

Their Labors Are Over.

Six Graduates of the New Ulm High School Receive Their Diplomas.

Assistant Supt. Hyde Addresses the Pupils and Presents the Coveted Parchment.

Union Hall was filled to its utmost last Thursday evening on the occasion of the commencement exercises of the New Ulm High School. The graduates were six in number and each delivered an essay upon his or her own favorite topic.

Miss Velikanje selected "The Kindergarten" as the subject of her address. She said in part:

To youth life may seem one scene of gayety, a moving picture of enjoyment and pleasure. It is more than this. Life is opportunity. Life is a mission.

Religion, science and philosophy, though still at variance upon many points, all agree that every existence is an aim. The aim of every reasoning human being is to arrive at a stature of perfect manhood. To realize this we must lay a firm foundation in the child.

The kindergarten is the true and only foundation for a general system of education.

The kindergarten is a system of education based upon play, for play is the only natural means by which a child expresses and also develops himself. Its gifts and occupations furnish every kind of technical activity. "We learn only through doing." That is the basis of the Kindergarten. It aims to make the mind creative, to stimulate ideas. The child will be taught to reason and then he will reason when he is a man. It reveals to him the wonderful beauties of color, form and sound and enable him to control them within the ever-increasing limits of his intellectual powers, thus making him an artist, as well as a discoverer and inventor, a poet, as well as a worker and thinker.

Some writer has said that the best security for civilization is the home, and that upon its perpetuity rests the future of the world. Certain it is, that without home-life humanity would be lost to all the nobler conditions of existence. How necessary then that the home-life be what it should be. It must work with the Kindergarten, have the same plans and principles. Unity, love and peace must reign here, or the influence of the patient kindergarten will be limited. Good habits and pure thoughts must be formed in the child. Good character can only be built on such a foundation. Angry words, cruel deeds, stories and scenes of sin and strife must be kept from him, in order that no such thoughts or feelings may arise.

Thus it is seen that the object of the Kindergarten is to develop harmoniously the moral and intellectual faculties and the physical forces of children.

Its ultimate aim is to build a character higher than intellect upon a firm foundation of physical vigor and strength.

If the object of the education in the Kindergarten is then so important, if the effects of it are so enduring, is it not worth all the thought and labor it can ever occasion?

Frank Webber discussed "Crete and the East." After touching upon the grandeur of Grecian history, he cited various interesting facts in connection with Cretean life and history and then entered into a review of the troubles that finally led to the recent war. Commenting on the outcome, he spoke as follows:

The Powers have paid the Greek for his supreme insolence in daring to stand for legitimate national aspirations in defiance of the cold-blooded veto of Europe. He has been severely beaten in spite of gallantry, worthy of his ancestors at Marathon and Thermopylae, and there seems to be no military possibility of the immediate reversal of the verdict of war. Peace now by the mediation of Europe means absolute surrender of Greek affairs into the hands of a European protectorate. Should the Hellenes in their rage dethrone the present dynasty and declare a republic, it would be a stroke of justice which would cut to the bone. The uprising of an Hellenic democracy from the ashes of monarchy would send a thrill of alarm through eastern continental Europe from the Baltic to the Mediterranean. But aside from this possible outcrop from the Greek defeat, one is forced to believe that the success of the Turks has placed the whole eastern question in a much more insoluble condition.

The Powers have tangled themselves into an embarrassing snarl. In dispensing with all morality and all logic, they have put themselves in a position from which there is no escape that does not involve humiliating admissions. If they have avoided a war among themselves, Turkish victory will have bequeathed

them a situation which will require, perhaps, another war to cope with. The world will then laugh in disdain at the cold and short-sighted diplomacy with which it treated the Greek question and ranged itself on the side of Mussulman barbarism as against European Christianity.

John Quense talked on the progress of electrical inventions during the present century and precluded his essay with the statement that as long as history shall be recorded the nineteenth century will be considered the greatest epoch of discoveries and inventions. "When we consider," he said, "the progress which has been made since the opening of the present century and compare the inventions of this period with those of all preceding time we must conclude that never before was such an impulse given to scientific work." Here the writer proceeded to enumerate some of the great achievements of man along this line—the progress from stage coach to locomotives and elegantly equipped trains; from steam as a motive power to the general use of electricity; the telegraph, cable and telephone, so that now "we are able to communicate with the remotest corners of the world in less time than was necessary for our forefathers to correspond between Boston and Philadelphia;" electric light; electricity as a motive power for ocean steamers; the application of the water-power of Niagara and the consequent saving of millions of dollars. "In short," said the speaker, "if our ancestors of a generation ago could today take a glimpse of our principal cities they would certainly be surprised at the progress which has been made since their days, and could we a hundred years hence observe the progress which shall have been made during that period, we would in all probability be equally amazed. But it is possible, that as long as the world exists this progress will continue, and as the hand-cradle was superseded by the steam-thresher, the sailing-vessel by Fulton's steam-boat, the mounted herald by the instantaneous electric message, the tallow-dip by the brilliant electric-light, so will these inventions in the course of time be superseded by others of which we have no conception.

