave length it is said and when in operation dominates this field to the exclusion of all others. We regret that we could not get in on the program broadcasted by our sister school.