

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

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PREAMBLE.

We, the students of Centre College, do declare ourselves an Association for mutual improvement in oratory, elocution, composition and debate, and for enlarging our fund of general intelligence; in pursuit of which objects we desire to exhibit due consideration for the opinions and feelings of others, to maintain a perfect command of temper in all intercourse, to seek for truth in all our exercises, and have adopted for our government the following Constitution and By-Laws.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

NAME AND MOTTO.

Sec. 1. This Association shall be known as the "DEINOLOGIAN LITERARY SOCIETY," of Centre College.

Sec. 2. The motto of this Society shall be,
"Vita sine literis mors est."

ARTICLE II.

OFFICERS.

Sec. 1. The officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Librarian, Critic, and Sergeant at Arms.

ARTICLE III.

TERM OF OFFICE.

Sec. 1. The term of office shall be the same as the school term of the collegiate year.

ARTICLE IV.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

Sec. 1. It shall be the duty of the President, on taking his seat, to deliver an Inaugural Address. He shall preside at all meetings of the Society, see that its laws are enforced, decide all points of order, offer for consideration all motions reg-

ularly made, preserve order during its meetings, and in case of disorder shall have the power to impose a fine of not exceeding ten dollars nor less than five cents for each offense. He shall appoint all committees, and call extra meetings of the Society at the request of three regular members. He shall select the subjects for the extempore speeches, and give them to the speakers at his desk, and shall not let them know what the subjects are previous to that time.

Sec. 2 It shall be the duty of the Vice President to preside in the absence of the President. He shall arrange the programs of exercises two weeks in advance. When a member has been on the program for an exercise he shall not again, except in special cases, be appointed to that place until he has taken part in all the other exercises of the program. He shall read the appointments to the Society, and then turn them over to the Secretary. He may assign duties in addition to those specified in the By-Laws.

Sec. 3. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a faithful account of the proceedings of each meeting, reading the same at the opening of the ensuing one, and recording it in a book kept for that purpose. He shall conduct the correspondence of the Society. He shall also take charge of the programs, and shall post each new one in the college bulletin not later than Monday noon of the week for which it is appointed.

Sec. 4. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep account of all moneys, receipts and expenditures. He shall report the state of the treasury at the first regular meeting of each month. He shall make no payments without a written order from the President. He shall prepare a list of the legal voters of the Society, which he shall have in his possession at all its meetings, and which he shall read to the society one week before the regular elections. He shall call the roll at all regular meetings, and report those members owing one dollar or over as fines and dues and fees.

Sec. 5. It shall be the duty of the Sergeant at-Arms to act as door-keeper, to keep order during meetings and if possible prevent any noise in the hall outside of the society room. He shall also act as messenger for the society.

Sec. 6. It shall be the duty of the Librarian to keep the Library in proper order, to open the Library fifteen minutes before each regular meeting. He shall let books to members in accordance with the Library rules in By-laws. He shall report at the close of his term of office the number of books in the Library, the number received and the condition of the Library.

Sec. 7. It shall be the duty of the Critic to impartially

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and courteously criticize the matter and manner of all literary exercises of each meeting.

ARTICLE V.

MEMBERS.

Sec. 1. The members shall consist of Active, Associate and Honorary members. The Honorary members shall be persons who have honorably distinguished themselves. The Associate members shall be Seminary students and Law students who have not studies in college. They shall not be allowed to hold office nor to enter the contests. Their initiation fee shall be one dollar and two dollars for the expenses of the Society.

Sec. 2. Any member having obtained an honorable dismissal from the Society or having been absent from school may again become a member by having his name placed on the roll.

Sec. 3. Any member who absents himself, except in case of sickness, from four regular meetings in succession without being excused shall cease to be a member unless thereafter he pays the fines imposed by the By Laws.

Sec. 4. The privileges of the Society shall consist in voting and holding office.

ARTICLE VI.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS.

Sec. 1. Two-thirds of the votes of those voting shall be required for the election of students into the society.

ARTICLE VII.

DUTIES OF MEMBERS.

Sec. 1. Of the Active Members of the Society the President, Vice-President and Secretary may be exempt from duty.

ARTICLE VIII.

INITIATION FEE AND DUES.

Sec. 1. Every Active Member shall pay an initiation fee of three dollars, and as yearly dues two dollars for the expenses of the Society.

Sec. 2. If, without reasonable excuse, these dues be not paid within two weeks after initiation or return to college, the member shall cease to enjoy the benefits of the society until said dues are paid.

ARTICLE IX.

LEGAL MEMBERSHIP.

Sec. 1. A member who does not owe the Society one dollar or over as fines and dues is a legal member.

ARTICLE X.

ELIGIBILITY.

Sec. 1. No member shall be elected to any office who is not a legal member.

ARTICLE XI.

INITIATION OF MEMBERS.

Sec. 1. The member elect shall present himself before the President's stand and shall answer in the affirmative a question of this nature: "Having become acquainted with the objects of our organization, do you solemnly promise to yield obedience to its regulations, to perform the duties of membership to the best of your ability, and that you will at all times strive to promote the interests and prosperity of this Society?"

