

## GRADUATING EXERCISES OF THE BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL.

### THIRTY-THREE RECEIVE THEIR DIPLOMAS.

A Very Large Audience and a Brilliant Entertainment.

The Boys Bid Each Other Farewell Over a Banquet Board After the Exercises at the Opera House.

At Ingels's opera house last night the largest graduating class which has ever yet left the portals of the Boys' High School entertained and delighted the largest audience which has ever assembled in Atlanta on a similar occasion.

When Bishop Nelson opened the exercises with prayer promptly at 8:15 o'clock thirty-three young men sat in the semicircle before the foot-lights, ready to receive their diplomas. Just in their rear were Superintendent W. F. Slaton, Professor W. M. Slaton, the proud principal of this brilliant class; President Beattie, of the board of education, and a few members of the board.

The class was one of unusually fine appearance—one which inspired pride in the hearts of their many friends. The essays and speeches made during the evening evidenced originality and really brilliant mentality.

#### THE SALUTATORY.

The salutatorian was Mr. Homer V. Black, a sharer of the second honor. His greeting and welcome to the audience on behalf of his class was heartily and neatly said.

#### THE CLASS HISTORY.

After the delivery of the salutatory Mr. Gratton Colvin entertained the audience with an exceptionally bright and clever account of the class history.

This was one of the most entertaining features of the program, replete with wit and humor, and won for Mr. Colvin the unstinted applause of his auditors.

#### "WHAT'S IN A NAME."

Mr. T. T. Smith, Jr., delivered an able and interesting essay on "What's in a Name," and Mr. William A. Laird followed him with an equally excellent production on the fertile subject, "Today."

#### AN EXCELLENT ESSAY.

"The Development of Will Power" furnished Mr. Hayward B. Hansell a theme for an earnest, forceful dissertation on that one greatest attribute to a sturdy character. Mr. Hansell, who shared second honor with Mr. Black, displayed much thought and clear logic in the preparation of his essay.

#### TRIBUTE TO THE SOUTH.

After music by the orchestra, Mr. Frank R. Mitchell grew eloquent in extolling the subject, "A Land of Memories and Heroes," paying a glowing tribute to the southland and her sons of fame.

#### "TIMES ARE CHANGED."

Mr. Homer V. Black, the salutatorian, next read his essay on the subject, "The Times are Changed and We are Changed with Them." The subject, replete with suggestions, was handled in a thoroughly able manner.

#### WELL DELIVERED.

"Why Stand Ye Here Idle?" was the pertinent question to which Mr. J. D. Bradwell devoted his time, with a most profitable result. His delivery was of the very best order and his injunction to young Georgians to grasp the opportunity of the hour was timely and well spoken.

Mr. Cecil A. Alexander, on account of indisposition, was excused from the delivery of his essay on "America's Heroic Record."

#### "A NOBLE DISCONTENT."

Mr. Frank L. Fleming's admirably treated topic was "A Noble Discontent," and the graceful manner in which he delivered it won for him the heartiest applause.

#### THE CLASS PROPHECY.

After a musical intermission Mr. Frank K. Boland read the class prophecy, a production characterized by wit of the most original and entertaining kind. The prophecy was unusually bright and was a source of great enjoyment to the class as well as the audience.

#### THE VALEDICTORY.

The subject of Mr. Ivy L. Lee's essay was the suggestive verse:

"The poem hangs on the berry bush  
When comes the poet's eye,  
The street is one long masquerade  
When Shakespeare passes by."

The manner in which it was treated reflected the highest credit on the young graduate and gave an insight into the bright mind which won for him a share in the first honor.

Mr. Lee's conclusion was the valedictory to the teachers into which he threw a wealth of tenderness.

Mr. George F. Hurt, another sharer of the first honor, had for the subject of his essay, "Anno Domini 1900," and the marvellous dream of progress which he pictured for the electric age held the audience spell-bound with interest.

Mr. Hurt delivered the valedictory to the superintendent and board of education.

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The final essay was that of the third sharer of the first honor, Mr. Albert H. Licklider, whose theme, "A Knight of the Nineteenth Century," was an eloquent exposition of true manhood and ideal gentility, spoken in a graceful and forcible manner. Mr. Licklider delivered the valedictory to the class, bidding the "Good bye, may God bless you," in a fervent and tender manner.

