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OF THE

CENTRE COLLEGE OF KENTUCKY.

CHAPTER I.

OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE COLLEGE.

1. The Trustees are constituted, by charter, the supreme legislative and judicial body of this institution.

2. They enact all the laws, appoint all the Executive officers and instructors, and have the exclusive management of all the property and funds of the institution.

3. There shall be one regular meeting of the Board in each year—on the Tuesday previous to the last Thursday in June. The Board may be convened at any time during the interim between its regular meetings, by the chairman, who shall cause due notice to be given, in the public prints or otherwise, of the time and place of meeting.

4. At each regular meeting the Board shall appoint, for the subsequent year, the following committees, viz: A committee of Finance, whose business it shall be to manage all the pecuniary interests of the institution, and to report, at each regular meeting, the condition of the finances; and a committee of Repairs, whose business it shall be to see that the buildings are kept in good condition, and that all necessary improvements are made.

CHAPTER II.

THE FACULTY.

1. The Faculty of the College shall be composed of the President, Professors, and all other persons concerned in its government and instruction, except those who may be specially excluded by the Board of Trustees.

2. The Faculty shall meet staidly once a week, for the transaction of

business. And the President, or, in his absence, the Senior Professor, has authority to convene the Faculty for advice or business whenever he may deem it expedient. A majority of the members of the Faculty shall, when duly convened, constitute a quorum. In all meetings of the Faculty the President, or, in his absence, the senior Professor present, shall preside.

3. Every matter brought before the Faculty shall be decided by votes; and it shall be the privilege of the President, when present, to vote in all cases, and also to give a casting vote when otherwise there would be a tie.

4. The Faculty shall keep a book of minutes, and appoint a clerk, who shall enter therein a fair statement of their transactions and resolutions. This book the clerk shall lay before the trustees whenever required.

5. It is the duty of the Faculty to take the general state of the College into frequent consideration, and to propose to the Trustees any laws and measures by which, in their judgment, the system of instruction and discipline may be improved.

6. It is the duty of every officer of the Faculty to enforce the laws of the College by private admonition and rebuke; to report to the Faculty all cases of irregularity which he may consider as deserving their notice; and to propose for adoption, by the Faculty, all such regulations and measures as will, in his view, conduce to the interests of the institution.

7. All the officers have a right to enter the rooms of the students at their pleasure.

8. No member of the Faculty shall engage in any pursuit or occupation that will interfere with a stated and general discharge of his official duties, without the consent of the Board of Trustees.

9. To the President is committed the general superintendence of the interests and reputation of the institution, which he is bound to promote by every exertion in his power.

10. The President has a right to be present at the recitation of every class in the College, as often as he may see proper, and to conduct or hear the recitation if he choose.

11. The Professors shall be responsible for the faithful instruction of the students in those departments of science and literature which they severally profess. And they will be expected to render such additional aid in the general instruction of the College as the Faculty, from time to time, may judge expedient.

12. It shall be the duty of the Faculty to make such arrangements for holding religious exercises, and communicating religious instruction, as they may deem most conducive to the moral improvement of the students.

CHAPTER III.

ADMISSION.

1. No student from any other College or University shall be received without satisfactory testimonials that he left such College or University without censure.

2. Applicants for admission to the Freshman Class must have studied English Grammar, Geography, Arithmetic and elementary Algebra, and must have read the Latin Reader, Cæsar, Sallust, Virgil, and the Greek Reader, and three books of the Anabasis, or other authors equivalent to these in Greek and Latin.

3. Applicants for admission into any of the classes must satisfy the Faculty that their Academical attainments are equal to those of the class which they wish to enter.

4. The 2nd Monday of September is the regular period of admission. Students may be admitted at other seasons, but it is highly desirable that every one should be present at the first recitations of his class in a new study.

