

CONSTITUTION

OF

OAKLAND COLLEGE,

LOCATED IN

CLAIBORNE COUNTY,

MISSISSIPPI.

NATCHEZ:

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1840.

The Mississippi Presbytery established Oakland College in April, 1830, and retained the control of it until 1839, when, agreeably to a provision in the constitution, a tender of it was made to the Synod of Mississippi. The Synod appointed a committee, with power to accept the College in the name of the Synod, if after examination it was deemed advisable. The committee met at the College November 27th, 1839, and accepted it. It is now under the care of the Synod of Mississippi. The verbal alterations in the constitution, in order to make it consistent with this transfer, have not been made in this copy.

JUNE, 1840.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Appointed 1830.	Doct. Rush Nutt.	Term expired 1833.
“	David Hunt, Esq.	
“	James McGill, Esq.	Deceased 1832.
“	Thomas Freeland, Esq.	
“	Matthew Bolls, Esq.	
“	Smith C. Daniel, Esq.	Deceased 1833.
“	John Snodgrass, Esq.	
“	William Young, Esq.	
“	Horace Carpenter.	Term expired 1835.
“	Isaac Ross, Esq.	Deceased 1832.
“	Pierce Noland, Esq.	Resigned 1836.
“	Charles S. Lee, Esq.	Resigned 1832.
1832.	Doct. John H. Savage.	
“	Doct. Jeremiah B. Warren.	
“	Horatio N. Spencer, Esq.	
1833.	A. W. Putnam, Esq.	Term expired 1836.
1835.	John B. Coleman, Esq.	
1836.	Thomas A. Compton, Esq.	Resigned 1840.
“	Alexander Montgomery, Esq.	Term expired 1840.
“	John M. Whitney, Esq.	Term expired 1839.
1839.	John Murdock, Esq.	
1840.	William Bisland, Esq.	
“	James Archer, Esq.	

PRESENT BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Rev. JEREMIAH CHAMBERLAIN, D. D., President, ex officio.	
David Hunt, Esq.	} Term expires April, 1843.
Thomas Freeland, Esq.	
Doct. John H. Savage.	
William Bisland, Esq.	} Term expires April, 1842.
Matthew Bolls, Esq.	
John Snodgrass, Esq.	
William Young, Esq.	} Term expires April, 1841.
John Murdock, Esq.	
Doct. Jeremiah B. Warren,	
Horatio N. Spencer, Esq.	
John B. Coleman, Esq.	
James Archer, Esq.	
Thomas Freeland, Esq., Secretary of the Board of Trustees.	
Matthew Bolls, Esq., Treasurer.	
Eljah Mount, Esq., Steward.	

COMMITTEE OF VISITERS.

Rev. Zebulon Butler.	Rev. Benjamin Chase.
Doct. John Ker.	Rev. Samuel G. Winchester.
Rev. William Montgomery.	Dugal McCall, Esq.
Rev. James Smylie.	Rev. John R. Hutchison.
Doct. Alexander Hambleton.	

MEMBERS OF THE FACULTY.

Appointed

1830. Rev. Jeremiah Chamberlain, President.
 1831. John Chamberlain, A. M., Professor of Mathematics
 and Natural Philosophy.
 1836. Rev. Orramel S. Hinckley, A. M., Professor of Ancient
 Languages, Deceased 1837.
 1837. Rev. Samuel B. Jones, A. M., Professor of Theology,
 Resigned 1838.
 " Rev. Samuel V. Marshall, A. M., Professor of Ancient
 Languages.
 1839. John W. Buie, A. B., Assistant Teacher of Biblical
 Literature.

TEACHERS OF THE CLASSICAL SCHOOL

1834. James M. Smylie, A. B. Resigned 1835.
 1835. Edward Payson, A. B. Resigned 1838.
 1838. Andrew Ross, A. B. Resigned 1839.
 1839. William H. Eaton, A. B. Resigned 1839.
 " George Morton.

TEACHERS OF THE ENGLISH SCHOOL.

