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BLUEHILL ACADEMY

The second term of this Institution,under the instruction of Mr. Kittredge,will commence on Monday,November 29.

Pleased with the success of last Term,the Trustees flatter themselves,that the next will be)attended by a/ larger number of Scholars than usual. For the convenience of those who attend,they have provided the following books,which are now made use of in said Institution,viz.

Putnam's Analytical Reader with the Introduction and Sequel

Ingersol's Grammar

Colburn's Arithmetic - first Lessons and Sequel

Flint's surveying

Woodbridge's Geography and Atlas

Newman's Rhetoric

Wilkin's Astronomy

Blake's Philosophy

Blake's Chemistry

Those who may attend ,can be furnished with the above books, at as low prices as they are retailed in Boston.

Nathan Ellis,Secretary

Bluehill,November 18,1830.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

DUTIES OF PRECEPTOR

ARTICLE I. -- The Preceptor shall introduce the exercises of the Academy every morning,and close them at night with reading a portion of Scripture,and with Prayer;and these exercises shall commence at 9 o'clock in the morning,and continue till 12; and during the summer

Term, and the first half of the Fall Term, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon and continue till 5; and during the last half of the Fall Term, and the Winter and Spring Terms at 1 o'clock, and continue till 4 o'clock.

ART. II. ** The Preceptor shall keep a bill of all absences, except as whole weeks, and of tardinesses -- which shall be called every night; and, unless seasonable excuses are given, a mark shall stand against the name of the scholar, specifying the delinquencies: -- this bill shall be subject to the examination of the Trustees, and of the parents and guardians of the scholars.

ART. III. --- The Preceptor shall class the scholars, according to their respective capacities and acquirements in learning; nor shall he suffer any scholar who does not ~~unite~~ unite in a class, to pursue more than one study at a time.

ART. IV -- During the season of the year when it shall be necessary to keep a fire, it shall be the duty of the Preceptor to wait in the Academy at night, till the scholars are gone, and the fire is put into a situation of safety.

ART. V. -- The Preceptor shall be permitted to introduce, as he shall think proper, and necessary for improvement in reading, newspapers, and miscellaneous books, of a moral and religious character, for occasional reading, provided the introduction of such publications and books is not attended with expense to the scholars.

✓ ART. VI. -- The Preceptor shall receive applications for scholars, and determine them agreeably to the rules respecting the same.

ART. VII. -- The Preceptor is to give special attention to the health of the scholars, and ever to urge the importance of habits of industry

ART.VIII. -- Above all it is expected that the Preceptor's attention to the ~~dispositions~~ of the minds and morals of the scholars, will exceed every other care. It is therefore required that he most attentively and vigorously guard against the earliest irregularities; -- that he frequently delineate, in their natural colors, the deformity and ~~o~~ odiousness of vice, and the beauty and amiableness of virtue; and that he spare no pains to convince them of their numberless and indispensable obligations to abhor and avoid the former, and to love and practice the latter. Also, it shall be his duty, as the age and capacity of the scholars will admit, not only to instruct them in the truth of Christianity, but also early and diligently to inculcate upon them the great Scripture doctrines of the existence of one true God, the Father, the Son, and Holy Ghost; of the fall of man; the depravity of human nature; the necessity of an atonement, and of our being renewed in the spirit of our minds; the doctrines of repentance toward God, and of ~~our~~ faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ; of ~~the~~ sanctification by the Holy Spirit, and of justification by the free grace of God, through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus, together with the other important doctrines and duties of our Holy Christian religion.

DUTIES OF THE SCHOLARS

ART.IX -- Every scholar shall be punctual at the hour of opening the Academy, and if faulty in this respect he shall be accountable to the Preceptor; and in case he is a minor, shall be required to produce a seasonable written excuse from his parents or guardians.

ART.X. -- No scholar shall move out of his seat or speak to another without permission; and if any transgress ~~th~~is law he shall be liable to discretionary punishment.

(Duties of scholars continued)

ART.XI.-- If any shall be found guilty of using profane or indecent language or of lying, they shall be liable to such corporeal punishment, as the Preceptor shall think proper to inflict.

ART.XII -- The scholars shall be permitted to retire once in the forenoon and once in the afternoon, during ten minutes at each recess; at which times they shall conduct with regularity and decency.

ART.XIII.-- If any scholar shall cut with a knife, bruise or in any way deface the seats, boxes, or any part of the Academy, or break a window, he shall be answerable for it to the trustees, shall repair damages, and be punished other ways, according to the aggravation of the offense.

ART.XIV. -- Every scholar shall be required to attend public worship on the Sabbath, also, on the usual Fasts and Thanksgivings, and likewise it shall be commended to them to attend the lectures preparatory to the sacrament, at which times they shall conduct with the strictest propriety.

ART.XV. -- When any gentlemen comes into the Academy in school hours, each scholar shall rise, and remain standing, till he is seated, and when he goes out they shall also rise.

ART.XVI.-- Every scholar shall provide himself with the books prescribed by the Trustees to be used in the Academy, and such other things, as the Preceptor shall think necessary for the scholar's improvement.

ART.XVII.-- If any of the scholars be guilty of disorderly behaviour between school hours, either in or about the Academy, they shall be liable to be punished for it.

ART.XVIII. -- On Saturday afternoons, and on days of the election of the state officers, scholars shall not be required to attend Academic exercises

ART.XIX. -- The fire shall be made and tended, and the Academy swept by the scholars in rotation, under the direction of the Preceptor.

ART.XX. -- No~~s~~ Scholar shall be permitted to attend to more than two studies during one term, except the ordinary exercises of the school, viz. Reading, Parsing, English Grammar, and Spelling.

MISCELLANEOUS

ART.XXI. -- Scholars shall not receive certificates at any time for less than half a term; nor shall they receive instruction for any certificate during any term following that for which the certificate was procured, except in case of sickness, or attendance on the sick in which case the certificate shall be renewed, by the Secretary, for the succeeding term.

ART.XXII. -- Monies paid for tuition shall in no case be refunded by the TREASURER.

ART.XXXIII. -- No allowances shall be made to scholars, unless it be for whole weeks - no account shall be taken of days.

ART.XXIV -- Wednesday afternoons shall be devoted principally to declamations, to the examinations of compositions, and to improvement in reading.

ART.XXV. -- No scholar shall enjoy the privilege of this Academy, who cannot read intelligib~~ly~~ly and readily in any reading book prescribed by the Trustees to be used in the Academy.

ART.XXVI. -- No scholar shall receive instruction from the Preceptor till he has presented a certificate from the Secretary, specifying that he is entitled to instruction agreeably to the requirements contained in these regulations.

ART.XXVII -- The conduct of every scholar shall be under the inspection of the Preceptor so long as he shall be a member of the Academy and the Preceptor shall consider their moral conduct, as it relates to their intercourse with the inhabitants of the town, or to each other, when absent from the Academy, as no less worthy of his praise or censure than if they were under his inspection in school hours.

AST.XXVIII -- If after repeated reprimands from the Preceptor, a scholar shall persist in violating the laws of the Academy, he shall be presented to the Trustees as a nuisance to the Institution, and the Trustees may publicly admonish him, according to the number, or aggravation of his offences.

ART.XXIX -- If any scholar shall be convicted, by the civil laws, of any heinous crime, or shall be degraded by it, for any immoral conduct, such scholar shall be expelled forthwith, from the Academy, without a hearing from the Trustees.