

Archbishop Christie at Chemawa.

SALMON, Dec. 22.—Most Reverend Alexander Christie, Catholic archbishop of Oregon, made an official visit to the Chemawa Indian Training School yesterday and delivered an eloquent sermon. Between 200 and 300 of the pupils of this school are Catholics, and one of the largest Catholic Sunday schools in the state is conducted there every Sunday, over two hundred being enrolled. The visit of such a high church dignitary was quite an event in the life of the school, and the archbishop expressed himself highly pleased with the condition of the institution and of the children in all respects. Chief Justice F. A. Ross, of the Supreme Court, delivered a lecture here last evening on the Indian question, and the effort is highly spoken of.—Portland Telegram.

Sermon by Archbishop Christie.

We proceed here with the sermon delivered before the Chemawa school last Sunday morning by Archbishop Christie, at Portland.

"MY DEAR CHILDREN!—It is a very great pleasure for me to be here and to see so many bright boys and girls, and I trust that while you are here at school, you will learn that you appreciate all that is being done for you, and the only way you can show it is, first of all, to be obedient. If you want to make your teacher feel that you appreciate that they are conferring a favor upon you, you must be obedient to them. We must be obedient to authority placed over us, and that Catholic children must know that the Catholic Church teaches into them that we must respect authority of teacher, state and church, we must respect it, and for that reason I would be very much pleased, indeed, if my counsel should be sent to me of any Catholic boys or girls showing disobedience or giving trouble to their teachers.

I wish also to say that I appreciate your singing and thank those who have taken

charge of it and thank the superintendent for placing at our disposal those rooms and buildings, and hope that in time we may have a church so that we may come together without diminishing others or breaking the regulations, although I am sure the superintendent is only too pleased to grant us an opportunity of building up the characters and moulding the hearts and minds of these children.

"A few years ago, when in Washington, I talked to the President of the United States and he was exceedingly courteous and kind and said that it was perfectly right that we should have an opportunity of speaking to our children and teaching them, wherever they are, and I am very glad, indeed, to see these barriers of the past thrown aside, as they should be.

"We see all children of this great government of ours and, my dear Catholic children, I meet many of your parents when on my travels around the different reservations and, while many of them cannot speak to me in their own tongue, they ask me through an interpreter if their children are practicing their religion, or can it be possible that, after being baptized, they are to be lost. I want to be able to reassure your parents, and they have the right to know what you are doing. God has placed them as your parents, and, as such, they have the parental rights over you children.

"Now, boys and girls, there are a large number of you who should be studying your religion and are not. You should be here every Sunday studying your religion. I know some of you and your parents, and you have not been studying your religion. Now remember that God will demand of us an account some day of our stewardship, and consequently, if we have been baptized in the great Catholic Church of the living God, we will be judged on that. Therefore, it is a serious matter, that of religion. There is no opinion about it. It is a positive law of God. There is no opinion about it, it is a positive living fact. That is religion and it is received by us from the living God who has created us and consequently, we should practice our religion.

"You have heard this marvel, which the living Jesus performed. To many of your minds perhaps, when I was reading this