

EFFORTS AND RESULTS.

Effort is necessary to obtain results; but if it does not bring results it does not count for much in the world. We can sometimes overlook failure on the ground that great effort was made; but failure is really failure and can not be wiped out. This our Sherman students ought to consider. So often your teachers will say, "He deserves so much credit for his efforts."

Yes; he does. But if he is on a society program and can not be heard or understood it is very hard to give him the credit. We want results, too. Take on that same program a number that is well given. We show our approval in enthusiastic applause whether effort was made or not. So it will be when you get out to make your own way in the world. The one who is continually making the effort without gaining results will soon be displaced by the one who can bring things to pass. The employer wants his work done—not attempted—and he is not going to pay out his money to an employee who can not give equal value in effective labor.

Now this must not discourage the struggling students nor satisfy those whose tasks come easy. The former will need to continue striving, but with the purpose of overcoming and not letting that familiar phrase, "He made such an effort," cover all his failures. This, as other things, becomes a habit. Then, on the other hand, those who do not need to strive in their work fall far short of their possibilities. While they surpass their unfortunate fellow-students, yet they might be reaching greater things. Neither class can be excused. With both it must be strife and success, effort and results. The one must follow

the other in all undertakings.—Sherman Bulletin.

DEPLORABLE.

The most maddening part of a quarrel is when one is fully aware that he is on the wrong side of the question. Assurance of right begets a calm, aggravating composure, whereas the former realization breeds deeper wrath. A man on the Houston Post appreciated this common situation.

"Why are you always quarreling with your wife?" asked some one of him.

"She is always arguing with me."

"But you need not get angry. Just explain to her in a calm, gentle tone of voice wherein she is wrong."

"But she is never wrong."

The above illustrates very clearly the cause of much trouble that is, in reality, of our own making and foolish in the extreme. In nine cases out of ten a serious quarrel results from a heated argument and ill-feeling is engendered, perhaps to last through life. Why is this? we ask. In most instances the key to the situation is found in ignorance—an ignorance which is backed up by a foolish and unreasoning pride. It is well to be proud, but be proud of something besides egotistical ignorance. Take pride in acknowledging a mistake if you make one; in admiring truth for truth's sake; in doing that which is just and right at all times. Do nothing which will ever cause you to blush for shame.

We are all glad that the baseball season is coming soon. The boys will have a good time with their baseball games again.