

# Constitution-

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The Officers shall consist of a President, a vice President, a Recording Secretary, (a corresponding secretary) a Treasurer & <sup>one</sup> (two) Censors, elected on <sup>the</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>Regular meeting</sup> Thursday in October of each scholastic year.

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It shall be the duty of the President to preside at the meetings of the Association (to appoint the time & place of such meetings) (to select the plays, to alter and arrange them for performance, to cast the characters, and with the approbation of the members, to appoint the time and place for <sup>the</sup> rehearsal, the time and place for the regular performance, <sup>and</sup> he shall be consulted in all matters of the importance relating to the Association.

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The vice President shall in the absence of the Pres, perform all the duties of the President.

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The Corresponding Secretary shall attend to all the correspondences of the Association.

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The Treasurer shall keep in his possession the funds of the Association, he shall collect the fines imposed by the ~~Constitution~~.

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Art. 8<sup>th</sup>

The Censors shall preserve order at all times during the meetings ~~and~~, and it shall be their <sup>his</sup> duty to enforce the strict observance of the laws by reporting to the association all those who do not comply with their provisions.

Art. 9<sup>th</sup>

No student shall be admitted a member of the association, unless he shall have received the ~~so~~ votes of 2/3 of those present. (If however a student is cast for a character by the President, he shall be "ipso facto" legally elected, provided no objection is made at the time of his being announced, if objection is made, his name must be proposed for admission in the regular way.)

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All elections shall be by ballot, & the vote of 2/3 <sup>of those present</sup> shall be required to constitute a choice.

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Each member shall have a week to determine, whether he will accept a character for which he is cast or not, if however he <sup>once</sup> accept, he can not relinquish it thereafter, under a penalty of 2.50 cts.

Art. 12<sup>th</sup> +

General contributions shall be levied from time to time as circumstances may require, the amount to be specified by the vote of the association.

Art. 13<sup>th</sup>

If a member is absent at the calling of the roll, <sup>which shall be read at the beginning of every ~~assembly~~ meeting</sup> he shall be fined 10 cts, <sup>and if absent during the whole meeting</sup> from any meeting <sup>and if from a</sup> ~~meeting~~, during the part or parts for which he is engaged, he shall be fined 25 cts.

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(After the 4<sup>th</sup> rehearsal of any play, no one shall use his book at rehearsal, under a penalty of 10 cts.

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Low talking or disorder of any kind during a meeting or rehearsal shall subject the offender to a fine of 10 cts.

Art 16<sup>th</sup>

(No performer shall change places with another, without first obtaining permission of the President, under a penalty of 25 cts.)

Art 17<sup>th</sup>

On the day upon which the <sup>any public reading</sup> regular performance of any play is to take place, no member shall be permitted to leave the College grounds <sup>premises</sup> under a penalty of 50 cts. A special committee shall be appointed by the President to transact the business of the association in town upon that day.

Art 18<sup>th</sup>

No excuse <sup>for non-compliance</sup> to comply with the requisitions of any law shall be deemed valid, unless sanctioned by  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the Association.

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The order of the day of any meeting, after the calling of the roll shall be left to the discretion of the President.

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Parliamentary rules shall govern the proceedings of ~~any~~ the meetings in all cases, where provision is not made in the constitution.

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When the plays shall have been selected & the characters assigned, each performer shall procure at his own expense a copy of the play to be performed, & forthwith the papers for the part for which he is cast.

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The costumes designed for each performer shall be selected and allotted at the pleasure of the President.

(Art 23<sup>rd</sup>) amended

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under a penalty of 25cts } amended  
The costume shall be returned into the hands of the President within two days after the regular performance. If any article be ~~lost~~ lost or injured, it shall be replaced or repaired at the expense of the person losing or injuring it.

(Art. 24<sup>th</sup>) x

No one shall at any time during the Rehearsal or the Regular Performance, shift the scenes, raise or lower the curtains, or in any way disturb or interfere with the machinery of the stage, under a penalty of 25 cts.

(Art 25<sup>th</sup>)

If any member leave the place of meeting, & remain absent more than 10 minutes, he shall be fined 10 cts.

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Committee  
A fixed time shall be appointed each week for a regular meeting each week, and that at every regular meeting, two members previously appointed shall deliver each an extract from some approved author. Two also to read each a scene from Shakespeare, or other Dramatic Author, & that no member shall be drawn out the second time until all others shall have spoken or read in their turn.

