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## CENTRE COLLEGE.

As the Trustees of Centre College have, at length, been enabled fully to organize their Institution, by doubling the number of its officers and greatly enlarging the course of instruction; and as frequent calls are made upon them from persons at a distance, requesting information in relation to the course of studies, number of officers, expenses, &c. of the College; they have determined to publish, for the satisfaction of their friends and the public, the following expose, which will exhibit every thing that would probably be interesting to any one who may wish to select a place for the education of his sons.

### I. Charter.

Centre College was incorporated by a SPECIAL ACT of the Legislature of Kentucky, in the year 1818. The immunities and privileges conferred on it by this act, are, in all respects, equal to those enjoyed by any Literary Institution in the State. Its affairs are managed by a Board of eleven Trustees, appointed, from time to time, by the Presbyterian Synod of Kentucky. It is the only College, in the State, that belongs by charter to the Presbyterian Church. The Legislature gave up all controul over its concerns, and surrendered it into the hands of the Synod in consideration of their endowing it without legislative assistance. The charter, however, stipulates that no sectarian peculiarities shall be taught by the Professors, and that all sects are to have free access for their children to the Institution.

### II. Professors.

- REV. JOHN C. YOUNG, A. M. PRESIDENT, *Professor of Logic, Moral and Mental Philosophy.*  
JAMES M. BUCHANAN, A. M. *Professor of Mathematics.*  
REV. WILLIAM L. BRECKINRIDGE, A. M. *Professor of Ancient Languages.*  
LEWIS W. GREEN, A. M. *Professor of Belles Lettres and Political Economy.*  
LUKE MUNSELL, M. D. *Professor of Chemistry, Mineralogy and Natural Philosophy.*  
REV. JOSEPH HUBER, *Professor of Modern Languages.*  
WILLIAM Y. ALLEN, } *Tutors of the Grammar School.*  
HENRY G. COMMINGO, }

One of the Professors will be Rector of the Grammar School, and spend in its instruction and supervision at least one hour each day.

The number of Professors is larger than in any other College in the West; and all of them, except one, devote their whole time to their Professional duties. The Professor of Modern Languages is occupied in instruction only during the winter session, as the studies of his Department are attended to in that part of the year.

### III. Government.

The government of the College is paternal. The students enjoy a greater degree of familiar intercourse with their Professors, than is customary at similar Institutions. Such intercourse, it is believed, can effect more than formal and official instructions in training youth to propriety of conduct, and inspiring them with correct moral sentiments. It is the desire and aim of the Faculty to supersede, as far as possible, the necessity of discipline, by keeping up, among the youth, so strong a public sentiment in favor of virtue and religion, as will check all attempts at disorder, and subdue and change the dispositions of those who may be inclined to idleness and immorality. Hitherto they have witnessed, with pleasure, the success of this plan; whole sessions having sometimes passed away without a single case of discipline. When the example and sentiments of his fellow-students, the private counsels and affectionate exhortations of the Professors, and the public censure of the Faculty have all been tried without effecting the reformation of an idle or immoral youth, he is dismissed and sent home to his friends, that his influence may not be exerted in corrupting others.

### IV. Course of Study.

#### GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Latin, Greek, and English Grammars, Latin Prosody, Mair's Introduction, Arithmetic, Geography, Latin Reader, Cæsar, Ovid, Sallust, Jacob's Greek Reader.

#### FRESHMAN CLASS.

*First Term.*—Virgil's *Æneid*, Translation of English into Latin, Xenophon's *Cyropædia*, Roman Antiquities, (Adams') Algebra, Declamation, Bible Recitation.

*Second Term.*—Livy, Translation of English into Latin, Græca Majora, Greek Antiquities, Ancient Geography, Algebra continued, Declamation, Bible Recitation.

#### SOPHOMORE CLASS.

*First Term.*—Virgil's *Georgics* and *Bucolics*, Cicero's *Orationes*, Homer, Legendre's *Geometry*, Composition, Declamation, Instructions and Exercises in Reading, Bible Recitation.

*Second Term.*—Horace, Græca Majora (Oratorical and Philosophical Extracts) *Geometry* continued, Declamation, Composition, Reading Lessons, Bible Recitation.

