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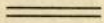
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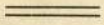
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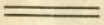
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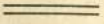
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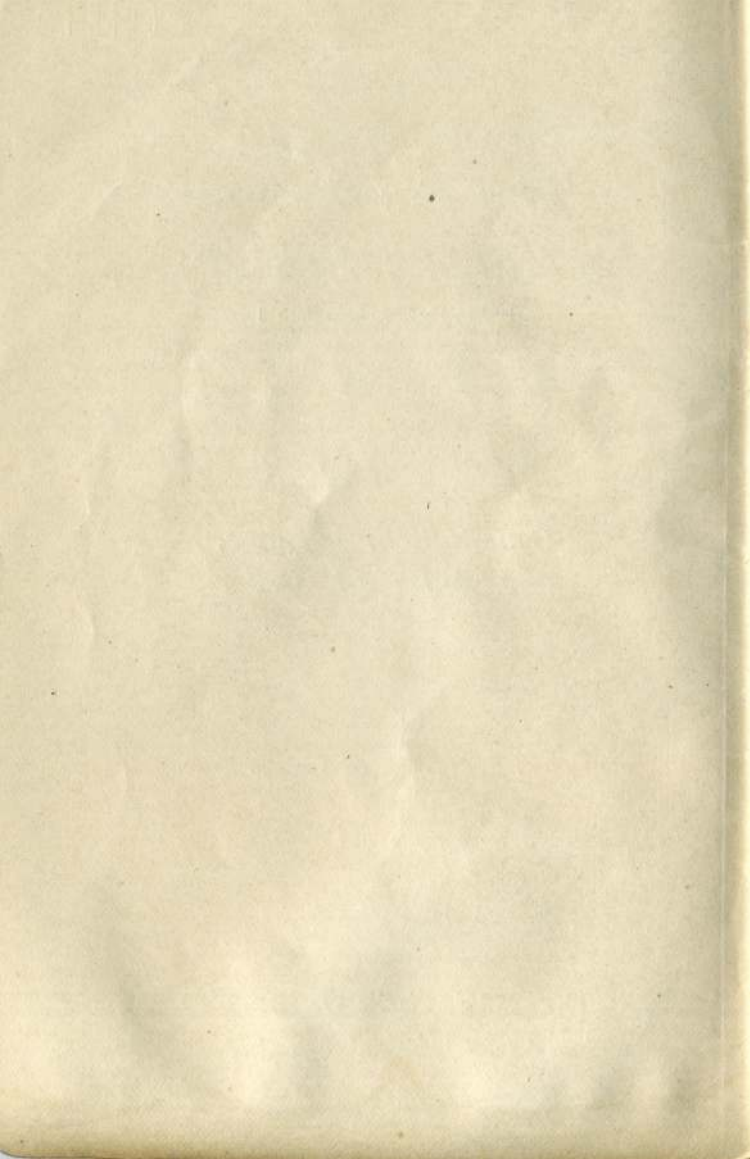
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West Virginia University
Adopted November 3, 1871



Alumni

1870

Dent, Marmaduke H., A. B.....Grafton

1871

Dille, Oliver H., B. S.....Morgantown

Jolliffe, Wm. E., A. B.....White Day

1872

Drabelle, John A., A. B.....Des Moines, Ia.

McLane, Allen E., A. B.....Steubenville, O.

Smith, B. Wells, A. B.....Minneapolis, Minn.

1873

Border, D. W., A. B.....Kearneysville

Brown, J. F., A. B.....Charleston

Bullock, T. O., A. M.....Parkersburg

Harris, J. T., B. S.....Peoria, Ill.

McClure, T. B., B. S.....Louisa, Ky.

Price, T. H., B. S.....Bridesburg

Prichard, W. T., B. S.....Fairmont

Temple, M. L., A. M.....Osceola, Ia.

Waters, J. T., A. B.....Charleston

1874

Dean, J. S. W., A. B.....Pa. State College

Lynch, C. W., A. B.....Clarksburg

1875

Adams, S. S., A. B.....	Washington, D. C.
Golden, F. A., B. S.....	Marshfield, Or.
Martin, J. V., A. B.....	New Castle, Ind.

