

Eight Graduates Receive Diplomas Concordia College

Salutatory By Fred Gabert,
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test Winner

Concordia college in the Highlands completed its ninth school-year on Wednesday evening, June 18, when eight young men received their diplomas after the termination of a successful six years' academic course. Friends and relatives of the students from many parts of north Alberta were present.

The salutatory was delivered by Fred Gabert, winner of the oratorical contest in the Edmonton district sponsored by the Edmonton Journal two years ago, while C. Krahenbil presented the valedictory. The eloquence of both speakers brought forth no small amount of favorable comment and complimentary remarks.

The chief address of the evening was delivered by the Rev. E. Eberhardt of Stony Plain, pioneer missionary of the Lutheran church in western Canada, who has this year seen 36 years of faithful and devoted service. Reminiscently the venerable pastor dealt upon conditions in the early nineties and compared them with the progress recorded by the church today. "The fondest hopes and the wildest dreams back in the days of Alberta's early infancy," said the speaker, "did not give rise to visions of a Lutheran college so beautifully located in its Christian academic attainments as we have before us in our Concordia today. Certainly we have all reasons to be grateful to our Redeemer."

In his annual report, the principal, Rev. A. H. Schwermann, referred to the fact that during the school-year the commissary department of the college had received donations of victuals valued at \$1,200, while monetary contributions amounted to some \$600. The church contributed \$18,000 to the upkeep and operation expenses of the institution, while each student paid only \$100 for board and laundry. The board had made plans for the erection of four professors' residences near the college on some of the choicest lots of the city, and construction of these had begun on June 16, the cost to be approximately \$10,000 for each house.

Diplomas were awarded by the principal to the following: T. Folkman, Didsbury, Alta.; F. Gabert, Bruderheim, Alta.; V. Hergesheimer, Winnipeg; C. Krahenbil, Neudorf, Sask.; H. Krueger, Bateman, Sask.; L. Liske, Brightview, Alta.; Fred Ulmer, Stony Plain; John Ulmer, Neudorf, Sask. All eight graduates will continue their course next fall in Concordia Theological Seminary, St. Louis, Mo.