



The Sphinx 1911



History Hermesian Literary Society

THE Hermesian Literary Society was organized November 24th, 1840. For three years the society held its sessions in a lecture room where it had its origin, and then suddenly rose to a higher sphere; a garret of rather small dimensions but neatly arched and neatly adorned with carpets and tapestry became the theater of its actions. For seventeen years it held its meetings in this hall in the main college building. When the Byars House was built in 1860 the entire third story of the building was occupied by the two society halls, the Hermesian hall being in the east end of the building. When the building burned in 1891 and was rebuilt, the hall was enlarged and equipped with better furniture which made it much more attractive. In 1896 the hall was remodeled; the furniture changed from cherry to oak. In 1899 another improvement was made in the hall by building a new rostrum. In 1901 further improvements were made. The hall was remodeled, new steel ceiling was put in, and the hall was refurnished. These are some of the changes that have been made at various times. Today the society boasts of having one of the most attractive halls in the South. Its attractiveness and surroundings are strong incentives to develop the oratorical powers of all those who avail themselves of the opportunities.

The motto of the society is: "THE WEALTH OF THE MIND IS THE ONLY TRUE WEALTH." The inspiration from this that has come to the many that have worshiped at the shrine of Hermes, is attested by the great numbers that have gone out to become leaders of men. The society points with pride to her prominent men, many of whom have gained national reputation. Among her prominent sons we mention such men as Gen. J. E. B. Stuart, who is known to every reader of American history for his brilliant career in the Civil War; John Goode of the class of 1848, one of Virginia's ablest lawyers, was chairman of the committee that framed the constitution of the State of Virginia. He also served his people as Congressman. Dr. G. S. Gleaves, M. D., was one of Virginia's best physicians and was for many years president of the State Medical Association. Sam Small graduated in the class of 1871, and afterwards became the well known editor and lecturer. J. S. Kennedy, D. D., who was one of the most active members in the early history of the society attained great prominence as a preacher in the Holston Conference. James R. Love, of North Carolina, who graduated in 1857, early became a colonel in the Confederate army and afterwards attained great prominence as a lawyer. An interesting story is told in connection with Love. At that time the boys coming to college would bring a darkey along to wait on them. The boys wrote speeches for their negroes and held an oratorical contest for them, awarding to the



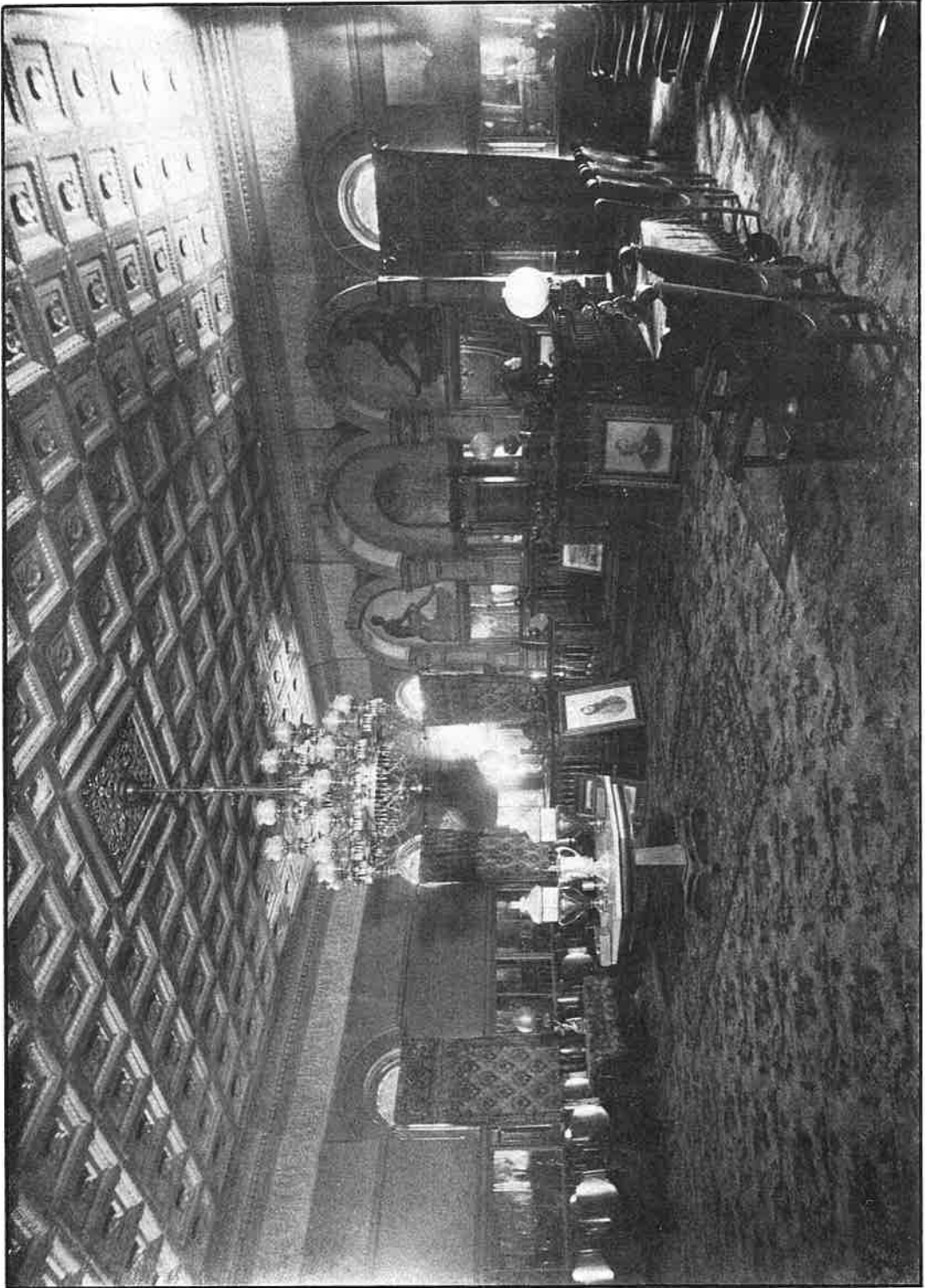
winner a medal. The year that Love graduated his negro won the medal and went back to North Carolina with his owner, feeling that he also was a graduate of Emory and Henry College. From that time on he made the darkies that associated with him call him "professor." T. A. S. Adams, D. D., minister, author, and poet, of Mississippi, graduated in the class of 1860. He enjoyed the high honor and distinction of being elected as poet for the semi-centennial of 1887. He was also for a time president of Centenary College, of Louisiana. Charles E. Vawter who was the only graduate from the college in 1866 became superintendent of the Millers School at Crozet, Va.