1876

Ison, W. O., A. B.....	Oakland, Md.
Kemp, H. M., B. S.....	Bloomington, Md.
Laidley, G. S., B. S.....	Charleston
Nash, J. H., B. S.....	Buffalo, Putnam Co.
Ramage, T. C. B. S.....	West Milford
Wetzel, D. E., A. B.....	Huntington

1877

Dille, C. B., A. B.....	Morgantown
Stewart, J. S., B. S.....	Morgantown

1878

Marsh, E. J., A. B.....	Pacific Grove, Cal.
Morgan, B. S., A. B.....	Charleston
Rich, Daniel, A. B.....	Pleasanton, Kansas

1880

Grafton, C. E., B. S.....	New Cumberland
Keenan, B. L., B. S.....	Wichita
Marsh, J. N., A. B.....	Fairview, Cal.

1881

Hodges, Thos. E., A. B.....	Morgantown
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1882

Hodges, Theop. E., A. B.....Buckhannon
 Jeffries, Elias D., A. B.....Arbuckle
 Stewart, J. H., A. B.....Elsinore, Putnam Co.

1883

Bland, W. T., B. S.....Atchison, Kansas
 Boyers, Luther M., A. B.....Randall
 Brown, Benj., A. B.....Charleston
 Brown, S. B., A. B.....Morgantown
 Hough, Walter, A. B.....Washington, D. C.
 Johnson, J. L., B. S.....Morgantown
 Musgrave, John E., A. B.....West Columbia

1884

Eerkeley, P. C., Jr., A. B.....Weston
 Robinson, H. L., A. B.....Uniontown, Pa.

1885

Armstrong, R. A., B. S.....Armstrong's L'd'g.
 Sweeney, John D., B. S.....Concord

1886

Armstrong, R. A., A. B.....West Liberty
 Eerkeley, W. N., A. B.....Petersburg, W. Va.
 Dawson, R. W., A. B.....Uniontown, Pa.
 Sheppard, T. R., A. B.....Huntington

1887

Fector, T. G., M. S.....Cordoba, S. A.
 Swan, Leroy, M. S.....Middlebourne

1888

Emmert, H. H., M. S.....Martinsburg, W. Va.
 Jamison, D. L., A. B.....Laurel Point

1889

Alderson, B. C., A. B.....Morgantown
 Brown, J. E. B. S.....Morgantown
 Chorpenning, G. B., B. S.....Clarksburg
 Dawson, J. E., A. B.....Uniontown, Pa.
 Rankin, C., B. S.....Lynchburg, Va.

1890

Clark, F. W., A. B.....New Martinsville
 Corbly, L. J., A. B.....Huntington
 Reynolds, W. F., A. M.....Milton
 Woodson, E. E., A. B.....Laurel Point

1891

Cooper, A. B., A. B.....Parkersburg
 Galford, J. E., B. S.....Weston
 Hayes, U. S. G., B. S.....Morgantown
 Lyon, Hattie E., A. B.....Fredonia, N. Y.
 Ross, F. G., C. E.....Pittsburg, Pa.
 White, Chas. L., A. B.....Clarksburg
 White, P. C., A. B.....Weston
 White, DeWitt, A. B.....Allegheny, Pa.

1892

Ford, G. M., A. B.....Bluefield
 Garlow, E. C., C. E.....Pittsburg, Pa.
 Grier, J. A., B. S.....Parkersburg

Holbert, J. T., C. E.....Pittsburg, Pa.
 Sisler, C. B., A. B.....Senatobia, Miss.
 Zearley, E. L., C. E.....Pittsburg, Pa.

1893

Burdette, W. A., A. B.....Ona
 Norris, Sarah L., A. B.....Fairmont
 Sheppard, A. H., A. B.....Elizabeth
 Warman, Altha, A. B.....Morgantown

1894

Allen, R. E. L., A. B.....Lima
 Cooper, J. T., B. S.....Parkersburg
 Johnson, G. W., A. B., LL. B.....Martinsburg
 Johnson, J. M., B. Agr.....Long Reach
 Krebs, C. E., B. S. C. E.....Elk River
 Nuzum, John, A. B.....Garfield

1895

Gorman, M. E., A. B.....Morgantown
 Holden, W. J., LL. B.....Craigmoor
 Jacobs, S. S., Jr., B. S.....West Liberty
 Morris, R. L., B. S. C. E.....Huntington
 Protzman, J. B., A. B.....Morgantown

1896

Alderson, G. N. L., A. B.....Alderson
 Bambrick, G. L. LL. B.....New Cumberland
 Campbell, O. A., LL. B.....Morgantown
 Johnson, T. C., B. S. Agr.....Morgantown
 Judy, E. L., LL. B.....Pansy
 Keely, J., A. B.....Charleston

