

11 GRADUATED FROM ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL MONDAY EVENING

Excellent Indian Life Play Given by Pupils of the School—Prizes Were Awarded.

Before a capacity audience the graduation exercises of St. Joseph's parochial school were held in the Dicke Theatre last Monday evening. A charming play depicting scenes from Indian life was rendered by the children. With the locusts singing outside, the beautiful forest scenery, the harmonious blending of colored costumes and the lights gleaming among sheafs of corn in the theatre, it was not difficult to be carried away by the musically chanting voices of the children into the strange, weird land of Indian romance. Many times have the school children and the children been praised for the operettas they have given, but this time, it may be said, they excelled even their former efforts.

While it is conceded that prizes arouse a spirit of competition among children yet since all success in life is won through strong competition with others perhaps equally endowed but not equally industrious, prizes are given as a reward of industry.

The highest prize in the school, awarded to the eighth grade pupil who had the highest average for the years work is a two years scholarship in the Ursuline Academy at Springfield. It was won by Mary Mrkwicka. Books, as prizes in the different grades, were won by Margaret Canty, Wencel Mrkwicka, Joseph Mrkwicka, Florence Beidelman, Anna Blaida, Jack Reger, Walter Ransom and Leona Becker. The prizes were donated by Mr. Wm. Bender, Mrs. Joseph Mrkwicka, Mr. M. O. Foley, Mr. H. S. Dum, Mr. Walter Ransom. The very attractive programs were the donation of Mr. Peter Grenier. Palmer and American diplomas in penmanship were won by Mary Mrkwicka, Helen Holloway, Bernice Drella, Genevieve Brady and Florence Reha.

A forceful address on Catholic education was delivered by Mr. Anthony Matre. He explained clearly the position occupied by Catholic schools in the educational field of the country, and dissipated some of the erroneous ideas held by a few with regard to what are supposed to be Catholic doctrines.

An address the graduates will long remember was made by Mr. Frank N. Davis, President of the Board of Education. Mr. Davis is an impressive speaker. Like a kind father talking to his children he advised the graduates on the manner in which they must conduct themselves through life. His advice was aptly illustrated by a little legend he told from Mexican Christian history. Life, he said, is a failure unless a man or woman wears round him the beautiful mantle of charity, purity, and goodness.

Following is the class roll:
Margaret Artabasy Helen Holloway
Martha Bender Marjorie McCabe
Isabel Banks Mary Reiff
Genevieve Brady Florence Reha
Bernice Drella John Seul

AUDIT REPORT OF VILLAGE BOOKS SHOWS INCREASE

Interesting Comparison of Figures Shows Large Increase in Business of Village.

The audit of the Village of Downers Grove books, just completed by the Ellis, Austin Company and published in detail in this issue, shows an increase in monies collected by Chas. M. Hitch of \$13,269.72 over last year.

Following are the amounts collected in the various departments for 1921 and 1922.

| | 1921 | 1922 |
|---------------|-------------|-------------|
| Light Dept. | \$35,293.52 | \$44,543.10 |
| Water Dept. | 11,078.47 | 12,900.68 |
| Licenses | 873.75 | 1,205.00 |
| General | 995.42 | 2,362.44 |
| Special Asst. | 873.75 | 23.24 |

Total \$49,764.74 \$61,084.46

The Light Department shows an increase of \$9,249.58, the Water Department, \$1,822.21; Licenses, \$331.25; General, \$1,367.02; the Special Assessment collections were greater by \$850.51 in last year's report over this year. This shows a marked increase and is conclusive that the village is growing rapidly, a fact that a good many people in Downers Grove are not aware of.

Another outstanding feature of the report is small number of errors made by the collector, Mr. Hitch and as stated by the auditing company, it is an excellent showing when it is considered that \$61,034.46 passed through his hands in amounts from \$1.00 up.

Compass on Crossing the Equator.

The compass needle does not turn around in passing from one hemisphere into the other. The north-seeking end of the compass needle has no greater significance or meaning in the southern hemisphere than the south-seeking end of the needle has in the northern hemisphere. The compass needle is a piece of magnetized steel. It has its own positive and negative poles, or north and south pole, just like the earth. The needle and its lines of force align themselves with the earth's lines of force. In the northern hemisphere the north magnetic pole exerts the dominating influence of the needle, so it points to that pole. The south end of the needle is disregarded. In the southern hemisphere the south magnetic pole exerts the dominating influence on the needle and it points to that pole, the north end of the needle in this case being disregarded. The needle does not reverse in going from one hemisphere to another. The south end of it becomes the guide in the southern hemisphere as the north end is the guide in the northern hemisphere.

DR. VALENTINE OPENED OFFICE AT 10 E. CURTISS

Dr. C. Warren Valentine, a graduate of the Palmer School of Chiropractic, Davenport, Iowa, has opened an office at 10 East Curtiss street. The above school is known as the fountain head of Chiropractic and there are over 3500 in daily attendance.

The course of study taken up by Dr. Valentine required the school class attendance of over 4,000 hours. There were in attendance when taking his course about 350 ex-service men being educated under governmental expense.

According to Dr. Valentine the science has developed to where there are now over 80 Chiropractic Colleges in the United States and over 40 million adjustments are given sick people every year.

Dr. Valentine intends to bring his family here and become permanent residents of Downers Grove.

They Insure Anything.

According to an English visitor to town, on his island there is a versatile insurance company which will insure the food mistress for three years against loss of her pet poodle, against failure of her garden to bear the proper amount of fruit—or at least the average crop—against its theft by boys, and best of all, will insure the girl against spinsterhood. If she does not marry she is assured of a small income for life, if she pays promptly on her policy for ten years.

Well Trained.

Teacher—"What does a well-bred child do when a visitor calls to see her mother?" Child—"Me—I go play in the street."—Paris Saus-Gene.

REED — STAIR

Miss Lillian Marie Reed, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alphonso L. Reed, of Galesburg, Illinois, and Carlyle Baer Stair, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otis W. Stair, of Frankfort, Indiana, were married Saturday, June tenth, at four o'clock in LaGrange, the Rev. A. E. Leonard officiating.

Immediately after the ceremony the bridal party motored to Chicago, where Mr. and Mrs. Stair left for a short trip to Minneapolis. They will make their home for the present in Downers Grove, at 69 North Main street.

Mrs. Stair, who has been making her home with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Milroy, is a teacher in the south side school here. She has only been her for two years but in that time has made many friends at the schools as well as outside. She is noted as a soloist and has been greatly in demand at local affairs.

Mr. Stair is also one of our newer residents having only come to our fair town a few years ago from Frankfort, Indiana.

Doubtful Ending

"Has your story a happy ending?" "Well, that depends on the viewpoint." "What do you mean?" "Some might call it a happy ending and some might not. The lovers got married in the last chapter."

Horrible Thought

At the movies a film was on, showing the children trooping back to school after the holidays. Half a hundred tots were shown following the teacher into the building. Across the aisle a shrill voice piped up: "Mamma! Say, mamma, is that all one family?"

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