



The Calliopean Society

THE Calliopean Literary Society was organized and named in the year 1840 by Dr. Collins, then president of the college. During its life of over seventy years, it has enjoyed uninterrupted prosperity and success, and it today continues to be one of the main educative features of Emory and Henry College. While the membership of the society has of course fluctuated with the college enrollment, yet at no time has Calliope lacked sons loyal enough to come to her relief in time of difficulty.

During the last few years the enrollment has increased by leaps and bounds, and this year it was deemed expedient to organize a "Junior Calliopean" Society, for the benefit of the Fitting School boys. This Junior order, although handicapped by the fact that it was not organized until more than a month after the opening of school, is now in a prosperous condition, with near fifty members.

No man who has not been a student at Emory and Henry, and been connected with one of her literary societies, can appreciate the depth of feeling which all Emory and Henry men have for the old societies. It is the strongest tie which binds them while here in school, and is the feature of college life most pleasant to recall in after years. The old Calliopeans never lose interest in the "Queen of the Muses and Goddess of Epic Poetry." Her sons are to be found in every part of our country, from the snows of the North to the Gulf breezes, from the Atlantic to the Pacific--men in every rank and walk of life, from the highest to the lowest, and all of them are animated by the same love and loyalty to the old society.

We know of no better proof of what Calliope has done in the past, and is now doing, than to point to some of her sons who have gone forth to do her honor. Great ministers, noted lawyers and judges, eloquent orators, famous statesmen, and men destined to become prominent in the literary and scientific worlds, have been among those who in the past bowed themselves at her shrine, and received the inspiration of her traditions.

Hon. B. B. Comer, ex-governor of Alabama, is a loyal and devoted Calliopean.

Among the congressmen whose names formerly appeared on our rolls are: Clayton and Wiley, of Alabama; Gudger and Yeates, of North Carolina; Slemph, Bowen, Martin, and Buchanan, of Virginia; John R. Neal, of Tennessee.

As to lawyers and judges who have attained renown, we might mention: John A. Buchanan, of the supreme court of appeals, of Virginia; William Yancy Lewis, of the supreme court of Texas; F. S. Blair, Ex-Attorney General, of Virginia; George W. Brooks, United States circuit judge, North Carolina; William B. Egan, of the supreme court of Louisiana; William H. Faulkner, of Texas; David S. Garland, of New York, editor of American and English Encyclopedia of Law; Jos. B. Dibrell, of the Supreme Court of Texas; Judge



Samuel C. Graham, of Virginia; General Horatio C. King, of New York; Frank Dibrell, Comptroller of the Treasury of Tennessee; A. L. Spears, Ex-Attorney General, of Alabama; Judge F. B. Hutton, of Virginia; and John P. White, formerly of the supreme court of Texas.

Bishop James Atkins, Dr. David Sullins, George R. Stuart, Dr. R. N. Price, Dr. Frank Richardson, Dr. Charles M. Bishop, and many other noted ministers, were Calliopeans.

Of scholars and literary men we may boast: Dr. D. H. Atkins, former editor of the North Carolina Christian Advocate; John L. Buchanan, Ex-President of Emory and Henry, Ex-President of V. P. I., Ex-President of the University of Arkansas, and formerly Superintendent of Public Instruction in Virginia; H. D. Clayton, formerly president of the University of Mississippi; Frank A. Douglas, of Texas, an author and newspaper man; William H. Faulkner, of Texas, former president of Lebanon University; Dr. Virginius Harrison, professor of Materia Medica and Therapeutics, University College of Medicine, Virginia; Dr. D. S. Hearon, former president of Sullins and Martha Washington Colleges; Dr. E. C. Huffaker, of Louisiana; Dr. A. P. Jordon, of Columbus College, Mississippi; Rev. John J. Lafferty, formerly editor of the Richmond (Virginia) Christian Advocate; Hon. Joseph B. Dibrell, of Texas, a leading attorney, and regent of the State University; Dr. F. P. Miles, formerly professor at V. P. I.; Thomas C. Nolan, of Georgia, an author and poet; Dr. C. H. Shannon, former professor of ancient languages at Emory and Henry, now at the University of Tennessee; William A. Stuart, now Rhodes scholar at Oxford, England.

All these men and a host of others, too numerous to mention, have gone out from the Calliopean Society broadened and prepared for usefulness by their connection with it, and leaving behind them their names and deeds as the most priceless treasure of the society. The traditions of almost a century are behind us who now make up her active membership. May we then strive to conduct ourselves as worthy members of that great brotherhood to which we belong, and when we go out from our Alma Mater be it our desire that we do nothing unworthy of that proud name which we bear.

