

## THE DEDICATION EXERCISES

ONE THOUSAND PEOPLE ATTENDED PROGRAM IN NEW HIGH SCHOOL FRIDAY NIGHT

One of the largest audiences ever assembled in one building in this city gathered last Friday evening in the auditorium of the new high school to hear the dedicatory exercises. The seating capacity of the spacious room is 600 and it is estimated that with all extra chairs and seats which were put in for the occasion, and with those in the halls, 1,000 people heard the program.

The program, although quite long, was much enjoyed by the audience.

The girls' glee club of the High school opened the program with a selection from Bachmann-Wolff, which was well received. This club was organized since the opening of school last fall and their work showed excellent success on the part of the leader, Miss Lyman, assistant principal at the high school. Following the song by the girls' glee club, Rev. Frank Atkinson gave the invocation.

S. C. Vasaly, a member of the board of education, delivered an address on the history of the Little Falls public schools. Mr. Vasaly told of the first public school in this city, it being located on Broadway east near the Broadway bridge. This school was built in 1847. The second school building was erected at the corner of First street and Second avenue northeast, immediately across the street from the site of the new high school building. Later another building called the "Little Red School House" was erected at the corner of Third street and First avenue, northeast.

The first class to graduate from the high school in this city numbered 4 students, this being in the year 1893. Some of the members of the class still live in this city.

The Columbia and Lincoln schools, the former of which is still standing, were built in 1892. The latter burned in 1902 and a new building was erected in its place, McCusker & Harrison being the contractors. The Hawthorne school was built in 1894.

In 1897 the old high school building burned and the present Central school was erected. In the same year the parochial school was erected on Fourth street southeast. This school, the speaker said, has saved the taxpayers of this city at least \$60,000 since its opening. Mr. Vasaly also spoke of the Little Falls Business college as being a valuable institution. Mr. Millard opened this school in 1906 with a meager equipment, small floor space and other inconveniences but at the present time the school stands as a model for others in this state with an equipment valued at \$10,000 and with 5,000 feet of floor space. Mr. Vasaly in his remarks also mentioned the value of

the kindergarten, which was organized here by Miss Bertha Rhodes in 1901, which now has an average attendance of 25 children, who range in age from 3 to 6 years.

The Men's Glee club of this city aided greatly in making the program interesting. Their excellent rendition of "Men of Harlech" brought much applause and before they returned to their seats they sang "Stars of the Summer Night." This song impressed the audience very favorably and the club responded to an encore with "A Stein Song." The club was organized in 1912 and has a membership of about 20. Miss Maude Girault Smalley, the able director, is given credit for the excellent showing of the club.

C. Gordon, president of the board of education, gave an address on the history of the new high school. He reviewed the conditions which have made the erection of the new building necessary. The increase in attendance has been due, to a large extent, to the addition of the manual training, agricultural and domestic science departments in the schools.

Manual training was first introduced in the Lincoln school on the west side. It was found to be a success and the result was that the students of the high school demanded it. Later through an act of the state legislature the schools having an agricultural, domestic science and manual training department were entitled to \$2,500 special aid for these purposes. This did much to firmly establish these subjects in the high school curriculum. Before the introducing of these departments in the high schools there was sufficient room. The year after it was started they were so crowded as to make it necessary to put two grades in a down town building. The following year three grades were housed in rooms in the business section, with the result that the citizens made a protest. A number of parents' meetings were held and the cry was for a new school building.

Finally a mass meeting was called to sound the sentiment of the taxpayers as to the voting of bonds for a new high school or graded school. A vote was taken, which showed that the demand was practically unanimous for a new high school building. The matter of erecting an absolutely fireproof building was taken up, but dropped, as it was found to be impossible to erect such a building at less than double the cost of the present building. Mr. Gordon stated that special care has been taken in the erection of the new high school building to make it as near fire-proof as possible, and for this reason the boiler rooms are separated from the main building by a solid concrete wall. All wiring is encased in steel tubing, so that fire from this cause would be practically impossible. In case of fire, the main assembly room could be emptied in one minute, said Mr. Gordon.

Mr. Gordon brought out the fact that the taxpayers of this city do not

pay a high school tax, considering that all text books are furnished to the pupils. He said that while that tax was some higher this year, he thought that by next year it would be reduced.

