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These Laws shall be read to the students, and subscribed by them, after evening prayers, the first day of each term.

At the close of each term a circular shall be sent to the parent or guardian of each student, exhibiting a general view of his expenses, deportment, and proficiency.

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Columbian College in the District of Columbia, on the 13th of January, 1824, the following code of Laws for the internal government of the College, was passed unanimously.

O. B. BROWN, *President.*

ENOCH REYNOLDS, *Secretary.*

CHAPTER IV.

Tutors.

1st. It shall be the duty of the Tutors, except in any special case when the Trustees or their Superintending Committee shall otherwise direct, to reside in the College—to attend the tables of the students, and ask a blessing, or call upon such as they may think proper, so to do—to require students to sit at table in such order as the Faculty or Tutors may direct—and any one of the Faculty shall send from the table any student who shall behave in any respect improperly.

2d. They shall require a strict decorum in the College buildings, shall frequently visit the rooms of the students, and present to the Faculty all cases of insubordination, delinquency, or breach of the laws.

3d. It shall be their duty to instruct such classes, and to hear such recitations, as the President and Professors shall direct.

CHAPTER V.

Students.

SECTION I.

Admission into College.

1st. Candidates for admission into the College, shall be examined by the President, or by two or more of the Faculty, under his direction, which examination shall be attended to uniformly the day after Commencement, and the day preceding the beginning of the ensuing term, and at such other times as the President or Faculty shall direct: any member of the Faculty may attend such examination.

2d. The requisites for admission shall be—an acquaintance with English Grammar, vulgar Arithmetic, some judicious compendium of Geography, an ability to make Latin correctly, and to translate with facility Cæsar's Commentaries, the works of Virgil, Sallust, the Select Orations of Cicero, the New Testament in Greek, and Græca Minora; and for an advanced standing, the studies of the class up to the time of admittance. No applicant, however, shall be admitted without satisfactory credentials of a good moral character; nor from any other College, without a certificate of having left it without just cause for censure.

3d. Immediately after his admission, each student shall apply to the Treasurer for a copy of the College Laws, (for which he

SECTION II.

Religious and Moral Department.

1st. It shall be the duty of every student, boarding in the College, and all others when at the College, to attend punctually and respectfully at the appointed hours, the exercises of morning and evening prayers, and all other religious services directed by the President or Faculty. It shall likewise be their sacred and indispensable duty to attend the public worship of God every Lord's-day in the College Hall, or in such congregation, and at such times, as the President and Faculty may approve: *Provided*, that students in the full communion of any particular Christian church, on presenting certificates of the same, shall have standing liberty from the Faculty, to attend the stated worship of God in such church on Lord's-day; and *provided further*, that standing liberty shall be given to any student to attend stated worship on Lord's-days at any one particular Christian church, when the request of the parent or guardian of such student, expressed in writing, shall be presented to the Faculty for such leave to be granted; but in no case shall this standing permission extend to meetings after sun-setting; and if any student shall practise any fraud or deception, to obtain such liberty as is contemplated in either of the provisions of this article, or shall violate that liberty by neglecting to attend such place of worship, or by visiting other places without express permission from the President or Faculty, or by any indecorum whatever, he shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, for which he shall be liable to be deprived of every such liberty in future, in addition to any other punishment which such misdemeanor may incur.

2d. The Faculty shall take such measures as they may deem most convenient and effectual, to ascertain all absentees from any of the College's exercises, either in the week or on Lord's-days, and particularly shall cause a roll to be regularly kept, and called uniformly before morning and evening prayers, and before or at the close of the religious services of the Sabbath in the chapel, as often as they shall deem it expedient; and the absentees shall be reported to the Faculty, at least once in every week, and to the Trustees, or their Superintending Committee, as often as required; but in no case shall voluntary neglect be suffered to pass with impunity.

3d. A *Merit Book* shall be kept by the Faculty, in which a record of the conduct of the students shall be preserved, their presence or absence from any of the prescribed exercises—their excuses for absences, and whether satisfactory or otherwise—particular instances of impropriety noted—and damages, when the individual to whom imputable is known—and whatever may contribute to show the real character of each student; which book

shall be laid before the Trustees, or their Superintending Committee, whenever requested.

4th. It shall be the duty of the students to "*Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy :*" on which day, except in the cases referred to in the first article of this section, they shall not go beyond the College premises, without previous permission from a member of the Faculty ; nor shall any instrument of music be used in the College, or on the premises, the said day ; and every departure from this rule shall be punished with severe reprehension.

5th. Every student is required to treat the officers of the College, his fellow students, and all other persons, with respect ; and a violation of the requisitions of this article shall be punished according to the aggravation of the offence.

6th. Whenever it shall be the pleasure of a member of the Faculty to enter the room of a student, it shall be the duty of such student to throw open his door without a moment's delay, and receive him respectfully.

7th. It is the duty of every student to maintain an honourable and gentlemanly deportment in all respects.

8th. If any student shall associate with vicious company, or a person suspended or expelled from the College ; or shall play at dice, cards, billiards, backgammon, or any such games, or shall be guilty of contention, falsehood, intemperance, injustice, profaneness, immodesty, uncleanness, or any species of immorality, he shall be punished according to the aggravation of the offence.

9th. No student shall throw a stone, or any thing else, within one hundred yards of any building upon the College premises, under pain of severe reprehension.

10th. No student shall keep a servant, nor shall he keep fire arms, or any deadly weapon whatever. He shall bring no gunpowder upon the College premises ; nor shall horses or dogs be kept by students for their private use or pleasure.

11th. No student, without permission, shall be absent from his room after nine o'clock at night, from the first of October to the first of March ; nor after ten o'clock at night during the remainder of the year, at which hour the doors shall be closed. He shall not remove from the room which shall have been assigned him, or lodge in any other room, without becoming liable to the severest reprehension. In case of vexatious deportment towards his room mate, or any other adequate cause, a student shall be subject to the forfeiture of the room he may occupy, and be removed to such other as the Faculty may assign.

12th. Every student shall pay strict attention to cleanliness in his person, in his room, and in relation to every part of the College buildings. He is prohibited from spitting on the floor, and from driving nails in any part of the edifice. He shall wash himself, clean his shoes, or have them cleaned, only in the apartment appropriated for that purpose ; nor shall he throw from any window, water, or any thing else whatever.

* It was the regulation then that all students shd. wash in a room below