

FINIS CORONAT OPUS.

Commencement Exercises of the High School.

Brilliant Literary Entertainment by the Graduating Class.

ractical Essays and Sensible Discussion of Woman Suffrage.

Names of Those Who Carried off the Scholastic Honors.

Sound Words of Advice from President Long, of the Board of Education.

That great event of the school year of the college or public school, commencement day, was celebrated by the members of the high school in this city at Boyd's opera house last night.

The exercises of the evening opened shortly after eight o'clock with an overture by the Musical Union orchestra which was a magnificent prelude to a very interesting and creditable exhibition.

The stage was occupied by Prof. C. D. Hino, the principal of the high school and by the eight graduates. It was a handsome sight but there was an entire absence of

FLORAL DECORATIONS, these delicate emblems being stored away in a private box to the left of the stage, where they were awaiting the proper time to be delivered to their owners and before the exercises were over covered the stage like new mown hay when the harvest is over.

The first feature on the programme was the reading of the class history by Miss Mary A. Fitch. It would be impossible to reproduce it in full but we gathered from it that the class started in the fall of 1878 with 21 girls and 13 boys. During the year a number of those dropped out, one by one, as the fair historian said, some were those whose duties were not compatible with their powers and others whose powers were not compatible with their duties. She alluded one dark-eyed boy who was now the

PRESIDENT OF A BANK.

At the close of the year the class numbered 14. During the next year three dropped out, and in September, 1880, the class started in with but five of the original 39 still remaining to enjoy the triumphs of success in their studies. The September of 1881 added four, one a gladly welcomed representative of the east, and the other three old members whom they had considered lost. Since its advent the class has shrunk until but seven of the girls and one boy, are left, the latter to represent alone the sturdy youth of Omaha. The historian expressed herself as glad that they had reached this point in their progress toward the summit of success which might lead to the presidential chair or some other position of importance in the field now opening up to women. They would at least adhere to their motto and take

"NO STEP BACKWARD." After the delightful performance by Musical Union orchestra, of an arrangement from "The Mascotte," which was enthusiastically received by the audience, Miss Clara C. H. Roeder read a very well written and complete essay upon the subject, "Music."

The next on the list of graduates was Miss Maggie Read, who presented a well written essay upon

WOMEN'S WORK. "Is it necessary for the educational interests of the country that the right of suffrage be extended to women?"

Miss Reed said that this was among the questions having both a social and political bearing, which are now agitating the minds of the men, and that there is none which strikes deeper to the very root of the social life than that touching the relation of women to the state. It has become an open question to be tried as freely as any other in this age of doubt and analysis, and is to many a source of apprehension. An adventurous party among us weary of the old ways, is now eagerly proclaiming new theories on the important subject of woman's political relations. "The emancipation of woman," they proclaim as their object. They demand for her absolute social and

POLITICAL EQUALITY with man. They base their demands on the abuses inflicted on women by legislation, the want of protection for her interests when they are confined to man, and the educational and social advantages to both sexes that will follow her political freedom. The speaker referred to Abigail Adams, who, in 1774, petitioned her husband to shape the laws of the country so as to enable women to protect their own interests, but said the movement was not thoroughly developed until the early portion of this century. Many earnest, noble women, with others who have brought only

REPROACH UPON THE CAUSE, have worked faithfully in behalf of the right of suffrage. Among these were mentioned Louise M. Alcott, Elizabeth Stuart Phelps, Julia Ward Howe, who were not merely seeking notoriety. Many able and educated men have advocated the cause and the movement demands respectful consideration. Miss Reed then proceeded to consider the importance of early education and declared that next to the duty of self preservation there is no higher obligation than that of national education, which rightfully conducted would make ninety-five per cent useful members of society. How shall such education be secured? Many assuming that it can be attained only through the schools of the state,

answer this grave question by saying, "Give the ballot to

THE NATURAL EDUCATORS, women, and the problem will be solved." To her, from the earliest time has been entrusted the educational supervision of the race from the first, therefore the most important stages. Practically four-fifths of the period of development, which is the period of education, the children of both sexes are under the moulding influence of woman. The effect her enfranchisement will have in better fitting her for this work is then the important question, and the fair speaker claimed that as political and social corruption clearly are the great evils to be averted, so it is equally clear that something more than manhood suffrage is necessary to change the current of these evils, and woman's peculiar work is the development and cultivation of the moving forces of the moral world whose center is her home.

