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## "PURITY."

THE NOBLE MOTTO ADOPTED BY THE GRADUATING CLASS.

Emblematical of the Character of the Class of '91.

Probably the happiest moments in the lives of the students of the class of '91 in the Dwight high school, were Tuesday evening at the M. E. Church. They had finished their studies, as far as the Dwight schools are concerned, and had gathered together for the last time to express their views on subjects of their own choosing, and to show their relatives and friends, and the public in general, that their labors in school had been productive of much practical good.

As each member of the class finished their essays and took their seats cheers representing the approbation of the large audience resounded through the large edifice. Then followed still more substantial testimonials of the approval of relatives and friends in the shape of handsome presents of flowers, books, etc. The happy faces of the graduates beamed with smiles and gratitude. What is more desirable, than for young ladies and gentlemen just budding into womanhood and manhood, to know that they have successfully reached the zenith of their school days and have the satisfaction of knowing, that their last public examination, as it were, had been successful and received the approval of the public? No wonder the members of the class looked proud and happy. They have gained the right by constant application to their duties for many years. They have gained that which is far better than money, because it never can be taken away from them in this world. Such successful commencement exercises are not only creditable to the graduates, but to the teachers, the school and to Dwight, and will add materially to the benefit of all.

The church was beautifully arranged for the occasion. The stage was raised to the height of the railing around the altar, and handsomely decorated with beautiful plants and cut flowers. The seating capacity of the church was completely taken up at an early hour and chairs placed along the aisles. Seats were reserved for the Board of Education and their families, the parents and relatives of the graduates, the editors etc., and the ushers performed their duties promptly.

A little after 8 o'clock, the class made its appearance with Prof. H. D. Fisk at their head, followed by Misses Maggie E. Kern, Mildred Gould, R. May Morris, Minnie E. Barr, Marcella Ferguson, Fred de Clercq and the assistant in the high school, Miss Estella Krohn. Cute little Corrie Kaylor acted as messenger and received and delivered the many presents. After saluting the audience the class was seated in a semi-circle, and Prof. Fisk announced a selection from the orchestra, after which Rev. P. M. France made an impressive prayer, asking the blessing of Almighty God on those present and the exercises of the evening.

The salutatory and essay was delivered by Miss Minnie Barr. The motto of the class, "Purity," was the subject of her essay, and it was in competent hands. It was a model of excellence and well delivered.

"Nellie Waltzes" by the orchestra, was then finely produced.

"May Be(e)s" was the subject of Miss Mildred Gould's essay. The wording and thoughts expressed, were excellent, and showed deep study.

A vocal solo, "Leonora" was splendidly rendered by Miss Cora Adams.

"May Weeds," was the title of Miss R. May Morris' essay. It was a capital production, and very creditable to that young lady.

"Erminio" was nicely rendered by the orchestra.

"May Evening," was the subject of Miss Marcella A. Ferguson's essay. The composition was excellent and her delivery good.

The orchestra rendered "Wedding Polonaise."

"May Dew" was Fred B. de Clercq's subject, but he was excused from speaking.

"May Morning" was chosen by Miss Maggie E. Kern as her subject, and it was handled fittingly for the occasion. Miss Kern was chosen by the class to deliver the valedictory, which she did in a feeling manner. In bidding farewell she returned the thanks of the class to the Board of Education, the principal and teachers, and to classmates, and wished all prosperity. She referred to the friendships formed during the three years the class had struggled for supremacy, and hoped and felt they would last forever.

Music by the orchestra and a very

pretty duet by Mrs. D. B. Stevens and Miss Cora Adams followed.

The presentations of the diplomas was made by Rev. P. M. France. He congratulated the graduates on their success, and said they had reached the second epoch of their life, the first having been when the books were first placed in their hands. The motto chosen was a noble one. He took pleasure in welcoming the class to the ranks of those that had gone through similar scenes and trials, and wished them success.

"Norwegian Peasant Life" was rendered by the orchestra, after which Rev. F. W. Merrill pronounced the benediction.

This year the essays were all thoroughly committed to memory and their delivery was greatly enhanced thereby. That this was well done was evident from the fact that at no time during the delivery did we notice any hesitancy at all.

The presents were so numerous that the stage was nearly filled with them. They consisted in the main of books and flowers, the latter giving the stage a beautiful appearance.

The essays are all well worthy of publication and we wish it were possible to do so, and give the news also, but we cannot. Suffice it to say that they were all good, and the applause of the listeners was great. The STAR AND HERALD takes great pleasure in joining the many friends of the class of '91 in wishing them success and happiness in whatever sphere their lot may be cast.

## Business Men's Meeting.

A meeting of the business men of Dwight, was called for Thursday afternoon at 8 o'clock at the town house, and largely attended. The result was encouraging and harmonious, and we hope will be productive of much good.