SOCIETY REGISTER.

Sec. 2. Each member of the Society shall write his name, post-office address, and date of his initiation into the Society, in a book that shall be kept in the hall as the register book of the Society.

ARTICLE XII.

CONTESTS.

Sec. 1. On the third Friday night before Thanksgiving, a preliminary Declamatory Contest shall be held in the Society hall, all members of the Society, with the exception of visitors in previous Centre College Declamatory Contests, being allowed to participate. Four speakers, whom the judges deem best, shall be selected from the participants to represent the Society in the final Declamatory Contest between the Societies two weeks following.

Sec. 2. On the second Friday night in January a preliminary Oratorical Contest shall be held in the Society hall to choose two members to represent this Society in the 22nd of February Oratorical Contest.

Sec. 3. On the second Friday night in April, a preliminary Oratorical Contest shall be held, to select two representatives of this Society for the June Oratorical Contest.

Sec. 4. No member shall participate in this last contest who has won it.

Sec. 5. Three persons shall be chosen by a committee to act as judges in these contests, whose decision shall decide the representativeship.

ARTICLE XIII.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Sec 1. The election of officers shall take place the last Friday night in each term or as soon thereafter as possible. They shall be installed at the first regular meeting of the next term.

Sec. 2. All elections shall be by ballot.

Sec 3. A majority of votes cast shall elect in all cases.

Sec. 4. When there are more than two candidates for the same office, after the first ballot the one receiving the lowest number of votes shall be dropped, and likewise until an election is reached

ARTICLE XIV.

COMMITTEES.

Sec 1. There shall be a Question Committee composed of three members appointed by the President for his term of office.

Sec. 2 It shall be the duty of this Committee to prepare a list of three questions, from which the leaders on debate shall choose one for the meeting two weeks hence.

ARTICLE XV.

AMENDMENTS.

Sec. 1. Any article of this Constitution may be amended by a two thirds vote of the Society, provided the amendment has laid on the table for one week

Sec. 2. After the amendment has laid on the table for one week, it shall be the first thing considered under the head of miscellaneous business, and shall not require a motion to bring it before the house.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Call to order.
2. Calling the roll.
3. Prayer.
4. Reading minutes of previous meeting.
5. Correction and adoption of minutes.
6. Filling vacancies of absent officers and performers.
7. Orations.
8. Essays.
9. Declamations.
10. Select readers.
11. Appointing judges of debate.
12. Debate.
13. Decision on merits of argument.
14. Miscellaneous debate
15. Decision on merits of question.
16. Extempore speakers.
17. Critic's report.
18. Propositions for membership.
19. Election of members.
20. Initiation of members.
21. Election of officers
22. Reports of committees and officers.
23. Appointments.
24. Selection of question.
25. Unfinished business.
26. Miscellaneous business.
27. Good of the Society.
28. Roll call.
29. Adjournment.

ARTICLE II.

MEETINGS.

- Sec. 1. This Society shall, during the collegiate year, hold meetings on Friday evening of each week.
- Sec. 2. During the fall and winter terms the meetings

shall commence at 7:15 o'clock P. M.; from that time to the end of the year, at 7:30 P. M.

Sec. 3. One third of the members shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE III.

INAUGURATION OF OFFICERS.

Sec. 1. When the time comes for the installation of the officers they shall present themselves at the President's desk and answer affirmatively questions of this nature: "Have you read the Constitution and By-Laws of this Society?" "Do you promise upon the honor of gentlemen to perform as punctually and faithfully as possible all the duties that may devolve upon you as officers of this Society; and that you will at all times strive to promote her interests?"

ARTICLE IV.

PERFORMANCES.

Sec. 1. At each regular meeting of the Society the Vice President shall appoint two Orators, two Essayists, two Declaimers, two select Readers, and two Extempore Speakers, who shall perform their duties at the second regular meeting succeeding their appointment. He shall also, at the same time, appoint two members of the Society as leaders in debate and four assistants.

Sec. 2. If any debater or extempore speaker is absent on the evening of his performance, the President shall appoint such member as he may choose to fill the vacancy.

Sec. 3. The regular debaters shall be notified at the expiration of eight minutes, and must cease at ten minutes; and the leaders in their closing speeches shall be limited to five minutes each.

Sec. 4. Orations shall not contain more than eight hundred words.

Sec. 5. The President, Vice President and Secretary may be excused from regular performances.

Sec. 6. Miscellaneous debate shall be limited to four minutes for each speaker.

Sec. 7. The regular debaters shall not speak on miscellaneous debate.

Sec. 8. The Society shall hold special performances at such times as it may see fit.

Sec. 9. The extempore speakers shall be limited to five minutes each.

ARTICLE V

LIBRARY RULES.

Sec 1. No member shall be allowed to have more than two books from the library at any time, or to retain the same longer than two weeks; but they may be renewed for two weeks.

Sec. 2. Any member failing to return a book within the time specified, shall be fined ten cents for each week thereafter.