Our bishops should not be forgotten. Four of the twelve bishops in the Southern Methodist Church are Emory and Henry men. Three of these are Hermesians. Bishop R. G. Waterhouse, D. D., graduated in the class of 1885 and was for seventeen years president of the college. He was elected to the bishopric in 1910. Bishop E. E. Hoss, D. D., LL. D., graduated from the college in 1868. Bishop W. R. Lambuth, M. D., D. D., graduated from the college in 1875.

Other prominent Hermesians cannot be mentioned for lack of space, but some deserving personal mention are: Dr. C. C. Fisher, president of Millersburg Female College, Millersburg, Ky.; Dr. W. S. Neighbors, D. D., president of Sullins College, Bristol, Va.; Walter L. Stanley, lawyer, Norfolk, Va.; Judge Robert C. Jackson, Roanoke, Va.; Rev. W. M. Dyer, who was president of Martha Washington College, Abingdon, Va.; Dr. J. L. Blackmore, M. D., of Muskogee, Okla.

The society is truly proud of such noble sons. She has been well represented in war, church, and state. Her younger sons have as bright prospects to gain honor and fame. The society at the present time has the largest membership in its history, and its outlook is brighter than ever for still grander achievements.





HERMESIAN HALL

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Hermesian Society Organization

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Hermesian Literary Society Song

J. W. BYRD

Air: *Trannenbaum*.

FROM classic hills, 'neath shining skies,
Comes the messenger of gods,
He rules the world with pleasing words,
Trusting not to scourging rods;
He comes to make the rough paths smooth,
To heal the wound and conscience soothe,
And ever on the path he moves
Fall the tyrants, demigods.

With giant tread and stately mein
Walks he now mid human throngs;
His welcome voice is gladly heard
While he sings our earthly songs;
With artful hand and heavenly sight
He lifts men upward to the light,
No more to dwell in endless night,
Nor to fear the Saton thongs.

We'll rise and sing with thee, Hermes,
While our lives to us are given;
We'll stand and fight for thee, Hermes,
Though the cliffs be thunder riven;
We'll float thy banner to the skies,
And with thy winged sandals rise,
Nor stop for desperation's sighs
While thy words float down from heaven.

From out our hearts the anthems swell,
While we wait before thy shrines;
Our minds and souls thy glories tell
As their lights before us shine;
Up, up above the world below
Our songs and souls together go,
Till heaven's throngs join sweet and low
In thy song, Hermes, divine.