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EXTRACTS

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FROM CHAPTER II.  
OF THE STUDENTS.

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**SECTION I.**

ADMISSION INTO COLLEGE AND COURSE OF INSTRUCTION.

ART. 2. The commencement of each session, particularly of the fall session, shall be the stated period of admission.

ART. 3. Every student on entering, shall subscribe the following agreement :

“I solemnly promise, on my truth and honor, to observe and obey all the laws and regulations of Dickinson College.”

For six months succeeding his entrance he shall be on pro-



bation, at the end of which period, if he has satisfied the Faculty of his good moral character, and studious habits, he shall be fully admitted as a member of the Institution, and his name and age, with the name and abode of his parent or guardian registered in the "Matriculation Book." But if satisfactory evidence on these points cannot be produced, he shall be privately dismissed and sent home; which may also be done sooner, if circumstances require.

ART. 4. The text books in each department, and the order in which they shall be studied, shall be prescribed by the professor, subject to the supervision of the Faculty.

ART. 6. No student shall, during the session, attend the instruction of any person who is not an officer of the College, without special permission from the Faculty.

ART. 8. If any student shall omit, or perform negligently, any literary exercise, the same may, at the discretion of his instructor, be afterwards required, and, in case of failure, the same shall be reported to the Faculty, though such subsequent performance shall not excuse the previous delinquency.

ART. 9. Thorough and exhaustive examinations upon the text-books used, and the lectures and instructions given in the several departments during the terms, shall be held at the close of every fall and spring term. The faculty shall, as far as practicable, be present at such examinations, but each professor shall conduct the examination in his own department. Each professor shall fix the standing of each student in his own department by combining his term average with his examination average, taking twice the former, and once the latter.

In addition to the regular term examinations, a special examination of the Senior class upon such studies, books, or sub-

jects as may be deemed by the professors, severally, a test of scholarship in their respective departments, shall take place at the close of their college course, and shall conclude not later than three weeks prior to Commencement. The work of this examination shall be considered as equivalent to that of a full term, and shall be rated accordingly in fixing the final standing of the class.

ART. 11. Of the examinations at the close of the year notice shall be given by written or printed circulars, addressed to the "Visiting Committees" of the Baltimore, Philadelphia, New Jersey, Central Pennsylvania, and Wilmington Conferences, to the Trustees, and such other gentlemen as the Faculty may think proper.

ART. 12. If any student shall absent himself from an examination, he shall be punished as the nature of the offense may require. And if at any examination, a student shall be found deficient, he shall, at the discretion of the Faculty, be directed to study during the succeeding vacation, be degraded from his class, or dismissed from College.

ART. 13. Each Professor and Instructor shall keep a roll of his classes, and note absentees, and any other circumstances which may enable him to form a correct judgment of the progress of each student. And at the end of the academic year, each Professor shall grade the classes in his own department. And the combined results of these several gradations shall determine the graduation of the class, morals and behaviour being also duly considered in the determination of rank; and, after the assignment of honors, the remaining members of the class shall be ranked in four sections.

ART. 14. A monthly report of each student's deficiencies in



attendance upon the literary exercises, upon chapel, and upon public worship, together with his deportment and attention to study, shall be forwarded to his parent or guardian.

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## SECTION II.

### OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE STUDENTS.

ART. 1. The students are regarded as members of a family, associated for the purpose of improvement, and they are to behave themselves accordingly.

ART. 2. As, however, the peculiar situation of students brings with it peculiar obligations, the following offenses are specified, as those which must be particularly guarded against:

HIGH OFFENSES: Unlawful combinations. Disrespect to the Faculty or other Officers of the Institution. Riotous and noisy behavior to the disturbance of the College or of the inhabitants of Carlisle. Refusing or neglecting, when required, to appear before the Faculty or President. Disobedience to the sentence of the Faculty for any offense. Refusing to give testimony in any case, when required by the Faculty, or falsifying therein. Challenging, assaulting, or endeavoring to injure or annoy any student. Defacing or injuring the buildings, furniture, apparatus, books, or any other property in or about the College.

Profane language. Use of ardent spirits. Indecency in language, dress or behavior. Dissoluteness, or other gross immorality. Obtaining money under false pretenses or other acts of dishonesty. Borrowing money, or contracting any bill, without leave of his patron. Habitual extravagance after due admonition. Playing at any game for money or other things of value, or playing, under any circumstances, at any game of

chance. Associating with any person under sentence of dismission or expulsion, or with any other prohibited person, or with any person of known vice and dissoluteness. Any offense against the laws of the land subjecting the offender to disgraceful punishment.