Kunkle, J. M., B. S.....	Morgantown
McBee, P. C., B. S.....	Halleck
Rader, A. F., B. S. C.E.....	Enon
Reynolds, Miss Mabel, A. B.....	Morgantown
Wysong, W. S., LL. B.....	Addison

1897

Bernhardt, Miss Tillie, A. B.....	Uniontown, Pa.
Bowers, J. H., LL. B.....	Brushy Run
Eaton, H. A., LL. B.....	Morgantown
Heck, P. S., LL. B.....	Rivesville
Ice, W. T., A. B.....	Philippi
Knutti, A. G., B. A.....	Alpena
Maxwell, C. W., LL. B.....	Parsons
Moore, F., B. S.....	Bellington
Staggers, H. C., A. B.....	Martinsburg
Stout, W. F., A. B.....	Bridgeport
Swisher, H. L., A. B.....	South Branch Depot
VanGilder, Lydia, A. B.....	Morgantown

1898

Arnett, L. D., B. S.....	Opekiska
Brand, Miss Willa, A. B.....	Morgantown
Deffenbaugh, W. S., A. B.....	Smithfield, Pa.
Dille, T. R., A. B. L.....	Mt. Lake Park, Md.
Kilmer, W. C., A. B. L.....	Martinsburg
Shaw, H., A. B. L.....	Fairmont

1899

Abersold, J. J., C. E.....	New Martinsville
Barnitz, E. L., LL. B.....	Welch
Hatfield, J. L., LL. B.....	Fordyce, Pa.
Holden, C. F., A. B.....	Clarksburg

Horn, J. W., A. B.....	Capon Bridge
Hunter, P. S., A. B.....	Morgantown
Kunrad, P., C. E.....	New Martinsville
Krebs, G. R., B. S.....	New Martinsville
Laughlin, B. F., A. B.....	Grafton
Lindsey, W. B., LL. B.....	Martinsburg
Maynard, J. F., LL. B.....	Bluefield
Meek, J. H., LL. B.....	Preston
Sawtell, A. L., A. B. L.....	Wheeling
White, H. M., A. B. L.....	Camden

1900

Eush, Ira B., A. B.....	Auburn
Conley, G. W., A. B.....	Montgomery
Jones, Miss Hannah, A. B.....	Morgantown
Lowe, S. C., A. B.....	Eldorado
McChesney, A. G., A. M.....	Charleston
Poe, Clarence, A. B.....	Grafton
Rose, C. C., LL. B.....	Clarksville, Pa.
Whitham, G. R., A. B.....	Morgantown
Willey, C. D., A. B.....	Morgantown
Yeager, L. A., A. B.....	Marlinton

1901

Bayles, W. H., A. B.....	Gladesville
Cooper, P. W., A. B.....	Auburn
Corbin, F. P., A. B. L.....	Ellenboro
Dodson, R., A. B.....	Spencer
Johnson, Miss Sarah A., A. B.....	Morgantown
King, D. H., LL. B.....	Vineland, N. J.
Laing, T. K., LL. B.....	Lewisburg
McWhorter, C. N., LL. B.....	Sun
Lewis, E. D., A. B.....	Johnstown
Moreland, J. R., A. B.....	Morgantown
Vannoy, J. D., A. B.....	Morgantown

1902

Bowman, F. L., A. B.....	Charleroi, Pa.
Boyd, T. S., A. B., LL. B.....	Scottsdale, Pa.
Conway, W. M., LL. B.....	Bristol
Johnson, Miss Priscilla, A. M.....	Montgomery
Laing, T. S., B. S. C. E.....	Philippi
Miller, A. McV., A. B.....	Alderson
Miller, Miss Irene, A. B.....	Alderson
Miller, J. F., A. B.....	Old Frame, Pa.
Miller, L. P., A. B.....	Alderson
Provence, Miss Leana, A. B.....	Greensboro, Pa.
Smith, W. W., A. B.....	Morgantown
Willey, C. D., LL. B.....	Morgantown

1903

Bitner, Miss Leila, A. B.....	Kearneysville
Bowers, J. H., A. B.....	Brushy Run
Cole, E. L., B. S. C. E.....	Morgantown
Leech, Miss Fannie, A. B.....	Morgantown
Miller, L. P., LL. B.....	Alderson
Sivey, W. M., B. S.....	Morgantown
Turrell, M. C., A. B.....	Morgantown