He urged the use of the new high school building for educational purposes and stated that he for one, as a member of the school board, would be in favor of the board granting all public educational and musical organizations of a non-sectarian nature the free use of the building.

Mr. Gordon expressed thanks to Superintendent F. W. Dobbys, for his assistance in suggesting ideas before the new high school was built, which helped to a great extent to make it what it is, the height of perfection.

Geo. B. Aiton, state inspector of high schools, was next to address the audience. In his opening remarks he used the biblical quotation, "Rejoice With Me, For I Have Found That Which Was Lost," in speaking to the citizens of Little Falls. He said that the city has found itself and placed itself on the map.

He called the attention of the audience to the statements given out by such men as J. J. Hill, railroad magnate, who has been decrying the public school work. He said that in this matter the bigger business men are greatly mistaken, and that never before have the students of the schools attained so high a standard as they are reaching at the present time.

The demand of the average business man of today is for a young man or lady who can spell, write and decipher correctly and neatly and that the high school of today turns out a fairly respectable outfit for the business man's selection, was the opinion of the speaker.

Mr. Aiton said that he attended the mass meeting which was held for the purpose of getting the sentiment of the citizens as to the erection of a new school here, and that he was glad to have the opportunity of attending the dedicatory exercises. He said in closing his address that there was yet one department lacking in the schools. This is a department that would have charge of the social and club work of the community.

Dr. Geo. E. Vincent, president of the state university, gave the principal address. He is an eloquent speaker and those who heard his talk, which lasted for an hour, could have listened to him for another hour without noticing the flight of time.

Mr. Vincent opened his address by saying that the citizens of Little Falls had invited a number of educators to attend the exercises. They all belonged here at this time and each and every person was expected to be present. He referred to Mr. Aiton, state high school inspector, as one who was trying to introduce the "tango" in their midst from the start, but said that the inspector was always expected to take some advanced ground.

In speaking of the building of the new high school, Mr. Vincent stated that it is something that we all have achieved, that the school was not from the largeness of some wealthy person. He said that the school was built for the children—the boys and the girls—who has a right to development and social intercourse. The idea that a child must be treated as meanly as possible when he is being brought up in order to eradicate the evil propensities, and to make him do things that he does not like, as well as many other extremes, such as luxuries, etc., only result to his detriment.

Children, in general, are greatly susceptible to control, said the speaker. They will follow the leader of their group, and try to imitate him. As an example of this Dr. Vincent told of many happenings of his own boyhood days.

The attitude of mothers towards their children was discussed by the speaker. Some mothers, he said, force their children to wear clothes which they know are ill-fitting or odd looking and which the children as a general rule object to. The result is that they are attacked by others of their group and are disciplined. The ability to understand the children's point of view is something very difficult to acquire, said the speaker. The same attitude as is shown the children by the grownups will be shown to them by the children. As an example of this he told of the days when he attended school. At the beginning of the school term he was in what was termed the "worst class." Later, with a new teacher in charge, who took them into her confidence, they were soon termed the "best class" in the school.

Superintendent H. E. White of Ely, formerly superintendent of the local schools, was present at the dedication exercises and was called upon to give a few remarks. He congratulated the people of Little Falls for the great improvements which have marked their progress during the past few years. He said that it was a pleasure for him to see so many friendly and familiar faces and that often he thinks of the students and citizens of Little Falls. He closed his remarks saying that he shared with the citizens of this city the joy in the dedication of such a splendid high school building. "Kentucky Babe" and "Aunt Marjorie," two excellent selections, were rendered by the high school girls' glee club and the program was concluded with the song, "The Star Spangled Banner," sung by the audience.

### LOCAL HIGH LOST TO WADENA.

The local high school team met a bad defeat at the hands of the Wadena high school quint at that place last Saturday, the score being 27 to 1 in favor of the Wadena team at the close of the game. The lineup of the local team was greatly changed from the regular, due in part to the new rules, with which the students must conform in order to be eligible for a position on the team.

### CONFIRMS LARGE CLASS

Rev. Bishop Trobec of St. Cloud confirmed a class of 112 children at the Sacred Heart church Sunday morning.