BOLLING H. HANDY.







Calliopean Literary Society Song

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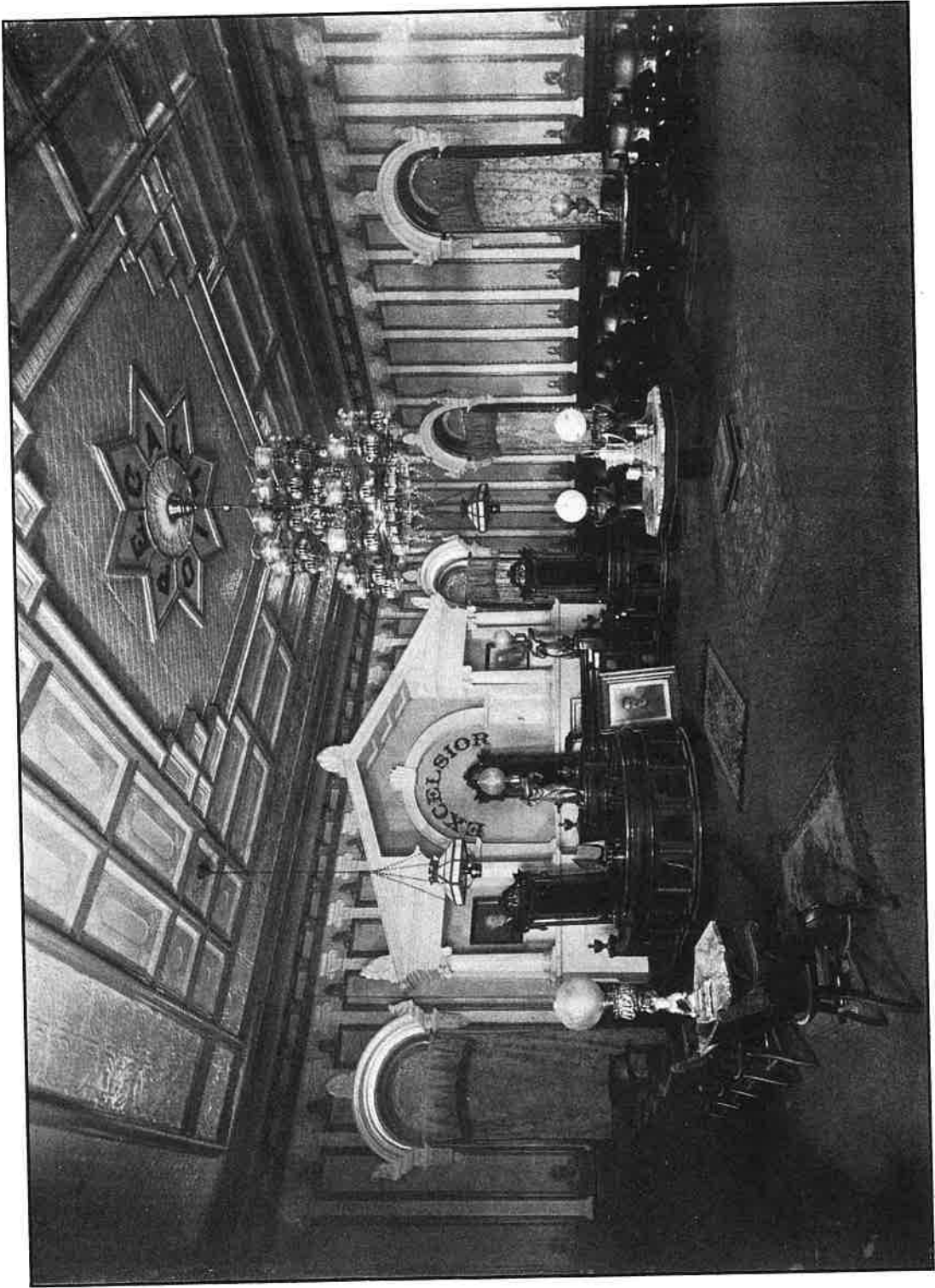
WHEN the day in darkness closes,
And the shadows come and go;
And the hard week's work is ended,
My heart with joy doth flow,

Chorus

Within thy sacred walls,
Before thy sacred shrine,
There we meet with one another,
Calliope sublime.

Sweet impressions there are moulded,
And friendship ties made true;
Still possess us, still remind us,
There's work that we must do.

Still inspire the flame of learning,
And spread thy sales to sea;
Wafting on the breeze, "EXCELSIOR,"
Our lov'd Calliope.



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