1904

Albig, W. E., A. B.....	Ruffsdale, Pa.
Ambler, C. H., A. B. '04; A. M. '05.....	St. Marys
Huyett, J. B., B. Agr.....	Wheatland
Lawrence, B. F., A. B.....	Bluefield

1905

Amos, C. F., LL. B.....	Wheeling
Jones, J. B., LL. B.....	Dallison
McGinnis, D. L., LL. D.....	Rock Lick

Snyder, L. C., A. B.....Morgantown
 Turner, D. F., LL. B.....Blennerhasset
 Waychoff, R. J. LL. B.....Waynesburg, Pa.

1906

Bogges, C. T., A. B.....Salem
 Hill, L. B., A. B.....Middlebourne
 White, P. C., LL. B.....Morgantown

1907

Amakuki, Sessan, Ph. D.....Tokio, Japan
 Armstrong, P. G., Dip. Law.....Fairmont
 Brand, F. M., A. B., LL. B.....Morgantown
 Cooper, H. E., A. B.....Morgantown
 Gist, J. A., LL. B.....Auburn
 Hutchinson, J. Q., A. B., LL. B.....Beckley
 Nestor, I. F., A. B.....Fort Scott, Kan.
 Parker, W. M., A. B.....Glenville
 Ramage, C. M., A. B.....Fairmont
 Wilkerson, O. M., A. B.....Glenville

1908

Eurner, A. E., M. D.....Marlinton
 Callison, J. G., M. D.....Parkersburg
 Callison, J. H., A. B.....Seattle, Wash.
 Folk, G. B., A. B.....Kingwood
 Jones, Miss Ethel B., A. B.....Grafton
 Kennamond, A. D., A. B.....Athens
 Maxwell, J. W., Dip. Law.....Beckley
 Waddell, Miss Margaret L., A. B...Shepherdstown
 Whiting, G. B., A. B.....Shepherdstown

Constitution, By-Laws and Rules of Order

of the

Parthenon Literary Society

Preamble

Whereas, The growth of our Institution of learning and the increased prosperity of our Literary Society encourage us to greater effort in the department of pure literature and more earnest study of parliamentary customs, and in hope of correcting some faults and supplying some deficiencies at present existing in our Constitution; also wishing to secure a more efficient organization we resolve to adopt the following Constitution, By-Laws and Rules of Order for our government:

Constitution

Article 1.—Name.

This Society shall be known as the **Parthenon Literary Society** of the West Virginia University.

Article II.—Objects.

The purpose of this Society shall be: The mutual improvement of all persons connected with it, in debate, declamation, composition, and general literature of a purely moral tone.

Article III.—Membership.

Section 1. Any student in good standing in the College, or any young woman in the Preparatory School, may be elected an active member of this Society by a three-fourths vote of the Society. But no student who is a member of any other Literary Society in the University shall be eligible to active membership.

Sec. 2. Any member who was in good standing at the time of leaving the University, may, upon re-entering the University as a regular student, be enrolled as an active member.

Sec. 3. All officers, teachers and graduates of the University, and persons not in attendance thereat, who have been honorably connected with the Society, either by membership or by special favor thereto, may be elected honorary members by a three-fourths vote of the Society; but they shall not be allowed to vote or hold office.

Article IV.—Officers.

The officers of this Society shall be: President, Vice President, Secretary, Attorney, Critic, Chorister and Marshal, each of whom shall be voted for separately by ballot.

Article V.—President

It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Society, to enforce a rigid observance of the Constitution, By-Laws and Rules of Order, to decide all questions of order, to impose all fines, to announce each item of business in its proper place, to call all special meetings, to appoint all committees and officers not otherwise provided for, to see that the other officers perform their respective duties, to appoint a member of the Society Chaplain for his term of office, to appoint two Ushers for each evening, to inspect and announce all ballotings and all other votes, to draw on the Treasurer for all sums of money appropriated by the Society for its use, and perform such other duties as his office may require. He shall neither make nor second any motion, nor take part in any discussion while in the chair. He shall at the close of his term of office, make a report of the status of the Society.

Article VI.—Vice President.

It shall be the duty of the Vice President to perform the duties of the President in the absence of that officer. He shall also act as Treasurer, and shall receive all money belonging to the Society, keep an account of all dues and fines, of all receipts and expenditures, with the objects thereof.