Possessing any firearms, or any other weapon, or using such in the borough of Carlisle. Visiting any improper place of amusement. Boarding at, or resorting to, hotels, taverns, or saloons. Leaving Carlisle or its immediate vicinity without special permission. Unnecessary absence from College Buildings, and returning at late hours. Attending any meeting of students, except such as may be held according to rules prescribed by the Faculty.

MISDEMEANORS: Among these may be enumerated—loud talking, singing, playing on musical instruments, or other noise in the College or Campus, except in hours of recreation. Throwing water, dust, or other things, from any window or door of the building, or into any fire place or hall. Omitting any Collegiate duty without previous permission. Idleness, negligence, and in general, all behavior inconsistent with the good order and prosperity of the College.

ART. 3. The punishments which may be inflicted, are the execution of extra studies, private censure or admonition, official notice of delinquency to the parent or guardian, admonition in presence of the class or of the whole College, suspension, dismission, degradation to a lower class, and expulsion. The frequency and repetition of offenses shall aggravate the punishment. But if any student shall speedily evince penitence for his fault, the Faculty are at liberty, on his private or public confession, to remit the penalty.



The period of suspension shall not exceed six months. No student, whether suspended, dismissed, or expelled, shall be restored, except upon evidence of contrition and reformation satisfactory to the Faculty.

ART. 5. Whereas, offenses of various kinds may be committed by a number of students, and it may be thought unnecessary to punish all the offenders; in such cases, the Faculty may punish so many and such of them as may be necessary to secure good order, due regard being had in the punishment to previous conduct and general character.

ART. 6. As students may be guilty of disorders and misdemeanors, not specified in these laws, a discretionary authority must necessarily be lodged with the Faculty to meet such emergencies.

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#### SECTION IV.

##### OF RESIDENCE AND BOARDING-HOUSES.

ART. 1. The boarding and rooming of the students shall be under the direction of the Faculty.

ART. 2. Every student not residing with his parent or guardian shall lodge in the College buildings, unless the rooms be full, in which case the Faculty shall adopt such regulations as will best promote the discipline and interest of the College.

ART. 3. No persons shall be employed about the College to perform service for the students, except by permission of the Faculty.

ART. 4. Boarding clubs may be organized and conducted by the students, as the needs of the College require, the same being at all times subject to the supervision and control of the Faculty, as, in their judgment, the interests of the Institution may demand.

FROM CHAPTER III.  
OF THE GENERAL AFFAIRS OF THE COLLEGE.

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**SECTION I.**

OF VACATIONS AND HOURS OF RECREATION.

ART. 2. During the vacations every student shall be answerable for vicious and immoral conduct as during the sessions, and none shall remain in the borough of Carlisle without the permission of the Faculty.

ART. 3. The hours of recreation shall be, during the Winter, from 12 to 2 o'clock, and from the close of afternoon recitations to 7 o'clock; during the Summer, from 12 to 3 o'clock, and from the close of afternoon recitations to 8 o'clock.

ART. 4. All other hours each student shall spend in his own room, or in such College exercises as the Faculty may prescribe.

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**SECTION II.**

OF COMMENCEMENT AND DEGREES.

ART. 1. Commencement shall be held on the last Thursday of June.

ART. 2. On the day of Commencement such candidates as the Faculty shall have previously appointed shall perform the exercises assigned to them, under penalty of being refused their

degree. A fair copy of each performance, after its approval by the President, shall be deposited in the archives of the College; and should any student express sentiments or language contrary to the emendations of the President, or in contempt of the authorities of College, he shall be refused a diploma.

ART. 4. Diplomas shall be signed by the Faculty, and delivered on paying to the President five dollars.

ART. 6. All balls, dances, and improper entertainments are prohibited from being accompaniments of the Commencement, under such penalties as the Faculty may see proper to impose.

ART. 7. The arrangements and expenses of Commencement shall be under the inspection and control of the Faculty.

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### SECTION III.

#### OF RELIGIOUS DUTIES.

ART. 1. There shall be reading of the Holy Scriptures and prayers in the College chapel, by the President, Professors, and Students, every morning.

ART. 3. Each Student shall attend public worship every Sabbath morning, at such church in the borough as his parent or guardian may designate; and he shall attend, in the afternoon or evening, either some church, or a biblical recitation under the direction of the President.

ART. 4. The sanctification of the Sabbath or Lord's day is indispensable; no student therefore shall indulge on that day in unnecessary business, visiting, receiving of visits, sauntering abroad or in the streets of the borough, or in any behavior unbecoming the day.



## SECTION IV.

## OF COLLEGE EXPENDITURES.

ART. 1. The College bills for each session shall be paid within four weeks after its commencement, and shall be as specified in the annual catalogue. When damages happen in a private apartment, they shall be collected from the occupants of the same; if on any other part of the premises, they shall be assessed equally on all the students.