Miss Read's effort we consider as one of the very finest of the evening. She is a handsome young woman, with a modest and yet dignified and easy style and a very charming voice, and her essay was received with merited applause.

MISS JOSIE McCAUGHEE followed with an essay entitled "Child Literature." Miss McCaughe was the only one who was interrupted by applause during her reading, and this was when she said "the boy who always obeys his parents, never tells a lie, never teases his sister, and invariably grows up to be a preacher, is the boy you never find outside of Sunday school books." The subject of juvenile literature in general, from the Sunday school book on one extreme to "The Boys Own Club" on the other was well discussed and handled in a pleasing manner. Miss McCaughe was the youngest looking member of the class and all in all her essay was one of the most acceptable features of the evening.

MISS HARRIETT EREWATER read an essay on "Ancient and Modern Ideas of a Practical Education," and Miss Susie Phelps gave a recitation "Tom" in a spirited and pleasing manner.

Miss Lizette Sharp, daughter of Mr. P. H. Sharp of this city, read an essay on

HOME LIFE.

Man is constituted individual in his moral character and responsibilities, and social in those relations which furnish the conditions of moral development. In the great plan of human creation the Maker established one social institution primary, indispensable and comprehensive. "Primary" in point of time and importance, indispensable in that an intelligent universe could not exist or extend to its present boundaries without it. From this source or fountain head, the other family, have in reality sprung all other social institutions. This the speaker illustrated by reviewing family life, and especially the social position of woman in France, Germany, England and the Orient.

Miss Sharp then went on to say: A woman's noblest station is retreat; Her fairest virtues fly from public sight; Domestic worth, that shuns too strong a light.

Woman's proper sphere is home. There she reigns supreme, the queen of a little band of loving subjects. Under her wise and gentle sway the better nature of all is brought out, and what is best in each is cultivated. Her chief duty is to make herself

LOVELY AND BELOVED.

Placed in the home also makes it attractive by every feminine art; but her greatest work is the careful training of a little child. All that is sweetest and best in her is brought forth in her efforts to make him noble and good. All truly great men trace their nobility to a mother. Lincoln, who was very rough in his external appearance, was, at heart, gentle and tender. The beauty of his character is traced to the influence of his delicate, loving and Christian mother, at home. Napoleon said, "The future destiny of the child is in the hands of the mother. The social position of woman depends upon the enlightenment of the nation in which she is placed. As a people advances in civilization the position of woman in society is recognized and

HER CHARACTER AND INFLUENCE

over others are better understood. True respect to woman goes hand in hand with civilization. When she is once placed in her proper position, the necessity of her being fitted for it is seen and a higher education follows.

A thorough intellectual education has not been deemed important until within a comparatively short time. It is now admitted that she should receive instruction sufficient to enable her to keep pace with man and exert an intellectual, as well as moral influence, and her moral character depends somewhat upon her education, for the decisions of conscience are based upon real or imaginary knowledge. The mother is an educator of the intellect as well as the moral. The children come from her hands.

TO RULE THE NATION

bring with them her own thoughts as their's. Hence home influence moulds the character of the nation. In this country each member of the family is taught that he has individual rights which cannot be justly interfered with; that he has, as he advances in years a part to perform in the government, and his training at home fits him for his afterlife. He is taught by intelligently submitting to his superiors to be controlled by his own better judgment, and those who have been put in rightful authority over him. From

OUR IDEAL HOME

goes forth the well trained child, the well trained child becomes the good citizen; the good citizen maintains good laws; good laws insure a good government. All social institutions receive inspiration and energy from manhood. All that is devoted and tender in home all that is noble and heroic in friendship, all the courtesy and grace of refined society, all the respect and chivalry due to woman, all the self-denial and generosity which make life beautiful, have their root in the home, and in its soil are best cultivated.