He shall make all notifications, hereinafter provided for, call the roll at the opening of each meeting, report the condition of the treasury

whenever required by a vote of the Society, and also at the end of the official term; and, shall make no payment without a written order from the President, Countersigned by the Secretary.

The Vice President, shall, at the close of each term, submit his accounts to a committee of two for inspection, and shall deposit his funds in the Bank of the Monongahela Valley, Morgantown, W. Va., taking receipt therefor in the name of the Society.

Article VII.—Secretary.

The Secretary shall keep a record of all the business proceedings of the Society, and shall have charge of all papers and documents relating to the business of the Society.

Article VIII.—Attorney

The Attorney shall prepare all regular programs and read the same to the Society at least two weeks previous to such performance; he shall also prepare the program for the first session of the term following his term of office, and report the same to the society.

Article IX.—Critic.

The Critic shall review the performances immediately after the close of the same.

Article X.—The Chorister.

The Chorister shall prepare a musical program for each regular meeting of the Society.

Article XI.—Chaplain.

It shall be the duty of the Chaplain to open all meetings of the Society by Scripture reading and prayer.

Article XII.—Election of Officers.

Section 1. All officers of this Society shall be elected by ballot, to serve during the school term for which they are elected.

Sec. 2. They shall be elected at the last regular meeting of each University term, and installed at the first regular meeting after such election.

Sec. 3. No person shall be eligible for or to the office of President two consecutive terms.

Sec. 4. A majority of the legal votes cast shall be necessary to a choice.

Sec. 5. The order of nominations for officers and contest performers shall be: First, 1, Marshal; 2, Critic; 3, Chorister; 4, Secretary; 5, Attorney; 6, Vice President; 7, President. Second, 1, Declaimer; 2, Essayist; 3, Orator; 4, Debaters.

Article XIII.—Removal from Office.

Should any officer or member of a committee neglect his duty or be found incompetent to discharge the same, he may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the Society.

Article XIV.—Amendments

Section 1. No addition, alteration or amendment shall be made to this Constitution, nor shall

any part of it be repealed without a two-thirds vote of the members present.

Sec. 2. No amendment shall be made to the Constitution without two weeks previous notice, by person or persons offering such amendment or amendments.

Article XV.—Order of Business.

A motion to change or suspend the regular Order of Business or to postpone the regular duties shall require for its adoption a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

Article XVI.—Suspension of By-Laws.

A By-Law or Rule of Order may be suspended in case of an emergency, by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

Article XVII.—Affirmations.

The President before retiring from office shall affirm the succeeding officers, at the first regular meeting in the term following his term of office. If the president be absent at the opening meeting, the officers may be installed by the Vice President or the Attorney. The affirmation shall be as follows: "Do you solemnly promise that you will perform the duties of your office to the best of your ability, and do all in your power to promote the interests of the Parthenon Literary Society?" The answer is, "I do."

By-Laws

Article I.—Time of Meeting.

Section 1. This Society shall, unless otherwise ordered by a majority vote of the Society, meet at 7:30 o'clock on each Friday evening during the scholastic year of the University, for the promotion of its objects and the transaction of its business.

Sec. 2. Special meetings shall be called by the President at the written request of eight active members.

Sec. 3. One-third of the active members may constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Article II.—Membership.

Section 1. Candidates for membership shall be nominated by an active member of the Society.

Sec. 2. Every newly elected member, upon payment of the initiation fee, if any, shall take the following affirmation: "Do you solemnly affirm that you will support the Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules of Order of the Parthenon Literary Society and pay all legal demands against you as long as you remain a member?" The answer is, "I do."

Sec. 3. Full membership shall immediately follow the taking of the prescribed affirmation, which must be taken within two weeks after election.

Article III.—Fees.

Every male person initiated into this Society shall pay an initiation fee of one dollar. Ladies shall be admitted without any initiation fee.

Article IV.—Dues.

The dues of each active member shall be twenty-five cents per term.

Article V.—Fines and Penalties.

The Society or its executive officer may impose the following fines:

Section 1. Any member who shall at any meeting of the Society, make use of any improper language or refuse to obey the commands of the President when called to order or be guilty of any disorderly conduct, shall be fined for each offense fifty cents.

Sec. 2. Any member leaving the hall while the Society is in session without permission of the President, shall be fined **twenty-five** cents.

Sec. 3. If any member appointed to serve on a committee neglect to attend to his duty, he shall, unless he present a satisfactory excuse, be fined **fifty** cents.

