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to the Treasurer. Every candidate for either degree shall previously pay the Treasurer five dollars. But all honorary degrees shall be free of charge.

CHAPTER III.

OF DEPORTMENT AND DISCIPLINE.

Motives. 1. It is earnestly desired by the Government and Faculty of the College, that the students may be influenced to good conduct and diligence in study, by higher motives than fear of punishment; and they mainly rely for the success of the Institution on moral and religious principle, a sense of duty, and the generous feelings which belong to young men engaged in honorable pursuits. When these motives fail, the Faculty will have recourse to friendly caution and warning, to private and public admonition, and, when the nature and circumstances of the case require it, to fines, probation, suspension, dismissal and expulsion.

Decorum. 2. All students are expected and required to devote themselves faithfully to study, and to the honest discharge of those duties which are assigned them by their instructors. *They are enjoined to keep the Sabbath Day holy and sacred to the duties of religion, and not to profane it by diversion, by unnecessarily walking abroad, or by study.* They are enjoined to treat one another with consideration and respect; and to show at all times to the Faculty, and to every member of it, those tokens of respectful deference which befit the relation subsisting between them.

There are certain offenses against good order and decorum, which all students are enjoined to avoid; and among these may be mentioned IRREGULARITIES IN THE CHAPEL; *such as tardinesses at prayers and Sabbath services, going out from these, reading, talking, whispering, improper attitude or behavior*; MISCONDUCT AT RECITATIONS, LECTURES AND OTHER EXERCISES; *such as*

talking after the instructor has taken his seat, whispering, inattention, lounging, sitting out of alphabetical order, and anything whatever interrupting and disturbing the exercises ; and MISBEHAVIOR AROUND THE BUILDINGS OR IN THE VILLAGE ; such as shouting from a window, throwing anything from or to a window, playing hand or foot ball in the College buildings or yards, making any boisterous noise therein or elsewhere, smoking in the streets or any public room, or singing or playing upon musical instruments in study hours or after ten o'clock at night. These and similar violations of decorum are noticeable offenses against the good order of College, besides fostering habits of negligence and lawlessness destructive to education and success in the world.

3. Whenever the laws do not fix the penalty of any
 Penalties. offense, it shall be determined by vote of the Faculty ; but admonition in private or before the class, and fines in certain cases, may be applied by any member of the Faculty as he shall judge necessary. The repetition of offenses shall be considered as an aggravating circumstance.

Fines. Fines not exceeding one dollar may be imposed by a Professor or Tutor ; those above one dollar must be imposed by the Faculty. But no fine shall be remitted except by the Faculty.

Obedience. Immediate and implicit obedience shall be yielded by every student to the lawful commands of every officer of the College. And every student shall repair to his room whenever directed to do so, and shall appear personally before the President, or any officer of the College when required. Disobedience shall be deemed a high offense against the order of College, and may be punished, at the discretion of the Faculty, by any College censure, even to expulsion.

Expulsion. If any student shall violate the engagement made on his faith and honor as a condition of his admission to college, he shall be immediately admonished

by the Faculty, and if he shall repeat the offense, he shall be dismissed from College.

If any student shall be guilty of a crime for which an infamous punishment may be inflicted by the laws of the State; or shall designedly injure, or attempt to injure, any member of the Faculty in his person, property or premises, he shall be expelled.

If any student shall be guilty of any injury to the buildings or other property of the College, to the person property, or premises of a fellow student, or of any person in the town, he shall make satisfaction according to the nature of the offense or injury, and be subject to such punishment as the case may require.

All disorderly and irregular assemblages or processions of students, of whatsoever nature, and particularly all such known and designated as *Wakes*, and all kinds of disturbance by night tending to break the *quiet of the College or of the town*, are expressly forbidden, and may be punished, as the case shall require.

Whenever any student shall be required by the Faculty to disclose his knowledge concerning any disorder, offense or offender against a law of the College, and shall refuse to make such disclosure, he may be dismissed.

Any student who may be required to do so by a College officer, shall open the door of his room, his trunk, chest, desk or any other thing, and, if he refuse, the officer may break it open; and the student may be punished for disobedience as the Faculty shall judge proper.

If any student shall be frequently absent from any of the literary or religious exercises required of him, or shall be habitually indolent or neglectful of his studies, or be guilty of any immorality or disorder, or be inattentive to the regulations of the College and the requirements of the Faculty, he shall, under their direction, be admonished of his misbehavior; and, if he continue unreformed, he shall be sent home, and his connection with College shall cease.

Absences and Irregularities. The attendance of every student is required from the first college exercise of the term until the last ; and no excuse for absence at the beginning of any term will be favorably considered by the Faculty unless accompanied by a written statement of the cause of the absence from the students' parent or guardian. If a student's unexcused absence from college prayers shall amount to ten in any one term, he shall be admonished, or otherwise dealt with, at the discretion of the Faculty.

No student shall be absent from College in term-time, without leave of the President or some other member of the Faculty.

Statement. Any student who is charged with an offense, or has been censured or punished, shall be permitted to make, in a respectful manner, any representation of his case to the Faculty that he may deem necessary to the right understanding of it ; but no joint representation or action on such a matter shall be allowed.

Class meetings. No class meeting shall be held after any recitation, except with the consent of the officer who has heard it ; and he and no other person shall announce that such meeting is to be held ; and no class meeting shall be held at any other time but with the consent of the officer of the class ; and no College meeting at any time, but with the consent of the President.

Study hours. The hours between prayers in the morning and twelve o'clock, meridian, between two o'clock and prayers in the afternoon, and, except in the Summer term, between seven and nine o'clock in the evening, shall be considered study hours.

Fire-arms. No student shall have or keep any gunpowder or fire-arms in his room, or in any building or other place on College grounds ; nor shall he at any time use gunpowder or fire-arms within half a mile of the College grounds.