Miss Minnie Silverson's essay was entitled "The History of Music." She reviewed carefully the character and growth of music from the time of the ancient Greeks until the present day and endeavored to show the influence that it had upon the people among whom it had attained its highest development. She concluded as follows:

"In the middle of the 18th century the power of Germany began to assert itself, and during the rest of that century and the beginning of this were produced some of the grandest operas the world has ever heard, perfect in every detail.

"The period of development seems to have reached a climax with the immortals who connected the 18th and the 19th centuries. The perfection of Phidias has not been equalled in any subsequent attainment of sculpture. The masterpieces of Michael Angelo and Titian are at once the envy and despair of all imitators in the domain of painting. No human intellect has ever reached the heights so easily surmounted by Shakespeare and Goethe. Nor is it likely that in the resources of music there yet remains any unexplored field capable of the great achievements which are already a part of the history of music."

Miss Silverson was also valedictorian of the class and in addressing her classmates she said: "Be not content with what you have gained, but, when you have reached the goal for which you have striven, place another further away and higher up and begin to toil and labor for that. Remember, with Marcus Aurelius, that man's life lies all within the present, as 'twere but a hair's breadth of time; as for the rest, the past is gone, the future yet unseen."

To Darwin Schuetz was assigned the task of reviewing the history of the class and depicting the wonderful possibilities that the future had in store for the various members thereof. He entered upon the task in an admirable manner. "A class that has existed for twelve long years," he said, "must have become very firmly united, and when it disbands and its members separate to enter their different paths in life's rough journey, never again to share their joys and sorrows, as they were wont, the parting cannot but be deeply felt by all." Here the young graduate launched into a recital of many of the pleasant and exciting incidents of school life, from the early floggings to the days when sounds proceeding from the lower rooms told them that some troublesome youth was traversing the same rough pathway that they had followed years before; then he allowed his imagination to draw humorous pictures of his classmates as the successful men and women of the future. He closed with the following parting words:

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Fred Yates read an able and instructive paper upon the "Necessity of Forest Preservation," but we have not been able to secure abstracts from it.

The exercises concluded with a lengthy address by Prof. Hyde, who also presented the diplomas.

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What Lincoln Had Learned.

Mr. Albert Blair, writing in the St. Louis Globe-Democrat about President Lincoln, remarks especially upon his unaffectedness, and in so doing relates a story which may prove an encouragement to readers who have sometimes found themselves ignorant where they had supposed themselves well informed.

In February, 1865, Mr. Blair was present at a White House reception, a general reception, open to everybody. Mr. Lincoln was attended by Judge David Davis, who took the names of all comers and introduced them to the president.

Of course there was a crowd, and nobody had time for more than a word and a handshake. Mr. Blair was presented to the president, and then stepped aside to watch the show. Mr. Lincoln and Judge Davis carried on a conversation, constantly interrupted though it was.

"Now," says Mr. Blair, "it was 'How do you do, colonel?' or 'My brave boy' (this to a young soldier) or 'I am glad to see you,' or some other phrase of cordial recognition."

There was no official starch, but what especially impressed Mr. Blair was a remark made by Mr. Lincoln in a perfectly matter of fact, unaffected tone, loud enough to be heard by many of the bystanders.

"Judge," said he, "I never knew until the other day how to spell the word 'maintenance.'" Here a hand interrupted him. "I always thought it was m-a-i-n, main, t-a-i-n, tain, a-n-o-e, ance, maintenance, but I find it is m-a-i-n, main, t-e, te, n-a-n-o-e, nance, maintenance."

Where Brides Are Hungry.

How would an English bride care to fast on her wedding day until after the sacred ceremony, and this after enduring the hardships of a farewell party given the day before? Yet this is what a Russian girl is supposed to do. As the marriage, to be fashionable, should not occur until evening, it may easily be imagined in what an exhausted state she is to commence her new period of life.

Besides bridesmaids there are bridesmen, these latter being obliged to present the bridesmaids with sweetmeats. A personage follows the procession bearing an elegantly mounted picture of Christ in gold and silver, which is stationed against the altar. The bridesmaids do not all dress alike, and their number is unlimited.—London Answers.

Vanity That Comes High.

Most of the photographs displayed in the windows of English photographers are exhibited by request of the originals and at their own expense. One London photographer charges \$2.50 for putting a carte in a window and \$5 for a cabinet.

Experiments which have recently been made at the Hygienic Institute of the University of Berlin would seem to overthrow the theory that bacteria are indispensable to the existence of ancient life, which theory was put forth by Pasteur.

Waller wrote his most pleasing poetry of Scotchness. After she rejected him he, in a letter to a friend, said, "She is only a redheaded drab anyhow."

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