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CHEMAWA GOES AHEAD.

The visitor or the "home body" has but to take a stroll around the grounds and inspect the various institutions of Chemawa if he would realize what we have, what we are doing, and our possibilities of the future. Those of us who are identified with the school take things too much as a "matter-of-course" and do not note their significance.

On every hand there is evidence of a general upbuilding throughout the school. Systems of various natures are being improved constantly, new machinery installed, the "old" of every description is giving place to the "new."

Nothing remains stationary in this world; but it goes either forward or backward. If it goes not forward this fact in itself is evidence that it is gravitating backward. It is very evident that Chemawa and Chemawans are not in the "backward" parade. We are proud of this fact. There is opportunity here, so let us make the most of it. Let us profit by what is offered—gather honey while we may.

A short visit to the shops is an impres-

sive lesson to an observant person. Here and there is a new pupil engaged in some skilled task—and mastering it. He is taking advantage of the opportunity, even though but a beginner. In the various branches of industrial work the pupils, both boys and girls, are all doing well. In many instances the creations of some of the older pupils are simply amazing. The products of some pupils are works of art. All cannot excel at the same thing, but then there are so many trades and professions taught at Chemawa from which to choose that almost anyone can determine on something which appeals to him.

Hand in hand with this is the academic department where is given the opportunity to procure an education such as must render the pupil more efficient in whatever branch of industrial work he may decide to follow. Study while you may for you can never secure too much of the right kind of education. Let Indian boys and girls who may be considering the matter of coming to Chemawa ponder these things. They will be the gainers if they come here.

OUR INNER GROWTH.

It would seem that the Creator, in His wisdom, created all kinds of people. By some people the evil which is apparent in certain individuals is laid at the door of God. Such should not be, for man is a free moral agent within himself. Man was so created that he is capable of either good or evil. He may be good or he may be bad.

There is no excuse for being bad—it a mental condition which we allow to master us, to our shame, sorrow and disgrace. We may wonder why some people are by nature mean, low-minded, vindictive, egotistical, whose canine dis-