Sec. 4. In case an officer neglect his duty he shall, upon motion of a member and with the consent of the Society, be fined **fifty** cents, and should he still persist in neglecting such duty as is laid down in the Constitution and By-Laws, he may after two weeks' notice, unless satisfactory excuse be given, be removed from his office by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

Sec. 5. Should a committee be hindered in the

performance of its duty through the negligence of an officer, such officer shall be fined **twenty-five cents**.

Sec. 6. Any member failing to perform his regular duties shall be fined **twenty cents**.

Sec. 7. No member shall have the privilege of voting in an election of officers unless he shall have paid, in full, his indebtedness to the Society.

Sec. 8. After a member's fines and assessments have accumulated to the amount of seventy-five cents, he shall be notified immediately thereof by the Vice President, and if he still neglect payment, he shall at the next regular meeting be suspended for two weeks, and if then in arrears shall be considered expelled.

Sec. 9. For such acts of negligence, disorder, and neglect of duty as are not noted in the above section, the chair may impose a fine not exceeding **twenty-five cents**.

Sec. 10. No member shall be excused for non performance or violation of parliamentary usage, except in cases hereinafter provided for, but any member absent on account of sickness or an examination on the following day, or being out of town, shall be considered excused without vote.

Article VI.—Appeals.

Any member shall have the right, when fined by the President, to appeal from the decision of the chair to the meeting, and if the Society, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, refuse to sustain the position of the chair, said fine shall be remitted.

Article VII.

If the funds of this society shall at any time be exhausted or inadequate to meet its demands, there shall be an equal tax, not exceeding **two dollars**, laid on each member to make up the deficiency.

Article VIII.—Committees.

All committees, when required by the Society, shall make their reports written in ink.

Article IX.—Suspension and Expulsion.

Section 1. Any member who shall refuse to conform to the Constitution and By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of this Society, or be guilty of repeated disorderly conduct, shall be subject to suspension or expulsion, according to section 2.

Sec. 2. When notice shall be given, and the cause stated for the suspension or expulsion of a member, it shall be announced at two regular meetings previous to action thereon, within which time the accused shall be permitted to show reasons why he should not be suspended or expelled, and to demand a vote; but if two-thirds of the members present vote in favor of the motion, it shall be carried and cannot be reconsidered.

Sec. 3. In all cases of suspension the time shall be specified.

Sec. 4. Members expelled cannot be proposed again for membership within one year.

Sec. 5. Any member who resigns from the Society cannot become a member again until all arrears, at the time of his resignation, are paid in full, and he pays again the regular initiation fee.

Article X.

All actions of the Society relating to the individual interests of any active member shall be communicated to him by the President, or in the absence of the President, by the Vice President, within two days after said action.

Article XI.

It shall be the duty of this Society to pay its share of all indebtedness incurred by the Executive Committee of the West Virginia University Debating Association, while acting as a committee for the Association. This share to be determined by proportioning such indebtedness among the literary societies of the University.

Article XII.—Amendment.

No addition, alteration or amendment shall be made to these By-Laws, nor can any part of them be repealed without a two-thirds vote of the members present and one week's previous notice.

Rules of Order

Rule I.

In the absence of both President and Vice President, the Society shall choose a President **pro tempore**, who shall immediately take the chair.

Rule II.

After the meeting has been called to order each member shall immediately take a seat, which he will not leave while the Society is in session unless by permission of the President; nor shall he interrupt the proceedings by reading or conversing without permission as above; nor shall any member leave his seat while another is speaking.

Rule III.

The presiding officer shall state every question coming before the Society, and immediately before putting the vote, shall ask, "Are you ready for the question?" Should no member rise to speak, he shall rise to put the question, and after he has risen no member shall speak upon it unless by his permission.

Rule IV.

Every member shall have the privilege of speaking twice on any question under consideration, but not oftener, unless by permission of the Society, and his speeches shall not be longer than five and three minutes respectively.

Rule V.

When a member intends to speak on a question he shall rise from his seat and respectfully address his remarks to the President. Should more than one member rise at the same time to speak, the President shall decide who is entitled to the floor, and no person shall be entitled to the floor until recognized by the President.

Rule VI.

No member shall interrupt another while speaking, except in accordance with Rules of Order Nos. IV. and V. and Robert's Rules of Order.

Rule VII.

Any member shall be allowed to remark on the performances after they have been reviewed by the Critic, but such member shall not speak more than once nor longer than three minutes.

