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Hon. Leupp's Address in Chapel

I am wondering how many of you know what a figure you cut in the world. A ruler of Greece was telling his little son that he should not do certain things. The boy said, "I am only a little boy and it does not make much difference what I do." But the father answered "My son, you make a mistake, you have a great work to do among people of to-day. Greece rules the world, I rule Greece, your mother rules me and I rather think that you rule your mother." By that argument the father placed the boy in the niche where he belonged. Now I think if that father lived in these days and had talked to an Indian school he would have come nearer to the truth than when he spoke to the Grecian child. For the Indian child has a great deal to say about it.

You are here to learn to fight for yourself for holding the place and work which you have now assumed. A great many things which your teacher tells you now and which you think are unimportant, are really most important because they are at the foundation of all you must learn afterwards.

A friend of mine had at one time for his playmate, an ignorant little boy about his own age. The boy's father had never taught him anything and he was continually saying to my friend "If I could only get an education." My friend had been thinking over the case and he resolved that he could teach him. So he said to him, "Jim, if you will come to me, I will help you to get an education," and he began teaching him the A, B, C's. One evening the boy turned to him very suddenly and said, "Rush, is this an education?" and Rush said "It is the beginning of an education." The boy said "this is not what I want. I want to learn Latin." A great many of

you think you are not getting a full education. Education means great things to some people. They do not realize that education is the little seed which we put into our lives to reap from later on. Education has been said to consist in learning the three R's but there are three other R's quite as essential which I hope you are trying to pick up here. One is a respect for authority, a desire to do what you are told to do by those who are able to judge what is right. Another is readiness, that is, prompt action whenever you are called upon to do anything. The boy or girl who is a laggard when responding to anything takes away one-half of the virtue of obedience. Heroes who are ready to run to the front to shoulder responsibilities are the ones who are wanted.

I often think of two lawyers. One said, "I learned a little law and then sat in my office and wait for some one to come along. The second lawyer said he learned all at once. So he was ready to take up any case that came to him. He was prepared for the responsibility which his clients might put upon him. The best definition of responsibility is that sense which makes us do right in the dark. It is that sense of keeping right whether you are watched or not. It is that sense which makes you do right whether you need to do so or not.

I was never more delighted when a year ago last March, I was present at the inauguration of the President in Washington. A party of Carlisle Indian boys took part in the procession along with an Indianapolis company and a regular militia. The marching of the regiments was very beautiful as they went up Pennsylvania Avenue. The Indian boys carried themselves perfectly shoulder to shoulder, heads up and exact step. After I had seen them on Pennsylvania Avenue, I went into a back street to see what they would do there