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manage the duties of the household and be a loving mother as well.⁸

John's parents were an important influence on him and instilled strong values within him. First and foremost his parents showed a dedication to God that was evidenced by word and deed. Another value that John learned was the importance of hard work and discipline. As John's father once remarked in a letter, "We have tried to teach our children by word and action the importance of honest labor."⁹ Also important to the family, was good stewardship. A. L. Brougher believed that, "It is not always so much what you earn, as it is what you save."¹⁰ Finally John learned to take joy in each day and to look to God for providence. His father told him that, "it certainly is the great privilege of life to enjoy each day as they come and go - do your best and trust God for the result and usually all will be well."¹¹

In 1906, when John was only five years old, an incident occurred that left a profound impression on the young boy and was destined to shape his later life. One morning, a mother was busy washing clothes across the street from the store that John's father helped to operate. She left her work momentarily and when she returned, she was shocked to find that her two year old son had fallen into the washtub and drowned. In a panic she took the child into her arms and rushed him to the nearest doctor's office

⁸Interview with Esther Brougher

⁹A. L. Brougher to John Brougher, Portland, June 5, 1927, p. 3, personal files of Esther Brougher, Newberg, Oregon.

¹⁰Ibid., p. 3.

¹¹Ibid., p. 4.