Sec 3. Each member shall be charged with any loss of or damage to books while in his possession.

Sec. 4. Any member with the consent of the Librarian, may obtain a book during the week, provided, he has not two books from the library at the time.

Sec. 5. Any member taking a book from the library, without the knowledge of the Librarian, shall be fined twenty five cents.

ARTICLE VI

FINES FOR MISDEMEANORS AND DELINQUENCIES.

Sec 1. Disorderly Conduct.—Fines shall be as follows: For indecorum, ten cents; contempt of President or Society, the fine shall be twenty five cents and doubled for each repetition.

Sec. 2. For absence from two roll calls when not on the program, twenty five cents; ten cents for the first and fifteen for the second; when on the program, thirty-five cents; five cents for each roll call and twenty-five cents for non-performance; for reading an oration or declamation, five cents.

Sec. 3. Any officer neglecting his duty shall be fined twenty-five cents.

Sec. 4. Any committee, neglecting its duty, each member of the committee shall be fined twenty five cents.

ARTICLE VII.

MISDEMEANORS.

Sec. 1. Indecorum.—The following shall be considered indecorous: Spitting on the floor or furniture; smoking; refreshments of any kind; leaving the room without the permission of the President; walking across the floor without permission; interrupting a member while speaking, except for a point of order or a question of privilege, or causing any disturbance. It shall also be considered indecorous for a member to read any book, pamphlet, or printed matter, unless upon the subject of his performance, or some business that is or

will be before the Society in that meeting, except the Constitution, By Laws or Roberts' Rules of Order.

Sec. 2. The following shall be considered contempt: Profanity, obscenity, abuse of the President, officers or members, refusing to obey when called to order, or use of the hall without permission of the President.

ARTICLE VIII.

IMPEACHMENTS AND EXPULSIONS.

Sec. 1. Any officer or member of a committee who repeatedly and wilfully neglects his duty may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular meeting.

Sec. 2. If any member of the Society be found guilty of conspiracy against the interests of the Society, he may be reprimanded or expelled as the Society may see fit, by a two-thirds vote of all the members present at any regular meeting.

ARTICLE IX.

JUDGES AND THEIR DUTIES.

Sec. 1. At the time provided in the order of business, the President shall appoint three Judges of the debate, who shall decide upon the merits of argument.

ARTICLE X.

MISCELLANEOUS BY LAWS.

Sec. 1. The President shall be privileged to speak on all questions by calling the Vice-President or a member to the Chair.

Sec. 1. No member shall speak more than once on any resolution or motion, or more than once until all wishing to speak have spoken; except the mover thereof who may speak twice. No one shall speak longer than three minutes.

Sec. 3. The time of unfinished business, good of the Society, and Critic's reports, shall be limited to ten minutes.

Sec. 4. The time for any head of business may be extended, or the head returned to, by a majority vote.

Sec. 5. After a question has been decided it may be reconsidered (in accordance with Roberts' Rules of Order), but not later than at the next regular meeting.

Sec. 6. No member shall be allowed to vote at election of officers who is in arrears to any amount over one dollar.

Sec. 7. No more than six members shall be temporarily excused at the same time.

Sec. 8. Any member may be excused from the Society for

the remainder of the evening, with the consent of the President.

Sec. 9. There shall be no literary exercises on election night.

Sec. 10. When, for any reason whatever, no meeting of the Society shall be held at the time regularly appointed, the program shall be carried over to the next regular meeting.

Sec. 11. All points of constitution and parliamentary usage, where not specified, shall be decided by Roberts' Rules of Order.

Sec. 12. This Society shall each year give twenty five dollars to the support of the Cento.

ARTICLE XI

AMENDMENTS.

Sec. 1. Any article of these By-Laws may be amended or annulled, by a two thirds vote of the Society; provided, the resolution embodying the proposed amendment has laid on the table one week.

Sec. 2. After the amendment has laid on the table one week, it shall be the first thing considered under miscellaneous business, and shall not need a motion to bring it before the house.

COLLEGE MAGAZINE.

We, the members of the Deinologian and Chamberlain Literary Societies of Centre College realizing the necessity of and benefit to be derived from an efficient college journal, in order to provide for the establishment and maintenance and systematic management of such a paper, do for our mutual guidance and control, adopt the following articles of agreement:

ARTICLE I.

Sec 1. Six competent members shall be chosen by the Societies, three from each respectively, on the night of the regular meeting in May to continue and assume control of the paper during the following college year.

Sec. 2. The editorial staff shall consist of an Editor-in-Chief, Business Manager, Literary Editor, Alumni Editor, Local Editor and Associate Editor. The assignment to the different positions shall be decided by the lately elected editors themselves and not by the Society.

Sec 3. The editorial staff shall be governed by the resolutions adopted and recorded in the records of each Society, September 11, 1891.

ARTICLE II.

Sec. 1. It shall be left to the discretion of the Societies how far they will financially support the paper.

Sec. 2. Each Society shall have bound and preserved in its library one copy of each volume of the paper.

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