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THE BUSINESS OF LIFE

There are many so-called failures in life. It requires little thought or effort to be a failure, hence the large army of failures—both men and women. On the other hand it requires effort and disciplined thought to succeed. In speaking of successes we do not wish it thought that we measure successes from a monetary standpoint—far from it. It is what a man, or woman, boy, or girl, does which stamps him, or her, a success in life. In all the annals of human life, there never was a greater success than Abraham Lincoln, but no one ever mentions his name in connection with money.

The greatest problem in life is to get started at the right thing early enough to succeed—for life is very short at best. Many people have spent half of their lives before finding their real bent, or forte. Countless thousands have lived and died without finding just what they were best fitted for, and consequently, were relegated to the ranks of the failures. It is the part of wisdom to make a choice of a vocation during the golden period of youth and then stick to it with all the tenacity of your being. Determine early to be a success, to do something for the glorification of yourself and your fellows, and pursue that idea unswervingly and eternally—to the end of your days.

Throughout the educational circles of the world the idea of educating both the head and the hand is forcing consideration. No one decries higher education, provided it is on a proper basis. Much harm is done by so-called higher education when its recipient leaves his college or university with the idea that he is too good, or too smart, to work, or that honest labor is degrading. Such an education is a curse rather than a benefit to any country. On the other hand higher education which sends real men and real women forth to assist with brain and hand in the battles of the world are among our greatest blessings. Would that our universities turned out more of the latter.

Some of our greatest men, our "empire builders," have enjoyed but little school advantages. But they had purpose and desire to do, to achieve, and back of that desire they possessed the courage of conviction. They worked with both head and hands, just as we do here at Chemawa. They made successes of themselves. In almost every instance such men made their choice of what they would be early in life and followed it in spite of all obstacles.

When a young person spends a few years of his youth at a certain calling or trade and then abandons it, he, or she, loses in many ways beyond the power of calculation. A good portion of the best of one's life has gone into eternity. Wasted time and wasted life are gone forever—there is no recall.

We beseech our young readers, both at home and abroad, to ponder these matters deeply and consider the course that you think yourselves best fitted for with promises of fair success, and, having made your choice, stick to it with "might and main," early and late.

YOUR WORD

If one desires to stand well in his community he must have the confidence and esteem of his fellows. It is necessary to have a good record behind you or you can not hope ever to take a high place in the estimation of your fellow citizens. A good record embodies all that you have ever done. Moreover, even if you are aware that your character is nothing short of the best, it will be necessary for you to give satisfactory proof of it if you are unknown. How are you to prove it? By your every-day life.

About the first thing strangers will look to is whether or not your word is good; in other words, if you are, or are not, truthful. If you are not truthful do not be surprised if you fail to succeed in that community. To have your word proved utterly worthless a few times will forever wreck your chances for success in that section. On the other hand if you are careful always to state the truth to the best of your knowledge people are quick to recognize your truthfulness and you win their confidence, and the confidence of your fellows begets success for you. You may gather a certain set about you even if your character is bad, but the fact that they were not particular in taking you up proves that they are not good people—good people are usually a little bit careful regarding whom they may choose as friends.

So live that you inspire the confidence of the better class of people, for this confidence is the only sort which will do you any good. The more you possess the confidence of a bad element the worse off you are, for good people will shun you when they see you con-

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