1834. Edward Payson, A. B. Promoted to the Classical
 School 1835.
 1835. Elijah S. Averill. Resigned 1837.
 1839. Joseph Weeks.

In 1837, the Classical and English Schools were united, under the name of the Preparatory Department, and placed under the care of one person, called the Principal of the Preparatory Department. The following persons have filled this office :

1837. Edward Payson, A. B. Resigned 1838.
 1838. Andrew Ross, A. B. Resigned 1839.
 1839. William H. Eaton, A. B. Resigned 1839.

PRESENT FACULTY.

- Rev. Jeremiah Chamberlain, D. D., President, Professor of Rhetoric, Mental and Moral Philosophy and Political Economy.
 John Chamberlain, A. M., Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy.
 Rev. Samuel V. Marshall, A. M., Professor of the Latin, Greek and Hebrew Languages.
 John W. Buie, A. B., Assistant Teacher of Biblical Literature.
 George Morton, Teacher of the Classical School.
 Joseph Weeks, Teacher of the English School.

CONSTITUTION.

CHAPTER I.

OF THE DESIGN OF THE INSTITUTION.

Sec. 1. The object of this institution is to provide the means of a liberal education for the youth of our country, adapted to the wants of the community.

2. The friends of it hope to accomplish this object by locating a permanent institution, and furnishing it with the necessary funds, officers, teachers, library and philosophical apparatus—by making provision for a thorough collegiate course of studies, and moral and religious instruction—by making the terms of tuition so low, as to be within the power of all our citizens to enjoy the means of instruction; and by giving these advantages to the poor gratuitously.

3. It is, further, the object of the friends of this institution to provide for the education of poor and pious young men for the gospel ministry in our bounds, who may desire to avail themselves of such advantages.

CHAPTER II.

OF THE PRESBYTERY.

Sec. 1. This institution shall be under the direction of the Mississippi Presbytery as hereinafter provided.

2. The Presbytery shall appoint a Board of Trustees, consisting of twelve members. Of this number, at the first election, one third shall be appointed for one year, one third for two years, and one third for three years; and at all future elections, one third shall be appointed annually, and continue in office three years.

3. The appointment of Instructors, and of all other permanent officers, shall be made, and all other salaries fixed by the Presbytery.

4. All appropriations of funds shall be made subject to the revision of the Presbytery.

5. The Presbytery shall observe a most strict regard, in appropriating all funds according to the intention of the donors.

6. The Presbytery shall have power to alter the constitution, and of removing any officer from the institution, at any regular meeting, by a vote of two thirds of the members present; provided always, that notice be given of the contemplated alteration and removal, to all the members of the Presbytery, three months previously.

7. And in case this Presbytery should ever be divided, that Presbytery retaining the present name shall hold the control of this institution until a Synod, embracing the territory which is now embraced within the limits of this Presbytery, shall be organized, when the control may be resigned into the hands of said Synod, and this institution shall hold the same relation to the Synod which it now holds to the Presbytery.

8. The Presbytery shall determine the site of the building, and the number and names of the professorships.

CHAPTER III.

OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Sec. 1. The Board shall hold their annual meeting on the Wednesday preceding the first Thursday in April, and they shall meet at other times upon their own adjournments and also on the call of the President.

2. The President shall call a meeting of the Board upon the request of two members of the same, and give ten days notice to all the members.

3. All meetings of the Board shall be opened and closed by prayer.

4. The President of the institution shall be, ex officio, President of the Board of Trustees.

5. Any six members of the Board, together with the President, shall form a quorum; and in the absence of the President, seven members shall be required to form a quorum; and any member, in such a case, may be called to act as President pro tempore.

6. A Secretary shall be chosen out of their own body, who shall keep a correct history of all their proceedings.

7. They shall choose a Treasurer out of their own body, who shall be bound, with two sufficient sureties, in a reasonable sum, to be determined by the Board, for the faithful discharge of his duties.

