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LADY GRADUATES.

The Ceremonies Brightened by Music and Song.

MOUNT ST. MARY'S COLLEGE.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES—DEGREES CONFERRED—THE PAPAL BENEDICTION BESTOWED.

EMMETTSBURGH, Md., June 28, 1878.

The seventieth annual commencement of the Alma Mater of the American Hierarchy attracted a large number of the alumni and associates of the college, as well as hundreds of friends of the present students, to the mountain college on Wednesday, the 26th inst. From an early hour there was manifested the greatest activity among the young candidates, hopeful for honors and distinction, and to receive the well merited rewards of a year's hard intellectual labor. The glad anticipations of the graduates and musicians were crowned with the highest success in the line of eloquent oratory and harmonious rendition of marches, waltzes, violoncello and piano solos, &c. At the appointed hour for the commencement of the exercises the spacious hall contained a large and brilliant audience. The massive pillars supporting the lofty ceiling were entwined with evergreens and flowers, and scattered around were numbers of hanging baskets and vases containing choice flowers, the perfume from which permeated the entire hall. The entrance of the Right Rev. Archbishop Gibbons, of Baltimore, with the President, professors and alumni, was the signal for a great outburst of applause. At the head of the stage a throne under a rich canopy had been erected for his lordship, over which was placed a bust of Bishop Bruté, one of the founders of the college. Seated on the right of the Archbishop was the Rev. Father Bourseau, S. J., and on his left the President of the college, Rev. John A. Watterson. In the immediate vicinity of the throne were clustered the following clergymen and professors of the college:—Very Rev. John MacCaffrey, D. D., President Emeritus, Very Rev. John MacCloskey, D. D., Vice President; Rev. Henry McMurdie, A. M.; Rev. John O'Brien, A. M.; Rev. Thomas Fitzgerald, A. M.; Rev. Archibald Tisdall, S. J.; Rev. T. Gaffney, S. J.; Rev. Daniel Ward, A. M.; Rev. J. Duffy, A. M.; Rev. Thomas J. Keelan, A. M.; Rev. A. N. McMullan, A. M.; Professors Jourdan, LeGarde, Black, Dielman, Hickey, &c. The following alumni were also congregated on the stage:—Thomas McTighe, A. M.; Alfred Watterson, A. M.; Joseph J. Greaves, A. B., Ennis, Ireland; Harry F. Gallagher, A. B., Baltimore; Edward J. Dunphy, A. B., New York city, &c.

THE EXERCISES.

The programme of exercises was excellently arranged, the first performance being a grand entrance march by the College Orchestra, under the guidance of Dr. Dielman. Speeches, interspersed with choice selections of music, were next on the programme, the speeches and subjects being as follows:—Edward P. Allen, on "The Catholic Church and Society;" Harry S. Barbour, on "Science and Revelation;" Henry W. Duffie, on "Culture;" Charles B. Ernst, on "The Empire of the Press;" Maurice J. Hanrahan, on "Pius IX;" John S. Kinzer, on "Time's Teachings;" James B. Moore, on "Theism and Modern Thought;" Charles G. Rogers, on "Ancient and Modern Eloquence;" Frank M. Ward, on "The Wonders of Nature."

The speeches were all of a high order of eloquence, the speakers evincing a thorough mastery over the subject of their remarks. The speeches over there was a recess of half an hour, during which refreshment tables were spread in different rooms of the college, and the delicacies with which they were loaded seemed to be fully appreciated by the numerous clergy, graduates, students and invited guests, who spoke in the highest terms of the unbounded hospitality evinced by their entertainers during the day. All or the inner man had been thoroughly satisfied all again repaired to the exhibition hall, while an overture was being played by the band.

DEGREES CONFERRED.

The conferring of degrees was next in order, when the Rev. Father Bourseau, S. J., Professor of Georgetown College, and a graduate of the Mountain, arose and stated, to the surprise of all, that in pursuance of the authority invested in Georgetown College by the Sovereign Pontiff, Gregory XVI., of pious memory, that institution had delegated him to announce the conferring on the Rev. John A. Watterson, President of Mount St. Mary's, the degree of Doctor of Divinity. This announcement was the signal for another burst of genuine applause. Father Bourseau, S. J., then requested that the Archbishop would kindly condescend to bestow the ensigns of this degree. The Archbishop then presented the four cornered beretta, ring, &c., to the president, who received them kneeling. The tumult of applause produced by this action is really indescribable. Dr. Watterson responded in a Latin speech, returning his thanks and conveying his appreciation of the honor conferred on him by Georgetown College.

The degree of Doctor of Laws was then conferred on Franklin B. Gowan, Philadelphia city.

The degree of Master of Arts was conferred on the following students, who graduated with distinction two years ago:—Joseph J. Greaves, Ennis, Ireland; William E. Degnan, New York city; Harry P. Gallagher, Baltimore; Edward J. Dunphy, New York city; Bannon Coleman, Louisville, Ky.; Thomas F. Doran, Nayatt, R. I., and Isaac H. Stauffer, New Orleans, La.

