

GRADUATING EXERCISES

The Graduating Exercises of the Eighth Grade were held in the Opera House on Friday Evening, May Thirty-first

The opera house was filled to overflowing on Friday evening, May 31st, the occasion being the graduating exercises of the Eighth grade. The following program was rendered and was well received by the audience:

Music.....Courtney Band
 Oration....."Our National Holidays"
 John Gustave Swanson
 Sextette....."Voices of the Woods"



Miss Grace Crauth, Primary Teacher
 Misses Ethel and Inez Atwood,
 Elmo and Hattie Halverson,
 Mrs. Ellis and Mrs. Watson
 Oration....."Trials of a School Girl"
 Floy Marie Thorsgard
 Solo.....Miss Aileen Shepard
 Oration....."By Their Friends Ye Shall
 Know Them"; Oney Jenette Berg
 Cornet Solo.....Selected
 Mr. C. E. Davis
 Oration—"North Dakota, Past, Present
 and Future".....Clo Ella Phillips
 Music.....Courtney Band
 Class Prophecy, Vivian Isabelle Durkee
 Solo.....Mrs. Marie Watson
 Oration....."Success in Life"
 Selma Rosette Brunsold
 Presentation of Diplomas.....
 Chas. A. Sanford, President,
 Board of Education.
 Address.....Prof. Myron J. Abbey,
 Mayville State Normal
 Music.....Courtney Band

The class has been under the supervision of Prof. W. J. Haberlin and the showing made at this time would indicate a careful and painstaking training. The subjects were well treated and showed a depth of thought that would do credit to pupils much farther advanced in years and schooling.

The president of the board of education, Mr. C. A. Sanford, in presenting the graduates with their diplomas, took occasion to make some appropriate remarks regarding the work of the teachers and the board and made some good suggestions along the line of progression, not only in the schools but the town as well. We here print extracts from his address. He said: Young ladies and young gentlemen—

One year ago you were doubtless in this hall and witnessed an occasion like this one tonight. You were then

seated in the auditorium. I presume that occasion inspired you with an ambition to advance, a year later, from the audience to this platform. I congratulate you upon the realization of your high purposes.

A moment ago I addressed you as young ladies and young gentlemen. Possibly I might have addressed you as young ladies and boy, for, I am told, the young gentleman of your number has not yet reached his teens. I congratulate him on his studiousness; I congratulate him on his industry and the good use which he has made of his time in the school room.

Mr. Sanford, addressing the audience said: Ladies and gentlemen: The school board takes pleasure in presenting before you, tonight, an expression and testimonial of the type of work performed in our schools the past school year. The board has exercised great care in the selection of teachers for the coming year, and we feel confident that much may be expected of them in their several departments, without disappointment. We are persuaded that each teacher will see to it that neither the board nor the patrons of the schools shall fail to realize their high expectations for the performance of a high order of service in the school rooms the next year.

During the last two years the board has straightened around the walk stretching across the grounds towards the school building and placed it along the side of the street and extended it to the school house. They have planted out shade trees on the grounds and placed a handsome wire fence in front



Miss Georgie Baillie, Intermediate Teacher of the premises. A tight high board fence should be constructed on the other three sides of the grounds so as to keep irresponsible persons off the premises and protect the grounds and buildings. Grading should be done outside of the sidewalk so as to admit of a row of trees, and also on either side of the walk leading to the school building and ornamental trees planted there also. Then the approach to our school house would be delightful indeed.

Beautifully our town should be confined to ornamenting our school

grounds; it should extend to all parts of the village as well. The grading of streets, the laying of sidewalks, and the planting of trees along them, will readily and easily pay one hundred per cent. annually on their cost price, in rendering our village homelike, beautiful and attractive.

More than two years ago I went before our village board of trustees with two recommendations—first, that the board use its endeavors to induce the railroad company to construct a suitable platform at the Courtney station, to replace the one which was then a disgrace both to the company and the town. The Soo company amplified the platform somewhat after a time, but not in a manner commensurate with the interests of the place.

