

## Dropouts

## Grade Ten

A few students from residential schools may have experienced the feelings of a dropout and may have gladly accepted the chance of staying in school. Still, there are some who are determined to leave when they feel they can only on the job which they have just applied for.

Those who have left school after failing two or more times often feel dejected mainly, because their friends are too far ahead of them and seem hopeless to try the grade again. Others detest homework and would sooner have an easy life with nothing to interfere when a turn up of excitement comes. But there are those who have to stay home to be a benefit to the family by helping with the housework and looking after children. A high-school girl may have decided to marry rather than to sit in school or bear the situations carried in a residence. Sooner or later, regret for dropping out comes to the minds of many who have realized their biggest move had been a mistake.

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Dear Mr. Harris;

In response to your notice, which you placed on the bulletin board, concerning drop outs. I, a Sr. 11. student, would like to try and help by submitting my opinion on why High School students quit half way through or do not return in the fall.

On several occasions I have had the thought of quitting or not returning the next fall. Usually because I could not understand my homework assignments. After trying very hard to understand it and not succeeding, I give up. As a result, I receive poor marks at exam time and this makes me feel all the more like quitting. Moreover, in many cases, this problem of not understanding certain assignments is not easily solved by simply going to the teacher of that subject and asking for extra help. The reason being that one feels uneasy and unable to concentrate when the teacher is practically standing right over him and speaking directly at him. Therefore, since it is difficult to

concentrate, very little is learned.

However, in some cases that may not be the reason for dropping out. Instead, the reason may be that the student dislikes discipline or rules, probably, which their parents neglected to exercise at home. That is, the student is used to staying out late at night and practically getting his or her own way at home, whereas, when the student attends a residential school, such as this, he or she finds his or her freedom reduced. To escape these rules, the student quits or drops out.

Actually, the latter reason is quite unexcusable, as the student merely lacks the courage to continue and adhere to rules and face responsibility. The first reason is also a rather poor reason for quitting.

Yours truly,  
a Grade 11 student

## Dropouts Grade X

The increasing number of students in Residential Schools are often decreased by the number of dropouts. I, myself have never been a dropout and I don't know what the causes of being a dropout maybe. Pure school work maybe hard, but certainly this doesn't actually mean I have to quit school and run away from everything. Students must learn to think and finish the job. There are a number of reasons why there are dropouts. First of all, either they are not interested in school or they think they can get along through life without education. Then there is a desire to follow - here, a person's best friend quits school and they think they have to do the same thing. They are tempted to things to satisfy their own needs, like drinking and wanting to have fun. I don't think there is fun in drinking. Drinking slows down the ability to think and may cause bad health. The last of all I think is students not getting along with others in school. They do things which are wrong to forget about their worries

instead of trying to solve their  
problems and stick to facts.  
I don't think, what I have  
said makes sense, but I  
absolutely don't see why there  
should be dropouts. I have  
never experienced being a drop  
out at all and I have no  
reason to be one.