

COMMENCEMENT OF CLASS OF '09

Closing Exercises Held Last Evening at the Grand Opera House and Were Largely Attended.

THEO. CRAIG'S ADDRESS

It Was an Eloquent Effort by Keokuk's Leading Orator—Prizes Awarded and Diplomas Given.

The commencement exercises of the class of '09 were held at the Grand opera house last evening and marks the thirty-eighth annual commencement of the Keokuk High school. The large opera house was filled with hundreds of fathers, mothers, brothers and sisters and many admiring friends. It was certainly an eventful occasion for the forty-three young graduates there assembled. The program was an excellent one, the address of the evening being an eloquent effort of Hon. Theo. A. Craig, Keokuk's leading orator. The presentation of diplomas and prizes was made by Dr. A. B. Hughes of the board of education. Music during the evening was furnished by the full opera house orchestra.

What Dr. Hughes Said.

Dr. A. B. Hughes, of the board of education, delivered a short address before presenting the diplomas and prizes and brought out a few points in his interesting talk that were some what new to both the audience and graduates. He first spoke of the expenditures of the city council as compared with the expenditures of the school board, classing the first as being spent for things of a tangible nature and the second for things of an intangible nature. The great amount of money spent in the last ten years by the school board, which amounted to about a half million dollars, has for an object an increase in the efficiency of citizenship. He called attention to the criticism offered by many business men who compare the high school graduate and the educated person with the person who has spent less time in school and say that they are unfit for business. Dr. Hughes brought out a salient point when he called attention to many business houses which employ young men and women to work simply in a machine like manner, and stated that if they could be brought into the finer points of the business and in a more confidential work, the trained mind would soon show its superiority. In addressing the class more personally he spoke of the large cost there had been to the public during their twelve years of school life and that it was now up to them to make equitable returns. They must give themselves up to public work.

Miss Grace Adele Strickler was presented with the first Kilbourne prize, which amounted to \$81.68 and Miss Mabel Bland the second Kilbourne prize, amounting to \$40.84.

The graduates receiving diplomas were the following: ROBERT ATWOOD, BENJAMIN ANSPACH, MABEL BLAND, IRWIN BODE, FLORENCE COOK.

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It is an old saying that if the stomach is sound the whole body is safe, because so much depends upon the proper working of the stomach. Many persons find themselves with a disorder of the stomach which produces dyspepsia or a peculiar state of biliousness.

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Program.

Music. Invocation—Rev. John Wesley Potter, Ph. B.

Address—Hon Theodore A. Craig, B. S.

Music.

Announcement of honors and prizes—Principal R. L. Reid, A. B., M. D.

For four year's work:

First honors—Grace Adele Strickler.

Second honors—Lawrence Frederick Reiner.

Honorable mention—Benjamin S.

Anspach, George C. Pechstein, Mabel Bland.

For the fourth Year's Work.

First Kilbourne prize—Grace Adele Strickler.

Second Kilbourne prize—Mabel Bland.

Presentation of Diplomas and prizes—Dr. A. B. Hughes of the board of education.

Benediction—Rev. John Wesley Potter, Ph. B.

Music.

Hon. Theodore A. Craig's address.

In the ancient city of Shirawan, in Persia, there stands a temple dedicated to the fire-god of Parsees. Within its venerable walls there stood until recently an altar, and upon the altar burned a sacred fire. No man knows how long the temple has stood, nor how long the sacred fire had flamed above the altar. Tradition says that the temple had counted a thousand years before the Christian era began, and that the fire, constantly and jealously guarded by the priests of the fire-worship, had burned continuously for more than eight centuries. The temple had become a shrine towards which many a weary pilgrim of that strange faith had wended his way, there to offer his devotions and seek consolation within those hallowed precincts.

During the closing hours of the nineteenth century, as a night drew its silent length toward the dawn, and the worshippers were wrapped in contemplation of the sacred relic, the flame began to grow strangely dim and feeble. The attendants in feverish haste poured the sacred oil upon the altar, but the flame grew dimmer and dimmer and more faintly shed its radiance upon the anxious faces of the devotees. Slowly and almost imperceptibly it sank lower and lower, a tiny point of light hovered for a moment above the altar and then faded away. Overwhelmed by the catastrophe and dismayed by the ill-omen, priest and pilgrim fell upon their faces in loud lamentations, and addressed their supplications to their god. But when at last they arose, the glorious dawn of a new morning poured a flood of light through the portals of the temples and bathed its gray walls in the sunshine of a new day.

Since that day the temple gates have been closed and, deserted alike by priest and zealot, the dark recesses of the shrine hold nothing but the memory of a discredited worship. But without, the faces of men are turned upward to the glory of God's sunlight, which had always shone for them, but of which they in their ignorance were unmindful.

