COMMENCEMENT.

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tificates, 5 forty-count certificates, 3 diplomas and one sixty-count certifi-cate, making a total of 32 advanced certificates, 3 diplomas and 19 prelim-inaries. This brings to the school from credentials alone \$190; to be added to this is the per capita rate, which will swell the sum to about \$205. Taking this from a business standpoint it certainly must be considered a good investment that yields \$200 income on a capital of \$700, to say nothing of the numerous other advantages.
THE COLUMBIAN SOCIETY.

Early in November a society was formed by the members of the senior and post-graduate classes. This so ciety has met regularly once in two weeks and its meetings have been of a most interesting and instructive character. They have exerted a most beneficial influence on the entire school and I cannot say too much in commending their work to the Board of Education Such work should be encouraged. Its value to the school and community cannot be over estimated.

THE POST GRADUATE CLASS.

Your experiment of last year in allowing former graduates to enter the school and pursue more advanced subjects has been a success. There have been five members of this class the present year all of whom have done fairly good work; and we are proud to say that it was a member of this class who recently at a competitive examination, won for himself a scholarship at Cornell University, standing first in a class of seven. This class has also accomplished good work on Regent's examinations, having earned sufficient credentials to bring the school an income of \$40.

CONDITION OF BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS.

The repairs made on the building last autumn have been a wonderful help to the effectual working of the Academic department, The apparatus is now well cared for and the rooms well lighted. A needed improvement is that of seating the B. Primary and Intermediate departments. The seats are in a most wretched condition and are not in keeping with the rest of the interior furnishings. The out buildings should have prompt and careful attention. At present they are a disgrace to the school and community. The grounds are inadequate for a large and growing school. The pupils have not sufficient room to exercise in interesting games without interfering with each other to such an extent r to bring about frequent and unpressant disturbances. The grounds should be at once enlarged, well graded and put in such condition as to be a credit to the thrift and enterprise of the town. At present after each shower or after a thaw in the spring or winter, the grounds forms a miniture pond, while during the summer and autumn it is covered with unsightly weeds and grass. This people should take enough interest in the school to see that the appearance of the grounds is in harmony with the general aspect of the town.

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In conclusion, gentiemen, it affords the the greatest pleasure to recait the undisturbed harmony that has existed between your honorable body and myself. The two years of service haveen two years of pleasure, although frought with the hardest of toil. I do not sever these pleasant relations gladly or even willingly, for I certainly appreciate the couriesy and kindness that I have received at your hands. I shall always feel interested in your school and shall hope to yet see it among the first of its kind in the state.

Respectfully.

T. H. ARMSTRONG.

Card from the Board of Education.

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The undersigned, members of the Board of Education, feel that a few words from them concerning the retiring Principal of the School will not be out of place at this time. We believe no persons are in a position to judge lieve no persons are in a position to judge more intelligently the work that has been ac-complished under his Principalship than are those whom the people of the District have entrusted with the management of School entrusted with the management of School affairs; and we most heartily unite in stating that the work accomplished by Prof. Armstrong during the past two years receives our unqualified commendation. He has labored unceasingly for the welfare of the School, and bis efforts have hear marked by a school and the second s his efforts have been marked by so high a degree of ability that they have borne rich fruit. His report to the Board shows that he leaves the School in a highly prosperous con dition, and we are also able to attest this fact from knowledge obtained from other sources. We believe the services rendered by Prof. Armstrong will prove of inestimable value to the School and Village. The moral example which he has set before the youth of our town is worthy of emulation, and we esteem him teacher and citizen. We cannot doubt that the people of this place, without exception, will join us in expressing these sentiments, and also in wishing for Prof. Arm. strong and his estimable wife a long life of usefulness and prosperity. T. McTighe,

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