## ABOUT THE NEW HIGH SCHOOL

DESCRIPTION OF BUILDING AND CONTENTS—ALSO USE OF VARIOUS ROOMS

On last Friday the new high school, which has been completed but two weeks, was inspected by at least 1,500 people of this city. The building was open to visitors from 3 o'clock in the afternoon until 11 o'clock in the evening, and all rooms were shown to the people and their use explained by students of the high school.

In the new high school the citizens have an institution of which they may be justly proud. It is so arranged throughout as to make it comfortable and convenient in every respect. Geo. B. Aiton, state inspector of high schools who was in the city Friday for the dedication exercises, in speaking of the school, said that at the present time there is no better arranged school building in the state of Minnesota, the twin cities and Duluth included.

The school is located in the heart of the city, occupying nearly a square block of territory. It faces First street northeast, overlooking the Mississippi river. The building is a three-story structure, designed on modified gothic style, faced with red Menominee sand mold brick, and trimmed with Bedford sandstone. The foundation is of solid concrete, with a rough outer finish. Four principal entrances lead into the building, two main entrances from the front and two smaller ones from the back of the building. The front entrances are built entirely of Bedford sandstone, artistically arranged.

Being equipped with the Johnson system of heat regulation, which controls the temperature of every room, and which is adjustable for any temperature, warm or cold, the building is always evenly heated. Another system of humidifiers and humidifiers place the proper amount of moisture in the atmosphere. These devices not only tend to make the condition of the rooms desirable but also save a large amount of fuel. The entire building is piped for a vacuum cleaner outfit but as yet no machinery for this purpose has been installed.

On each side of the boiler rooms is a large fan, which is operated by an electric motor of 7 1/2 horse power. These fans, which are about eight feet in diameter, supply fresh air to all the rooms in the building. The air which is rushed through channels is warmed to a temperature of 70 degrees before entering the rooms.

The local system of telephones has been installed in the high school. These phones are in addition to the Northwestern telephones, and are only for use in the building.

An electric clock, which will operate all other clocks in the entire building, has been installed. This clock rings all inside and outside gongs, calling and dismissing classes, etc. The building is wired for 12 secondary clocks but as yet only one has been installed.

On the north wing of the first floor of the building the manual training department is located. This consists of a finishing room, work shop with 25 benches, machine room containing four lathes, a jointer and circular saw and a lumber storing room. Individual lockers are provided for each student.

Between the front entrances are the superintendent's offices and the rooms for the board of education. Adjoining the superintendent's room on the east side is a fireproof vault for the storing of records and other valuable papers of the school.

On the south wing of the first floor are the biology room, agricultural laboratory, agricultural recitation room, agricultural storage room and conservatory, where plants, which will be necessary for the agricultural and biological classes, will be grown. This last room has a cement floor with a drain in the center. The agricultural and biological rooms are fitted with the proper desks, tables, cupboards, cases, drawers, etc., for the storage of material and housing of apparatus. The biology room is being used by the normal department this year.

The gymnasium, which is located on the first floor, has a floor space of 50 by 60 feet in the clear and a space of 15 by 60 feet for the audience. Directly off the gymnasium on the north and south sides are dressing rooms with lockers for the boys and girls respectively. In addition to the above there are two spacious apparatus rooms, boys' and girls' toilet rooms, janitor's room, and supply and storage rooms adjoining the gymnasium.

Directly back of the gymnasium on the east side are the boiler, fuel and fan rooms. The heating plant has had a good test during the past few days and as yet no trouble has been experienced in keeping the building comfortable.

An assembly room, 60 by 80 feet, clear of the stage, occupies the east central portion of the second floor. The stage is 20 by 30 feet. On the west side of the stage is the principal's office and on the opposite side is the physics apparatus room. These two small rooms will be used as dressing rooms for high school plays. The main assembly room will seat 350 students, one in a seat. It is expected that within the next two weeks the attendance at the high school will fall but little short of this number, as in the neighborhood of 75 students will attend the short course, which lasts for a period of six weeks.

The south wing of the second floor is used for the science department. This department occupies several rooms, consisting of physics laboratory, recitation room and chemical laboratory, fitted up with laboratory tables and desks which are equipped with acid proof tops. An exhaust fan which has been installed in the attic and which connects with 12 vent pipes which open into the tops of chemical tables, serves to draw out all poisonous gases which may generate during the process of experiments.

