MISS SZOLD TO GIRLS

Tells The Western Graduates Of Their Opportunities.

COLLEGES ARE OPEN TO THEM

The Bright Honorary Addressed and Other Features Of The Commencement At The Academy Of Music.

Last night at the Academy of Music at the commencement exercises of the Western High School for the first time in the history of the school the address to the graduates was given by Miss Henrietta Szold, the president of the Association of the Alumnae of the School. After expressing her pleasure at addressing graduates of her own alma mater Miss Szold, the President, in her address to the graduating class, pointed out the contrast between the opportunities for more advanced study open to graduates of the school while students at the school were still attending school and those open to the class of 1901. On the one hand, she said, that she recalled that when she attended the school the name, possibly, of one college was mentioned by her teacher only, while the girls during their recreation periods as they promenaded in schoolgirl fashion along the halls of the old building on Fayette street. And then it was mentioned in tones so distant as if too remote for intimate acquaintance.

But I do not think," she continued, "the idea of entering a college was considered. The possibilities of higher education of the day to those days the girl who wished for a collegiate education was looked upon as a disgraceful thing, of no interest to education facilities provided for her.

Opportunities Of Today.

"Today the features of a college course are not only open to the girls of the class of 1901, but plans for taking such a course are being considered, I am sure, by many of you. And the offer of a scholarship in the Western High School, known to you all through this announcement in the papers, made by President Goucher in response to the request made by the Alumni Association of the Western High School, known to you all through the stimulus of the girls, is to be made possible for at least one member of the class the realization of the desire for a collegiate training."

Taking up the main theme of her address, Miss Szold traced the evolution of the so-called higher education of women. She spoke of the changes made in the industrial system at the beginning of the century by the women wage earners, influencing those who were not content to remain classified as unskilled laborers to enter fields of work requiring intellectual training rather than those of manual labor.

The last two decades, she said, had seen the reaction toward a more symmetrical training for women, one which would not only train for business and professional work but would also be of use in the home. In conclusion she made a strong plea for spiritual education as well as intellectual and manual training.

The salutatory address was written by Miss Ella Naylor and was read by Miss Mary M. Selby. Its subject was "Our Heritage of Influence and Independence."
Our address, which was the subject of the valedictory address, was written by Miss Elizabeth J. Gatch.

Appreciative references to present and former teachers made in the valedictory address, entitled "The Lady of Shalott," were warmly applauded. The address was delivered by Miss Amy Cartwright.

The lists of graduates and of those entitled to especial distinction were announced by the principal of the school, Dr. Henry S. West. The names have already been published in THE SUN. Diplomas were awarded by Mayor Hayes and Peabody prizes by Dr. Philip R. Uhler.

The exercises closed with the singing of the parting ode, the words of the ode having been written by Miss Miriam Brylowski.

The program was arranged by Dr. West, who had the assistance of Miss S. S. Rice, teacher of elocution. The music was attractive both in character and rendition. It was sung under the direction of Miss Florence Herman, assistant superintendent of music. It included besides choruses by the school a duet by Miss Rosenfeld and Miss Mary Gertrude Robinson.