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COMMITTEE VISITS CHEMAWA

It is our conviction that much good for our Indian people of this section will result from the visit of the U. S. Senate Indian Committee at Chemawa last Saturday afternoon. Representatives of the Indian people were present for the hearing from many different parts of the State and all who desired were given ample opportunity to speak on any matter that they deemed of importance. Quite a number availed themselves of the opportunity and we believe the Committee in this way secured some valuable data. Supt. Ryan and Dr. Sisco were called upon to give information on certain school matters, and Mr. Larsen also appeared before the Committee to give testimony on certain affairs touching upon agency work.

Senator Lynn Frazier was the only member of the Committee present at the Chemawa meeting and was in charge. With him was Mr. Nelson A. Mason, secretary of the Committee, Mr. A. A. Grorud, legal advisor, and Mr. F. S. Milburg, reporter. Assistant Commissioner of Indian Affairs J. Henry Scattergood was here with the Committee as a courtesy representative of the Indian Office. Mr. Scattergood visited our school about a year ago and at that time made many warm friends here during his brief sojourn. We were all happy to note his return.

The party one and all, had nice things to say of Chemawa, and this was pleasing to those of us who hold dear the good name of our institution.

REAL EDUCATION

The present plan at Chemawa is to strengthen the school vocationally. In all probability a plan for making it much stronger academically will also go into effect, particularly as relates to certain studies. Academic studies should supplement vocational endeavor and to make Chemawa a place of real importance in trades' education it goes without saying that academic studies should proceed on lines that relate especially to this or that given vocation. A commercial course is about as near to being on the same footing as a trade, and not be, as anything of which we have knowledge, as it is all business, with quite a bit of digital dexterity thrown in for good measure, and there is some manual labor required to operate a typewriter all day, too. This course will probably be placed on a slightly higher plane.

There can be no excuse for the existence of a school that does not have a mission. There is nothing higher or better in this world in the way of ideals than is represented in the teaching of young people. And this is the mission of Chemawa—and has been for half a century. Instead of a lowering of our standards with the passing of time, we find ourselves enthusiastically planning right now to make Chemawa an even better school next year—so far as it lies within our power to do so. We are positive that such is the de-

sire of Supt. Ryan and his faculty.

We have no patience with teaching which does not instruct—that does not better anybody. It is all just so much time wasted. There is a pernicious idea more or less rampant the world over to the effect that education will save its possessor from the necessity of doing manual labor. In self-protection, if for no other reason, it would seem that colleges and universities should deal the death blow to any such scheme of things. The object of an education of any kind should be its use for the benefit of both its possessor and the community in which said party resides. The world has an over-supply of educated drones—of bipeds occupying space that communities can little afford to allot them.

Education that countenances the idea that anybody is above manual labor can have no place in the scheme of things at Chemawa. Many of the present educational systems will continue to be failures in a real sense just so long as the products of such institutions are unwilling to perform manual labor. It seems to us both silly and impudent for so-called educated men to assume that because they have become educated at some state institution that they are entitled to "soft snaps," and big salaries that they are unwilling to earn.

Long life to Chemawa as a vocational school.

OUR BACCALAUREATE

Supt. Ryan, all visitors, and the students en masse, were electrified and edified by the masterly baccalaureate sermon delivered by Dr. William Wallace Youngson of Portland last Sunday evening. It was very, very fine, and few will ever forget it or the good and affable messenger. The program for the evening was in every respect good, a credit to the school and those who appeared in the various numbers, and was as follows:

Processional.....	Orchestra
America.....	School
Invocation.....	Dr. William Wallace Youngson
Vocal (Perfect Prayer—Stenson).....	Girls' Sextette
Selection (Faust—Gounod).....	Orchestra
Address.....	Dr. William Wallace Youngson
Vocal (Soldiers of the Captain—Spohr).....	Boys' Glee Club
Chemawa Song.....	School
Benediction.....	Dr. William Wallace Youngson
Recessional.....	Orchestra

GRADUATING EXERCISES

Last Monday evening Supt. Ryan experienced the pleasure of presenting each member of our graduating class his diploma, also introducing Dean U. G. Dubach of Oregon State College who made the address to the class. One could not imagine a more fitting or able talk for such an occasion than was voiced by Dean Dubach—it was splendid, and we all feel grateful to

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