Directly above the superintendent's

offices but on the second floor are the mechanical drawing room and blue print room. The mechanical drawing room is fitted up with tables which have been made by members of the manual training department.

On the north wing of the second floor are located a rest room, two recitation rooms for history and English and the school library. The library has been so arranged as to open directly from the main assembly room and the hall.

Near the main entrance doors to the general assembly room are two large and well lighted cloak rooms, with toilet rooms adjoining. These toilet rooms are finished in white Keene cement, with tile floors. The janitor also has a closet with hot and cold water and slop sink on this and the third floor.

The south wing of the third floor is devoted to domestic science. This suite of rooms consists of a sewing room, fitting room, kitchen, pantry and dining room. These rooms are all well equipped for work in home economies. In the front of the building on the third floor two mathematics recitation rooms are located. The desks in these rooms, as well as in several other rooms, are from the old high school building, and have been scraped, restained and varnished by the high school students. In all about 175 seats have been refinished.

On the north wing of this floor are a large recitation room for English, a typewriting room, equipped with eight typewriters, four Remington and four Underwoods, and a large commercial room. There are also two large recitation rooms on this floor which are unfurnished.

For fire protection each floor is equipped with two hose racks, containing fifty feet of hose and a nozzle.

The building proper is built on the plan of a hollow square, with the gymnasium and assembly rooms in the center. The building is so arranged that all light comes into the recitation rooms from one side only, thus avoiding cross lights.

The board of education which has served during the time the new high school building has been erected are as follows:

T. C. Gordon, president.  
L. E. Richard, secretary.  
John Wetzel, treasurer.  
Gerald W. Massey.  
S. C. Vasaly.  
Carl Bolander.

J. K. Martin, cashier of the First National bank, served on the board during part of the construction of the new building, but was not a candidate for re-election and was succeeded by Carl Bolander.

F. W. Dobbys is superintendent of the Little Falls schools, having served in that capacity for the past two years, following the resignation of H. E. White, who went to Ely to take a similar position.

The following constitute the high

school faculty.

C. B. Kuhlmann, principal, history.  
Donna M. Lyman, assistant principal, English.

Calla F. Kendall, Latin and German.  
Mary Clark, mathematics.  
Edith Current, English.  
Henry Swanson, science.  
M. W. Zipoy, commercial.  
Beatrice Finn, English and science.  
Albia Richard, home economics.  
J. S. Klinka, agriculture.

Edward Skibness, manual training.  
Alice Grandstrand, normal department.

C. B. Kuhlmann, principal of the high school, has resigned his position, to take effect at the completion of the present semester on January 23. As yet Superintendent Dobbys has not found anyone to fill the vacancy.

The architect, contractors and others who were connected with the work of erecting the new high school building are as follows:

Architect—G. Howard Parsons.  
General contractor—Carl Kropp.  
Heating and Plumbing Contractor—Little Falls Plumbing & Cycle Company.

Electric contractor—Little Falls Water Power Co.

Architect's Inspector—Thos. Walsh.  
Contractor's Superintendent—Marcus Kropp.

### WILL BOX AT ROYALTON

Arrangements have been completed for a boxing match between Harris Gourd of Randall and Theo. Hesch of Buckman, to take place at Royalton on the evening of Tuesday, Jan. 27. The match will be pulled off in the opera house and will be for ten rounds. It is expected that some good preliminaries will be put on before the big match. As the train connections between this city and Royalton are very good it is expected that a large number from here will take in the exhibition.

### DINNER IN HONOR OF CONGRESSMAN LINDBERGH

Bemidji Sentinel:—As a result of the reapportionment by the legislature last winter, Beltrami county is now in the sixth congressional district, represented by Congressman Lindbergh of Little Falls. It has been suggested that the Commercial club invite Mr. Lindbergh to attend a dinner being planned in his honor. Congressman Lindbergh has not visited the city since Beltrami became a part of his district.

### RED MEN CELEBRATED

Nearly one-hundred Red Men attended the initiation at the lodge hall on Friday night, when a class of seventeen candidates were taken in. After the exemplification of the secret work, the members were treated to a big feast, followed by a smoker. This lodge is one of the most thriving orders in the city and is continually growing.

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