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LAWS OF WASHINGTON COLLEGE.

CHAPTER I.

Of the Government.

Sec. 1. The Executive authority of the College shall be vested in the President, Professors and Tutors, who shall be styled the Faculty of Washington College.

Sec. 2. The President shall superintend the government and instruction of the College, preside at the meetings of the Faculty, and cause their votes and measures to be executed.

Sec. 3. The Professors and Tutors shall devote themselves to the instruction and government of the Students, in conformity to the laws, and shall have authority to punish Students by private admonition, and by fine not exceeding one dollar.

Sec. 4. The officers who administer the government shall occupy rooms in the College buildings, from which they shall absent themselves as little as possible in the hours of study, and especially in the evening. Each officer shall also have assigned to him by a vote of the Faculty, a definite number of rooms occupied by Students, which he shall visit at least once during the day, and oftener at his discretion.

Sec. 5. Each officer shall report weekly to the President, or oftener if necessary, violations of the laws which may have come under his observation.

Sec. 6. Meetings of the Faculty shall be appointed by the President, at his discretion, or at the request of a Professor. At such meetings all subjects connected with the government, instruction and discipline of the College, shall be discussed and determined, by a majority of those present; provided always that the President concur in such determination.

Sec. 7. A Secretary shall be appointed by the Faculty, who shall keep a correct record of all their proceedings, subject at all times to the inspection of the board of Trustees.

Sec. 8. The Faculty shall have authority to form rules and regulations, according to which they will administer the laws; and in case misdemeanors and offences occur against which no special provision is made, they are to act as may seem to them most reasonable and proper. They are considered as invested with discretionary and parental authority. They are to treat the Students with mildness and moderation, and govern them by applying the more honorable and generous incentives to good conduct, and to inflict public punishments in no case except for deliberate wickedness, and where milder measures have failed of success.

CHAPTER II.

Of the course of Studies and Admission.

Sec. 1. There shall be four classes in the College, viz: the Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, and Senior classes; and the studies in those classes shall be as follows:—

Freshman Class—The Latin and Greek Languages, and the Elements of Algebra and Geometry.

Sophomore Class—The Latin and Greek Languages, Geometry, Trigonometry and Rhetoric.

Junior Class—The Latin and Greek Languages, the applications of Geometry and Trigonometry, Conic Sections, the Differential and Integral Calculus, Natural Philosophy, Political Economy, Logic, and Intellectual Philosophy.

Senior Class—Natural Philosophy, Astronomy, Animal and Vegetable Physiology, Chemistry, Mineralogy, Botany, Anatomy, Intellectual Philosophy, the principles of Law, Moral Philosophy, the principles of Criticism, evidences of Christianity, and the applications of Science to the Arts.

Sec. 2. The Faculty, with the concurrence of a committee appointed by the board of Trustees, shall have authority to determine the order in which the foregoing studies are to be pursued, and also to designate the text books to be used. The Faculty are also authorized to make such occasional changes and substitutions in the regular course of studies, as may be required by the capacities and circumstances of the several Students.

Sec. 3. Every Student applying for admission shall present a certificate of good moral character, signed by his Preceptor, or some other respectable person.

Sec. 4. Candidates for the Freshman class shall sustain an examination in the following studies:—English Grammar, Geography and Arithmetic, Latin and Greek Grammar, Cæsar's Com-

mentaries, or Sallust, Virgil, Cicero's Select Orations, Jacob's Greek Reader, the Gospels of St. Luke and St. John, the Acts of the Apostles, and Latin and Greek Prosody.

Candidates for an advanced standing, shall sustain a further examination on the studies pursued by the class which they propose to enter.

Sec. 5. Students who do not propose to attend the whole course may be permitted to recite with the regular classes, in such studies as upon examination they shall be found qualified to pursue. They shall enjoy all the privileges of the regular Students, and shall be entitled to a certificate from the President stating the time they were members of the College, and the studies pursued during that time.

Sec. 6. No Student shall be admitted who is less than fifteen years of age.

Sec. 7. Graduates of the College may have rooms assigned them in the College buildings, and have access to the Library and Cabinets, and attend the public Lectures of the Professors. They shall be subject to the usual charges for room rent, use of Library &c., and shall in all cases obey the College laws, under penalty of forfeiting their privileges.

