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State Normal and

Training School.

COMMENCEMENT

Friday, June 30, 1871.

CORTLAND VILLAGE, N. Y.

Graduating Exercises,

2 P. M.

1. PRAYER,

Rev. Wm. N. TOWER

MUSIC.

Dawning of the Better Day.

2. ORATION—Importance of Method and System in Mental Culture,

JAMES H. SHULTS

3. ESSAY—The Truly Heroic,

ELLA L. MATHEWSON

4. ESSAY—Love,

ELLA F. BRAINARD

MUSIC.

Instrumental Duet—Les Dames de Seville.

5. ESSAY—Life, and its Purposes,

FLORENCE M. WRIGHT

6. ESSAY—Good-Bye,

HELEN EELS

7. ORATION—The True Scholar,

WM. P. ROBINSON

MUSIC.

Speed Away.

8. ESSAY—Change is Progress,

HENRIETTA VAN NESS

9. ESSAY—Unity of Effort,

SARAH F. FLETCHER

10. ESSAY—Man Dies, but Glory Lives,

EDITH H. MCGRAW

MUSIC.

List the Evening Breeze.

11. ESSAY—Up to The Throne,

SARAH BOSTWICK

12. ORATION—Nature's Noblemen,

STRATTON S. KNOX

MUSIC.

Instrumental Duet—Electric Polka.

13. Presentation of Diplomas to the Academic Graduates.

14. Presentation of Diplomas to the Normal Graduates.

15. Graduating Song,

CLASS OF JUNE 30, '71

BENEDICTION.

“Labor and Wait.”

CLASS SONG of '71.

Words by Melvin J. Keeler.

Music by Mary Marsh.

THROUGH THE BREAKERS, AND THE BILLOWS,
IN THE SURGING SEA OF LIFE,

WE'RE A BAND OF FAITHFUL WORKERS,

WELL TO FIGHT EACH STUBBORN STRIFE.

AT OUR FRONT WE BEAR NO HELMET,

GLISTENING SWORD, OR BAYONET KEEN;

KNOWLEDGE IS OUR MIGHTIER WEAPON,

FAR THE MIGHTIER THOUGH UNSEEN.

ERROR IS OUR FOE, DECEITFUL;

HIS FALSE MASK ASIDE WE'LL TEAR;

AND WHERE NAUGHT BUT EVILS TRIUMPH,

TRUTH, OUR SUREST WEAPON, BEAR.

HEARTS HAVE WE THAT SHUN NOT DUTY,

CHEERFUL, DAUNTLESS, TRUE AS STEEL;

YET ARE MOVED BY OTHERS' SUFFERING,

AND FOR BROTHERS' WOES CAN FEEL.

ALMA MATER! AS WE LEAVE THEE,

TO PURSUE OUR WORLD CAREER;

IN OUR SOULS WE'LL EVER CHERISH,

AND THY WORTHY NAME HOLD DEAR.

THEN WHEN CLOUDS ARE DARK, AND LOWERING,

AND TEMPTATIONS US SURROUND;

WE WILL CLING UNTO THY PRECEPTS,

KNOWING TRUTHS IN THEM ARE FOUND.

WE'RE A CLASS IN FRIENDSHIP PARTING;

EACH A MISSION TO PERFORM;

MAY WE BY TRUE FAITH BE GUIDED,

AND OUR MASTER'S CAUSE ADORN.

THEN AS TIME SHALL BEAR THE SUMMONS;

AS WE LAY OUR LIFE-WORK DOWN;

MAY WE EACH RECEIVE HIS BLESSING,

AND IN GLORY WEAR A CROWN.

GRADUATES.

From the Normal Department.

CLASSICAL COURSE.

STRATTON S. KNOX.
MELVIN J. KEELER.

WILLIAM P. ROBINSON.
JAMES H. SHULTS.

ELEMENTARY ENGLISH COURSE.

ELLA A. AINSWORTH.
ELLA F. BRAINARD.
SARAH BOSTWICK.
SARAH ABBIE BROWN.
ALICE M. CATELEY.
HELEN EELS.
SARAH F. FLETCHER.

FRANCELIA A. HULL.
ELLA M. LEWIS.
AMELIA MIERS.
ELLA L. MATHEWSON.
HELEN L. POTTER.
HENRIETTA VAN NESS.
FLORENCE M. WRIGHT.

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From the Academic Department.

RANDOLPH HORTON.

JOHN W. SUGGETT.

EDITH MCGRAW.