8. The Treasurer shall take charge of the funds of the institution, and keep an accurate account of the same, shewing the sources from which they have been derived, the purposes for which they have been given, and the manner in which they have been appropriated.

9. He shall pay no money out of the Treasury without a written order from the Board of Trustees, signed by the Secretary and countersigned by the President.

10. He shall make out a full report to the Board, at their annual meeting, of all expenditures and receipts within the year and the state of the whole funds of the institution; which report shall be audited by a committee appointed by the Board and incorporated in their annual report to Presbytery.

11. All decisions of the Board shall be made by votes, and when a division on any question be called for, every member, in-

cluding the President, shall have one vote, and in case of a tie the President shall give the casting vote.

12. They shall have the power of filling all vacancies which may occur in their own body and in the offices of the institution, subject to the revision of Presbytery at their next meeting.

13. They shall regulate the price, and all things pertaining to the boarding and accommodation of the students; and also recommend suitable persons to the Presbytery for appointment, as teachers and other officers; but this shall not bind the Presbytery to appoint those persons thus recommended, nor take away the power from Presbytery of selecting the officers of the institution independently of such recommendation.

14. They shall also recommend to the Presbytery such alterations and additions as they may think important in the laws of the institution, and all other business involving the interest of the institution.

15. It shall be the duty of the Board to inspect the fidelity of the teachers in the discharge of their respective duties, and report to the Presbytery any officers whom they may judge either unfaithful or incompetent; and whenever the case may demand it, they shall remove him from office, after having admonished him of the cause of complaint, and report the whole to the Presbytery for their decision.

16. The Board shall hold all funds, donations and bequests—and all titles to lands, buildings and other property belonging to the institution, in trust for the Presbytery.

17. They shall make out a detailed account of all their proceedings, and an accurate state of the institution, at their annual meeting, and transmit it to the Presbytery, annually, at their meeting in April.

18. They shall appoint a committee of nine, selected out of the contributors, who shall be styled the Visitors, whose duty it shall be to frequently visit the Institution, and inspect its whole management, and especially to attend the whole time of the annual examination, and make report thereon to the Presbytery, and which report may be published.

19. They shall appoint some minister of the Gospel, of acknowledged piety and orthodoxy, to preach a sermon at the close of the annual examination, on some important branch of the evidences of revelation, or on some fundamental doctrine of the gospel, which sermon may be published. Due notice of the appointment and the subject shall be given to the individual thus appointed beforehand, so that no failure occur.

20. The plan of building and the purchase of real property, shall be determined by two thirds of the whole Board.

21. The Board may make rules for their own government, and for the government of the institution, not inconsistent with the regulations adopted by the Presbytery.

CHAPTER IV.

OF THE IMMEDIATE GOVERNMENT OF THE INSTITUTION.

Sec. 1. The immediate government shall be vested in the Faculty.

2. The President, Professors and Tutors, constitute, and shall be styled, The Faculty of the Institution.

3. The Faculty shall have one stated meeting every week, during term time, at such time and place as the President shall direct; and the President may convene the Faculty at all other times at discretion.

4. They shall direct the application of the laws, and make other regulations for the government of the institution not contrary to the laws, and annex thereto such means of enforcement as to them may appear just and necessary.

5. In all decisions made by the Faculty, the same rule shall be observed as in the decisions of the Board of Trustees.

6. The Faculty shall choose a Secretary, who shall keep a fair record of all their proceedings; and they shall make a faithful statement to the Board of the condition of the institution, at the end of every session.

7. No offence shall be brought before the faculty, but in consequence of their own order, or that of the Trustees.

8. An exemplary regard to moral and religious deportment is indispensable to every member of the Faculty.

CHAPTER V.

OF THE PRESIDENT.

Sec. 1. He shall be an ordained Minister of the Gospel, and a member in good standing in the Presbyterian Church.

2. He shall be especially charged with the responsibility of the institution and its success, and shall be bound to use all the means in his power to advance the interest and reputation of the institution.