CHAPTER III.

Of Collegiate and Devotional Exercises.

Sec. 1. The Officers and Students shall attend morning and evening devotions in the Chapel. The exercises shall consist of the reading of the Scriptures and prayer, and the President shall officiate, or in his absence any officer whom he may appoint.

Sec. 2. The Students shall attend public worship on the Lord's Day, either in the College Chapel, or at such places of worship as their Parents or Guardians may desire. They shall also on that day abstain from their usual amusements, and from playing on musical instruments, and from any thing inconsistent with the religious observance of the day.

Sec. 3. Every Student shall attend at least three recitations each day, except when some dispensation shall be made by the Faculty, and shall perform all other collegiate exercises which may at any time be assigned him.

The Faculty are authorized to dispense with the recitations on Saturday, except one immediately after morning prayers.

Sec. 4. The following shall be the daily order of exercises.

	<i>Autumn and Winter Terms.</i>	<i>Summer Term.</i>
	<i>A. M.</i>	<i>A. M.</i>
	<i>h h m</i>	<i>h h m</i>
Prayers and Recit. from	6 to 7 30	5 to 6 30
Study hours and Recit.	9 to 12	8 30m to 12
	<i>P. M.</i>	<i>P. M.</i>
	<i>h m h m</i>	<i>h h m</i>
Study hours and Recit.	1 30 to 4 30	2 to 5 30
Prayers,	4 30	5 30m
Study hours,	7 to 10	8 to 10
Bed time,	10	10

Sec. 5. Students are forbidden to enter the Chapel or Recitation rooms before the ringing of the proper bell, or continue in them after the exercises are closed. During the time of the exercises they are to maintain a becoming posture; they are not to talk, whisper, or cause any manner of disturbance. They are to be seated in the order of the Catalogue, and retire from the rooms in such order as the Faculty shall direct.

Sec. 6. If a Student shall be absent from any College exercises, he shall without delay give his reasons for such absence to the proper officer, and his neglect to give such reason shall of itself be deemed censurable.

Sec. 7. No text book shall be brought into the Recitation Room by a Student, except at the recitation of the Languages.

Sec. 8. Students are required to be in their rooms during study hours, and attend diligently to their studies. They are also to abstain from all amusements, and all noise which may cause interruption, such as loud conversation, singing, playing on musical instruments and the like. They are on no account to be absent from their rooms during study hours, without permission from a member of the Faculty.

Sec. 9. In hours of recreation, and at all other times, the Students are required to be orderly and decorous in their deportment. All low, tumultuous and indecent amusements are forbidden.

Sec. 10. Whenever an officer of the College, or a member of the board of Trustees, enters the Chapel, or any room where a number of Students are assembled, they shall rise from their seats in a respectful manner; and it is also expected that a Student on meeting a Trustee, or officer of the College, will show him the customary mark of respect.

Sec. 11. No class meeting or other meeting of the Students shall be held without leave of the President, nor for any other

purpose than that expressed in the license, nor at any time that shall interfere with the College exercises.

CHAPTER IV.

Of Rooms.

Sec. 1. All Students shall reside in the College unless by dispensation from the President. The rooms in which they reside shall be assigned by the President, and no Student shall remove from one room to another without his permission.

Sec. 2. Every Student shall be responsible for all damages done to his room during his occupancy, except where it shall appear that it was not his fault. All repairs shall be made under the direction of the Superintendant of the buildings, and the expense charged in the term bills.

Sec. 3. No Student shall make any alteration in his room without permission from the President.

Sec. 4. Every room shall be furnished with a good and sufficient bucket, at the expense of the occupants.

Sec. 5. Every Student is required to keep his room and furniture clean, and in good order, and if any shall be grossly negligent in this respect, his room shall be cleaned by order of the Faculty, and the expense charged in his bills.

Sec. 6. The occupants of any room shall be accountable for all improper noise or disturbance of any kind made in their room, and also for all violations of the laws which it was in their power to prevent.

Sec. 7. No Student shall sleep in his room, or lie down on his bed in study hours.