#### THE CLASS.

President Beattie, of the board of education, then addressed the class in a few appropriate remarks and presented the following young gentlemen with their diplomas:

Cecil A. Alexander, A. J. Alexander, Homer V. Black, Frank K. Boland, J. D. Bradwell, Howard K. Clark, George F. Hurt, Albert H. Licklider, Ivy L. Lee, Hayward B. Hansell, Frank R. Mitchell, T. T. Smith, Jr., William A. Laird, and Frank L. Fleming.

and brilliant success. The first class which has been so distinguished in the school. As an educator of young men, Professor Slaton has few peers. His method and dignity, which he uses to develop and inspire in the hearts of the student, and the buoyancy of spirit which his own happy nature reflects, combine to make him a model educator—one who is an honor to Atlanta's public school system.

#### The Banquet.

THE GRADUATES SAT "GOOD-BYE" AROUND THE FETAL BOARD.

At 11 o'clock the members of the graduating class, Professor W. M. Slaton, and the representatives of the press were ushered by Manager Porter, of the Kimball, into the breakfast room of that famous hostelry, where a delightful feast was spread for their enjoyment. The menu was:

Consomme en Tasse.  
Broiled Pompano, a la Maitre d'Hotel, Parisian Potatoes.  
Larded Tenderloin of Beef, a la Trianon, Stuffed Tomatoes.  
Marschasing Punch.  
Roasted Spring Chicken, with Dressing.  
Lettuce Salad.  
Assorted Cake.  
Vanilla Ice Cream.  
Demi Tasse.

After the banquet had been given full justice Mr. Frank Boland, who presided as toastmaster in a most becoming manner, introduced the speakers of the evening in the pleasantest of little speeches.

Mr. T. T. Smith responded to the toast "Friendship," Mr. Charles J. Kelly to "Our History," Mr. Cecil A. Alexander to "Atlanta," Mr. William A. Laird to "The Progress of Education," Mr. A. W. Anthony to "The Boys' High School," Mr. H. P. Hansell to "Our Future," Mr. Gratton Colvin to "The School Boy," Mr. J. J. Meador, Jr., to "Georgia," Mr. Ivy L. Lee to "The Ladies," and Mr. Frank R. Mitchell to "The Class of '93."

All of the responses were brief and exceedingly entertaining.

Prof. W. M. Slaton responded feelingly to the sentiment, "Farewell," and Mr. Walter Howard was called upon to answer to the toast to the press.

The banquet was one of the most decorous and enjoyable ones ever given in Atlanta and every one present were thoroughly entertained.

#### The Honor Boys.

BRIEF SKETCHES OF THOSE WHO WON DISTINCTION.

The five honor boys of the graduating class are Albert H. Licklider, George Hurt, and Ivy L. Lee—first honor—and Homer V. Black and H. S. Hansell—second honor.

Ivy L. Lee is one of the most brilliant members of his class. After a hard fight he succeeded in sharing first honor and the test of intellect required was a severe one. He is sixteen years of age, being young in years to have won such distinction. He has been living in Atlanta for the last seven years, and is the son of Dr. J. W. Lee, and bids fair to equal his distinguished father in the progress he will attain.



MR. IVY L. LEE.  
First Honor.

For the past year Mr. Lee has been one of the most prominent members of the Alcephonian Literary and Debating society, and his debates have been models of eloquence and literary taste. He intends to become a lawyer and will undoubtedly win fame in that profession.

Next fall he will become a student of Emory college and will graduate at that institution, after which he will pursue his studies at a higher college.

Albert H. Licklider possesses marked ability and will do much to his credit in whatever profession he may choose. He is eighteen years old, being the oldest member of his class, and has lived in Atlanta for five years. His native town is Shepherdstown, Va., and he came to Atlanta with his father, Mr. C. A. Licklider, who



MR. ALBERT H. LICKLIDER.  
First Honor.

was, up to a few months ago, secretary of the Y. M. C. A. Mr. Licklider entered Ivy street school and has always stood high in his class. He will enter the University of Virginia and graduate at that far-famed institution. He is a very intellectual young man, and it may safely be predicted that he will be heard from again.

Geo. F. Hurt, another sharer of first honor, is a son of Mr. Joel Hurt, and is possessed of a very high order of intellect. He is especially talented in mathematics and his taste also run largely in that direction.

He is sixteen years old, and is a native of Atlanta. He will go to the State University and will no doubt enter the race for honors at that institution. He is a very bright young man and has always stood high in his class, both in the grammar and the high school. He is a good debater and an excellent logician. He has a very bright future before him.

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