My other recommendation was, that the board of trustees get, from the

period of self-denial, second the anticipation period, third the gratification period. The speaker compared the life of the poor woman who anointed the head of Christ to the life of a young man who protected, by home kindness but little of the world, he enters school and he sees a possibility of a great future. His anticipations are high. Before he is aware of it life with its difficulties is ushered in. He has attained or failed to reach the ambition of his younger days. The reason why so many fail to reach the desired goal was attributed to a lack of preparation. Young people are too apt to say that the years spent in study and self-denial are years of waste. The following are a few sentences used to urge a better and more careful preparation. Years spent in preparation are years of sowing. If you expect to

life has much to do with his future success. Here he learns the lessons of love, obedience, self-sacrifice, and service, all of which are essential to a good citizen and good man." The duty of parents to children was emphasized, urging them to make the home the pleasantest part of his life. "Today your boy belongs to you, tomorrow he is out battling with the world. Today the idol of a fond mother, tomorrow slipping away out on the great tide of life. You are giving to the world sons and daughters that are to fight the greatest battles between greed, corruption and vice on the one hand and civic righteousness, honor and manhood on the other. These are contests that will need the bravest men. Whether you send your children out prepared for this contest depends much upon

then we will find that competition will become less and that the struggle will become easier." Go up and those prepared to do the work are fewer and fewer. See your opportunity, do not cage yourself up on the low plains with the common herd but climb to the mountains of usefulness." The above are a few of the many sentences used by the speaker in urging the duty of usefulness.

The remarks to the graduating class at the close were apt and well put. "Remember that nothing comes in the world without work. Do your part and do it well and your reward will be ample. Honesty and absolute frankness are duties placed upon each of us. Be earnest men and women, go into whatever you take up with a conviction that God intended you to do that task and to do it better than any one else. Lift up, push up, there are too many already who will pull down. Some of you may be called to heights of usefulness and honor, some may only be permitted to look upon the promised land. Whichever it may be, remember that character and success are inseparable."

JAMES MOODY WATSON

DIED AT HIS HOME AT KENSAL ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE NINTH, WITHOUT WARNING.

James Moody Watson died at his home at Kensal on Sunday afternoon without any warning.

He had been in his usual good health and was walking around the streets in the forenoon. After dinner he complained of a pain in his chest and Mrs. Watson suggested calling in a doctor but he thought he would be alright in a short time. He went up stairs to lie down and complained of his feet being cold and Mrs. Watson went to get a hot iron and when she returned he had passed away.

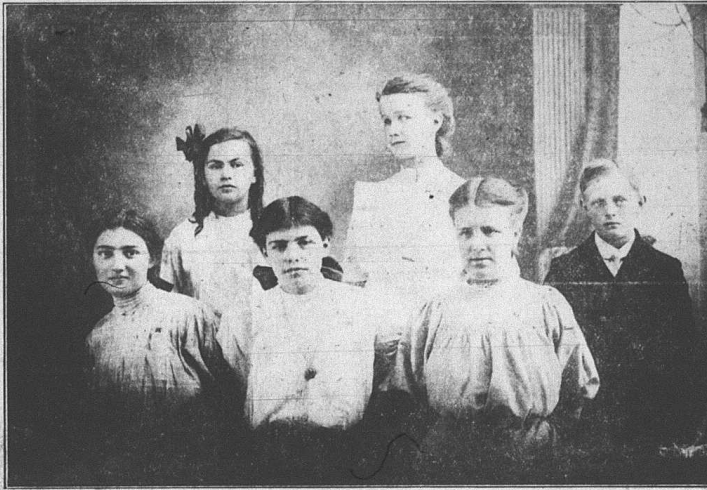
James Moody Watson was born at Titusville, Pa., in the year 1849, being 58 years of age at the time of his death. He came to North Dakota in the early eighties and located in Watson township, Cass county. He took an active interest in matters of a public nature and served one term in the state legislature as a representative from Cass county. He later moved to Kensal where he was engaged in the general merchandise business for several years and was also interested in farming. In the fall of 1900 he was elected to the legislature as a representative from Stutsman county and served his constituents well.

Besides his wife he leaves one son, Carl Watson, and a daughter, Mrs. Sprake the wife of a prominent dentist at Cassleton. He also leaves one brother who is now residing on the Pacific coast.

The funeral was held on Tuesday afternoon from the M. E. church at Kensal and the services were conducted by Rev. Smith, pastor of the church. The choir from the Presbyterian church of Courtney had charge of the music and besides rendering several hymns they also sang an anthem, "Come Unto Me," and Mr. Coffey sang very feelingly that beautiful and appropriate solo "One Sweetly Solemn Thought." After the church service the Masonic order took charge of the ceremonies, the order being represented by about forty of the Carrington lodge.