The reports, from good authority, had been circulated among our people that the Leslie E. Keeley company were seriously considering the idea of moving their extensive establishment from our midst. At the meeting it was unanimously decided to appoint a committee to wait on the gentlemen composing the company, and assure them that if they decided to remain, the citizens would meet them half way as far as regards public improvements, and to find out their wishes on the subject.

The meeting opened by the election of J. C. Lewis as chairman and A. R. Zimmerman as secretary. Mr. Lewis stated the object of the meeting, and was followed by C. L. Romberger, Col. R. P. Morgan and David McWilliams. They were all in favor of any public improvement that may be suggested within the bounds of reason, such as water works, sewerage etc. etc., and thought that the crisis had arrived in the matter.

Col. Morgan stated that the Alton engineer was in town and was taking the pimension of the old depot and he thought it was settled that improvement would soon be made by the company at this point. He knew that to invest the large amount of money the Gold Cure company intended to, they must have the facilities necessary in developing their business and those included the improvements spoken of.

A motion was made that a committee of five be elected to interview the Gold Cure Company and obtain their wishes, and at such time as they see fit, to call a public meeting and deliver their report.

Several business men were nominated and the election resulted in the choice of the following gentlemen: C. L. Romberger, chairman, J. C. Lewis, S. T. K. Prime, B. A. Buck, David McWilliams.

While the votes were being counted, Mr. Romberger made some further remarks giving figures illustrative of the benefits the town was deriving financially from having the Gold Cure Company in our midst. He stated that at present there were about 300 patients here and none of them paying less than \$6 per week for board and that consequently \$1,800 was being distributed among our people each week, and that half as much more is being spent each week by these men. He had also heard unofficially, that the company, wherever located, would be obliged to make accommodations for at least 1,000 men, their board alone would amount to over \$300,000 a year, and the total amount of money paid to Dwight people, provided the company would stay, would amount to nearly \$2,000,000 a year. This estimate includes the amount paid the company for treatment, but judging from what the company has already done for the town, it is only fair to suppose that a large amount of this money would be immediately used for building purposes and other improvements.

The above estimate does not include the vast number of workmen that would be employed, or the large increase in population that is sure to follow. If this vast establishment can be retained in Dwight by anything the people here can do they surely should do it immediately. The meeting adjourned amid much enthusiasm and the STAR AND HERALD congratulates the business men on making the first step toward that point for which it has been laboring continually for months.

## PUBLIC MEETING!

We have Reached the Dividing Line Between the Country Village and a Beautiful City.

Every Citizen of Dwight Should Attend the Meeting To-night.

To-night's Meeting may Decide Whether the Great Gold Cure Company will remain in Dwight or not.

The public meeting at Kepplinger's Hall to-night, will go a great way toward deciding whether Dwight will take a grand stride toward prosperity, or forever hold its peace, as it were.

The committee appointed at the business men's meeting Thursday afternoon, waited on the managers of the Leslie E. Keeley company, and have been informed of what the company desire, or rather, what would be necessary for our citizens to do if they decide to remain. The committee is doing all in their power to arrange matters so as to make a favorable report to our citizens to-night.

At the committee meeting yesterday morning a plan of action was decided upon, and everything is progressing rapidly.

David McWilliams gave the movement a great impetus by his magnanimous offer of thirty-one acres of splendid land west of Franklin street and south of the 3-Depot for a public park. He will give a warrantee deed of the tract to the village, and only asks that he be allowed to appoint one man, the Leslie E. Keeley company one man and the village one man, to jointly superintend the improvement of the park. His offer is generous and he received the united applause of those present.

Many other propositions were talked over, all of which will be presented at the meeting to-night.

It should be borne in mind that the Gold Cure company has by no means decided to remain, but that the action of the people at this crisis will have great influence with them.

During the session of the committee yesterday a dispatch was handed to chairman C. L. Romberger, which was read amid great enthusiasm. It shows that the legislative bodies of the great state of Illinois appreciate the great good being accomplished by Dr. Keeley, and are willing to assist them in helping those that cannot afford to pay for treatment. It is time the people of Dwight woke up to the fact that they are in great danger of losing one of the greatest and grandest institutions in the world. The dispatch read as follows:

STATE HOUSE, SPRINGFIELD, ILL.,  
 May 29, 1891.

TO DR. KEELEY: The house just sent bill to third reading appropriating two thousand five hundred dollars to your institution to aid you in the treatment of poor patients.

REPRESENTATIVE N. J. MYER.

Council Convenes.