This story of a heathen temple is symbolic of the change that in many ways has come over the world. The narrowness, the ignorance and superstition of past ages has faded before the flood of knowledge in which the world is bathed as it enters upon the twentieth century. Each generation prides itself upon being more advanced than those which have preceded it, but we today may surely be forgiven if we believe that we live in a golden age, an age that has outstripped all others, not alone in the dissemination of knowledge, but in the zeal and ingenuity with which knowledge is applied.

The crawling stage-coach no longer satisfies us, but we enter a luxuriously appointed car and are whisked away over a road of gleaming steel; our ships no longer await the caprice of the wind-god, but our monster vessels dart across the deep, regardless alike of the storm and the calm; our electric messenger speeds along his slender track across the continent in a second of time. The horse is going out of fashion. We have the electric light, the moving picture, the phonograph, the telephone, the trolley car, the aeroplane, and, more wonderful than all, from a ship afar at sea, we can talk to our friends on shore.

Nor is our progress evidenced in the mechanical arts alone. Medical science has robbed many a dread disease of its terrors, and is constantly decreasing our death-rate. The chemist has given us the anaesthetic and the antiseptic. The botanist has given us the seedless orange and the thornless cactus. The astronomer turns his spectroscope to the sun and tells us what elements compose it, or reaches out into the abyss of the heavens and draws forth a new star. The geologist looks upon the rock and tells us that here there passed a dinosaur, or that here on one paleozoic afternoon there fell a summer shower.

Under the benign influence of learning we have become not only utilitarians but humanitarians. Our charitable institutions are more numerous and more amply supported than was dreamed of twenty-five years ago. The whole fabric of our society shows a more delicate, a finer weave. Our national conscience has been awakened until we now demand that every man shall have a square deal, and that the rich offender shall be punished no less surely than the poor one. We have even undertaken the task of cleaning the municipal Augean stables. Our ideals are higher. Twice within the last half century the nation has gone to war to uphold moral truth and justice. Once when it forever wiped slavery from the face of our fair land, and once again when it stretched forth its hand to deliver an oppressed people from the yoke which has become intolerable. And above it all the light of Christianity shines more brightly than ever before.

Ah, my friends, it is good to live in the twentieth century and in America. This progress in so many things that

are altogether to be desired has not been accidental; it has not been merely a fortuitous circumstance of our existence. Beneath and above and around it all there have been active agencies, all-prevailing forces which have wrought the change. Our minds and our consciences have been educated. The school and the college, the library and the press, have done their work well, and their work has been most happily complimented by the influence of the church. The earth has been changed from a wilderness in which men groped for light to a garden where civilization and humanity reign.

Ah, but you say, look back along the pathway of history. It is strewn with the wrecks of nations that were once mighty and most puissant. Nations which have ruled the world, but could not rule themselves. Republics there were liberty-loving and patriotic, and who believed themselves no less civilized than we. Plenty and riches were their portion. Art and literature dwelt among them. We know the proud spirit of Rome. We remember the heroism of the little band that held the pass of Thermopylae against the Persian host. But how have the mighty fallen! One recalls the lament of Byron over the departed glory of Greece. The Isles of Greece; the Isles of Greece; Where burning Sappho loved and sung, Where grew the arts of war and peace, Where Delos rose and Phoebus sprung, Eternal summer gilds them yet, But all except their sun is set.

The mountains look on Marathon, And Marathon looks on the sea, And musing there an hour alone, I dream'd that Greece might still be free; For standing on the Persian's grave, I could not deem myself a slave.

A king sate on the rocky brow, That looks o'er sea-born Salamis, And ships, by thousands, lay below, And men in nations—all were his; He counted them at break of day, And when the sun was set where were they?

'Tis something in the dearth of fame, Though linked among a fettered race, To feel at least a patriot's shame, Even as I sing suffrage my face; But what is left the poet here, For Greece a blush—for Greece a tear. Greece and Rome! Rich and powerful though they were, under the enervating influences of wealth and licentiousness their strength could not endure.

Can we hope for a better result in America? Will in some distant day another poet chant a lament over our departed grandeur? Must we look forward to the time when our wealth shall have become so great and our people so weak that we too shall be drawn into a whirlpool of national disaster? I am not so pessimistic as to contemplate even for a moment any such a future for our beloved country. I believe that we have become great to remain great, and that the word "Finis" will be inscribed upon the tablet of our fame only when the heavens shall have rolled back and time shall have struck the knell of earthly things. I have not accustomed myself to view with apprehension the vista of coming time, nor to dread the day when the veil shall have been rent and we shall behold as realities the things which are now shrouded in the mists of futurity. I believe that our destiny is before us and that it is bounded only by the possibilities of human achievement.

I believe that this will be, not because we are rich, not because we are powerful, but because a school-house stands on every hill-top, and a church in the valley. Because every year that passes witnesses an increase in our educational facilities, and a better response to the earnestness with which religion points our path of duty. We can safely look to the same agencies which have brought us thus far on our way to preserve us from the

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