



A. V. SELLARS, GRAHAM, GA.

caslon of the alumni banquet in the auditorium of the Georgia Normal college.

Mr. Sellers was one of the speakers in the recent champion debate in which, for the first time in the history of Mercer university, the Ciceronian society went down in defeat at the hands of the law class. He holds several medals won in oratorical contests.

Among other things in his alumni address, Mr. Sellers said:

"The pictures drawn and painted by ignorance upon the canvass of the dark are blotted out. Argonautic expeditions are fitted out no more to search for golden fleece; the zephyrs still blow but no Venus is wafted to any isle tonight—she sprinkles no nectar on her lover's blood from which flowers may spring; not a pyre is blazing to translate a Heracles to a place among the gods immortal; the oracle of Zeus is never heard in the gloomy recesses of Greece's forest oaks tonight no Clinon hangs a bridle in the sanctuary of the Acropolis; the statue of Athena made from brazen arms and shields gathered from the field of Marathon guards Athens no more; Memnon is voiceless. Thor's hammer is only dust the cup of Bacchus is empty; Iole weeps no more, her sister plucks no purple flowers now; the strains of Orpheus no longer entrance the gods and goddesses, no longer soften the wild beasts, no longer move the trees and rocks—Orpheus look back at Eurydice one time too many; the sea-god Neptune lives no more—his feet trampled down beneath the same wheels that touched the Galilean water Helicon is still clad with trees and vines and filled with fountains but the muses haunt it not, the shrine of Apollo has been torn from the sacred isle of Delos; Delphian oracle is speechless now; Cithara weeps not in unrequited love and Daphne with bright eyes and rosy lips and hair of gold is no more."