The following members of the first class, on whom was conferred the degree of Bachelor of Arts, received their diplomas at the hands of the Archbishop, kneeling before His Grace, and each one kissing his signet ring:—Edward P. Allen, Lowell, Mass.; Harry S. Barbour, Washington, D. C.; Henry W. Duffie, Charleston, S. C.; Charles B. Ernst, Rochester, N. Y.; Maurice J. Hanrahan, Baltimore, Md.; John S. Kinzer, Littletown, Pa.; James B. Moore, New York city; Charles G. Rogers, Louisville, Ky.; Frank M. Ward, Washington, D. C.; Louis I. Kuimerant, Gettysburg, Pa.; Patrick Morris, New York city; William H. Toie, Newburg, N. Y.

When all the graduates had received their diplomas the valedictory address was delivered by James B. Moore, of New York city, in most affecting terms.

The Most Rev. Archbishop then gave all the professors, alumni and students of the Mountain the Papal benediction which had been sent by Pope Leo XIII., through Dr. Chatard, newly elected Bishop of Vincennes. Subsequently the premiums were delivered by His Grace, after which cheer after cheer rent the air, and everything was farewell, goodby and departure. Throughout the day a beautiful national flag floated from the dome of the college which had been presented to the Mountain cadets by Mrs. J. Q. A. Holloway, of Baltimore city.

NORWICH UNIVERSITY.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES AND MILITARY EXHIBITION.

MONTPELIER, Vt., June 28, 1878.

The fortieth annual commencement of the Norwich University and Military College, located at Northfield, Vt., closed on Thursday evening. Captain Charles H. Curtis, United States Army, was present. The baccalaureate sermon was preached on Sunday, June 23, by Rev. F. Weston Bartlett, A. M., rector of St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Monday and Tuesday were devoted to the examination. At the meeting of the trustees on Wednesday the same officers were elected, including C. H. Curtis, the president of the college. On Thursday the rhetorical exercises came off, the oration and valedictory being delivered by Cadet Captain Charles Horace Spooner, of Charlestown, N. H. The degree of Bachelor of Science was conferred upon the last speaker; that of Master of Arts upon Colonel Snyder, professor of the Industrial College, Urbana, Ill.; the degree of honorary Bachelor of Science upon G. W. Hobbs, Uxbridge, Mass.

The oration before the trustees was delivered by Rev. Edward R. Atwell, A. M., of Burlington. Subject, "Control."

The military exercises by the students exhibited great proficiency, as did also the infantry drill and dress parade, sabre drill, artillery drill and the firing of salutes. There was also a creditable exhibition of drawings upon topographical surveys.

UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES OF THE MEDICAL DEPARTMENT—AWARD OF PRIZES.

BURLINGTON, June 28, 1878.

The commencement of the medical department of the University of Vermont was held last evening in the City Hall, which was crowded. The graduating class, numbering thirty-three, was presented to President Buckham by Professor Walter Carpenter, Dean of the Medical College, who addressed them and conferred the degree of Doctor of Medicine. The presentation of diplomas followed and an address of welcome was delivered by Dr. C. M. Chandler, president of the Vermont Medical Society. The Dean announced the award of prizes. There were five honorary members. The first faculty prize of $50 for general proficiency in examinations, also a prize of $25 for the best thesis, was awarded to Nathaniel C. B. Hyland, and the second faculty prize of $25 to James Garland. The valedictory was delivered by Henry M. James, of Vermont. An address was then delivered by William Darling, M. D., Professor of Anatomy, who highly complimented the class. After the close of the exercises the graduates of the medical faculty and a large number of the guests partook of a collation. This has been the most successful and satisfactory commencement in the history of the medical department. The commencement will end to-night with the annual excursion on the steamer Vermont.

DICKINSON'S COLLEGE.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES—CONFERRING OF DEGREES.

CARLISLE, Pa., June 27, 1878.

The most delightful commencement week that has occurred for many years is just being brilliantly closed. At the residence of the President, the Rev. Dr. McCauley, the annual levee is going on. Crowds of visitors from Washington, Baltimore and Philadelphia are in attendance. Talent, wit and beauty vie with each other in attractiveness. The venerable Bishop Scott is one of the stars of the occasion. His clear mind, delightful conversational powers and devout bearing endear him to all. The commencement itself took place this morning in Emory Chapel, which was densely crowded. The programme was as follows:—Prayer; Oratio Salutatoria, by J. Harry Morgan, Philadelphia; "Spinoza," by Samuel L. Diven, Harrisburg; "Science Perverted" (scientific oration), by Thomas F. Gross, Allentown, "Ancient Eloquence" (classical oration), by Walter A. Powell, Farmington, Del.; "American Statesmen," by George E. King, Allentown; "Jean Jacques Rousseau," by James Elliott, Plainfield; Master's Oration, by J. Y. Dobbins, Camden, Del.; Master's Oration, by A. R. Bender, Greencastle. The degrees were then conferred. Valedictory, by William B. Glanding, Altoona. Benediction.