Sec. 8. Every Student shall immediately open his door when required by a member of the Faculty, and if any one shall refuse, his door may be broken open, and the expense of repairing it charged in his term bills. An officer of the College may visit any room, at any hour of the day or night, and may examine as he shall think proper, any thing in said room.

Sec. 9. Every Student on leaving College at the close of the term, shall deposite the key of his room with the President, or such officer as he may appoint. The key shall also be labelled with the number of the room.

CHAPTER V.

Of Discipline.

Sec. 1. Students shall be ranked in the several classes according to their progress in their studies, their punctuality in attendance on College exercises, and their general good conduct.

Sec. 2. Every officer shall impartially note the relative proficiency of each Student who recites to him, and at the close of each week shall present to the President a catalogue of each class which he has instructed, with the average standing of every Student in said class, to be recorded in a book kept by the President for that purpose.

Sec. 3. The officers of the College shall keep correct accounts of all absences from collegiate exercises, and shall within thirty-six hours require of the Students to give their reasons for such absences; and at the close of the week shall make report of the same to be recorded, those with satisfactory excuse being distinguished from those deemed censurable. Tardiness shall be noted as absence, but deemed less censurable.

Sec. 4. Any officer may report a Student to the Faculty for neglect of duty, either in attendance on, or in preparation for, his College exercises; and the Faculty may, in their discretion, cause such Student to be admonished by one of their number, and his Parent or Guardian informed of such admonition, and its cause. If after this he persist in his neglect, he may be removed from the College.

Sec. 5. At the close of each term, an accurate account of the absences of each Student, and his standing in his class, shall be transmitted to his Parent or Guardian.

CHAPTER VI.

Of Examinations and Exhibitions.

Sec. 1. There shall be three examinations every year, one at the close of each of the College terms, in which the several classes shall be examined on the studies of the preceding term, in the presence of the Faculty, a Committee appointed by the board of Trustees, and such Literary Gentlemen as may attend; and the time employed in the examination of all the classes shall not be less than four days.

Sec. 2. If any Student shall be judged not to have sustained

his examination, he shall be required to make up his deficiencies in vacation, and shall not be permitted to recite with his class in the study in which he was found deficient, till he has sustained a further examination.

Sec. 3. At the close of the examination of each class, the President shall make known to the Committee, in the presence of the class, the deficiencies of each Student in attendance on collegiate exercises, and whatever else he shall judge proper respecting his conduct and standing.

Sec. 4. The Faculty may authorize an exhibition, by the Students of the Junior class, at the close of the Summer term. The exercises of this exhibition shall be assigned by the Faculty, under such regulations as they may prescribe. They may also permit the Literary Societies acknowledged by the College laws, each to hold an annual exhibition, the exercises of which shall be subject to their examination. No dramatic performances shall be allowed at any exhibition.

Sec. 5. The exercises for the exhibitions of the Societies, and all other public exhibitions, shall be submitted to the Faculty for their approval; and if any Student shall exhibit any thing not approved by the Faculty, he shall be liable to dismission.

Sec. 6. The Literary Societies styled "*The Washington College Atheneum*," and "*The Washington College Parthenon*," are hereby recognized, and no new Society shall be established in the College, without permission of the Faculty; and no Society shall hold its meetings, or perform any of its exercises in hours appropriated to study, without special permission from the Faculty.

CHAPTER VII.

Of Crimes and Misdemeanors.

Sec. 1. All offences against the laws of the land; all riotous and noisy behaviour in or about the College premises, in the city of Hartford, or elsewhere; all offences against decency or good morals; and all attempts or combinations to resist the Faculty in the discharge of their duties, or refusal to attend when sent for by an officer of the College, shall be accounted crimes or misdemeanors, and shall render the offender liable to punishment.

Sec. 2. No Student shall play at cards, dice, or any unlawful game; visit a theatre, circus, or any similar place of public amusement; associate with persons of known bad character, or use profane or obscene language.

Sec. 3. No Student shall bring, or cause to be brought into

his room, or into the College buildings, spirits, wine, or any intoxicating liquors, or use them there, or procure them to be used elsewhere ; or make or be present at any festive entertainment in the city of Hartford, or its vicinity ; or for a similar purpose visit any tavern, grocery or eating house, where intoxicating liquors are kept for sale.