3. He shall have power to direct in all matters relating to the institution; to govern the students, and to punish all offences committed by them against the laws of the institution, except in cases referred by law to the Faculty or Board of Trustees.

4. He shall visit the recitations of the other Instructors frequently; shall hear the recitations of the classes committed to the care of the other instructors occasionally; and shall instruct such class as he may choose, and in such branch or branches of their studies as he may select.

5. In the absence of the President, the senior Professor present shall have all the powers of the President, so far as the Faculty are concerned.

CHAPTER VI.

OF THE PROFESSORS AND TUTORS.

Sec. 1. The Professors, severally, shall have power to govern

The students, and to punish any crime, except in cases referred by law to the Faculty; provided that they may not in any case proceed contrary to the advice and direction of the President.

2. They shall give instruction in such branches of education as may be assigned to them by the Presbytery at their appointment to office, or by the Board of Trustees with the advice of the President.

3. The Tutors shall be appointed by the Presbytery to render such assistance as may be required in the institution, and their duties assigned by the Faculty or Board of Trustees.

CHAPTER VII.

OF THE SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS OF THE INSTITUTION, AND OF THE COURSE OF STUDY.

Sec. 1. The institution shall consist of an English School, a Classical School, a School for the Modern Languages, and a College Proper.

2. In the English Schools, Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, English Grammar, and the Elements of Modern Geography, shall be taught.

3. The Faculty shall prescribe the books to be used in this School, and no book or course of study shall be introduced unless by their consent.

4. In business relating to the English School, the Teacher of it shall be a member of the Faculty.

5. In the Classical School, the elements of the Latin and Greek Languages shall be taught.

6. The pupils in this department shall pursue the following course, or that which shall be deemed equivalent, viz: They shall commit to memory the general rules contained in Adams' Latin Grammar, and their application to parsing; they shall write Latin from Mair's Exercises, and study Jacob's Latin Reader, Parts I and II; Cæsar's Commentaries; Sallust; Ovid's Select Metamorphoses; Cicero's four Orations against Cataline, and Virgil's Bucolics, in Latin—and in the Greek Language, they shall commit to memory the general rules contained in Valpy's Greek Grammar, and study the Greek Testament and Jacob's Greek Reader; they shall also write Greek from Neilson's Exercises. Instruction in this department shall be given in Ancient Geography, Heathen Mythology, and Roman and Grecian Antiquities.

7. The Classes in this School shall be arranged according to their improvement and progress, by the Teacher with the consent of the President.

8. The Teacher of this School, in all business relating to it, shall be a member of the Faculty.

9. In the School for the Modern Languages, instruction shall be given in the French and Spanish Languages, and be subject

to such regulations as the Faculty may prescribe. The Teacher shall be a member of the Faculty, in all business relating to this School.

10. The President shall direct in what manner religious instruction shall be given in these Schools, and to what extent.

11. Reports shall be made by the Teachers of these Schools, to the Faculty, once every week, of their state, and the progress of every pupil.

12. There shall be two examinations in each of these Schools, in each year, commencing on the week preceding the examination of the College Proper.

13. The students of the College Proper shall be divided into four classes, namely, the *Freshman*, the *Sophomore*, the *Junior*, and the *Senior*.

14. Candidates for admission into the Freshman Class, cannot be received unless upon examination they be found able to read and parse Cicero and Jacob's Greek Reader, or other books equivalent, and shall have learned Arithmetic, English Grammar and the Elements of Modern Geography.

15. No person shall be admitted to an advanced standing, unless he be equal to the Class for which he is a candidate.

16. No person of known immoral habits shall be admitted into the institution or any of its departments.

17. The Secretary of the Faculty shall keep a Matriculation Book, in which every student, upon his admission into the College Proper, shall be required to enter his name, place of abode, and the name of his parent or guardian, which signature shall obligate him to perform the duties, and entitle him to the privileges of a student; and previously to entering his name, he shall attest as follows: "I, A. B. do solemnly promise to observe and obey the laws, rules and regulations of this institution, and to avoid all immoral behaviour and disrespectful conduct towards the Faculty, or any member thereof, so long as I am continued a member of this institution; as witness my hand." A. B.