The master's oration of J. Y. Dobbins was worthy of note.

THE DEGREES.

The following honorary degrees were conferred:—

A. M.—The Rev. J. B. Van Meter, Chaplain United State Navy.

D. D.—The Rev. J. Hollis Caldwell and the Rev. Aaron Rittenhouse.

Ph. D.—Professor J. Asbury Morgan.

LL. D.—The Hon. Richard W. Thompson, Secretary of the Navy.

The list is an unusually good one. The conferring of the Doctorate of Laws upon Secretary Thompson is a just and handsome recognition of his legal and literary proficiency.

THE COLLEGE CENTENARY.

The alumni and trustees are beginning a joint movement looking to the proper observance of the centenary of the college in 1883. By that time there will probably be a new scientific building and other improvements. Emory Chapel has been purchased in behalf of the college, and is being used as a preparatory school building. The freshman class of next fall will be larger than for many years. A hopeful feeling pervades the hearts of all friends of the college, and the general expectation is that a new era of prosperity is opening up for the school unmatched by any epoch in her eventful past history.

The Pierson prize medals for excellence in oratory were awarded this morning as follows:—Gold medal, Mr. Benjamin H. Mosser, New Cumberland; silver medal, Mr. H. H. Longsdorf.

DARTMOUTH COLLEGE.

HANOVER, N. H., June 28, 1878.

The exercises of commencement week closed with the senior reception last night. Most of the students leave town to-day. The prospects are good for the next freshman class. The fall term begins August 29; medical lectures August 1.

At a meeting of the trustees of Dartmouth College last night Edwin J. Bartlett, class of '72, was appointed associate professor of chemistry, instead of Blanchard, as first reported. Lewis Pollius, instructor of French, was promoted to be professor of the French language and literature. John H. Wright, class of '73, was appointed associate professor of the Greek language and literature.

NEW YORK COLLEGE ALUMNI.

TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING—ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The Associate Alumni of the College of the City of New York held their twenty-sixth annual meeting last evening, in the college building. General Alexander P. Ketchum presided and Mr. G. H. Crawford acted as secretary. The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted. The members of the class of '78 were then introduced by Mr. Davis. The other alumni received them standing, and President Ketchum welcomed them in a few appropriate words, reading to them the preamble of the constitution which they were to sign.

The report of the Executive Committee, congratulating the association on the failure of the attempt to destroy their alma mater, was next read. The treasurer's report showed amounts received during the year $510; expended, $464 55; total amount of permanent fund, $748 04. The report of the Students' Aid Fund trustee showed the total amount of the fund to be $2,106 75; loaned, $1,439 50; balance, $667 25.

An interesting report from the Committee of Defence, appointed last year, was then read. The report set forth that on December 8 the Executive Committee authorized the appointment of the Special Committee of Defence. That on January 14 Assemblyman Thomas F. Grady introduced a bill to repeal the acts under which the college had been maintained. The history of the struggle that had thus been initiated between the college and its enemies was then narrated at length. The report concluded with the following words:—"And now just at the commencement season we receive from ex-Governor Seymour at Madison University, a most satisfactory statement of his views on free higher education. They are wholly at variance with the narrower ideas of New York's present Governor, and cover so fully the points publicly discussed during the last few months as to warrant the belief that agitation of this kind has raised up many and powerful friends for the college."

It was then resolved to have an alumni dinner next winter, to levy the usual annual assessment of $2 on each member and to continue the Committee of Defence with its former powers.

The following officers were then elected:—President, General Alexander P. Ketchum; Vice President, Arnold Tanzer; Secretary, G. H. Crawford; Treasurer, James Knox, and Historian, Frederick J. De Peyster. Mr. Charles L. Holt, trustee of the Students' Aid Fund, and the three auditors were re-elected.

The following Executive Committee was elected, the class of each year nominating its own candidate:—Class of '53, Charles L. Holt; '55, G. J. Greenfield; '56, Russell Sturges; '57, Adolph Werner; '58, M. A. Kornendt; '59, F. W. Gilley; '60, R. T. Van Buskirk; '61, D. D. Terry; '62, Joseph Koch; '63, Dr. Fisher; '64, E. D. Hudson; '65, C. H. Smith; '66, Edgar Vanderbilt; '67, C. Kimble; '68, R. R. Bowker; '69, G. C. May, Jr.; '70, George McAdam; '71, J. W. Acton; '72, S. H. Fruchtbrent; '73, Solomon Cohn; '74, I. W. Weeks; '75, G. N. Measter; '76, G. C. Hollerith; '77, Bernard Loeb, and '78, Paul Kroetz.

