

NEWTONIAN SOCIETY



Front row kneeling: Vernon Pope, Maynard Johnson, Mead Monroe, Ray Cody.
 Front row standing: Robert Laughlin, Marvin Evans, Franklin Page, Alex. Lax, Scott Honeycutt, Odell Evans, Lester Furr, Edward McEntire, Worth Cotton.
 Third row: Roy Sinclair, Raymond Hackney, Elmore Pierce, Brevard Goode, Howard McLamb, William Eaker, Jack Singletary, Arvin Cooper, Mack Drum.
 Fourth row: Jack Kirby, Charles Rackard, Burgin Hovis, V. P. Crowder, Paul Tyndall, Robert Leeper, Fred Barber, Carl Wilson, Watt Deal, Ernest Hilton.
 Fifth row: Clarence Satterwhite, Hubert Turner, Johnnie Johnson, Ernest Glass

Newtonian Society Has Had Wonderful History

In the vast multitude of the alumni of Rutherford College no greater men have left her benevolent halls than those who have been loyal Newtonians. Sacred to their memory is this time-honored institution, whose pleasant recollections inspire them on to seek new planes of nobler endeavor, to labor with a common aim for the welfare of Man's existence in this world and that of the future.

Host of the Truly Great.

The halls of this old society, rich in prestige and tradition, and teeming with scholarly lore, resound with the immortal echoes of the soul-language of great orators, declaimers, debaters, and essayists who have blessed this nation because of their having lived in it. Ministers, statesmen, lawyers, army officials, doctors, financiers, philanthropists, and captains of industry have left this nursery of true greatness to branch out and produce abundant fruit in every field of progressive endeavor.

Strong is her precedence, rigid her ideals, producing sturdy character based on those great inexorable moral truths that ripen with the years. Indeed, her gentle wooing has led numbers of her loyal sons to search out the depths of their mortal hearts, and replete it with celestial zeal and glorious determination toward the enriching of Man's weak estate. Needless to say, this maternal institution beams, so to speak, with deserved and rightful pride on the eternal good accomplished by her progeny of past history.

These Names Are Sacred.

The Newtonian Literary Society was founded in 1857, this being the first organization of its kind on the campus. It remains today the outstanding activity at Rutherford

College. Among her alumni members who are familiar to the students are: Rev. J. F. Moser, pastor of Burkehead Methodist church, Winston-Salem; Dr. J. E. Abernethy, pastor of First Methodist Church, Lexington, N. C.; Dr. Dwight Ware, pastor of First Methodist church, Lenoir, N. C.; Rev. W. A. Rollins, pastor of Calvary Methodist church, Charlotte; W. B. Elkins, plant superintendent of Standard Oil Co., Winston-Salem; Rev. Claude Moser, pastor First Methodist church, Spencer, N. C., and donor of the Moser Oration Medal of Rutherford College; and other splendid men too numerous to mention. Among her honorary members are numbered such notable figures as Hon. O. Max Gardner, Hon. Zebulon Baird Vance, Hon. Lee S. Overman, Messrs. J. B. Duke, Clyde R. Hoey, J. Clint Newton, Isaac Newton, Washington Duke, and Benjamin N. Duke. She breathes the spirit of greatness into her sons and fits them with remarkable capacities for higher service in life, as demonstrated by their unique adaptability to any profession.

A Word Memory Will Keep Afresh

Her name will ever sweep across a responsive heart-chord in noble lives because of her disinterested contribution to noble living, this glorious old society. Those leaving her beloved retreat long for a continuation of "The days when loveliness enhance regret for lack of equals, lingering all too few of moments blest of Paradise." Her sons will ever follow the gleam of truth that she first lit in their souls. Her honors will increase with the swiftness of time, and her name will be unchangeably in-

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P. L. S. The Training Place For Many Leading Alumni

Nearly four score years ago, a man of Christian character and dauntless courage, opened a little school in the foothills of Burke County, where boys and girls with a purpose and ideals might receive an education. The school grew in gigantic proportions until it became necessary to institute certain student organizations to take care of the complexity of campus life and to meet the growing need for some extra-curricular activity. In those days athletics played little part in college life and naturally all minds turned toward the forensic arts of declaiming, orating, and debating.

Matters of History.

The first organization to be formally organized at Rutherford College was the Newtonian Literary Society, organized in 1858. Due to differences in opinions, another society was organized in 1860, known as the "Lee Society." After the war, the name caused so much bitterness between northern and southern students that the Platonic Literary Society was chartered in 1880. Its founders were none other than Mr. J. D. Helm and Dr. J. Reece Bair. This brings to us the fact that the Platonic Literary Society is a roster of notables. She is the Hall of Fame for Rutherford College and on the annals of her archives are written in deeds of achievement the names of her illustrious sons. From the ranks of the P. L. S. have come such men as W. B. Love; Marvin Stacy, once President of the University; Judge Stacy, of the Supreme Court bench; W. B. Ricks and J. H. Shore, both notable clergymen; Oliver D. Bachelor, Supreme Court Judge and right hand man of President Harding; Congressman Chas. L. Abernethy; M. C. Becton, a prominent millionaire of New York, and

scores of others who have perpetuated the name of the P. L. S. "Character," P. L. S. Motto.