The board of administration of the city of Dwight held silent communion in their chambers Tuesday evening and adjourned to Wednesday evening. The mayor and every member with the exception of Alderman Diefenbaugh were present. The proceedings of the previous meeting were read by City Clerk Doherty and their solemn approval was very animus.

The following bills were then allowed and orders ordered drawn on the secretary of the treasury for the stipulated amount: E. Collins, \$13.50; Jno. Brower, \$3.50; Ed. Condon, \$13.50; Jas. Condon, \$21.00; Thomas Harford, \$10.15.

No report was made by the street and alley committee regarding the switch from the C. & A. road. The matter was referred to the committee with power to act at previous meeting.

After which each member silently stole away into the night, having enjoyed a very pleasant evening.



Hotel Livingston.

Above we present a view of the Hotel Livingston, the finest hotel in the state, outside of Chicago. The enterprising proprietor Mr. Stanton, will open the house for business Sunday or Monday.

## OVER HALF A MILLION.

A Flattering Offer Made to the Leslie E. Keeley Company to Move Away.

They Will Certainly Move Unless the Citizens Meet Them Half Way.

During the last two weeks efforts have been made by citizens of Chicago and elsewhere to secure the location of the Leslie E. Keeley Company—that they are pleased to term the greatest curative institution on the face of the globe—at a place near that city. That they consider that the enterprise is destined to become greater than any yet known, is emphasized by the unprecedented offer made the company. As we understand it, they are offered elegant buildings to cost in the neighborhood of a half a million dollars, and as much land as they need in one of the most pleasant locations on Lake Michigan. In addition to that they offer to recompense the Gold Cure company for any outlay they have made in Dwight and the moving, etc. In fact, every wish of the company will be granted if they decide to move.

Taking into consideration the facts that the company have no fire protection, drainage facilities, utter impossibility of securing building locations at anywhere near reasonable rates, and other adverse circumstances, the company had not decided that it would be too great a risk to invest the large amounts of money necessary to make improvements to carry on their business. Dr. Keeley, Major Judd and Mr. Oughton have resided here for years and it is their home, and it was with the utmost reluctance that they came to the decision, but the necessity of the case demanded immediate action.

The success of the discovery of the curative qualities of Gold as brought about by Dr. Keeley have proven far greater than anything in materia medica. The successful cure of the greatest curses and evils to mankind is heralded the world over, and has made happy homes everywhere, and inside of a few months the great demand made on the company will compel them to make accommodations for at least one thousand patients. Any community where they locate will be benefited thousands of dollars annually.

If the company decide to remain in Dwight it will only be done by their refusing one of the most liberal offers ever made to any company, and a desire on the part of the gentlemen composing the company to reside in their old homes and in the town in which they have always taken so much pride. This will never be done without the earnest co-operation of every citizen of Dwight for public improvements.

The STAR AND HERALD sincerely hopes that it will be enabled to announce in its next issue that the company will remain in Dwight, and thereby bring about prosperity to all.

## Business Men's Association.

The meeting of the business men Thursday was productive of much good in another line. At the close of the meeting a motion was made by W. G. Dustin and seconded by Col. Morgan that the meeting be resolved in a Business Men's Association and that a committee be appointed on permanent organization. Col. Morgan made a good speech advocating the matter and the following committee was appointed by the chair:

C. L. Romberger chairman; R. P. Morgan, S. T. K. Prime, G. L. Kern, B. A. Buck.

A petition was presented and the following named gentlemen signed it: C. L. Romberger, Jas. Kelagher, B. A. Buck, Baker Bros., E. T. Miller, S. T. K. Prime, Dr. W. L. Rabe, D. B. Stevens, G. L. Kern, Dr. Barr, N. N. Mickelson, H. T. McLane, R. P. Morgan, J. C. Lewis, C. A. Stuck, H. L. Hagerty, Ph. Weicker, Leach & Reeb, W. G. Dustin, A. B. Zimmerman, John Gies, G. Z. Flagler, J. S. Guardianier, John Thompson, E. W. Ford, W. T. Scott, Rosendall & Losee, L. A. Naffziger, A. T. Doherty, McWilliams & Smith, Hahn Bros., Barr & Gould.

The committee on permanent organization met Thursday night and adjourned until by-laws and constitution can be secured, when another meeting will be called.

## Decorations Day.

As announced in the STAR AND HERALD last week the ladies of the Dwight Relief Corps will be at the Sons of Veterans hall this forenoon and arrange the flowers for decorating purposes. At one o'clock the G. A. R. Post, Relief Corps, Sons of Veterans and all who wish to take part in the beautiful ceremonies, will meet in the halls and west side park and proceed to the different cemeteries. The Sons of Veterans will march from grave to grave and deposit the flowers.

All those who can, are requested to bring conveyances that will accommodate those who wish to go.

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