(Art 26<sup>th</sup>)

In the Election of Officers, should there be no Election in three Ballots, (that) after the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ballot, the two candidates having the (highest) <sup>number of votes</sup> greatest majority shall be candidates to the Exclusion of all others

(Art 27<sup>th</sup>)

No.	Name	Office	Residence
1	R. Charles T. King	President	Georgetown College D.C.
+ 2	J. M. Smith	V. President	Philadelphia, Pa.
3	B. S. Semmes Jr	Sec. Secretary	St Geo. Co. Maryland
4	Eng. Laqueur	Comm "	St Louis, Mo
+ 5	Jos. Pallan	Treasurer	Utica N. York
6	Geo. S. Peale	1 <sup>st</sup> Censor	George Town N.C.
7	Julius A. Sheppin	2 <sup>d</sup> Censor	Louisiana Parish of St. Thomas
8	Gen. H. S. Hamilton		Phila. Penna.
9	Am. A. R. R. R.		George Town N.C.
+ 10	Peter G. M <sup>rs</sup> Gung		Virginia
+ 11	W. O. Brozard	Manager	P. G. County Maryland
12	Harvey Bawtree		La
13	Alex. W. Loughton		England
14	Hugh J. Gaston	Resigned	D. C. of Columbia
15	James D. Dougherty		N. Carolina
16	Mr. H. Gung	Resigned	Pennsylvania
17	Theo. Ferrer		Maryland P. G. County
+ 18	James D. O'Malley		New Orleans La.
19	Scott B. Smith		New York
20	Andrew B. Smith		Virginia
21	E. W. Lawin		U.S.
+ 22	Algeron S. Garnett		Louisiana
23	Robt. Ray	Resigned	Wisc.
	Jas R. Randall		Louisiana
24	John H. Prescott		Pa
25	Robt. C. Lamb		La
26	Alphonse Beemel		Mo I
27	Wm. O. Dougherty		Louisiana
28	John B. Garret		Pa
29	M. J. Kelly		Virg.
30	E. P. Lane		New York
31	H. S. Kearney		Wheeling W. Va.
32			Georgetown D.C.
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No	Name	Residence
33	Wm B Kenney	Pittsburgh Pa.
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34	W A Welsh	Y. Cas.
35	J J Arment Renigued	La.
36	E. Witterox	Pa.
37	P. C. Smith	La.
40	William Choice	So. Ca
	Wm H. Swain	Pa.
	A. C. Swain	La.
	W. H. Smith	Pa.
	Olis Kitcher	Pa.
	Francis Penhant	P. C.
	Cornelius J. O'Hara	Detroit Mich.
	Francis J. O'Hara	La.
	Charles A. Hout	Vermont.
	Emile Post	La.
	Eugene Digges	Pa.
	Francis H. Lancaster	Phila. Penn.
	James Owen Martin	New Orleans.
	Calcutt. Maguider	P. C. Md.
	Beverly Kennedy	New Orleans
	James A. Wise	Washington D. C.
	Michael Fass	Lawrence Georgia
	Farjane M. Laughlin	Va.
	J. J. H. H. H.	Pa. 1862-63.
	Henry H. H.	Philadelphia Pa.
50	James J. McElroy	New York

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### Art 27th

The President is empowered to procure all things necessary for the Performances, provided that the expense of such things does not go beyond the money then in the Treasury.

### Art 28th

Should any Member of the Association inform a Student not a member of the same of any thing done or said at a regular meeting of the Association, he shall upon the testimony of two (2) or more Members, be fined not less than fifty (50¢).

The Constitution as amended will be found in another part of this book

The order of the day-

1<sup>st</sup> Calling of the Roll

2<sup>nd</sup> The Reading of the proceedings of the last meeting, which shall be considered as adopted, if no objection be made at the time of their being read.

3<sup>rd</sup> Those who were absent at the last meeting, shall offer their excuses.

4<sup>th</sup> The reports of the Treasurer & Censors.

5<sup>th</sup> Miscellaneous Business.





Appendix I  
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1853

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1.	Rev. Charles King	Georgetown College
2.	William M. Smith	Philadelphia
3.	Benedict J. Semmes	Maryland
4.	Eugene Longuemare	St. Louis, MO.
5.	Joseph P. Callanen	Uttica, New York
6.	John J. Beall	Washington D.C.
7.	Julius A. Choppin	Louisiana
8.	George Hamilton	Philadelphia
9.	Peter J. McGary	Virginia
10.	Joseph H. Blandford	Maryland
11.	W.O. Breazeale	Louisiana
12.	Harvey Bawtree	England
13.	Alexander H. Loughborough	Washington D.C.
14.	Hugh J. Gaston (resigned)	North Carolina
15.	James D. Dougherty	Pennsylvania
16.	William H. Gynne (resigned)	Maryland
17.	Theophilus Perret	Louisiana
18.	James P. Donnelly	New York
19.	Scott Smith	Virginia
20.	Andrew Bryant	U.S.
21.	Emile M. Tauzin	Louisiana
22.	Algernon S. Garnett	Virginia
23.	Robert Ray (resigned)	Louisiana
24.	James Randall	Maryland