Addresses eulogistic of deceased members were then made, after which the members of the association adjourned to the college chapel, where a bountiful collation was spread. Several speeches appropriate to the occasion were delivered and the festivities were kept up to a late hour.

After the collation had been disposed of General Ketchum called the company to order and in an appropriate address congratulated the alumni upon the happy issue of the battle through which the college had passed. He then introduced Commissioner Watson, who, after a few commendatory remarks, gave place to Assemblyman Thain, who referred to the conflict over the Grady bill in Albany, and pledged himself to the hearty support of the institution should it ever again be similarly threatened. Professor Herferman then spoke, and following him Mr. Francis S. Williams, valedictorian and representative of the class of '78, delivered an effective address, referring to the honorable efforts of the class in defence of the college, and pledging its aid in the future if ever such aid became necessary. He was heartily applauded and gave place to Mr. E. E. Oudin, a classmate, who favored the company with two fine solos. The class song was then sung in fine style and speeches were delivered by Tutor Morrison and Trustees Wheeler and Jelliffe. The festivities were prolonged until a late hour, amid general enjoyment.

CONNECTICUT NORMAL SCHOOL.

HARTFORD, June 28, 1878.

The graduating exercises at the State Normal School, New Britain, occurred to-day, a class of sixteen receiving diplomas. Governor Hubbard, as chairman of the Board of Education, presided, and after appropriate remarks from him short addresses were made by Judge O. S. Seymour, Professor Williams, of Yale College; Mayor Camp, New Britain; Mr. Bassett, late United States Minister to Hayti, and Professor Hezar, Massachusetts. Professor Henry K. Sawyer, of Middletown, succeeds Professor Dwight in the school, the latter going to Vassar College. The exercises closed with a reunion this evening at Normal Hall.

ESSEX INSTITUTE.

A MASSACHUSETTS LITERARY AND SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY LOOKING AT THE NOTABILITIES OF NEWPORT.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE HERALD.]

NEWPORT, R. I., June 28, 1878.

Members of the Essex Institute, of Salem, Mass., to-day visited the Newport beaches, Fort Adams and other interesting localities in and about this city. The society, which numbers nearly five hundred members, has for its object the glorification of Essex county and its literary celebrities, among whom are Caleb Cushing, Gail Hamilton, William H. Prescott, Nathaniel Hawthorne, Maria Cummins, Mrs. Prescott Spofford, J. G. Whittier and Edwin P. Whipple.

This evening the Essex visitors were received in the art department of the Redwood Library, where they were welcomed by the President, Francis Brinley, and others.

To-morrow, upon the invitation of Captain Breese, in command of the torpedo station, they will be his guests, and be shown the triumphs of American ingenuity as applied to submarine warlike operations. Governor Van Zandt will accompany the party.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

CLOSING EXERCISES OF THE FEMALE DEPARTMENT OF GRAMMAR SCHOOL NO. 4.

The closing exercises of the female department of Grammar School No. 4, No. 203 Rivington street, took place yesterday morning. Professor G. W. Curtis superintended the music and Miss J. Robertson presided as the principal, while Mr. Frederick Holsten, one of the trustees, conducted the exercises. After a chorus by the school entitled "Down Where the Blue Bells Grow," Miss Louise Burkhart sang "Sweet Chiming Bells," Miss L. Brown recited "How He Saved St. Michael," and Misses Nettie and Emma James sang "Beautiful Night." Then the school sang the chorus, "What Are the Wild Waves Saying?" which was followed by "Antitheses" by the first class, and by "Oh, Merry Hours," by Miss Nettie James. Miss Sarah Hyman opened the second part of the exercises with the solo, "I'm Wearing Awa, Jean," and the school followed with Meyerbeer's "Vale of Rest." Miss Genevieve Riggs recited Proctor's "Legend of Bregenz," after which came a solo by Miss Virginia Wallace, and a chorus by the school. A piano solo of selections from "Norma," by Miss Mary Rieß, followed, and Miss Nettie James and school closed the programme with a solo and chorus. Diplomas were then presented to the eight graduates who are to be admitted to the Normal College and whose names were published in the HERALD of the 17th inst., with the exception of Miss Louisa Gunter, who has recently been admitted to the roll of honor. Books were also given to deserving pupils, and the morning closed with addresses by ex-Trustee Dr. Roberts, Rev. C. Rhodes, of the Central Baptist Church, Williamsburg; Rev. G. W. Wenner, Marvin Briggs, and by G. W. Relyea and Frederick Holsten, trustees.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL NO 5.

