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HIGH SCHOOL HOLDS COMMENCEMENT

Classic Numbers Are Features of Program This Year.

The mass of interested humanity town hall Friday evening was the usual evidence of appreciation the district holds for the great work—and fond memories—of the big stone school on the hill. Many in the audience have not missed a High School Commencement since they were students. Their children, perhaps, are now struggling with theorems and terms scientific in classroom and laboratory. Many who are in distant parts can be of the yearly gathering only in spirit. To them The Reporter will bring again the ear-splitting school yells, the self-conscious line of students with their crackling diplomas, the rousing choruses, and intricate drills. They will suffer again the heat of an ill-ventilated hall, feel the shower of paper balls, peas and wheat, from the noisy gallery, and join in the visual hunt for friends. High School boys at the front will feel a terrible longing about Commencement time to see once again the grey stone and familiar cupola of their old academy. One never forgets.

The 1917 Commencement was marked by a big rush for seats. The house was sold out in a day. When the doors opened for the performance, those who had not been fortunate enough to secure reserved seats, besieged the box office and piled promiscuously into hall and gallery. At 8.15 Principal Burchell as chairman opened the program, the school singing "Join Our Line," the official song of the A. H. S. Its rollicking measure spoke everlasting confidence in the progress of the lemon and blue. The chairman made a short address, speaking of the school and its ambitions, the sentiment of the occasion for graduates and undergraduates. He said a new form had been added this term and that a new subject—agriculture—was being taught. Several years ago this announcement might have brought a laugh, but not a smile of derision could be seen. Mr. Burchell said agriculture as a practical pursuit was not taught in the school but the students were taught theories and to take an interest in work on the farm. He was sure the results in the space of a year or two would prove the subject a worthy one for a High School course. He extended a cordial welcome to all who had come to the Commencement.

The chorus, "My Own Dear Canada," was then sung by girls in patriotic costume.

The A. E. Donovan medal for general proficiency was presented by Mr. Burchell to Miss Loreen Phelps, of Form I. Miss Phelps, owing to a bereavement, has had to give up her course, and the school has suffered a loss.

Father and Son

A humorous incident of the evening occurred when the principal presented his own son, J. Rupert Burchell, with a medal offered by him for the highest standing in his own favorite subject lower school science. Young Burchell evidently did not see why the presentation could not have taken place at home, but accepted the publicity with equanimity.

A drill representing Greek vestal virgins worshipping in a temple was a touch of classical history one seldom sees outside the movies. It was so well done that when the lights went out and the flicker of tapers alone illuminated the scene, the illusion that it was real was very strong. Those taking part were: (Calliope) L. Danby, (Clio) G. Vickery, (Melpomene) L. Steacy, (Euterpe) M. Seymour, (Erato) M. Wilson, (Terpsichore) M. Poole, (Urania) V. Eaton, (Thalia) F. Rahmer, (Polhymnia) R. Kendrick, (Sibyl) N. Mulvena.

"Laugh and Grow Fat," a jolly chorus by a number of boys was the next number and was heartily applauded. National songs were sung in chorus by girls in costume—Canada, Serbia, Russia, Japan, United States, Italy, France, Belgium. Miss Finch was the accompanist of the evening, her playing adding much to the effectiveness of the numbers.

Four scenes from Julius Caesar were produced, eg., Brutus and Portia, Caesar and Calpurnia, Death of

Caesar, Antony's Oration. The principal characters were: Brutus—W. Fleming; Caesar—G. Drummond; Antony—D. Layng; Portia—M. Taber; Calpurnia—G. Wiltse. The costumes were true to the period and the acting exceptional. Being a tragedy, the lines were serious but the students entered into the spirit of Shakespeare's words, and the result was excellent. A sketch of the play was read by Miss Veronica Leeder so that the audience might be able to link together the various scenes. Julius Caesar is a three-hour play, and to produce it in its entirety would be impracticable. Antony's oration, that famous and well-known speech, was well given by Delbert Layng. Among the many fine effects was the statue of Pompey done in life by Cecil Earl. The school has every reason to be proud of its "Scenes from Julius Caesar."

Medals were presented by Mr. Halpenny, of the staff, to winners in the sports: Boys' Junior Championship—J.R. Burchell; Boys' Senior Championship—G. Drummond; Girls' Junior Championship—B. Davis; Girls' Senior Championship—C. Miller. The Form Championship Shield was presented to Sr. III. The medal for Tennis Championship had been presented to Travers Rooney shortly after Field Day.

A unique tableau was "Saturday," which depicted students taking their weekly holiday to do odd jobs around the house. Churning, sweeping, sawing, and nearly every other household duty were shown in the act of performance. The absurdity of the tableau brought down the house.

The program closed with Rule Britannia and God Save the King.

Of course, the Commencement was a financial success. The gross proceeds were \$131.40.

W. I. NOTES

A special meeting of the Women's Institute will be held Thursday afternoon at 3.30.

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DEATH OF HIRAM BLANCHER

Hiram Blancher, a native of Yonge Township and a resident of Elmsley for the past sixty-one years died suddenly on Friday the 23rd at the age of seventy-eight. The funeral was held at Lombardy on Sunday. Deceased was a brother of Chancey and Francis Blancher of this village and Mrs. R. M. Brown, Addison road.

NOTICE

Owing to E. Taylor going out of the auctioneer business, I hold a license for the Counties of Leeds and Grenville, and will conduct all sales that I may be favored with. Phone 94, Smith's Falls, or Athens Reporter for dates and particulars. D. C. HEALEY, Auctioneer

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