## JUNIOR CLASS.

*First Term.*—Cicero de Oratore, Græca Majora (Critical and Miscellaneous Extracts,) Longinus, Greek Testament, (Epistles,) Rhetoric, Elements of Criticism, Critical Examination of some English Classics, Logic, Trigonometry, (Plane and Spherical,) Original Speeches, Composition, Bible Recitation.

*Second Term.*—Juvenal, Græca Majora, 2d vol. (Epic Extracts) Evidences of Christianity, Political Economy, Conic Sections, Application of Algebra to Geometry and Trigonometry, Original Speeches, Composition, Bible Recitation.

## SENIOR CLASS.

*First Term.*—Tacitus, (or Cicero de Officiis) Græca Majora, (Dramatic Extracts,) Hebrew or French, Mental Philosophy, Chemistry, Natural Philosophy, Original Speeches, Composition, Bible Recitation.

*Second Term.*—Cicero de Amicitia and de Senectute, Græca Majora, (finished) Moral Philosophy, Astronomy, Geology, Mineralogy, Original Speeches, Composition, Bible Recitation.

An opportunity will be afforded to any, who may wish it, to study the German, Spanish, or Italian language, as well as the French. The Professor of Modern Languages is a European by birth, has resided in the different countries whose languages he teaches, and has been in the habit of conversing in those languages.

The studies here laid down, must be mastered to entitle any student to a Diploma. In many Institutions the apparent or printed course is very different from the course actually pursued. The one is very diffuse, and the other very contracted.—The Trustees deem it, therefore, proper to say that they have not chalked out an ideal desirable course, but an attainable one which shall be fully taught. The course will be modified from time to time, to keep pace with the general advancement of knowledge. Of these changes, due notice will be given in the annual publications of the Board.

As many desire to study only particular branches of science, such persons are admitted into College as Irregular Students to pursue the specific course they desire. Irregular students will, however, be required to conform to the general rules of the Institution. Persons desirous of qualifying themselves for teaching common schools, will be furnished with an opportunity of acquainting themselves with the various branches of higher English Education, and thus fitting themselves for greater usefulness and respectability in their profession.

The great object of the Instructors, will be, not so much to *infuse* their own knowledge into the minds of the youth, as to develop the powers of the pupils, teach them *how to acquire for themselves*, and thus store their minds with un-borrowed attainments. Instead of making their pupils mere

depositories of science, they will endeavour to make them thinking beings.

### V. Religious Services.

All students are required to attend prayers in the Chapel, in the morning, before the instructions of the day commence; and in the evening, at the close. They are also required to attend a Bible Recitation on the Sabbath. When there is preaching in the Chapel on the Sabbath, the students must attend, unless a parent or guardian shall intimate, in writing, his wish that his son or ward should attend preaching elsewhere. There are, in the town, houses of worship belonging to four different denominations of christians, the Presbyterian, Methodist, Episcopal, and Baptist. Any of these a parent or guardian may select for his son or ward's attendance; but it is required that each student attend regularly on some church.

### VI. Library, Apparatus, & Reading-room.

The College Library consists of 1600 volumes, of very choice and valuable works; and additions are constantly making to the Library. There are also several society libraries, containing some hundred volumes. So that the student has access to about 2,300 volumes.

There is also a Reading Room, under the care of the Faculty, in the use of which students are allowed to participate. In this Room are found all the able Periodicals of our own country, and some of the best Foreign Journals.

As more attention is intended to be given to Chemistry and Natural Philosophy than has hitherto been paid to them in any Western College, the Board have not only appointed a Professor for this Department, but have procured, from the East, a new and extensive apparatus, for fully exhibiting the various experiments necessary in a large course of Natural Science.

### VII. Commencement, Vacations, Examinations.

The Annual Commencement takes place on the Thursday following the 3d Wednesday of September. A vacation immediately follows the Commencement, and continues until the Thursday after the 3d Wednesday of October. The winter Session, which is then opened, continues for twenty-one weeks, and is followed by another vacation of four weeks. The Summer Session is then opened, and continues until the commencement. The examinations of the classes, are semi-annual, and occupy in the fall, the three days immediately previous to the Commencement, and, in the Spring, the last two days of the Session. On the day previous to the Commencement, the Senior Class are examined for their degrees, on all the studies of their course.

