

CLARK JUNIOR COLLEGE

CLARK Junior College, completing its second year of existence, had its first graduation exercises last night, with two young men prepared for the final two years of college work at the local institution. Remarkable growth, both in personnel and in standing as a school, has been shown by the youngest educational institution in the county, and the trustees and faculty are to be congratulated on the showing they have made.

Clark Junior College isn't a large college, as yet, although the time is coming when its graduation classes will be larger than the entire present student body. But in the physical smallness of the institution is to be found an advantage to the pupils which will not be forthcoming in years to come when the school has grown to the size of similar but older institutions elsewhere. We refer to the close personal contacts which are possible between the students and the teachers, something which is impossible at the great institutions where the teacher hardly knows the names of any of his large groups of students and where he is almost entirely detached from their minds or aspirations.

Clark Junior College owes much of its success to the masterly work of Robert Oliver, president of the college who by his winning personality, his wide knowledge and his executive ability has surrounded himself with a corps of teachers who have laid the foundations for what, ultimately, will be one of the outstanding institutions of the Northwest. A school laid on the foundations that Clark Junior College is laid can be nothing other than a success.

President Oliver is leaving Clark Junior College temporarily and for the next year or so will be at the University of Wisconsin studying for his doctor of philosophy degree. But he is not leaving permanently, and when he returns two years hence again to take the helm, it will not be surprising if he finds the college housed in fine new quarters, a student body comparable with that of junior colleges in states which long have had this system of education, and a standing in the entire state such that instead of drawing its students from Clark county it will have a state-wide appeal.