

BACK TO CHEMAWA.

Pupils are fast returning and by the end of this week nearly all will have returned. It is very gratifying to see the expressions of satisfaction and pleasure upon their return to Chemawa after their summer's outing. And well they may feel so toward their school. After an absence of two or three months one can fully appreciate the beauty of Chemawa. Compared with the sun-burned hills and valleys and crowded cities, our large, green lawns and beautiful buildings, surrounded by tall, stately shade-trees and beds of fragrant flowers gives Chemawa the appearance, as a traveler recently remarked, of "a paradise."

This summer has been a very profitable one for the Indian boys and girls of the school. The place being situated, as it is, in one of the most fertile fruit, grain and hop growing sections in the world, offers ample opportunities to the pupils to go out and work during the summer vacation. Early in June help is required to pick small fruits. Hardly has this crop been disposed of when the hay and grain harvest is in operation, which is closely followed by hop picking and the picking and drying of various kinds of fruits. Thus the pupils are at liberty to go out and work for themselves from Commencement Day until school starts in September.

This summer several hundred more applications were made to the school for help than could possibly be filled. Their wages range from \$1.00 to \$3.00 per day for boys who are capable of working at all. Many secure employment at their trades in near-by cities and towns. The Chemawa girls are sought after and given employment in some of the best homes in Oregon and elsewhere.

In the winter all is not hard study and work at Chemawa. Superintendent Potter has long since adopted a policy that is best explained in the words uttered by President Roosevelt while here: "When you play, play hard, and when you work, don't play at all."

Socials are given once a week, besides the meetings of the various societies and clubs. Sunday school and chapel are held every Sunday. Large grounds are at the disposal of the football and baseball teams and other athletics.

Chemawa is situated close enough to the larger cities of Oregon to profit by their progress and civilizing influences and yet far enough away to avoid their evil tendencies. Glowing accounts arrive almost daily of some Chemawa graduate or former pupil who is making a success of life; who has made good use of his time while here and is now holding a responsible position at a good salary and enjoying life.

FROM A CHEMAWA GRADUATE.

The following is an extract from a letter written to Superintendent Potter by Douglas Holt, a graduate of Chemawa, who was recently appointed tailor at Santa Fe, N. M.:

"I wrote to you while I was in New York, and it is with a great deal of pleasure that I write again and let you know that I graduated from that famous John T. Mitchell school of garment cutting. I feel that I have done myself justice and set an example for fellow class-mates and students of Chemawa.

I have made out a cutting course for my boys this year that will cover one hundred different drafts. I will have five boys in the class and I think it will be the best class ever turned out in the service. I stay with them until next year. I do not say this to brag-up myself, but I think I can prove it on examination.

The remnant of the Modoc tribe, 15 number, are reported as about to leave the Quapaw reservation, I. T., for their old home on the Klamath reservation, Oregon. These Indians, being now citizens, are probably at liberty to change their place of residence, and the reason they give for their desire to change is such as many white people not only feel but gratify, "a preference for the Pacific Coast climate and a desire to see old friends."—[The Indian's Friend.]