Sec. 4. No Student shall on any account be out of his room after half past ten o'clock in the evening.

Sec. 5. No Student shall have in his possession, any gun, pistol, dirk or sword-cane, or any unlawful weapon ; nor keep any gun-powder, or burn or use the same in or about the College premises, or in the city of Hartford or its vicinity.

Sec. 6. No Student shall wear a mask, dress in disguise, or wear any indecent clothing.

Sec. 7. No Student shall become a member of any society, club or association, not approved by the Faculty.

Sec. 8. If any Student shall wantonly or maliciously injure the College buildings, or other property, or the property of any individual in the city or vicinity, he may be fined a sum equal to double the amount of damages sustained ; and may also be otherwise punished, as an offender against law and good morals.

Sec. 9. Students are forbidden to throw any thing from the College windows, or in the entries, or down the stairs, or about the College buildings ; and any one so offending, may be fined or otherwise punished, at the discretion of the Faculty.

Sec. 10. The punishments of the College shall be fines, admonitions, dismissal and expulsion ; and may be inflicted for violations of the laws, and at the discretion of the Faculty, who shall apportion the punishment according to the enormity of the offence ; proceeding to the higher punishments only when milder means have failed to reform the offender.

CHAPTER VIII.

Of Commencement and Academical Degrees.

Sec. 1. All Academical degrees shall be conferred by the President, with the consent of the board of Trustees.

Sec. 2. Such members of the Senior class as shall have sustained all their examinations, may be recommended by the Faculty to the Trustees, as candidates for the degree of Bachelor of Arts.

Sec. 3. Every Bachelor of Arts in or after the third year from the date of his first degree, if he shall have sustained a fair char-

acter, and shall perform such exercises as shall be assigned to him for commencement, may be a candidate for the degree of Master of Arts.

Sec. 4. Every candidate for a degree, must pay to the President a fee of five dollars, and must also present to him certificates of the payment of all his College dues.

Sec. 5. Every person on whom a degree has been conferred, may have a diploma if he desire it, and shall bring to the President a fair copy of the established form, written on vellum or parchment.

Sec. 6. Persons who have received a degree in any other College or University, may on application to the President be admitted *ad eundum*, upon paying the customary fee. Honorary degrees shall be free from all charge.

Sec. 7. The annual commencement shall be held on the first Thursday in August.

Sec. 8. The exercises of the commencement shall be assigned by the Faculty, and shall be attended by all the Students in conformity with such arrangements as the Faculty may prescribe.

Sec. 9. If any candidate for a degree shall refuse to prepare, or perform the part assigned him, or shall exhibit any thing which has not been approved by the President, his degree may be withheld.

Sec. 10. In the bills for the term ending at commencement, the Students may be charged the sum of one dollar and fifty cents each for the expenses of a commencement dinner. The other expenses of commencement, shall be defrayed by the candidates for the first degree.

CHAPTER IX.

Of Vacations and Absence.

Sec. 1. There shall be three vacations in each year—the first of *seven weeks* immediately after commencement; the second of *two weeks* from the Thursday preceding Christmas; and the third of *four weeks* from the Thursday preceding the twelfth of April.

Sec. 2. No Student shall be allowed to reside in the College during the Summer vacation; nor during the other vacations, without special permission from the President.

Sec. 3. Every Student shall return punctually on the day of the commencement of the term, or present a satisfactory excuse for his absence; and where satisfactory excuse is not rendered, he shall pay a fine of fifty cents for each night's absence.

Sec. 4. Every Student shall be amenable to the laws of the College for his moral conduct, whether present or absent.

CHAPTER X.

Of the Library.

Sec. 1. The Librarian shall be appointed by the President and Standing Committee. He shall keep an alphabetical catalogue of all the books in the Library, divided into chapters, according to the subjects treated of in the several books, and containing references to the alcoves or shelves, where the several books are placed.

Sec. 2. Books may be taken by the following persons only: Trustees of the College; those who have made donations to the Library to the amount of one hundred dollars; the officers of Instruction; President, Graduates, and Students.