Miss Sharp and Miss Read, it will be seen presented the two sides of the women's suffrage question and as both the young ladies are launching forth into the world in which the adoption of the proposed constitutional amendment will make them important factors, their future in the political world under a new suffrage, may be supposed to be indicated in their utterances on this occasion.

Miss Alice Rogers, daughter of Milton Rogers, Esq., of this city, was the next speaker. Miss Rogers is conceded by her classmates to be THE ABLEST ESSAYIST and best allocutist in their number and she certainly did credit to her own powers, to her instructor and to her class. She is an elegant looking young lady, with a perfectly modulated voice, graceful and self-possessed. Her theme, "American Self-Reliance, as illustrated by the life of James A. Garfield," was well calculated to win the attention of the audience, and she received her meed of praise in the shape of floral tributes and warm plaudits.

"PUBLIC SPIRIT IN THE SCHOLAR" was the subject of the oration delivered by the only male member of the class, Mr. De Witt C. Huntington. Mr. H. has a good voice and a fine stage presence, and his oration was well written and excellently delivered, while it was a little more practical than the majority of orations by graduates. Mr. Huntington was heartily applauded.

At the conclusion of the programme the president of the board of education, Hon. E. K. Long, advanced upon the stage and delivered the much-prized "sheepskin" to the graduates, calling each by name. He also announced the award of the prize for the best work in botany to Donald Allan; excellence in Latin, Alice C. Harmon; best collection of insects, Will G. Doane.

He then addressed the fortunate young fledglings of this educational nest as follows: "PRESIDENT LONG'S ADDRESS. "It has become my pleasant official duty to present these diplomas as certificates that you have successfully passed the ordeal of our school requirements, and now stand ready to take a forward step upon the stage of duty either to assume the active responsibilities of a busy life, or perchance to invade the high realms of literature and science, through the medium of the university or college.

We congratulate you upon having reached this goal of youthful ambition; your presence here is evidence of work well done, of faithful and successful study. There is sincere regret too, mingled with our congratulations because your footsteps and faces will be missed in the school which has known you so long, and where you have won the respect and affection of those with whom you have been associated. It is our hope and expectation that you will not hereafter regret the hours passed within our walls.

The aim and plan of early study contemplates enduring riches—the wealth of the immortal mind—its quickening to ascend the gradations of knowledge; its enabling by a constantly enlarging circumference of thought; its strengthening by subjecting the ever new events of the physical world, the relief of the mind amid sorrows, trials and disappointments by that solace, and exhilaration which next after the Christian religion, letters can best best-w.

This early training of the mind will lead you to correct modes of thought and judgment—to usefulness and honor. And it may, indeed it must guide you to uprightness and faithfulness to duty. We need men and women educated in it true; but, at the same time, imbued with moral strength, who have a clear Yes, and a ringing No.

As you stand upon the threshold of new experiences, and actions, I would advise that you fix your minds steadfastly upon some good object in life. Choose something and stand by it. You will be certain of a reasonable success if you are governed by tenacity of purpose, and the amount of sacrifice you are called upon to make, will be the gauge of your heroism. Those who hold to their purpose, perhaps against discouraging impediments, have the temper which governs men, subdues the world of matter of objects, and leaves its mark for good. And especially will urge upon this class, composed as it is so largely of young ladies. The object in life, need not be its business. Business is but a means of attaining the object. You must be the educators, in the near future, you may in our commonwealth share with men, the duties as well as the burdens of citizenship. Much more than that ever before it becomes a sacred duty, that you pursue carefully, honestly and firmly some noble womanly object, tending towards the elevation and improved condition of all those with whom in your new sphere, you may come in contact.

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