

RULES OF ORDER

OF THE

WESTERN RESERVE COLLEGE.

Every Student by entering this Institution is considered as pledging himself to observe the following Rules.

I. No Student shall be absent from any recitation of his class, or from any public exercise of the College, without previously obtaining permission of an Instructor, and if practicable, of the Instructor who has charge of such recitation or exercise. If any one be unavoidably absent, he shall render his excuse without delay, to the proper Instructor.

II. All athletic games and play of every description, within 100 feet of the College buildings, are prohibited.

III. Wood must be deposited in rear of the buildings, at least 60 feet distant.

IV. All scribbling, hacking, defacing of walls and doors, athletic exercises, hallooing, loud talking, whistling and other unnecessary and ungentlemanly noise in either the public rooms or entrance at whatever time, are prohibited.

V. No Student shall be unnecessarily absent from his room in study hours; nor while in his room shall indulge in loud talking or laughing, music, or any exercise which may occasion interruption to others. And if any Student shall be found absent by the visiting Instructor, upon being informed of it, he shall render his excuse to such Instructor as soon as practicable.

VI. The occupants of every room will held responsible for its preservation and good order in the following particulars, viz:

(1.) The walls shall be kept free from writing, scratching and defacing of every kind. Nails shall be driven no where but in the horizontal pieces of wood designed to receive them.

(2.) The *wood work* shall be preserved from bruises and injuries, such as arise from rubbing with the feet, cutting, setting vessels of water upon the window sills, &c.

(3.) Nothing but water shall be thrown from the windows, and that must be so thrown as to fall clear of the building.

(4.) Cutting or splitting wood in the room, athletic exercise of every kind, and any thing by which the building may be endangered or its quietness disturbed, shall be avoided at all times.

(5.) The strictest care shall be taken of fire and lights. No student shall allow himself to read in bed: nor shall any one in absence of his room mate, leave fire upon the andirons, or in such a condition that it would not be safe if he should not return.

(6.) The room shall be swept every morning before breakfast, and shall be kept with neatness and order.

VII. Neither cards, chess, backgammon nor chequers shall be allowed in the College buildings at any time; nor shall any student play at any such game during term time.

VIII. The Students shall assemble at evening prayers in the College Chapel on the first day of the term. Any student, absent from that exercise, shall on his arrival, report himself immediately to an Instructor, and render his excuse for tardiness.

IX. Every Student is required to observe towards his fellow students, and the citizens of the place a polite and gentlemanly deportment; and to show to his Instructors, in addressing and passing them, as well as on all other occasions, the proper tokens of respect.

X. Every Student when called upon to testify by one of the Faculty, shall answer every question put to him, to the best of his knowledge.

XI. Profane language, indecent or scurrilous jests, and reproachful or contemptuous speech with regard to the Holy Scriptures or the Christian religion, are strictly prohibited.

XII. Every Student shall observe the Sabbath sacred to the duties of religion; and shall abstain from walking abroad for recreation, and from visiting the rooms of others, or admitting others into his own room, both on that day, and on the evenings before and after.

XIII. No Student, during term time, shall board or room at a public house, or at any house, not approved by the Instructors.

XIV. No Student during term time, shall hire a horse, or go out of the town of Hudson, without permission of one of the Instructors.

N.B. A violation of any of these rules will expose the offender either to admonition privately or before the Faculty, to a public admonition with a letter to his parents or guardian, to dismissal from college, or expulsion, at the discretion of the Faculty. A repetition of the offence shall always subject to a severer punishment, and for the third offence a dismissal from college is to be expected. Any damage that may have accrued to the buildings or property of the college, from the misconduct of any student, shall be made good by a pecuniary fine to be assessed by the inspecting committee.

By order of the Faculty,
RUFUS NUTTING, *Sec'y.*

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