The semi-annual distribution of certificates in the primary department of Grammar School No. 5 took place in the school building, Mott street, near Spring. The exercises were under the direction of Miss E. McGill, principal, and were opened with a salutatory address by Josie Plunkett. A welcoming chorus was sung by all the pupils. Several little boys then portrayed the "Model School" in a short dialogue. The chorus "Happy Land" followed, by the school, and then twelve little girls represented the different months of the year, each reciting some piece appropriate to the month which she impersonated. "Ring the Bells," a chorus, by the school, was very well sung. Several little girls recited "Sheridan's Ride," and another chorus, "Cherry Time," was sung. Master O'Brien delivered the recitation "Early Rising" and Fannie Martin sang the solo, "Wolf at the Door," being joined by the school in the chorus. Dr. Smith, chairman of the Board of Trustees; John R. Kinner, a member of the same board, and several other gentlemen made remarks appropriate to the occasion. The scholars next gave an exhibition of their skill in calisthenics. Marian Kelly sang the solo, "Buy My Flowers," and Master Eagan recited a piece entitled "Give the Little Boys a Chance." "Nine o'Clock in the Morning" was then sung by the school. "Polly to Her Dolly" was a very pretty piece spoken by Sadie Kelly, a little girl only five years old. "A Will and a Way" was sung by the school, Marian Kelly recited "Gramma's Beau," and another chorus, the "Children's Te Deum" followed. Addie Mulen played the piano solo "Mountain Belle Schottische," and Master Dougherty recited "Child's Faith." The "Queen of Flowers" was next played by several of the children. Rosemary Sullivan was the Queen and looked very pretty in her new blue silk dress. Master Bell in song mimicked the "Yankee Pedler," and Masters O'Brien and Casey entered into a dialogue about a "Broken Drum." The valedictory was delivered by A. McGowan. The distribution of certificates was then made to the 135 students of the higher classes whose names have been published in the HERALD. The musical part of the programme was conducted by Miss Plunkett and the singing was under the direction of Miss Dempsey.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL NO. 8.

It is the custom in the Eighth Ward Primary School to hold special exercises every Friday morning as a means of making the school more attractive to the 600 little ones whose names are on its books. Yesterday, being the last Friday of the school year, the exercises were much more elaborate than usual, the programme enumerating some score or more of recitations, dialogues, solos, duets and various other performances of a miscellaneous kind. The decorations consisted of flags and flowers, small banners bearing the Stars and Stripes being entwined about the iron pillars supporting the ceiling and larger bits of bunting standing out in groups at intervals along the walls. Numerous bouquets and vases containing fresh cut flowers stood upon the piano and the teacher's desk; but the room, when filled with the children of the infant and elder classes, was radiant with a beauty greater than that of any vegetable growth. The children of the primary department of this school show no traces of hothouse culture, but rather of an abundance of outdoor air and light. Still, like all other children, they set a high value upon vacation days, and their little eyes sparkled yesterday at the near approach of perfect freedom. Parents, too, had not neglected their pleasant duty and the little ones were arrayed in spotless garments of calico, muslin, linen and in some few cases silk. The ages of the pupils range everywhere from four to eleven years, and the infant class room is separated from that of the older ones by ground glass partitions. But these were all thrown wide open yesterday, allowing the eye to take in the entire floor at a glance. Miss A. Willett, the principal of the school, sat at the elevated desk, while behind her, on the platform and about it, were gathered Mr. J. Gilmore Boyd, trustee of the school; Mr. Partridge and some thirty or forty more ladies and gentlemen, parents of the pupils or friends of the teachers.

The exercises opened with a recitation by Master Guidalia, followed by that very familiar song, "Mary had a little lamb," in which the whole school joined in infantile chorus. The "Useful Girl" was then described by Miss Pena Miller, and shortly afterward a dialogue was listened to in which something was told of an "Heiress in Calico." The infant class now exercised its lungs on "Yankee Doodle," an air not wholly unfamiliar to the audience. Miss Annie Tyner told of some of the disagreeable traits of a "Little Chatterbox," and Miss Mary O'Brien expressed a wish in the song, "Put My Little Shoes Away," which was unanimously echoed by the chorus. Among the other soloists and recitationists were Miss Addie Lopez Diaz, Miss Lizzie Cunningham and Master Henry Plaghe. All of these performances were followed by the warmest applause, but none more so than "the Mocking Bird" duet for violin and piano, the violinist being Master Michael Mather, of the first class, and the pianist Miss Josie Herrick, who had general direction of the musical exercises. Two other piano and violin duets were played, one before the above and another near the end. Not the least interesting feature of the entertainment was a brilliant performance with wooden dumb bells swung by fourteen little girls. The "Flower of Liberty" was recited by five boys, and the exercises continued at the expiration of an hour with a chorus, "Vacation." The children met with an unexpected pleasure in a little address by their trustee, Mr. Boyd. Regular studies were then resumed, and on Wednesday next, at noon, the school will be closed for the summer. The reception of the boys' department of the grammar school, in the same building, will take place on Tuesday next.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL NO. 10.

