

Class of '06

The second annual commencement of the Hope High School was celebrated on Friday evening, June 1st. An audience, completely filling the opera house, was pleasingly entertained with an appropriate musical and literary programme, the first number of which, being a chorus entitled: "Row Boatman, Row" rendered by the Students of the High School. Rev. Hitchcock then invoked the Divine Blessing after which the Misses Edna and Ethel Joslyn gave the first instrumental selection, a Piano Duet. This they played with remarkable skill and expression and thus received much applause. A very interesting history of the class was given by Miss Florence Link. Her work was complete and showed careful preparation. Then the original "Class Poem" of Miss Jessie White was listened to. This reflected the genius of the poetess and well merited the hearty applause which her effort received. The Class Prophetess, Miss Katherine Carleton, had the attention of all while fortelling brilliant careers for her classmates. Her happy combination of humor and logic made her se-

lection particularly pleasing. "The Last Will and Testament of the Class of 1906" by Miss Emma Slingsby, followed. This subject was treated with care, skillfully handled and did honor to the class. The quartette "My Love is a Rover," by the Misses Edna and Georgie Gray, Eunice Jacobson and Elsie Luce, was sung in a way to delight the ear.

The young voices blending beautifully throughout the selection. A most interesting feature of the programme, the declamation, "Bobby Shaftoe," by Miss Edna Gray was then recited. Her ease of delivery, grace of gesture and good expression won from the audience much merited applause and gave evidence of considerable oratorical ability. John Baldwin followed very fittingly with his oration "Success," which he gave in a manner that showed thorough training and a good appreciation of his subject. Prof. Gillette, of the Valley City Normal, delivered the address of the evening. Owing to the lateness of the hour and also, (as he stated) "the already complete programme," his talk was short. After a short introduction he centered his remarks upon what he considered a practical education and outlined his ideas in a

very convincing way. The beautiful Trio "Carmena" was then rendered by Mesdames Wamberg, Fead and Miss Edna Gray and was greatly appreciated. The diplomas were then presented by Pres. B. T. Kraabel and the audience dismissed with the Benediction by Rev. Hitchcock.

A Farmer's Rail Road

The success of the "Farmers' Railroad" which is being operated north from Devils Lake has attracted considerable attention for some time past and as a result other localities that are at a disadvantage on account of the distance to market are beginning to make attempts in the same direction.

An enterprise of this kind, on a large scale, is being talked of and if carried out will tend to revolutionize freight rates in the Northwest.

The proposition is to build an electric railway from the northern part of this state thru Minnesota into northwestern Iowa, there to connect with the Illinois Central and other southern lines. By building a line of this kind it is claimed that the farmers will be able to get about six cents a