The Magic No. 3

Number three is a wonderful mascot for Geo. H. Parris, of Cedar Grove, Me., according to a letter which reads: "After suffering much with liver and kidney trouble, and becoming greatly discouraged by the failure to find relief, I tried Electric Bitters, and as a result I am a well man today. The first bottle relieved and three bottles completed the cure." Guaranteed best on earth for stomach, liver and kidney troubles, by Stoddard Drug Co. 50c.



Graduating Class: Reading from left to right, front row, Floy Thorsgard, Vivian Durkee, Selma Brunsold Back row, Clo Phillips, Oney Berg, John Gustave Swanson

company, the ground between the station and the section house, for park purposes, expressing the belief that the Soo people would probably very cheerfully grant that area to the village for park purposes. After two years and somewhat more, we have the pleasure of seeing the beginning of the development of that park.

Speaking of parks suggests the importance and desirability of a larger park. A park of five acres, or better, ten acres, would be a valuable acquisition to Courtney. Land centrally located is too expensive, but five or ten acres on the east, west, north or south sides of the village—good park sites and eligible—might be reached

reap a harvest so not sparingly. Does any one question that the thirty years spent by Christ in preparing for three short years were waste? That Napoleon long studied every detail of generalship until he was master of war as the child is master of the toy. No man or nation can hope for success until yesterday has received as much attention as tomorrow. Man stands today heir of ages past, profiting by what has been done in the past, ready to make the future more noble than the past. The twentieth century has no place for the blunderer, while we try this or that some one else jumps forward and occupies the coveted chair. To be truly prepared means something more today than it did a few years ago. It means work. Work in the broadest sense, not for the self alone but for the other fellow. "No man can live to himself alone." This line of thought was followed up to some length, showing that the leaders of today were men of action and that work was their keyword.

Next the three elements that enter into man's preparation were discussed. Namely, the home, the school, and the broader field of life or experience.

"The place of the home in a child's

you. If at home they have learned the value of a dollar, the difference between nine and nine and that character is at the bottom of all success, then we can hope that they will measure up to these great opportunities which confront the American people."

Next the speaker showed the value of a good education as an equipment for life, pointing out that only the higher fields of opportunity were open to the man with an education. He concluded this phase by saying that "an education makes a man a more useful citizen, better companion, husband, father and lastly fits him better for a hereafter."

The life period was discussed at length, showing that success was largely a matter of desire. That the reason why so many failed and considered that all the effort was a waste, was due to the fact that they had put nothing into life and expected to get something from nothing. "Don't believe that there is no room at the top. My friends there is no room at the bottom so long as any one from the common herd can come in and do the work that you are doing. When we begin to do a work that no one else, or that few others, can do



Jennie M. Owen, Grammar Grades

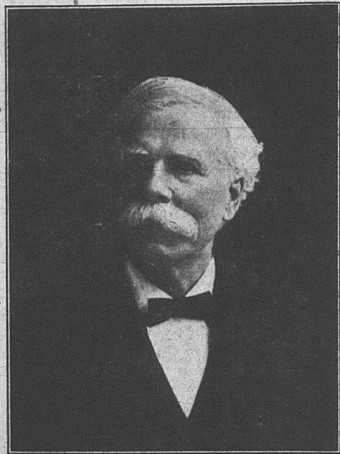
and transformed into beautiful areas where recreation and fresh air would be available. It would beautify the town, make it attractive, be esthetic in its influences and along lines of education as well. Large cities have complete systems of parks and boulevards which are regarded as necessities. Smaller cities are not unmindful of their importance. Valley City has a most delightful natural forest park, Jamestown has one. Fargo is considering an extension of its parks. No moment will be more propitious for the embellishment of Courtney with a suitable park than the present.

The address of Prof. Myron J. Abbey of the Mayville Normal school was appropriate for the occasion and he left some valuable suggestions with all present. We here give a brief outline of his address with a few extracts:

The subject of the address was "Why this waste?" The speaker divided the life of man into three divisions. First,



H. Theo. Nelson, Clerk of School Board



Hon. C. A. Sanford, President Board of Education