The exercises of the graduating class of 1878 of Grammar School No. 10 took place in the large hall of the school. Mr. Kiddle, General Superintendent; Mr. Schell, chairman of the Board of Trustees; Mr. Edward Bill, Mr. Earle, ex-trustee; Messrs. Agnew and Aube, inspectors, and Mr. Fuller, ex-commissioner, were on the platform. Mr. Kiddle conducted the exercises. The first part of the programme commenced by a procession of all the pupils, singing the anthem, "Praise ye the Lord," followed by an instrumental solo by Miss Josie Seebach. A composition, entitled "Welcome," by Miss Jessie Colburn, came next in order, and was followed by the "Silent Night" in chorus by all the pupils. A solo, "Nearest Thou," was sung by Miss Mary Springarn, which was followed by a recitation, "The Minstrel's Curse," by Mary Hanna, when the pupils sang "Happy and Light." Miss Mattie Jordan then recited "The Bride's of Enderby," and "Baby Mine" was beautifully sang by Miss Maggie Murphy. The Girard medals were then presented to Miss L. Rooney and L. King. "Josiah Allen's Wife's Shopkeeping Experience" was humorously read by Miss Maggie Borst, and a solo, "Wake Not, My Darlings," was sung by Miss Annie Barrett. A second time Miss J. Colburn came forward and recited "How He Saved St. Michael's," and "Oh! How Delightfull!" a solo, was given by Miss L. Rollis. At this stage of the proceedings Mr. Edward Bell presented a handsome book to Miss Emilie Handt for her punctuality and regular attendance, accompanying the gift with a few pleasant remarks. Mr. Kiddle presented diplomas to the graduates, whose names have already appeared in the HERALD, and complimented the graduates and their teachers, after which "Our Father in Heaven" was sung in chorus by the pupils. The valedictory was delivered by Miss Emma L. Rollis.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL NO. 23.

In Grammar School No. 23, City Hall place, a large assemblage was gathered to witness the closing exercises. The programme was varied and interesting, consisting of declamations, readings and dialogues, interspersed with choice musical selections. Silver medals, the gift of the principal, Mr. Hugh P. O'Neill, were presented to the following boys:—Martin Barrett, first class; Daniel Barry, first class, second division; William Gilroy, second class; Jonathan Lovelock, third class; Frederick McNamara, fourth class; John Nixon, fifth class, and Charles Sullivan, sixth class. Numbers of prizes were also presented to other deserving pupils. Mr. John Van Glohn, chairman of the Board of School Trustees of the Sixth ward, presided. There were six graduates, whose names have already been published in the HERALD.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL NO. 26.

At Grammar School No. 26, West Thirtieth street, near Sixth avenue, Mr. Hugh Carlisle principal, a long and interesting programme was carried out. Among the visitors were Messrs. Thomas J. Hall and Dr. Henry D. Ranney, school trustees of the Twentieth ward; Messrs. Erastus Littlefield, M. Roach and John H. Tietjen, ex-trustees, and Rev. Mr. Searles. The exercises consisted of the prayer from "Moses in Egypt," solo and chorus; salutatory, by Master Edwin B. Graham; recitation, "Scott and the Veteran," "The World's Theatre for Labor," by A. G. F. Dumas; recitation, "Kissing Telephone," a very funny composition, well rendered by Master Charles Hallowell, and an interesting military drill of two battalions, under the direction of Mr. William B. Van Cott. Ellsworth L. Horton delivered the valedictory. Diplomas were then presented to the graduates, whose names have already appeared in the HERALD.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL NO. 44.

Grammar School No. 44, or the old North Moore street school, of which Mr. Samuel Morehouse is principal, was busy during the forenoon and afternoon with the closing exercises for the term. About ten o'clock the school room of the male department was filled with the boys, and among the guests on the platform were Mr. John C. Huser, chairman of the Board of Trustees, who presided; Mr. King, school trustee of the ward; Mr. Stone, an old Fifth ward resident; Mr. Bowne, of the Board of Education, and Mr. Legget, school trustee of the ward. An opening hymn, "Praise to God, Immortal Praise," having been sung, the third grade certificates were distributed. A song by the school intervened between this and the distribution of the second grade certificates, and a chorus entitled "Praise of No. 44," preceded the distribution of certificates of the first grade. The total number of certificates given was 168. Then an address was made to the scholars by Mr. King, after which the chairman presented the diplomas to the fifteen graduates, whose names have already been published in the HERALD. The exercises in this department closed with the singing of the "Vacation Song" by the school.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

The trustees and visitors were then invited to the room occupied by the primary department, of which Miss Mary J. Dowlin is principal, and here the children—boys and girls—were already awaiting the opening of the exercises. The programme was made up of a selection of songs, which intervened between the distribution of the certificates. Certificates were given to thirty-four boys and fifty-five girls of the first grade, to twenty-seven boys and fifty-one girls of the second grade and to twenty-four boys and thirty-one girls of the third grade. After addresses by some of the trustees the exercises were brought to a close.