Rule VIII.

Every motion shall be reduced to writing by the mover thereof, should the President or Secretary desire it, otherwise it shall not be considered.

Rule IX.

The President shall appoint three persons to act as judges for the evening.

Rule X.

Each debater shall be allowed one speech of ten minutes, except the first affirmative, who shall have eight minutes in which to open the debate and five minutes to summarize all argument produced.

Rule XI.

After the judges have given their decision upon the debate, the question shall be before the house for general discussion, in which any member may participate, in accordance with Rules IV. and V.

Rule XII.

The President may permit a member to leave the hall for ten minutes, and should he not return in that time he shall be fined **ten** cents, but in no case shall more than six members be out at the same time.

Rule XIII.

All points of order not provided for in the Constitution, By-Laws and Rules of Order of this Society, shall be decided in accordance with Roberts' Rules of Order.

Contest Rules

I. This contest shall be open to all undergraduates in attendance at the University, provided that they are members of the Society which they represent.

II. The contest shall consist of Debate, Oration, Essay, and Declamation.

III. The President of the University shall preside at the contest and introduce the speakers, or he shall designate some one who shall preside.

IV. There shall be no insignia worn at the contest by the performers which will indicate to what society they belong.

V. The election of contestants shall be on the second regular meeting night of the societies in January; but in case of vacancy, it may be filled at any meeting of the Society after it occurs.

VI. In each alternate contest year the debaters from one society shall propose a question for debate and their opponents shall have choice of affirming or denying, and this order shall be reversed in each succeeding contest year. The question for debate shall be submitted by the proposing debaters to their society on the first regular meeting night in February; and their so-

ciety shall at the same meeting, communicate the question proposed to the other society, or in case the other society is not in session, to the President thereof as soon as practicable. The debaters having choice of sides shall communicate the fact to their society within two weeks after the question has been proposed and their society shall communicate the choice to the other society the same night, or in case the other society is not in session to the President thereof as soon as practicable. If the contestants fail to act in the proposal of a question, or choice of sides, then their society must propose or choose in their place. In case the contestants or society having the right to choose sides does not choose within the prescribed time, then the other contestants or society may choose sides. Provided, that in case of vacancy, the society in which such vacancy occurs shall act in the same capacity as debaters in proposing or accepting the question for debate.

VII. The order of performance shall be as follows: In the coming contest of 1906 the Parthenon Society shall take the lead in Declamation and Oration, and the Columbian Society shall take the lead in Essay and shall propose the question for debate; and in each succeeding year this order shall be reversed.

VIII. The time allowed for each performer is as follows: Declaimer, twelve minutes; Essayist, fifteen hundred words; Orator, sixteen hundred words; Debaters, fifteen minutes each for first speech and five minutes for rebuttal.

IX. There shall be two debaters from each society.

X. There shall be three judges, none of whom shall ever have been members of either society, appointed by the Committee on Ways and Means in conference with a joint committee composed of two members from each society.

XI. There shall be twelve points of honors, of which debate shall count five, Oration three, Essay two, Declamation two. Also if the contest be for a purse, it shall be divided according to the rules of the Board of Regents.

XII. Prizes won by contestants shall be the property of the society which they represent.

XIII. Any change or amendment to these rules shall be made by the joint committee with the President of the University, and shall be in force after being ratified by the societies.

XIV. Upon the adoption of these rules by both societies a fair copy of them shall be entered upon the minutes of each society by the Secretary thereof, and the original papers shall be deposited with the President of the University.

Columbian Committee.

J. F. Marsh, A. K. Drake, Dessie Protzman.

Parthenon Committee.

C. T. Boggess, Lawrence B. Hill,
J. Quincy Hutchinson.

D. B. PURINTON, President.

Order of Business

- I. Devotional Exercises.
- II. Appointing of Ushers.
- III. Roll Call.
- IV. Reading of Minutes.
- V. Election of New Members, Active and Honorary.
- VI. Appointing of Judges.
- VII. Performances—to the Debate.
- VIII. Recess.
- IX. Debate.
- X. Decision of Judges.
- XI. General Discussion.
- XII. Report of Critic.
- XIII. General Remarks on Performances.
- XIV. Report of Committees.
- XV. Unfinished Business.
- XVI. Miscellaneous Business.
- XVII. Announcement of Program.
- XVIII. Reading and Acting on Fines.
- XIX. Adjournment.

