

Graduating Exercises

Tuesday evening the Eighth Grade graduating exercises were held in the opera house.

Those graduating were Isabel Harper Carleton, Grace Letitia Curry, Mildred Grace Danskin, Jennie Fraser Ehred, Harry Miller Ehred, Henry Walter Fullmer, Ada Lambert, Margaret McLaughlin, Emma Sussex and Ada Helen Wilcox.

The various numbers in the program were exceedingly well rendered, the details of which we are unable to mention further than that each member of the class showed careful training for this occasion.

The graduation address was delivered by Superintendent W. C. Slater. The diplomas were presented by B. T. Kraabel, President of the School Board.

Our city is certainly in the front rank in educational matters and each citizen and patron can well feel proud of our excellent schools.

Monday evening the Grade entertainment of the city schools was held in the opera house. A large audience greeted the pupils and the appreciation by those present was apparent thruout the evening, the tiresome feature so often encountered in children's entertainments being entirely eliminated.

The "Butterfly Drill," the "Dumb Bell Drill" and the "Cradle Song of Nations, In Costumes" were among the leading features and are deserving of special praise.

The "Butterfly Drill" consisted of a drill by a number of little girls dressed in costumes fashioned in such a manner that they resembled butterflies and when they flitted about the stage in their fantastic attire the effect was splendid. The various marches, counter marches and serpentine movements were made without an error and when the last little butterfly was captured by the little boy the applause was loud and prolonged.

The Dumb Bell Drill was another feature of special interest and showed the careful training the pupils are receiving in our schools.

The Cradle Song of Nations in Costumes was the most spectacular event of the evening. The different nationalities were represented as follows: German, Norwegian, Japanese, Indian and Negro. Each of the different peoples were represented by seven little girls, excepting the Africans. These the boys portrayed. Each set wore the typical garb of the country represented and those who fashioned the costumes showed considerable talent in that line. The songs were well rendered; several in the native tongues. This number was also applauded to the echo.

The other parts of the program were all well rendered and each pupil taking part is entitled to congratulations.

The event has created more favorable comment than anything of its kind ever given in the town, and the teachers, the Misses Larson, Gilmore, Carpenter, Little and Odney, under whose direction the entertainment was given, are the recipients of many compliments upon their success.