18. No young man shall be considered a member of the institution until he shall have paid the College fees and have been matriculated.

19. The academical year shall be divided into two terms; the first commencing on the Monday after the first Thursday in April, and ending on the Thursday after the first Monday in August; and the second commencing on the second Monday in October, and ending on the first Thursday in April.

The FRESHMAN CLASS shall study—

FIRST TERM.

Day's Algebra, as far as the end of Simple Equations; Virgil's *Eneid*; Xenophon's *Cyropædia*; Murray's English Grammar; Adams' Roman Antiquities.

SECOND TERM.

Playfair's Euclid, first five books; Day's Algebra, as far as the end of the 18th section; Virgil's Georgics; Homer's Iliad; Woodbridge and Willard's Geography; Grecian Antiquities.

The SOPHOMORE CLASS shall study—

FIRST TERM.

Day's Algebra, finished; Euclid, reviewed and finished; Day's Mathematics; Nature and use of Logarithms and Plane Trigonometry; Cicero's Orations; Homer's Iliad; Tytler's History; Porter's Analysis.

SECOND TERM.

Day's Mathematics, parts iii and iv; Horace; Græca Majorca, 1st vol.; History; Chronology; Jamieson's Rhetoric; Jewish Antiquities; Constitution of the United States.

The JUNIOR CLASS shall study—

FIRST TERM.

Dutton's Conic Sections and Spherical Trigonometry; Horace; Græca Majorca; Blair's Rhetoric; Chemistry; Andrews' Logic.

SECOND TERM.

Natural Philosophy; Mechanics; Quintilian; Longinus; Chemistry; Hebrew, Paley's Natural Theology.

The SENIOR CLASS shall study—

FIRST TERM.

Natural Philosophy; Optics; Electricity and Magnetism; Chemistry; Cicero de Natura Deorum; Longinus; Paley's Evidences of the Christian Religion; Philosophy of the Human Mind; Hebrew.

SECOND TERM.

Astronomy; Chemistry; Philosophy of the Human Mind; Hebrew; Moral Philosophy; Political Economy.

20. In each Class there shall be Exercises in Composition, Criticism, and Declamation, as the President shall direct.

21. Each Class shall also devote a portion of time to the study of the Bible.

CHAPTER VIII:

OF THE HOURS OF STUDY AND THE MODE OF ASCERTAINING THE PROGRESS OF THE STUDENTS.

Sec. 1. The hours of study shall be from daylight until break-fast in the morning; and from nine until twelve in the forenoon during the first term, from eight until twelve during the second term; from two until five in the afternoon; and from eight until bed-time in the evening. There shall be a recess from study on Saturday afternoon.

2. Every student shall diligently apply himself to such studies as shall be prescribed to him by his Teacher, and shall be careful to attend every recitation of his class.

3. Every Instructor shall keep a roll of his class or classes, which shall be called over at the hour of lecture or recitation, and the manner of attendance and performance of each student in every exercise carefully noted. This mark shall be common to all the Instructors, and, in common with other circumstances, shall determine the relative standing of the students.

4. If a student shall be found incapable of proceeding in his class with advantage to himself, the Faculty may arrest his progress; it being always understood, that if he shall make up his deficiency he may regain a standing in his former class.

CHAPTER IX.

OF RELIGIOUS EXERCISES.

Sec. 1. The President or one of the Professors or Tutors shall pray every morning in the Chapel, and read a chapter or some suitable portion of scripture; and every student shall be obliged to attend.

2. Divine worship shall be publicly attended on the Sabbath in the Chapel, and all the members of the Faculty and all the students shall be present, unless having previously obtained leave of absence from the President.

3. A biblical lecture shall be attended every Sabbath afternoon, by all the Faculty and students, at such time and place as the President shall direct.

