

REV. EDWARD MARSDEN.

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cussion with a well-meaning gentleman in Portland. He was expressing his belief, saying that the Indian Schools are not doing very good work for the Indian boys and Indian girls. I asked him if he had ever visited an Indian School, and he acknowledged that he had never visited one and yet he felt qualified to pass criticism upon them. There are so many people who are ready to criticise us. Now, my friends, let us not give them any chance to criticise us by our actions, our weakness, by our carelessness, and let our opportunities pass by. Let us show them that we have learned a great deal in these schools so they can not criticise the work carried out by this great government, that is doing so much for us and for our race.

I have worked with men who have attended this school, going back north after leaving here. Many of them are doing good work today; some of them are making names for themselves. They are holding responsible positions; they are forging ahead in spite of all difficulties. And again I am sorry to say that some have only been drifting about, and when the wind blows they blow forward. They are like sticks on the water that flow whichever way the water is flowing. Now we do not want to be that, let us not be drifting sticks on the water. I plead with you to make the best of it, learn all the things you can, even if you cannot remember them afterwards; they will be a means of your good acts. This country calls upon the Indians to take part in the welfare of its great country. Indians in the past have not held a very high place, but I am very glad to say that the Indians are now coming up, accomplished by the splendid schools

that have been offered our race by the government. I have not a single word of criticism to speak against these schools, even if it is the smallest school, even if it turns out only one graduate once in ten years, I am grateful for its work, to lift up to a higher sphere and to better the life of my race. Let us make the best of them, let us move on, let us rise higher, and I am sure the country in which we live will be glad to see us.

There are friends who are glad to follow us on our course and help us in our struggles. Now here is Mr. Campbell; I have known him for many years. He told me today that for the first time the door is now open for our Alaskan boys and girls who can come to this school. It is something wonderful to me. I would not have known it if I had not come down here today. I am glad that this government can open one of its greatest schools to our young men and young women of the north to come down here to learn.

Although I have not said much yet the one or two things I have told you come from my heart. May the Chemawa School continue, as in the past, its good work here, and I trust that the day will come when our Indian race will be raised out of the level of heathenism and the old life and will be a part of this country in which we live.

 LOCALS

A. J. Watkins, formerly night watchman of the School, spent Sunday at Chemawa.

Captain O. C. Applegate, General Indian Supervisor for the Oregon Census, spent Monday afternoon at the school checking the census report.