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Clonian Fraternity

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CONSTITUTION

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BY - LAWS.

CORTLAND, N. Y.,

1892.

## PREAMBLE.

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WHEREAS, We members of a State Normal School, feel the necessity of a more extended cultivation of thought, and of expression, and of better self control, and

WHEREAS, Such acquirements are best promoted by social and fraternal relations, and

WHEREAS, We believe that such improvement is best secured by united effort, and

WHEREAS, We have organized a Fraternity for this purpose, and

WHEREAS, This Fraternity is to be organized as the Clionian Fraternity, therefore,

*Be it Resolved*, That we adopt the following Constitution and By-Laws.

# CONSTITUTION.

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## ARTICLE I.—TITLE.

This Fraternity shall be called the Clionian Fraternity.

## ARTICLE II.—MOTTO.

The motto of this Fraternity shall be *Per aspera ad astra*.

## ARTICLE III.

The proceedings, rites and ceremonies of this Fraternity, its chapters and members, shall be secret ; but only such as shall be part of initiation or tests for membership.

## ARTICLE IV.—MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 1. Students in good standing in the Normal or Academic departments of a State Normal School may become members of this Fraternity, upon assuming the Fraternity obligations, and upon paying \$1.00 to the treasurer.

SEC. 2. All acting members upon honorable dismissal from the school shall become alumni members.

SEC. 3. The number of members of each chapter shall not exceed (45) forty-five.

## ARTICLE V.—GOVERNMENT.

SEC. 1. *Officers*.—The officers of this chapter of this Fraternity shall be a President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and Teller.

SEC. 2. *Term of Office*.—The President, Vice-



President, Recording Secretary and Teller shall hold their respective offices during one quarter of the school year. The Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary shall hold their office during one half the school year.

SEC. 3. *Duties of Officers.*—It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings, to appoint committees and to perform such other duties as shall be designated in the By-Laws of her respective chapter. It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to perform all duties designated by the by-laws of her respective chapter and also to preside as chairman of the literary committee, and to notify absentees of any literary work assigned to them and to keep a record of the literary programs.

It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary, Treasurer and Teller to perform such duties as shall be designated by the By-Laws of the chapter.

It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to attend to all general correspondence of the chapter, to keep a record of such a correspondence, and shall have the custody.

#### ARTICLE VI.—AUTHORITY OF FRATERNITY.

This Fraternity shall be governed by the standard rules which govern deliberating bodies.

#### ARTICLE VII.—AMENDMENTS.

This constitution may be revised, enlarged or amended according to way determined upon by the general convention of delegates, from various chapters, to be held in 1982.

of the Fraternity by conforming to the rules for active members.

SEC. 4. *Alumni Members*.—Alumni members may attend the meetings of the Society and take part in the exercises ; but shall be prohibited the right of ballot and of holding office.

SEC. 5. 1. *Discipline of Members*. 1.—Any member violating the rules of this chapter, or of the Fraternity, shall be subject to expulsion, suspension, reprimand or fine upon vote of the chapter to which she belongs.

2. Any acting member who shall be absent from the meetings of her chapter without presenting an excuse at the specified time, shall be fined ten cents.

3. Any member tardy thirty minutes shall be fined five cents.

4. Any member tardy one hour shall be fined as for an absence.

5. Any member refusing or failing to perform any duty assigned her shall be fined twenty-five cents unless a substitute be provided.

6. Any acting member who shall be absent from three regular meetings, without presenting an excuse at the specified time, and refusing to pay the fine for the same is thereby expelled from the fraternity, as well as her chapter.

#### ARTICLE IV.—OFFICERS.

SEC. 1. The officers of this chapter of this Fraternity shall be a President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Teller and Literary Editor.

SEC. 2. *Election of Officers.*—The officers of this chapter shall be elected separately and by ballot, a majority of the votes being necessary for election.