5. The President shall keep a matriculation book, in which every student, at his admission, shall be required to enter his name, place of abode, and the name of his parent or guardian; which signature shall oblige him to the performance of the duties, and entitle him to the privileges of a student of College, and no person shall be considered as a member of the institution until he be matriculated.

6. Every student, upon his admission, shall receive a copy of the laws of the institution, and no plea shall be admitted as valid founded on ignorance of their requirements.

CHAPTER IV.

CLASSES, COURSE OF STUDY AND EXAMINATION.

1. The students of College, pursuing a regular course, shall be divided into four classes, called respectively the Freshman, Sophomore, Junior and Senior. Each of these classes shall have three recitations daily, at such hours as the Faculty may appoint.

2. A Scientific Department has been organized by the Board, the object of which is to give regular and systematic instruction to that class of students who do not wish to pursue the regular College course. Those who enter this department shall be subject to the same rules and regulations as the students in the other departments.

3. Every student is required punctually to attend all the recitations and exercises which may be appointed by the Faculty; and when a student shall be absent, without permission or a sufficient excuse, he shall be reprimanded or reported to the Faculty, as the Professor shall deem most expedient.

4. At the middle and close of each session every class shall be strictly examined on the previous studies of the session. No student shall be absent from examination without having obtained the permission of the Faculty, assembled in Faculty meeting. And if any student, for any cause be absent from examination, his name shall be entered by the Faculty on the minutes, and he shall be examined at such times as the Faculty may appoint.

5. At the close of each session the Faculty shall classify the students

according to their degree of scholarship and good behavior, and report to each parent or guardian the standing of his son or ward.

4. The studies of the College are the following, viz: Algebra, Elements of Geometry, Plane and Spherical Trigonometry, Analytical Geometry, Differential and Integral Calculus, Mensuration, Surveying, Navigation, Nautical Astronomy, Mechanics, Astronomy, Chemistry, Experimental Philosophy, Geology, Mineralogy, and Botany, Physiology, Roman and Grecian Antiquities, Rhetoric and Belles Lettres, the Greek and Latin Classics, the French and German Languages, Moral Philosophy, Logic, Mental Philosophy, Political Economy, Constitutional and International Law, Composition, Oratory, Criticism, Natural Theology, Evidences of Christianity, and the Holy Scriptures.

CHAPTER V.

PUNISHMENTS.

1. As the sole aim of the Trustees in framing the laws and regulations, as well as of the Faculty in administering them, is to secure the best interests of the young gentlemen connected with the institution, it is confidently expected that all but the headless and vicious will yield a cheerful obedience to all the requirements of the College. The government of the College will be mild—granting to each student all privileges and enjoyments consistent with his own welfare and that of his associates; at the same time it will be firm, enforcing obedience to all the regulations and requisitions which the Trustees or Faculty, from a regard to the general good, shall see it their duty to enact. The reformation of the offender will be strictly aimed at, so far as practicable, and no severe or disgraceful penalty will be awarded, except when the paramount interests of the institution demand it.

2. The punishments are wholly of the moral kind, addressed to the sense of duty and the principles of honor and shame. They are the following: private admonition by an officer of the College; admonition by an officer before the class of the offender; admonition before the Faculty; public admonition before all the students; private dismission; public dismission; expulsion.

3. The selection and application of any of these punishments shall be discretionary with the Faculty, who have the power to decide all cases of discipline, except those involving expulsion, and from the decision of the Faculty there shall be no appeal.

4. No student shall be expelled from College except by the Board of Trustees.

CHAPTER VI.

DISMISSALS.

1. Whenever, in the judgment of the Faculty, the longer residence of any student in the College would be unprofitable and injurious, owing to dissipation, idleness, inattention to College exercises, or a disposition to

perpetrate mischief and encourage disorder among the students, he may be privately dismissed, or official notice may be given to his guardian or parent of his character and conduct, and if he be not removed, or do not immediately reform, he shall be publicly dismissed.