Sec. 3. The Library shall be opened at such stated times as the President may direct; and the Students shall come in such order as the Librarian may prescribe.

Sec. 4. No Student shall take from the Library, without special leave of the President, more than one folio at a time, which he may keep four weeks; or one quarto, which he may keep three weeks; or one octavo, which he may keep two weeks; or two duodecimos, which he may keep the same time. Every Student who shall not return his books as the law requires, shall be fined at the discretion of the Librarian, not to exceed twenty cents for each week of neglect. All books received by undergraduates, shall be returned to the Library at the close of each term; and all books taken by other persons, shall be returned the week preceding the annual commencement. All damage done to the books, by writing in them or otherwise, shall be assessed by the Librarian, who is to keep a correct account of all damages and fines which he may collect, and which shall be appropriated to the augmentation of the Library.

Sec. 5. No person but a member of the Faculty, shall be allowed to receive more than three volumes at the same time; nor shall any person be allowed to detain any book more than three months. No officer of the College shall take from the Library, or have in his possession at one time, more than twelve volumes.—And whereas some books, from their nature or costliness, ought not to be removed from the Library, the Standing Committee shall cause to be prepared a catalogue of such books, which shall not be taken out but with their permission.

Sec. 6. No person shall lend to another any book which he has received from the Library, under penalty of losing the privilege of borrowing for one year.

Sec. 7. No Student shall, without permission, take any book from any Library kept out of the College; nor may any Society purchase any books, or receive any into their Libraries, which the College Librarian does not approve; whose duty it shall be to advise with such Society, and to assist them in making a judicious selection of books.

Sec. 8. A handsome book shall be kept by the Librarian, in which shall be inscribed the names of all contributors to the Library, together with a list of the books which they have contributed. And if any person shall make a donation of books to the amount of five hundred dollars, they shall be distinguished by having the name of the donor written over them.

Sec. 9. On the week preceding commencement, annually, each book in the Library shall be taken down, and the books and shelves freed from dust.

CHAPTER XI.

Of College Bills, and the Expenses of the Students.

Sec. 1. There shall be three terms in each year, and each Student shall be charged for Tuition, eleven dollars per term; for room-rent, three dollars and fifty cents per term; for the use of the Library, one dollar per term; for sweeping rooms, ringing the bell, fuel for the recitation rooms, and printing expenses, two dollars per term; the whole to be paid in advance, at the commencement of each term. The expense of repairing broken windows, and similar common damages and expenses, shall be assessed upon the Students generally, at the close of each term; and any fines which a Student may have incurred, together with charges for any special damage which he may have committed, shall be added to this contingent bill.

Sec. 2. All Students entering upon an advanced standing, who do not come with a regular dismissal and recommendation from some other College, shall be required to pay into the Treasury ten dollars for each year of such advancement.

Sec. 3. The College bills shall be made out under the inspection of the President, by the Bursar, who shall collect the same, and pay the amount to the Treasurer of the College. Nothing is to be deducted or refunded for absence, unless occasioned by sickness; or for any less period than half a term.

Sec. 4. To prevent extravagant or improper expenditure by the Students, all funds designed for their use shall be placed by their Parents or Guardians, in the hands of the College Bursar, who shall superintend their expenses with a parental discretion. No Student may purchase any thing without his leave. All necessary articles for the Students' use are to be paid for by the Bursar, who shall keep a correct account with each Student, of all receipts and expenditures on his behalf; and shall receive a fixed salary for his services; and he shall charge each Student with three per cent. on the fund so disbursed, and pay the same into the College Treasury. If any Student shall receive any money which does not pass through the hands of the Bursar, he shall be liable to dismissal from the Institution.*

Sec. 5. The Students shall board only in such houses as shall be approved by the President, and at a rate to be fixed by the Standing Committee; and no Student shall, during term time, change his place of boarding, without permission from the Bursar.

Every Student shall receive a copy of the Laws, for which he shall be charged the sum of twenty-five cents.

*This regulation is not designed to apply to Students over 21 years of age, or to those whose Parents or Guardians reside in the city of Hartford.