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The Episcopal Hall . . .

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University of West Virginia



Morgantown, W. Va.



THE EPISCOPAL HALL,

THE CHURCH COLLEGE OF WEST VIRGINIA.

THE RT. REV. GEORGE W. PETERKIN, D. D. LL. D.,

Bishop of West Virginia, Founder and President Ex-Officio.

THE REV. JAMES SHEERIN, WARDEN.

MRS. S. A. RICHARDSON, MATRON.

VICTOR M. CROSSMAN, ORGANIST AND MUSICAL DIRECTOR.

Students in Residence, '95-'96.

George Wesley Atkinson, Jr.,

Victor Gutz, Jr.,

Harry B. Jamison,

W. T. McDonald,

Noble Beveridge Means,

Hunter H. Moss, Jr.,

Arthur Carey Pierce,

Robert Gwynne Read,

George Garfield Sheerin,

W. B. Catlett,

Ralph W. Heavner,

Angus W. McDonald,

D. C. McMechen,

Fred C. Mitchell,

Henry Nelly,

Lyle Montgomery Ranson,

Semmes Read,

Chas. H. Turner, Jr.

The capacity of the Hall last year was for about sixteen students; the coming year, '96-'97, there will be a total capacity of nearly fifty students.

EXPLANATION.

WHAT the Episcopal Hall is, may be understood by the following statement taken from "The Monticola," the University Annual:

"1. What is called in the Episcopal Church, the Diocese of West Virginia, over which the Rt. Rev. George W. Peterkin, D. D., LL. D., is Bishop, is in need of a College or Training School for its young men who are preparing for the ministry, and for others who may desire a thorough education.

2 The state of West Virginia, as a completion of its public school system, has established a well endowed university, with superior equipments for training students in nearly all departments of 'the higher education.'

3. It is the duty of every citizen to contribute to the support of this State Institution, and it ought to be his duty, as well as privilege, to make a real use of its advantages. It would seem unwise for him to do anything else, since he can get what he wants there better than he can in any other way in the state.

4. The same reason applies as much to the church as to the individual; and, therefore, Bishop Peterkin has established this 'Church Hall' at the seat of the State University, instead of setting up a small rival college. He does this as a loyal citizen and as a loyal churchman. As a loyal citizen he believes in the state, and in aiding all its good efforts in behalf of the people; and, as a loyal churchman he believes he can, at the State University, have the youth of the church educated at much less expense and in a more thorough way than he could in a separate church college, or in any other possible institution in West Virginia. In a word, the church is as much under obligations to support and patronize state institutions as the individual citizen is; and 'The Episcopal Hall' is the effort of the Episcopal Church in West Virginia to be loyal to the state. And, as a return, it receives the same superior advantages which the individual citizen does when he is wise enough to make use of them."

Though the hall is intended primarily for students for the ministry, it is by no means limited to them, nor will there likely be more than a half dozen of such students in residence at any one time. The great majority will always be from other classes, who will be admitted to every privilege of the Hall. Amongst the privileges may be mentioned, not only free public lectures by eminent men, but whatever private help can be given in the various studies, the use of the library and reading room, and such material comforts as bath rooms, well ventilated bed rooms, parlors, steam heat, electric light, etc. The extreme capacity is fifty students, and no one shall be allowed to remain in residence whose influence is found to be detrimental to others.

DISCIPLINE.

College students are supposed to be beyond the need of discipline ; but, as many of the boys sent to the preparatory department of the University are quite young, a certain amount of guardianship is necessary. If parents will give their sons of this kind into the special care of the warden, he will become responsible for their welfare ; but unless this is done unreservedly, it would be well not to send young boys to the Hall. The age the state has set as the limit is fifteen. It is doubtful if a boy should come to the State University under sixteen ; but any who are placed in the Hall will be carefully looked after.

It has been thought well to have no set rules for Hall students. Dependence is placed rather on the wholesome, moral influence of the place. Students are regarded as members of the warden's family, and every effort is made to give them the proper home and social environment.

The following is a suggested plan of daily hours, though by no means compulsory, or invariable, except in the matter of meals :

BREAKFAST, 7:30.

DINNER, 12:45.

SUPPER, 5:45.

LECTURES, RECITATIONS, ETC., in University, 8:00 a. m., to 12:30.

RECREATION, 2 p. m., to 5 p. m.

STUDY HOURS, during which students should remain quietly in their own rooms, 7 p. m., to 10 p. m.

SLEEP, 10 p. m., to 6 or 7 a. m.

The hours mentioned for study in the evening should be added to by an occasional hour in the day time. If a student will follow this general outline of daily occupations, there is no reason why he should fail either in health or books—in pleasure or work. More failures result from late hours at night than through any other cause.

Students are required by University regulations to attend some church once a Sunday ; and those in the Hall, who have no other preference, are invited to attend the regular services at Trinity Episcopal Church, which is recognized as the Chapel of the Hall, as well as the parish Church. Family prayers are said in the library of the Hall every evening after supper, but no student is compelled to come unless by request of parents.

EXPENSES:

The charges for board and room are \$16 and \$18 per month, payable in advance. Students rooming together will pay \$16 each; those occupying single rooms \$18.

Students are asked to bring their own towels with them. If it is remembered that heat, light, care of room, etc., with superior rooms and board, are included in these charges, and that, in the case of double rooms, board amounts to but \$3.71 a week, it will be realized how cheap living is in the Hall.

Washing is done in the town at one dollar a month for each student.

The fees paid to the University treasurer are nominal. For residents of the State, a fee of \$5 is paid at the time of matriculation, and \$2 each term.

Applicants from a distance may choose rooms from the diagram on the last page.

For further information as to the Hall, address the Warden. For information about the University address the President, Dr. Goodknight.