### VIII. Tuition Fee, &c.

The tuition fee is \$15 per session in the College Proper, and \$12 in the Preparatory. As it is very desirable that students should enter at the beginning of a Session, to commence their studies with their respective classes, no deduction from the tuition fee will be made in favor of any one who may enter after the commencement of a session, but before the first two months of it have expired. Those who may enter after the first two months of a session will be charged in proportion to the part of it that still remains. The tuition fee for each session is paid in advance to the Treasurer of College, and nothing is refunded to any who may leave College before the close of the Session.

### IX. Expenses.

It has been an object with the Board to make education as cheap as possible, that thus it might be accessible to all. The situation of the village in which the College is located has been very favourable to their wishes in this respect. For its distance from any large market-town, and the remarkable productiveness of the surrounding country render the means of subsistence uncommonly cheap. Every effort too, is used by the Faculty for encouraging a spirit of strict economy. A taste for dress and idle expenditure is, in every way, discouraged. Domestic manufacture is almost universally worn by teachers as well as pupils, and a plain neat dress is considered more creditable to its wearer than a costly one.

A student's expenses, vary here, as well as elsewhere, according to his previous tastes and habits. Some, by choosing to board at a cheaper rate than ordinary, and by economy in other points, can reduce their rate of expenditure much below what is the average.

The common price of boarding, washing and lodging in private families, is \$1 50 per week, the student furnishing his own wood and candles. At the distance of a mile from College, boarding, &c. including wood and candles, can be procured for \$1 00 per week.

If a student rooms in the College, he pays \$2 50 per session, for room rent, and can procure boarding in the town, for from 87½ cents, to \$1 18¼ per week.

The tuition fee is \$30 per annum in the College Proper, and \$24 in the Preparatory.

Exclusive of books and clothing, a student may support himself on from \$80 to \$100 per annum. Some indeed of our most respectable students live on from \$65 to \$80.

### X. Education Farm.

There is a farm, in the immediate vicinity of College, on

which, by laboring two hours per day, any young man having the gospel ministry in view, can live, covering every expense, except for books and clothing, by \$60 per annum. The Board have it in contemplation to afford to any other students, besides those intended for the ministry, the opportunity of aiding themselves and benefitting their health by a system of manual labor.

### **XI. Grammar School.**

In the Grammar School, youth are fitted for College, and also taught the higher branches of an English Education. The discipline is mild but strict. Idleness and misconduct are promptly punished; but every means is used to make instruction and study pleasant as well as profitable. It presents to parents, who have no good teacher of Languages in their neighbourhood, great facilities for thoroughly preparing their sons for College. They can be placed in private families, where they will be taken care of; and every attention will be paid to their morals and deportment. Two well qualified teachers devote their whole time to the instruction of the Grammar School; and it is, besides, under the superintendance of one of the Faculty as a Rector, who spends in it one hour per day, in general supervision of the classes, and in minute inspection into the improvement of each pupil. No pains will be spared to enable children placed in the school to realize the expectations and hopes of their parents.

### **XII. Location.**

The College is pleasantly situated in the centre of the state, in Danville,\* a healthy, quiet and retired village, where there are few temptations to seduce the young from their studies or allure them into vice. From its retired situation, from the healthiness and fertility of the adjacent country, and from the moral and religious character of its inhabitants, Danville possesses eminent natural advantages as a place for educating youth. These advantages have been improved, and there are now enjoyed here facilities for education of every kind. Besides the College Proper and Grammar School, there is, under the care of the Trustees, a Primary School, where a thorough Common English Education will be given to youth of all ages. There is also under the care of the Board, an Institution, handsomely endowed by Congress, for the education of the Deaf and Dumb—the only Institution of the kind in the South West. There is, further, in the village, a Female School of the highest order, under the care of a Teach-

\* Danville lies at the distance of 10 miles from Harrodsburgh, on the road leading from the Harrodsburgh to the Crab Orchard Springs; and is thus conveniently located for persons from the South who may wish to spend their Summers where they can see their children.

er, (Rev. James K. Burch,) whose long experience and great success in the instruction of females, have extended his reputation far beyond the bounds of our own state.

By order, D. G. COWAN, *Secretary.*

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