

EXHIBITS SHOULD BE PREPARED FOR THE FAIR

By Supt. S. E. Notson.

With the exception of three country schools, the schools of the county will all be enjoying vacation after this week. I hope, however, that the pupils will not lose sight of the industrial contests to be held at the county fair in September. The premium lists will soon be out. If any of the pupils have not yet decided to enter the contests, it is not too late to enter some of them. Then, it is possible that some are working on lines not covered by the ten projects outlined by the State Superintendent. If so, go ahead. We expect to give proper recognition to all worthy efforts. The vacation period is a good time for making preparation. We expect to have an excellent exhibit at the fair, and we want every pupil in the county to have a part in it.

The annual meeting will be held on the 15th inst. I trust that the people of the several districts will take a wider interest in the meeting than they usually do. Owing to the fact that the library price list has been off the press but a few days, the teachers in very few of the districts will be able to make the selections of the books, as has been the custom. This means that the Boards must make the selection. I suggest that this be done at the annual meeting. The orders should be returned at once, so they can be checked up and sent to Salem by July 1. This can not be done unless the selections are made at once. Do not expect the writer to make your selection this year, for he will not be able to do so, owing to the fact that the superintendents' convention will follow the teachers' examination and will continue up to the first of July. It will not require much time for the Board to make the selections, but it will be almost an impossible task for the librarian to make the selections, and besides you are likely to get books which you now have in your library. I would also suggest that the rural schools select their teachers at an early date. It is poor policy to wait until after harvest. I would also suggest that the matter of having a longer term be considered at the meeting in those districts having short terms of school. Every town in the county, except one now has a nine months' term. Several of the country districts have eight or nine months. If possible, every district should have at least seven months.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fortner of Wasco, Mrs. Lucas of Moro and Frank Fortner of Moro were visitors this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lucas. The gentlemen proceeded overland on a trip to Prineville, the ladies returning home today by rail.

D. S. Barlow, of Rhea Creek, visited Heppner Tuesday.

SENIOR CLASS HEARS BACCALAUREATE SERMON

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For the benefit of those who were unable to be present Sunday evening we publish the sermon in full, as follows:

"Make All Things According To The Pattern Shewed To Thee."
CLASS OF 1914. BOARD OF EDUCATION, SUPERINTENDENT AND FACULTY OF HEPPNER SCHOOLS—LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

I deem it a distinguished honor to be called upon to address you at this time.

My text you will find in the letter to the Hebrews, the 8th chapter and a part of the 5th verse—"Make all things according to the pattern shewed thee."

Every human being is an Architect. From the time when first we began to build with painted blocks, corn cobs or sticks of kindling wood, miniature houses in the nursery of our childhood's happy home until we with faint hearts and trembling hands have placed the last piece of material upon the house of our human life we shall have ceaselessly built for eternity.

Oliver Wendell Holmes said:
"Build these more stately mansions,
O, my soul,
As the swift seasons roll,
Leave thy low vaulted past;
Let each new temple nobler
Than the last
Shut thee from heaven
With a dome more vast,
Till thou at length art free—"

Leaving thine out-grown shell
By life's unresting sea."

And Edward Palmer takes up the strain, under the title of "Life's Best"
While a single talent buried lies,
There should be no thought of rest,
Nor folded hands nor closed eyes
Until we reach life's very best.
O, believe me, far too many live below
The plain
Of noble thought and high endeavor
And fall the loftiest heights to gain,
Because they struggle not forever.
Men disdain, neglect, ignore, despair,
Think not on pleasures gone,
Plant thou thy feet as on a stair,
And march right up and on—

Will you pray that I may be able to contribute in some measure to the success of the exercises of this Commencement of season, and aid in some degree my Fellow Students each one in the great work of Character Building?

