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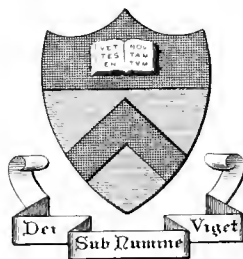
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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MORALS AND DISCIPLINE
PRESENTED TO THE TRUSTEES OF PRINCETON
UNIVERSITY JUNE 9 1902

*Ordered, That the Report be printed, a copy sent to each member of the Board, and that
action thereon be deferred until the October meeting.*

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

JUNE 9, 1902

To the Committee on Morals and Discipline were referred by the Board two resolutions, viz:—

“*Resolved*, That the question of Sunday afternoon Chapel be referred to the Committee on Morals and Discipline, to report at the next meeting of the board of Trustees the facts in relation to the attendance upon that service by the Faculty and students, and the advisability of its discontinuance.”

“*Resolved*, That the ‘Rules and Regulations’ be referred to the Committee on Morals and Discipline for revision, and that that committee give opportunity to the Faculty and to members of the Board to make suggestions.”

A notice was sent by the Secretary of the University to the members of the Board and also to each member of the Faculty asking for suggestions. Replies were received from two members of the Board, viz., Mr. M. Taylor Pyne and Mr. James W. Alexander.

At a special meeting of the Committee the Rules and Regulations were gone over and after consideration it was resolved to recommend the following changes:

I. To change rule 8, page 12, as follows:

OLD RULE

8. Every undergraduate student is required to attend morning prayers in the chapel and the stated services on Sunday unless excused by the President or Faculty. If the student is irregular in his attendance notice will be sent to his parent or guardian. When his absences in any quarter exceed a certain number (18 for Seniors and Juniors, 14 for Sophomores, Freshmen and Specials) he becomes liable to discipline, which in ordinary cases shall be suspension, though other penalties may be imposed at the discretion of the Committee.

AMENDED RULE

8. Every undergraduate student is required to attend morning prayers in the chapel and the stated service on Sunday morning, unless excused by the President or Faculty. If a student is irregular in his attendance, notice will be sent to his parent or guardian. When his absences in any quarter exceed a certain number (18 for Seniors and Juniors, 14 for Sophomores, Freshmen and Specials) he becomes liable to such discipline as the Committee in its discretion may impose.

II. That section IX, page 17, on “Conduct, Miscellaneous Regulations,” be amended as follows:

OLD RULES.

1. No student shall bring, or cause to be brought into college, or keep in his room, any spirituous or fermented liquors; nor shall he frequent any place where intoxicating liquors are sold as a beverage.

AMENDED RULES.

1. All students are expected to conduct themselves in a manner becoming to scholars and gentlemen, under penalty of such discipline as in the judgment of the faculty, through its proper committee or officer, may be appropriate to the offence.

2. No student shall bring, or cause to be brought into college, or keep in his room, any spirituous or fermented liquors; nor shall he frequent any place where intoxicating liquors are sold as a beverage.

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OLD RULES

2. The use of distilled or fermented drinks by the students at eating clubs and boarding houses, upon any occasion or pretext whatever, is prohibited. Students will not be permitted to board where this rule is violated.

3. Lying, profaneness, drunkenness, theft, uncleanness, gambling, or other improprieties, shall be punished according to the nature and gravity of the offense.

4. All practices inconsistent with the due observance of the Lord's Day are expressly prohibited.

5. If any student shall quarrel with, insult, or abuse a fellow student, or any person whatever, he shall be punished as the Faculty, in view of all the circumstances, may determine.

6. It is required of all students to exhibit respectful deportment to the officers of the University; and if any student shall disobey any of the lawful commands of his teachers, or shall, either in speech or action, manifest disrespect towards any of them, he shall be required to make due acknowledgement, and shall be further dealt with as the Faculty may judge proper.

7. If any student shall refuse to appear personally before any officer of the University, when required so to do, he shall be punished for contempt of authority,

8. Any student who may be required so to do, shall open the door of his room to any officer of the University; and if he refuse, the officer may break it open, and the expense of repairing it shall be defrayed by the student, who shall also be punished for disobedience.

9. No student shall be permitted to keep a dog in any room in the University buildings.

10. All boisterous noise in the entries or rooms of the University at any time is strictly prohibited; and every student shall be required to preserve order and decorum in his own room, and shall be responsible for all disorder therein.

11. Discharging of firearms, kindling of bonfires, and disorderly or unauthorized gatherings on the University grounds or elsewhere, are strictly forbidden.

AMENDED RULES

3. The use of distilled or fermented drinks by the students at eating clubs and boarding houses, upon any occasion or pretext whatever, is prohibited. Students will not be permitted to board where this rule is violated.

4. Lying, profanity, drunkenness, theft, uncleanness, gambling or other gross offenses, shall be punished according to the nature and gravity of the offense.

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OLD RULES

12. If any student, present in a disorderly gathering, shall disobey an order of the Proctor or of any officer of the University to repair to his room, or after retiring to his room shall return to the gathering, he shall be suspended for such period as the Faculty may determine.

13. All students present in gatherings or processions, which commit any disorder or injury of property, or in any way molest persons, residences, or premises, shall receive such penalties as the gravity of each particular case may require.

14. In all cases of wanton injury or wilful destruction of property of the University, the offender, if discovered, shall pay the cost of restoring it, and be otherwise dealt with as the Faculty may judge proper. In all other cases the damages may be assessed equally on all the students, or, in special cases, upon such portion of them as the Faculty may determine.

15. If any student or students shall steal, destroy, disfigure by painting or otherwise, or trespass upon the property of the University, or of any person in the town or elsewhere, the authorities of the University shall inflict an exemplary punishment on him or them; and any combination to prevent the execution of the civil laws shall be severely punished.

16. It is to be distinctly understood that any student violating the laws of the land shall be liable to the penalties imposed by public law, and the Faculty will not interpose to save him from these penalties.

17. No meeting of the students of the University, or of any class in it, shall be called without the permission of the President, or in his absence, of the Dean of the Faculty, or in case of the absence of both the President and Dean, of the next senior officer; and in all cases the request for the meeting shall be in writing, specifying the object of the meeting, and signed by the persons making the request, which persons shall be responsible for the good order and doings of the class, or of all the classes, at such meeting. No business shall be transacted at such meeting except that for which permission has been obtained.

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OLD RULES

18. Students remaining in Princeton during a recess or any part of it, shall be subject to all the laws respecting orderly conduct, and shall be under the control of the officers of the University.

III. That the By-Laws of the Board be amended by the adoption of the following :

“The President of the University shall have the prerogative to remit or modify penalties inflicted by the proper authorities, in extraordinary cases, where in his judgment the best interest of the student requires such action and the highest ends of the Institution are not thereby jeopardized.”

IV. Your Committee recommends the approval of the Dean's report, and also the action of the Dean and Faculty in the cases of discipline referred to in the report.

V. That a Committee of five members of this Board be appointed to confer with one representative from each of the existing Clubs, upon the whole question of the relation of the Clubs to the University and its life, and report to this Board.

Princeton, N. J.,
June 9, 1902.

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Respectfully submitted,

JOHN DIXON,
Chairman.