FEMALE DEPARTMENT.

The most interesting part of the commencement took place in the female department, of which Miss J. A. A. Ebbets is principal. The same gentleman who had presided over the proceedings in the two other departments officiated here also, but the programme of exercises was much more elaborate. The senior young lady graduates, whose names have already been published in the HERALD, occupied front seats. The exercises opened with an address by Mr. Bowne, followed by the hymn, "King, All Glorious." Miss Maggie Loghry, who was highly distinguished at the school examinations, as well as at the annual school test for admission, then read a very neat composition of her own entitled "The Elevated Railroad." A song having been sung, third grade certificates were distributed to seventy-five of the girls, and, with the intermission of some singing, certificates of the second grade were distributed to sixty-five girls, and of the first grade to thirty-eight. The next prominent part of the programme was the declamation "Launching of the Ship," by Miss Lottie Havens, of the graduating class, which was followed by the singing of "Vive L'America." Next there was a recitation, "The Red, White and Blue," by three little girls—Misses Lina Sturke, Mamie Jackson and Lillie Mayer. Miss Maggie Loghry recited the "Polish Boy," after which the graduating class received their diplomas from the chairman. Addresses by Messrs. Stone and Leggatt followed, and then Miss Lizzie McDonald gave the valedictory. The "Graduates Song" preceded the presentation of premiums—all gifts from the principal and teachers—to Misses Maggie Loghry, Lizzie Donald, Minnie Gehren, Katie Donnelly, Alvena Groff, Nellie O'Hara, Emma Yoring, Dora O'Hara and Mary Rust. The "Vacation Song" terminated the exercises.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL NO. 45.

The graduating exercises of the senior class, Grammar School No. 45, took place in presence of a large audience. When the graduates and pupils, to the number of about three hundred, had filed into their seats at the sounding of a little bell they were briefly addressed in some appropriate remarks by Mr. Mathew Bird, chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Sixteenth ward, who presided. After the whole school had chanted "Hear Me, O Lord" the Lord's Prayer was recited, and President Wood, of the Board of Education, read from the Old Testament. Miss Sallie B. Canfield read a composition entitled "A Plea for Fashion." Miss Frances L. Lyons recited "Auntie Doleful," and Miss Clara Boucsein entertained the audience with a solo, "The Lost Chord." A German recitation was given by Miss Ella Condie, after which Miss Lillie Graham sang "May Blossoms" as a solo. The names of the graduating class, to the number of forty-six, as published in the HERALD of the 17th inst., were then announced, the young ladies being informed that they would receive their diplomas immediately after the exercises were concluded. Rev. Dr. Newman, of the Central Methodist Church, addressed the graduates. The valedictory was delivered by Miss Helen M. Seaver. President Wood having been called upon addressed the pupils on the importance of the occasion to them all. He adverted to the high character which the school had sustained heretofore, saying that although it was only the sixth largest in the city it stood second in the number of students sent annually to the Normal College, and that it had on an average a higher percentage than any other female school in New York. President Wood, before concluding his remarks, paid a high compliment to the principal, Miss Mary E. Tate, adding that he hoped the trustees would endeavor to lighten her arduous labors as much as possible. At the close of the exercises a special prize of a twenty-dollar gold piece was awarded for the highest percentage in the principal's examination to each of the following graduates:—Misses Helen Seaver, Sallie Canfield, Ella Condie, Gertrude Feuno and Mary Lee. These prizes, it is understood, were given by the school trustees. They were presented by Dr. Newman in a few happily chosen words.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL NO. 59.

In Grammar School No. 59, on East Fifty-seventh street, Miss Drew, principal, the female department held its reception in the morning and the male department in the afternoon. The spacious school room on the third floor was dressed in flowers and was filled with the friends and parents of the pupils, of which latter there were 670. The exercises of the female department were opened with the singing of a hymn by the school, followed by a duet, sung by Miss Josie Simm and Miss Belle Livingston. Miss Kate Baruc read the "Painter of Seville," and a trio of young ladies sang "Hear Our Prayer." Miss Lina Schottenfels sang that coquettish little song, "Dare I Tell," with much archness, and Miss Hattie Clevenger recited "Jonathan's Latest Inventions," Miss Rebecca Knox sang the ballad, "Baby Mine," and was enthusiastically applauded. The valedictory was delivered by Miss Emma McGibney. The names of the graduates have already been published in the HERALD. Miss Bella Hirsch, who is only thirteen years old, won the gold medal for the second highest marks in the college examinations. Miss Wilhimina Dunne was presented with an amethyst ring by her classmates for proficiency in composition. Miss Kate Baruc and Miss Amelia Smith each received a silver medal for scholarship, and Miss Mary McCoy a silver medal for mathematics. Many of the young ladies were presented with baskets of flowers. Among the visitors were Mr. Thalmessinger, chairman of the Board of Trustees; Mr. Eugene Pomeroy and Mr. John W. Groaton, who presided. The musical part of the programme was under the charge of Charles H. Hanschel, Professor of Music in the New York public schools.