Thus we see that the debt of Methodism and the nation to the P. L. S. is tremendous. The P. L. S. has become a laboratory for the greatest known mechanism to man, the human mind. It is a guild of Art and Genius for literary craftsmen and a Forum for all the Forensic Arts. It is a mighty potent force in the order of life at Rutherford College and the word "Platonic" has become a household word among the alumni of the school. The P. L. S. has immortalized itself as an institution of ideals to which even her opponents point with pride. There is no greater organization in any college or university that can compare with it in purpose and ideals. Indeed, the very watchword of the P. L. S. is "Character." It is written on the tables of every Platonic man's heart.

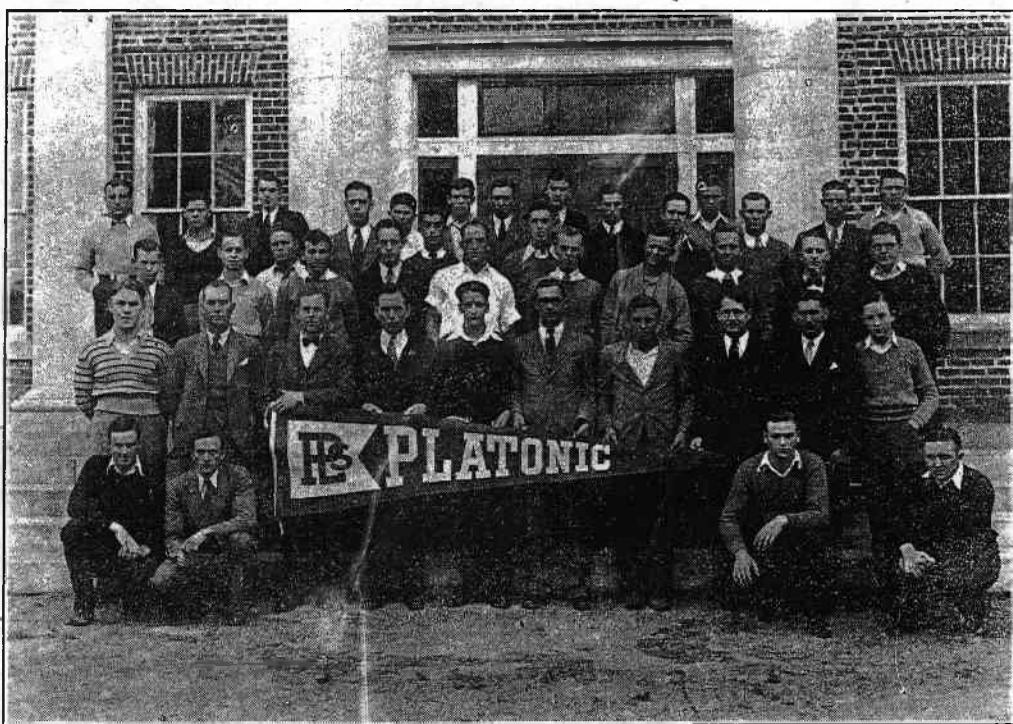
Integral Part of Institution.

The true greatness of any individual or organization is judged in terms of the rays of influence which it casts across the years. It has been said, and rightfully so, that "an institution is the lengthened shadow of a man." The P. L. S. is the lengthened shadow of those who have been mentally nourished by her and after receiving her blessing, have gone out through her classic doors to other fields of endeavor. It is a part of their personality and no force is greater than personality. The P. L. S. is one of traditions and glories, victories that have heaped honors on the school and laurels on the brows of her followers. As long as Rutherford College lives, the P. L. S. will live. Already the "Platonic Literary Society Alumni Association" has been organized and is

being managed by able Platonic men.

The history of this grand old organization is written in deeds of achievements and accomplishments. She is living as the most monumental and colossal memorial to Rutherford College and will continue to carry on after the walls of Rutherford have long since become dust.

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First row kneeling, (left to right:) James Avett, Fred Davis, Jess Murphy, Clegg Huneycutt.
 2nd row: William Wall, Otis Buff, John Gibbs, Lewis Carpenter, Tom Lawrence, Ralph Bridges, Leroy Bronson, Edgar Price, James Abernethy, William McKnight.
 Third row: James Hornbuckle, Braxton Craven, Gordon Goodson, Ralph Drum, William Bumgarner, Mervin McGee, Frank Mock, Herman Randall, McRay Crawford, William Thompson.
 Fourth row: Jess Bumgarner, Paul Shoaf, Fred Sherrill, Zeb Malcolm, Virgil Queen, Scott Fitzgerald, George Williams, Jeffrey Wallwork, Elbert Combs, Leslie Tanner, Alexander Sigmon, Jack Scott, Charles Tate, Fred Ross, Lewis Ross, Powell Sherrill, James Wentz.