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The curtain rose upon the first act of the drama and throughout the scenes it was surprising to the audience to see how well the young actors took their parts. Miss Montney as Dot, Faye Welch as blind Bertha, Olive Goheen as Tillie Slowboy, Clara Cooper as Mrs. Fielding and Hazel Reid as May Fielding, each doing remarkably good work and Ray Knapp as John Perrybingle, Norman Ellar as Mr. Tackleton, Clare Fuller as Caleb Plummer and Vernon Shaver as the old gentleman also taking their roles equally well. The scene where the spirit of the cricket and the little household fairies come to comfort poor John and Dot was as pretty as possible. To have the mystery cleared up and everybody restored to good humor and their right places furnished a brave ending to the drama.

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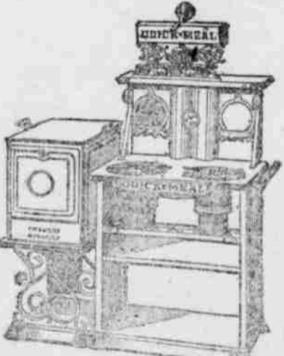
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Sunday evening an approaching and threatening storm kept many from attending the baccalaureate services in the M. E. church but the audience room was comfortably filled, the four graduates occupying a front seat.

The exercises opened with an organ voluntary by Mrs. Mabelle Staley followed with a beautiful song "I'm a Pilgrim" by the quartette, Mrs. Farr Scott, Mrs. Newell, Messrs. Newell and Schum. A chapter was read by Rev. Thompson and prayer made by Rev. Heicke. Mrs. Scott rendered a solo which was a delight to her audience.

The baccalaureate sermon to the graduates was delivered by Rev. C. D. Ellis of the Presbyterian church. He took for his subject or text the 28th verse of Matthew 20—Even as the Son of Man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

Christ came as an example. His life was one long series of self-denials, of sacrifices, one long effort to uplift, to ennoble and finally in his last supreme effort, he gave his life that we might live. As illustration that man himself may do much to uplift and ennoble humanity, Rev. Ellis gave as examples the names of several famous men, made famous by their self sacrificing lives, Wendall Phillips, Livingston, Garrison, George Washington and others and he spoke of the different manner in which each had lived his life to benefit his fellow man, and it is not left only to famous people to do noble deeds and live noble lives, the commonest one on earth can do his bit of good in the world and will surely receive his reward.

It was urged upon these young people just out of school not to lead selfish lives, but to make them broad, self denying and useful.

The song "Abide with me" by the choir, followed and made a fit ending to the sermon and the benediction by Rev. Thompson closed the evening's services.

The social event of commencement week was the reception and banquet given by the juniors in honoring the seniors. This occurred Tuesday evening and was held in the high school building. Forty-eight guests were invited; the seniors, their parents, the teachers, the members of the school board and their wives, Rev. C. D. Ellis and wife, the quartette Mrs. Farr Scott, Mrs. Newell, Messrs. Newell and Schum, Mr. and Mrs. Staley, Miss Edith Holden and the eight juniors making the company who were received in the high room at nine o'clock and entertained with excellent music by the quartette and by Miss Holden.

The summons then came to the banquet room and to the music of an inspiring march played by Miss Holden

all repaired to the feast prepared by the ladies of the Presbyterian church in one of the unused rooms, which had been handsomely decorated with festoons of gold and purple bunting, the class colors, ferns and palms. The room was brilliantly lighted by means of a large arc lamp kindly put up by our electrician for the evening.

Six tables seating eight each were made very showy with handsome linen, a bouquet of pink carnations in the centre, sprays of amilax surrounding and a pink carnation as a favor, at each cover.

The repast was served in six courses by twelve ladies, after which the tables were cleared and glasses of lemonade brought for the toasts. Miss Skentelbury officiated as toast mistress and in her own charming manner filled the position most admirably. With a few brief remarks she called upon junior Irving Palmer for a toast to the "Seniors." Irving responded nobly with good words for the outgoing pupils.

"The Juniors" were creditably toasted by Eva Francis, a senior. Prof. Kellogg had been given the subject "The Ladies" and all thought he certainly gave them full credit for their many brave attributes. Miss Hickox toasted "The Gentlemen" in a pleasant, worthy manner and the speech making was over. After a short time passed in social conversation a happy evening was ended leaving a bright memory with each one.

Once more the year has rolled around and the graduating exercises looked forward to so expectantly for at least half the year are over and memory lingers lovingly with each one who has furnished a part in the program. The receptions, banquets, and all the little jollifications which seem so necessary a part of the last weeks of school are past and anticipation has given place to retrospection.

These four young people have now finished their school days at home. They look back through the years and recall, sometimes a little sadly, but generally with pleasure, all the incidents of school life; their instructors, and all the help which has been given by them to bring them proudly and successfully to this hour; they think of their mates and the hard days of study and the pleasant days of recreation. Has each one an aim in life? Do they go forth without a thought for the future or what they may make of themselves? A young man or woman who has not an aim in life is to be pitied. Select your vocation in your early years and you will have all the more time to train yourself for reaching a successful life.

Our four graduates from Yale school, Hattie Karn, Eva Francis, Will Meneray and Alex. Sayles, were greeted on Thursday evening by a house full of spectators. The walls of the stage were draped with purple bunting with trimmings of gold, being the class colors. At the back the motto "Being, Not Seeming," was done in the same colors. Palms and carnations were the decorations. The whole effect was handsome. Miss Edith Holden played the opening march while the class and Prof. Kellogg took their places. Rev. Thompson gave the invocation, followed by a solo from Miss Agnes Wright of Port Huron, called "Roses of June," "Bryant and the Poetry of Nature," was the subject taken by Eva Francis. It was a good subject and Miss Francis did full justice to it. Her manner of speaking was fine and the audience was much pleased.

Will Meneray handled "Jefferson" in an able manner. His speech showed careful preparation and he acquitted himself well.

The audience was obliged to forego the pleasure of hearing the instrumental solo by Miss Ola Dufoe on account of her absence.

Alex. Sayles brought to his hearers an insight into the perplexing question of "Immigration," giving his ideas in a clear, forceful manner.

Last, but certainly not least, came the valedictorian, Hattie Karn. She spoke of their school days together, their difficulties and triumphs, and the successful ending of these days for the four, and with sadness mingled with gladness she bade farewell to school mates, teachers and class.

A solo called "My Gentle Child," by Miss Wright, closed the program for the evening.

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