2. If any student shall be guilty of a crime for which the laws of the state provide an infamous punishment, he shall be expelled.

3. Profane swearing, intemperance, obscenity, licentiousness, impiety, playing at cards, or at any game for a wager, and all other gross immorality, shall be visited with the most severe punishments, lest the purity of the innocent and unsuspecting may be corrupted by depraved associates.

4. No student shall be guilty of insulting or striking a fellow student, nor of keeping in his possession any pistol, sword-cane, or other deadly weapon. And if he shall draw, or attempt to use, such deadly weapon upon a fellow student, or wear it for this purpose, he shall be forthwith dismissed, and not restored without a vote of the Board of Trustees.

5. No student shall loiter at any tavern, nor frequent any house where intoxicating liquors are sold, nor keep company with any person of notoriously bad character, under penalty of dismissal; and the Faculty are authorized to prohibit the students from visiting any tavern, store, house, or shop, whenever, in their opinion, a due regard to morals and economy shall require such an interference.

6. The students are required to treat all persons with whom they may have intercourse with decency and politeness, and especially to exhibit the most respectful deportment towards the officers of the College.

7. All attendance at any theatre, ball, dancing party, or horse-race, during term-time; all disorderly conduct, or boisterous noise, either in the streets of the village or in the entries or rooms of the College; all writing, drawing, or marking on the walls of the College, and all wearing of disguises are strictly prohibited.

8. If any combination or agreement, direct or indirect, to do an unlawful act, or to forbear compliance with any injunction from lawful authority in College, shall be entered into, such and so many of the individuals thus combining shall be punished as the Faculty shall judge to be necessary for the preservation of good order and government.

9. No meeting of a class or classes shall be held, except by special leave obtained from an officer of the College. And if, at any meeting, any improper business shall be transacted, the person or persons who requested the meeting, and the chairman, secretary, or committee appointed or acting, shall be treated as responsible.

10. The students shall be allowed and encouraged to form and maintain societies for useful purposes. But all such societies must be formed with the consent of the Faculty, and must be conducted in conformity with any regulations which the Faculty may, from time to time, judge it necessary to prescribe; and, in particular, the Board enjoin it on the Faculty not to permit the societies to protract their meetings till a late hour of the night.

11. The students shall not invite any person to deliver a public address

before any of the societies without first obtaining, from the President, his approval of their proposed invitation.

12. When a charge of misconduct shall be preferred against a student, the Faculty shall have power to require the attendance of any student to testify against the delinquent, and it shall be the duty of such witness to disclose his knowledge of the facts touching said charge, under penalty of dismissal.

13. When there is cause to believe that any number of students have been engaged in any flagrant violation of the laws of the College, and the Faculty shall not be able to attach suspicion to any particular individuals, it shall be lawful for the Faculty to call on each student to say whether he is guilty or not guilty of such offense, and a refusal to answer such question shall subject any individual to dismissal, as proving either personal participation in the offense, or a disposition to prevent the detection of the guilty, and thus destroy the good order and government of the College.

14. Students shall regularly attend all the lectures and recitations assigned to them by the Faculty; and, in no instance, absent themselves without the consent of the instructor, except in case of sickness—which sickness is not to be received as an excuse unless the student shall say it was such as is in his own, or his physician's judgment would have rendered his attendance prejudicial to his health.

15. If any of the furniture or fixtures of the College be lost, defaced, or otherwise injured, and the offender discovered, he shall replace the same, or pay to the treasurer the worth of the property thus injured.

16. No student shall discontinue any study assigned to him, or change his studies, except by permission from the Faculty.

17. Whereas, the laws of the College are few and general, and cases may occur which are not expressly provided for by law; in all such cases the Faculty shall proceed according to their discretion, and may punish a student by inflicting any College censure, according to the nature and circumstances of the misdemeanor.

CHAPTER VII.

RELIGIOUS EXERCISES.