4. It is enjoined upon all the students to observe the Christian Sabbath as holy and sacred to the duties of religion; and all amusements and recreations shall be avoided, which are inconsistent with their duties.

5. As it is the right of every religious denomination to enjoy its peculiar sentiments and modes of worship, it is ordered that the officers of College, in their instructions, avoid every species of sectarianism.

CHAPTER X.

OF THE DEPARTMENT AND DRESS OF THE STUDENTS.

Sec. 1. The students are to consider themselves and each other as young gentlemen associated for purposes of mutual improvement, and are to behave themselves accordingly; avoiding all turbulence, rudeness and violence.

2. They are to treat the President, Professors and Tutors, on all occasions, with profound respect, obeying implicitly all their lawful commands, and in every respect so demeaning themselves as those should, who know that their character for correct behaviour is not less important than their character for intellectual acquirements.

3. They shall treat all persons with whom they have intercourse with decency and respect.

4. It is enjoined on all the students to be neat and economical.

in their dress; and if any student be negligent in either of these respects, it shall be the duty of the Faculty to censure him according to the nature of his offences.

CHAPTER XI.

OF MISDEMEANORS, OFFENCES, AND PUNISHMENTS.

Sec. 1. Neglect of study; interrupting the studies of others; profaneness; playing at games of cards or chance; duelling, or aiding or abetting it; wearing or carrying a dirk or other deadly weapon; intemperance in any degree; keeping company with persons of known immoral character; resorting to places of expensive amusement; and every other species of immoral conduct, of which the Faculty are the sole judges, are offences, and shall be punished as hereinafter directed.

2. The punishments of the institution shall be admonition, rebuke, suspension and expulsion.

3. The Faculty shall apply these punishments, except expulsion; and whenever the offence in their estimation shall merit expulsion, the President shall convoke the Board of Trustees, and lay before them the facts of the case for their decision.

CHAPTER XII.

OF EXAMINATIONS AND VAGATIONS.

Sec. 1. There shall be two public Examinations in each year, of all the classes and in all the departments. The first shall commence on the first Monday in August; and the second on the Monday preceding the first Thursday in April. Each Examination shall continue three days.

2. The final Examination of the Senior Class shall commence on the third Monday in February, and be continued from day to day at the discretion of the Committee of Visitors.

3. The President shall give public notice of these Examinations, three weeks previous to the time appointed for them.

4. There shall be one Vacation in each year, commencing on the Thursday after the first Monday in August, and ending on the second Monday in October.

5. The first Thursday in April shall be called the day of Commencement, when the students shall perform such public exercises as the Faculty may prescribe, and academical degrees conferred.

CHAPTER XIII.

OF THE COLLEGE FEES.

Sec. 1. Each student, upon his admission into College, shall pay into the hands of the Treasurer, in advance, for the summer session sixteen dollars, and for the winter session twenty-four dollars.

2. In the other departments, each pupil shall pay, in like man-

ner, for the summer session twelve dollars, and for the winter session eighteen dollars.

3. All students entering at any time before the middle of a session, shall pay tuition fees for a whole session; and if after half a session has expired, he shall pay for half the session.

4. The price of boarding and all other expenses, are regulated by the Board of Trustees, and may be found in the Appendix.

APPENDIX.

Sec. 1. The boarding includes, besides diet, washing, wood, and the keeping of the rooms of the students in good order.

Sec. 2. The students shall furnish their own beds and room furniture, and lights.

Sec. 3. All the students shall board with the Steward, except by permission of the Board of Trustees or the Faculty to board elsewhere.

Sec. 4. The Steward shall furnish, convenient to each room of the students and to each recitation room, a sufficiency of good wood for fuel. He shall use for this purpose the dead or fallen timber on the College ground.

Sec. 5. He shall receive from each boarder fourteen dollars per month, in advance, for each session; and if not paid in advance, he shall be allowed to charge two dollars more.

Sec. 6. On Tuesdays and Fridays in each week, he shall furnish to his boarders a plain desert at dinner.

