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## Commencement Exercises of the Lincoln High School.

The Graduating Class Is Composed of Eight Members, Seven Girls and a Boy—Mr. R. L. Yeager Presents the Diplomas.

The eighth annual commencement exercises of the Lincoln high school were held in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium last night. Owing to the rain, there was not as large an audience as there should have been, although the house was comfortably filled. There were present President Robert L. Yeager, Mr. Joseph L. Norman and Mr. Crawford James, of the school board. Professor G. N. Grisham, principal of the school, announced the programme. Professor John Maurer's orchestra opened the programme with Heisendorf's concert overture. The graduating class consisted of seven girls and one boy.

Rev. D. E. Rivers, D. D., of Kansas City, Kas., followed with prayer. The high school chorus, composed of Misses Dolly Yancy, Hattie Bogy, Sarah Frost, Ada Brown, Ethel Tribble, Amanda Barbour, Cora Wortham, Magnolia Lewis, Etta Lee, Lizzie Moore, Katie Jordan, Maybell Lucas, Anna Anderson and Jennie Pennick and Messrs. Frank Tucker and John Teague, sang "Bow Down Thine Ear."

Then followed an essay, "Competition," by Miss Eliza Williams; oration, "What Next," Miss Hattie Bogy; oration, "Looking Forward," Miss Sarah Frost; chorus, "Commencement March," by Bartlett; essay, "Labor a Blessing," Miss Maybell Lucas; essay, "Lighthouses of the Day," by Miss Rose Pratt; oration, "Evils of Civilization," Mr. Frank Tucker, the only male member of the class; quartette, Mrs. H. M. Griffin and Messrs. C. G. Martin, Charles Bogy and H. M. Griffin, "On the Blue Danube;" essay, "The Supremacy of Right," by Miss Dolly Yancy; valedictory, "The Spirit of the Age," by Miss Carrie Carter; chorus, "Friendship and Love Song," by Thompson.

Mr. R. L. Yeager, in a neat speech, then presented the diplomas. Mr. Yeager said: "I am glad to come before you to-night with a word of encouragement. We of the school board well know that this has been a most satisfactory year with the colored schools. You are now standing as one person for the upbuilding of the schools. You have laid away all petty feeling and jealousy. In union there is strength. It is along the line of education and thought that you must look for the upbuilding of your people. Cast your eyes back for thirty years and see the wonderful advancement you have made. Look forward and see what you may be in thirty years. Education and intellect rule the world and it is along this line that you, like all other people, must look for advancement."

"I may say without one grain of flattery that there have been some grand thoughts expressed here to-night, thoughts that would do credit to any school in the world, and if you will take the thoughts home you will profit thereby. Parents, you must send your children to school. Your burdens are heavy and you may at times need the assistance of your children, but education is your necessity. Your aim should be to lift up your children to the highest plane of education. I am sorry that there are not more boys in this class. It has ever been my ambition to see more boys graduate. Young ladies and young gentlemen (laughter), I congratulate you. I have heard thoughts expressed here to-night that have never been excelled. There is a school where you may still learn; never let a day pass without learning something. If you will follow this out your lives will be a success."

The chorus then concluded the exercises with the song "When Summer Rain is O'er."

Although the essays and orations were short there was something to commend in each of them. The class showed careful training and did creditable work.

At the conclusion of each essay and oration the graduate was presented with beautiful bouquets of flowers. Mr. Tucker came in for an extra share, and at the conclusion of the exercises the stage was fairly covered with flowers.

Of the graduates who will continue their studies in other schools there are Miss Maybell Lucas, daughter of Mr. Daniel Lucas, and Mr. Tucker. Miss Lucas will attend some conservatory of music in the East, probably in Boston, while Mr. Tucker will enter the university at Lawrence, Kas. The other members of the class expect to teach.