Webster defines character as "the sum of qualities which distinguish one person from another." Good character, therefore, is the sum of good qualities which distinguish one person from another. It is the actual possession of qualities by the person as distinguished from those which are said or thought to be possessed. The former is character; the latter reputation. "Character," says one, "is what we really are; reputation is what others think us to be." The former represents "honest toil" the latter may not.

Beloved, as one deeply interested in character making, let me admonish all, "Make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee." Let us not forget that character is something to be built, constructed, formed, and to do this well constitutes our life's work, and let me remind you and reassure myself that every successful achievement in life depends primarily on two things, 1st—a purpose, 2nd—a plan for the execution of that purpose. To succeed there must be purpose and an executed plan.

Before a painter puts his brush to the canvas he outlines his ideal picture. Before the poet writes a line he gives wings to his imagination for a poetic flight. Before a warrior attacks an enemy he forms his line of battle, and before the true, high, aspiring architect begins to build he will carefully consider plans and specifications.

My dear young friends, on the very threshold of life's activities, have purpose, have a plan, follow specifications. "Make all things according to the pattern shewed thee." These words apply with equal force to character work, whether found in individual, institutional, or purely mechanical construction. Firstly—As touching character building, let me say to you that attention can not be given to foundation work. Oh! how frail and dangerous is that superstructure whose foundation is faulty! The exceeding folly of the Rich Fool was that he took not God into account. "Fake God into account. But how? says one, yes all! How shall we take God into account and give due recognition? 1st—"Have faith in God."

2nd—Come unto Him. 3rd—Seek most earnestly to know and do His will. Let His glory be the objective point of your purpose and the controlling element in your plan; follow His prescribed, revealed specifications. "He that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him." Study God. Think on His holiness and His power. Pope's words: "Presume not God to scan," is not good advice and constitutes no part of Christian theology. The study of God brings into mind ideas that expand it; and studied as the Supreme Person—the foundation of all love and grace. There is a birth-thrill in every pulse of thought. A personal God brought into the mind will suffice to clear away from the questions of creation and Providence the contradictions with which our thoughts invest them. God in the intellect clarifies the vision of the past, the present, and the future.

But how shall we introduce God into our minds so as to personally effect and aid in character construction? Introduce the Lord Jesus Christ, by faith, Who is the express image of God's person and the brightness of His glory, "No man cometh unto God, but by Him." All things are delivered into Jesus Christ the Son by God the Eternal Father. "No man knoweth the Son but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father save the Son and he whomsoever the Son will reveal him." Hence the words in Holy Writ: "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." "For with the heart man believeth into righteousness and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation;" and again it is declared, "Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." Against this foundation have been emptied the lightning shafts of malicious criticisms and underneath it have rattled the earthquakes of civil and social opposition, and they have not been able to mar the beauty or weaken the strength. The best possible fitness for service in this world a submissiveness to God's will, and there is no possible preparation for the life to come without it, and in yielding no more valiant battle can be fought, nor sweeter peace secured.

"Put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ," and your life will become more stable than the seeming everlasting hills. Put Christ in the life and the whole character, passing from glory to glory even as by the spirit of the Lord "and polished like a brazen shield, shall glow in the sunlight of eternal truth, and the sheltered one shall stand secure against all the aggressions of evil spirits." "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus."

Oh, my friends, can you sing? Can you say "On Christ the solid rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand?" If so your hopes and prospects for the life to come are based upon God's eternal plan and your souls are forever secure. But do you realize that for the life that now is, and the interests now so precious, you may by

"Reaching on from higher to higher
Become on fortune's crowning slope
The center of the world's despair,
And the pillar of your people's

hope."

Oh! build not on carnal pleasures, fading fame, transitory wealth, nor human morality. These can not stem even the storms of time. Before the realities of eternity that must be known. They can but go like chaff before the winds that blow.

Secondly, in character building take heed as to the material made use of. Make no use of "Hay, wood and stubble," truth and only truth must enter into our structure if it is to be strong, symmetrical, beautiful.