1. No sectarian peculiarities are to be taught by the Professors or President in instructing their classes.

2. It shall be the duty of the Faculty diligently to watch over the morals of the students, recommending to them, both by precept and example, a virtuous and blameless life, and a devout attention to the public and private duties of religion.

3. Every student shall attend prayers in the chapel, at such hours as the Faculty may appoint, and behave with gravity and reverence during the services.

4. All the students shall attend public worship on the Sabbath, either in the chapel or such other place as the President shall direct, with the

exception of those students whose parents or guardians may signify, in writing, to the Faculty, their wish that their sons or wards should attend some other place of worship.

CHAPTER VIII.

COMMENCEMENTS AND DEGREES.

1. There shall be an annual commencement on the last Thursday in June.

2. The degree of Bachelor of Arts shall be conferred by the Board, on the recommendation of the Faculty. No one shall be admitted to this degree who shall not have paid all his College dues and the usual fees, or who shall refuse to perform the commencement exercises assigned to him by the Faculty.

3. Each student taking part in the commencement exercises is required to submit a copy of his speech to the President, at least one week before the commencement, and if any one shall make additions to what is contained in the copy approved by the President, or shall speak anything in public which he has been directed to omit, he shall forfeit his degree.

4. Bachelors of Arts, of three years standing, and of good moral character, may be admitted to the second degree upon reasonable application to the Board.

5. It shall be the duty of all the students to attend the commencement.

CHAPTER IX.

VACATIONS AND ABSENCE FROM COLLEGE.

1. There shall be one vacation in each year, beginning on the day of the commencement, and terminating on the second Monday of September.

2. All students shall be required to be present at the opening of the session, and no student shall be absent from College during term time without leave of the President, or a member of the Faculty authorized to grant leave.

CHAPTER X.

DAMAGES.

1. The Faculty shall appoint one of their number to inspect the College, and see that the rooms and entries are kept in proper order and good repair.

2. When any damage is done to the College buildings or appurtenances, and the author cannot be known, it shall be assessed equally upon all the students.

CHAPTER XI.

LIBRARY.

The library shall be subject to such regulations as the Faculty shall see fit, from time to time, to establish.

CHAPTER XII.

EXPENSES.

1. The tuition fee is thirty dollars per session. Three dollars per session are also charged to defray the expenses of fuel, servants hire, and repairs.

2. Each student must present to the Secretary of the Board, his certificate from the Treasurer that he has paid the College dues, before he is permitted to recite in his class.

CHAPTER XIII.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

There shall be a Classical Grammar School connected with the College, which shall be under the control of a Principal and such Assistants as the Board may, from time to time, deem necessary. The course of studies pursued in the Grammar School shall be directed by the Faculty of the College, who shall visit the school, and observe the progress of the classes. The government and discipline of the school shall be entrusted to the Principal, who is empowered to adopt such regulations in his department as he may judge to be the most conducive to the advancement and good conduct of his pupils.

CHAPTER XIV.

THE TREASURER.

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep an account of all moneys received or expended for the College, and to lay before the Board an annual statement of the receipts and expenditures. He shall have charge of all bonds, notes, title-deeds, &c., belonging to the College, and he shall keep an exact register of all debts due to the College, and all property held by it. He shall not pay any money on account of the institution, but on warrant or certificate from the Secretary. His accounts are to be settled, and his vouchers examined annually, by the Board. He shall receive such compensation as the Board may fix.

CHAPTER XV.

THE SECRETARY.

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a record of all the proceedings of the Board. He shall carefully preserve the books and papers of the Board. He shall examine all demands against the College, and shall give to any person entitled to money from the College a warrant on the Treasurer. He shall keep a record of all warrants drawn on the Treasurer, and also keep a list of all the debts due to the College, and the property held by it, correcting this list, from year to year, by comparing it with the register of the Treasurer. He shall receive a regular and reasonable compensation from the Board.