ART. 2. Any student who shall fail, within four weeks after the commencement of each session, to exhibit to the President of the College, (who shall keep a record upon this subject,) the Treasurer's receipt for his College dues, may be required, at the discretion of the Faculty, to absent himself from the recitations of his class, until he shall have complied with this rule; *Provided*, Due notice shall have been given to his parent or guardian, and no student shall receive an honorable dismissal or diploma, until the bills for College fees and boarding have been settled.

ART. 3. Should a student arrive after the commencement of a session, and before one half of it has expired, he shall pay all the College charges for the session, but at any time after that, one half of the same. Members of College absent a full session or year, shall pay half their term bills for the same, when regularly advanced.

## SECTION V.

## OF LITERARY SOCIETIES.

ART. 2. The Belles Lettres and Union Philosophical Societies are integral parts of the institution, and shall be under the

protection and control of the Faculty, and their property under the guardianship of the Board.

ART. 3. Their stated times of meeting shall be at such hours of the day as the Faculty may direct. Nocturnal meetings shall not, on any account, be permitted.

ART. 4. They shall have power to adopt such regulations as they may think proper for the management of their business, during the prescribed periods of their meetings, except that it shall be unlawful to admit to their Halls any of their members who may have been expelled, dismissed, or suspended from College.

ART. 5. Resistance to the requisitions of the Faculty, by either society, shall subject the same to a suspension of their privileges during the will of the Faculty, without appeal to the Board.

ART 5. There shall be no public exhibition of either of the literary societies, without the consent of the Faculty. The pieces for exhibition shall be previously submitted to inspection, and rehearsed before the Faculty, or some member thereof.

ART. 6. Graduate members shall not be admitted to their weekly meetings, unless related to the College as resident graduates, or by special permission of the Faculty.

ART. 6. No student shall be admitted as a member of either society until six weeks after he has attended his first recitation in College.

# REGULATIONS.

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## SECTION II.

### OF THE STANDING OF STUDENTS AND OF MERIT AND DEMERIT RECORDS.

ART. 1. Each member of the Faculty shall keep a record of the performances of each student.

ART. 2. On the plus record he shall enter the value of every performance of each student, on a scale from zero to nine. If the performance be a publicly selected declamation, it shall be rated as equal to two recitations; if an English composition, as equal to three; if a public original declamation, as equal four; and, if a written analysis of a text-book or lecture, as equal to five.

ART. 3. On the minus record he shall enter for ever absence from College in study hours, 3; for every absence from College at night, 5; for each unexcused absence from recitation, lecture or private declamation, 5; for every instance of going out during a regular exercise, 5; for being twice tardy, 5; for every "misdemeanor," 3; and the President shall enter upon his minus roll for each unexcused absence from prayers., 3; from church or public declamation, 5; and for "high offenses," such number as the Faculty shall direct.



ART. 6. If any student shall be sick, or absent on leave, he may be required to make up his work in the several departments, as well as to pass an examination on it at the end of the term; and he shall receive therefor his just average in his class.

If any student shall be admitted to an advanced class, he shall be graded at the close of his course on the basis of his work during the years of connection with the College.

ART. 7. Excuses for absence and non-performance of duty shall be made to the officer in whose department the delinquency occurs; excuses for absence from prayers, church, or public declamation, shall be made to the President; and excuses for absences from rooms or disturbances of any kind in College buildings or elsewhere, shall be made to the officers who shall recognize them.

ART. 8. It shall be the duty of each student to render his excuse for absence to the proper officer, without being called upon, at the first exercise where he meets that officer, after the absence has taken place. If any student shall neglect to do this, and shall suffer three days to pass without rendering his excuse, it shall not be in the power of any officer to receive it, without a special vote of the Faculty.

ART. 9. In all cases when the necessity of absence can be foreseen, permission must be obtained beforehand, or the excuse can rarely be accepted.

ART. 10. Permission to be absent shall not be granted for the purpose of preparing College or Society exercises, except in extreme cases, and only once in a term to the same individual.

ART. 11. Permission shall not be given to omit College exercises for the sake of attending friends, unless they are from

abroad, and are to leave town so speedily as to make such attendance indispensable.

ART. 12. It shall not be in the power of any officer to accept an excuse on the following grounds, viz: not hearing the bell, being out late on the preceding evening, sleep, difficulty of the exercise and reluctance to attend and fail, writing letters, preparing College or Society exercises, walking or riding abroad and being unable to return in time, arranging rooms, mislaying books or articles of apparel, interruption by students or persons from abroad, indisposition, when the student is not detained from meals or prevented from walking abroad. If these excuses are ever admitted from any peculiarity in the circumstances of the case, it must be done by the special direction of the Faculty; and if the excuse of indisposition shall be frequently offered, such cases shall be reported to the Faculty.