SEC. 3. *Further Duties of President.*—It shall be the duty of the President to enforce the constitution and by-laws ; to decide all questions of order that may arise ; to appoint persons to fill vacancies in any office for one meeting ; to call special meetings at the written request of not less than five members or at her own discretion ; to announce the result of each vote ; in case of a tie in balloting to cast the deciding vote.

SEC. 4. *Duties of Vice-President.*—It shall be the further duty of the Vice-President in the absence of the President to perform the duties of the President

SEC. 5. *Duties of Recording Secretary.*—It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to call roll at the opening of each regular meeting ; to keep the minutes of the proceedings of each meeting and report the same to her chapter for approval and when approved to record the same in the Secretary's book ; to preserve all books, papers and documents belonging to her respective chapter, pertaining to her office ; to notify all absentees of their election to office ; to present to the Treasurer at the close of each regular meeting, the names of the members subject to fines, and the amount of each fine ; to notify absentees of any duty, not literary, assigned them ; to keep record of the literary programs.

SEC. 6. *Duties of the Treasurer.*—It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to take charge of all moneys



## BY-LAWS.

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### ARTICLE I.—NAME.

The name of this chapter of the Clionian Fraternity shall be called the Athenæ or Gamma Chapter.

### ARTICLE II.—MOTTO.

The chapter motto shall be *Βεβαίωτης, Πιστότης, Χρηστότης.*

### ARTICLE III.—MEMBERS.

SECTION I. *Election of Members.*—1. Any lady member of the Normal or Academic departments whose name shall be proposed by the membership committee, and who shall receive not more than three negative votes from the acting members present, may become a member of this chapter of the Clionian Fraternity upon signing the Constitution and By-Laws within two weeks from the time of her election and upon paying \$1.00 to the Treasurer.

2. All proposals for membership shall lie upon the table until the next regular meeting, when they shall be separately considered by her respective chapter.

SEC. 2. *Duties of Members.*—1. It shall be the duty of each acting member to attend all meetings of the chapter, to perform all duties assigned to her.

2. To behave on all occasions with order and decorum.

3. No member shall be compelled to perform the same part on the program oftener than once in six weeks.

SEC. 3. The faculty may become active members



belonging to the society ; to collect fines and dues ; to pay out of the treasury all bills on order of the society ; to keep in the Treasurer's book an account of all moneys received and paid out by her, to make at the expiration of her term of office, or when called upon by her chapter, a report of all moneys received and expended by her.

SEC. 7. *Duties of Teller*.—It shall be the duty of the Teller to keep an account of all books drawn from the library ; to return such books at the close of each meeting ; to pass ballots ; to act as door-keeper during the meetings of her chapter.

SEC. 8. *Duties of Literary Editor*.—To prepare literary work, as the column for the Normal News, etc. The term of duty shall be one quarter of the school year.

#### ARTICLE V.—MEETINGS.

The regular meetings of this chapter shall be held Friday evening of every week, to be opened at 7 o'clock and not lasting later than 10 o'clock.

#### ARTICLE VI.—COMMITTEES.

SEC. 1. *Excuse Committee*.—1. There shall be a committee of one person, viz. : The President to whom all excuses for absence must be presented in writing at the next regular meeting at which the person shall be present after the absence. No excuse shall be valid except sickness or absence from town.

2. In case of the Secretary's absence she shall excuse herself to the Secretary pro tem.

6. Appointments.
7. Initiation of New Members.
- 8 Literary Exercises.
9. Report of Critic.
10. Adjournment.

#### ARTICLE IX.—TAXES.

There shall be a tax of fifty cents a term levied on the members of this chapter, except on those admitted during that term.

#### ARTICLE X.

None but members shall be present at the business meetings of the chapter ; but visitors may be present at the literary exercises by two-thirds vote of the chapter.

#### ARTICLE XI.

Public exercises shall be held whenever it shall be so voted by two-thirds vote of the chapter, only acting members being participants.

#### ARTICLE .XII.

These by-laws may be revised, enlarged or amended, provided two-thirds of acting members consent thereto, and provided such amendment be presented in writing and laid upon the table for at least two weeks before action is taken upon it.