Jesus Christ our sure foundation in His intercessory prayer said: "Sanctify them through truth; Thy word is truth." The Psalmist said: "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to Thy word." The great Apostle Paul said: "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom." I therefore commend you to the love of God in Christ Jesus and to the word of His grace. Take the Book of Books, the Bible, as the man of your counsel, a light to your pathway. Measure,—weigh all other books, deeds and words by its unerring text, and "make all things according to the pattern shewed thee," "For truth though crushed to the earth shall rise again, the eternal years of God are hers."

Thirdly, it remains for me to speak of constructive methods, under which head several points demand attention:

1st—Build personally, that is, remember in our own thoughts and deeds are our characters to be wrought.

The thoughts, deeds, character of another can not be substituted for individual care and effort in the construction of character. We are every one under obligation to do what we want done, in so far as we can. No provision of municipality, church or state can endow us with the elements of happiness, success and greatness.

Nor is there any arrangement by law or grace, whereby we may have Christian character without special, yea, the best possible effort on our part, and all true education develops these structural forces. If the character we build is to be worthy of its great destiny and measure up to the level of its splendid opportunities, there must go into it all that is strong, beautiful and heroic within us.

"Self help," says Orison, Swett, Marden, "has accomplished about all the great things in the world." How many young men falter, faint and daily with their purpose, because they have no capital to start with and wait for some good luck to give them a lift. But success is the child of drudgery and perseverance. It cannot be coaxed or bribed. Pay the price and it is yours." It was Confucius who said, "What the superior man seeks is in himself; what the small man seeks is in others." Let no one discourage self-reliance. "In all countries," it is said, "where Nature does the most man does the least; and where she does but little, there we shall find the acme of human exertion." Hence, "Honor lies in honest toil."

Not that the friendship and influence of earth's good and great may not bless us in every place and sphere, but inasmuch as character is our own there must be personal, voluntary action if we would build according to the pattern shewed to us.

Build patiently and patiently build. It takes time to make or produce any thing good. Study the growth of an oak: A century or more is required. About six months suffice to grow a squash. Moses was 80 years at school under the providential instruction of God before he entered upon the great work of his life, and the Man of Galilee did not take up His three years' ministry until He passed through 30 years of preparation. Character is best formed by slow process. Character, like intellect, is developed by its own action. Books, travel, art, experience or nature are no more than food for thought. What others have done to collect and prepare food for the table does not convert it into bone, muscle and vital force. Food, to be of any real service, must be eaten, digested and assimilated—processes which are possible to the mind only by thinking, and the character of our intelligence is determined by the nature of our thinking. Hence, "as a man thinketh, so is he." Dr. Van Dyke says:

"Four things a man must learn to do, if he would make his record true: Think without confusion clearly, Love his fellow men sincerely, Trust in God and Christ securely, Take time for study and study that thou mayest show thyself a workman that needest not to be ashamed. Patiently labor, "striving for masteries," and "Don't explode your lamp of reason, in one sudden blinding flash. Remember candles in and out of season.

Beat sky rockets all to smash." And now, lest from what I have said, some one shall call too great a halt, let me urge briefly, very briefly: Thirdly, build earnestly, enthusiastically. Whatever you do, do with your might. Activity is the primitive and normal state of life. God puts His mark of displeasure upon every form of life that can act and does not. Therefore the beautiful words:

"In the world's broad field of battle,
In the bivouac of life,
Be not like dumb driven cattle,
Be a Hero in the strife.
Trust no future howe'er pleasant,
Let the dead past, bury its dead,
Act! Act in the living present,
Heart within and God o'er head."

Class of 1914, "Behind you is the dream—Before you the great awakening."

"Build it well, whate'er you do.
Build it straight and strong and true,
Build it clean and high and broad,
Build it for the eye of God."

"Make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee."

"For there is an eye the blackest
Nights,
A vigil ever keeps,
O'er lowly vale or giddy height,
The eye that NEVER SLEEPS."

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