THE MALE DEPARTMENT.

The male department of this school, Mr. John Boyle, principal, held its reception at half-past one. The exercises were opened with music, followed by a recitation from Cardinal Wolsey by Victor Wolff. Master A. Schoenfaber read a selection entitled, "Now and Then." The glee class, formed of four picked voices, sang "Moonlight on the Lake" and "Beautiful Dreamer," after which Masters Victor Wolff and O. Neike spoke a dialogue, and Henry Oppenheimer recited "The Frenchman and the Rain." The duet from "La Belle Helene," played on the piano and violin by Masters Gustave Sanger, Henry Jacobi and Alfred Fischer, was capitally rendered. The performance of Master Kamiaski, ten years of age, on the piano elicited loud applause.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL NO. 61.

The graduating exercises of the class of 1878 of Grammar School No. 61 took place in the large hall of the building. They were begun by the chorus "Melcombe," sung by the school. Mr. John B. Moore, the principal, read from the Scriptures and the scholars sang "Te Deum Laudamus." Master Edward Stryker delivered the salutatory address, and the two-part song, "Welcome, Welcome, Every Guest," was sung by the school. Mr. Moore took occasion to say that the introduction of part singing in the school was made at the instance of Mr. Manner, one of the trustees, who had urged it some six months ago. The really unusual excellence of the singing bore testimony to the skill of the teachers, all of whom, Mr. Moore said, were qualified to assist and did assist in the musical drill. Master Irving Will gave as a declamation "The Vision of Sir Launfal," and Kate Condon read with much grace and spirit the always amusing extract, "The Pickwickians on Ice." Misses Minnie Buckler and Adele Holden sang very charmingly the duet, "Wandering in the May Time." Miss Annie Brewster gave her ideas on "Discord and How to Avoid It" in a clever composition and James Pickard recited a "Eulogy on Washington. Augusta De Nobriga sang as a solo a song entitled "George Washington," and Alice Rich read a most amusing composition entitled "Topics of the Times." In it she described the contents of a newspaper, very cleverly embodying her views on various political and social matters, and expressing these views with demure gravity. George Schaettler recited "The Men to Make a State," and Christopher Flood recited "High Tide." At almost imperceptible signals from one of the teachers the pupils then performed a number of evolutions and sang "Murmur, Gentle Lyre." Miss Kate Swift recited very prettily a poem called "The Bird's Nest," and Ida Schwoeppe followed with a composition on "Reading." Master William Sinclair recited "Thank God for Summer," and all the scholars joined in the song, "Oh Swallow, Happy Swallow." Master Edward Stryker followed with "The Vagabond" as a recitation, and the school sang, in chorus, the song, "Oh, Give Me Honest Friends." Miss Mary Lynch recited "The Polish Boy" and the school sang "The Evening Bells." After this the diplomas were presented to the graduating class of twelve scholars whose names have already been published in the HERALD. The Rev. Mr. Van Gasbeck made the address to the graduates. The graduates song and a number of quotations well recited by the scholars, followed this, and the valedictory by Miss Adele Holden finished the exercises proper. Addresses were then made by Commissioner Marierre, Dr. King, Mr. Manner and others, and the dismissal song, "Away, away," was sung by the school.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL NO. 64.

The graduating exercises of the class of '78 of Grammar School No. 64, located on Thomas avenue, Fordham, were held in the large hall of the building, which was profusely and handsomely decorated. The exercises began with reading the Scriptures by Mr. William J. Kennard, the principal, after which there was a chant and the anthem, "Suffer Little Children," sung by the school. The salutatory address was delivered by Mattie V. Bussing, and her greeting was responded to by liberal applause. Adams' chorus, "Nancy Lee," was sung by the school, and Master Michael Downs recited "The Last Banquet," by Renaud. Mendelssohn's duet, "I Would That My Love," was very prettily sung by Isabel Niles and Constance Gibbens, after which the whole school sang a chorus from "The Bohemian Girl." Mamie P. Dechert recited an anonymous piece entitled "Kentucky Belle," and Anna Cornell played on the piano a tarantelle by Sydney Smith. Half a dozen or more short literary selections were then declaimed by as many pupils and the school sang another chorus, "Birdie's Ball," and Master Willie J. Dufley concluded the first half of the programme with a recitation by some anonymous humorist entitled "The Fourth of July." The second part of the programme began with Adams' chorus, "Oh, Holy Night," sung by the school with remarkable accuracy and taste, as was the case indeed with all the singing in the programme. Miss Rose M. Loughman recited "The Last Hymn," after which Miss Constance Gibbons sang "Robin Adair" and the school sang the chorus, "The Wind." A number of literary selections similar to those in the first part of the programme were recited with no little spirit by various pupils, and the school sang another chorus,