Sec. 7. In all cases of sickness he shall attend upon them, and shall be allowed a reasonable compensation for any extra attendance, subject to the review of the Board.

Sec. 8. He shall superintend all improvements for his own accommodation, under the direction of the Board.

Sec. 9. He shall take notice of all injury done to the property of the Board, by the students, and report the same to the Faculty for assessment of damages.

Sec. 10. He shall be responsible for all damages done to property in his possession.

Sec. 11. He shall give the Board three months notice of his intention of leaving.

Sec. 12. Each student shall pay one dollar, for each session, for the common repairs of the College buildings.

COLLEGE EXPENSES.

TUITION IN THE COLLEGE CLASSES.

For the summer session of four months,	\$16 00	
For the winter session of six months,	24 00	
	<hr/>	\$40 00
For board—for the summer session,	56 60	
for the winter session,	84 00	
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For college repairs, per annum,		2 00
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		\$182 00

TUITION IN THE PREPARATORY DEPARTMENT.

For the summer session,	\$12 00	
For the winter session,	18 00	
	<hr/>	\$30 00
For board as in the college,		140 00
For college repairs,		2 00
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		\$172 00

AN ACT

To incorporate the Board of Trustees of the Institution of Learning under the care of the Mississippi Presbytery.

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Mississippi, in General Assembly convened.* That Doctor Rush Nutt, David Hunt, James McGill, Thomas Freeland, Matthew Bolls, Smith C. Daniel, John Snodgrass, William Young, Horace Carpenter, Isaac Ross, Pierce Noland, Charles S. Lee, be, and they are hereby incorporated and made a body corporate and politic, by the name of "The Board of Trustees of the Institution of Learning under the care of the Mississippi Presbytery," which may hereafter be changed at the discretion of the board; and the board of trustees, aforesaid, shall have perpetual succession, according to the constitution already adopted by the aforesaid institution; and may have a common seal, which they may alter at will; and may purchase and receive, by gift or devise, lands, tenements, and real estate of any kind, and hold the same in fee simple, or less estate, the annual income and profits whereof shall not exceed the value of ten thousand dollars; and the said board of trustees is hereby enabled to take and receive subscriptions of charitably disposed persons, and may take any personal estate in succession; and all donations to the institution, either by subscription, legacy or otherwise, (except-

ing such as shall be differently appropriated by the donor) shall make a part of, or be put into the capital stock of the institution, which shall be put out on good interest, on good security, or otherwise improved to the best advantage, and the income or profits applied to the support of the institution.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the said board of trustees shall choose a secretary and treasurer, and the present constitution of said institution shall not be altered, unless in the manner therein pointed out, and no alteration shall ever be made repugnant to the constitution of this state.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the board shall make provision for instruction to be given in the English Language, in the Latin and Greek Languages, in Mathematics, and in the Arts and Sciences, and such other branches of literature as may be within their means, in order to prepare young men for business or any of the learned professions; and shall have power to confer such degrees, and grant such certificates or diplomas as are usually given by the colleges or universities in the United States.

Sec. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the board of trustees shall have full power to attach to the institution a school for the education of young females, which shall be endowed and supported by funds contributed especially for this purpose.

Sec. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the board of trustees aforesaid may, at all times, under the name, style, and title aforesaid, sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, appear, prosecute and defend to final judgment and execution; and may appoint an agent or agents to prosecute and defend suits, with power of substitution; and it shall be lawful for said board of trustees to make sale of any estate or personal property given or purchased, or in any other way or right accruing to them in their corporate capacity, and convey the same by deed or other legal instrument, duly executed; and when the property to be conveyed is real estate, under the hand of the treasurer and the seal of the institution; provided that this section shall not be construed to affect the purchase of real estate already made, in any other way than to sanction it.

Sec. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That Thomas Freeland be, and he is hereby authorized to give ten days notice, in writing, to all the members, and appoint the time and place of the first meeting of the board under this act of incorporation.

GERARD C. BRANDON,
Governor of the State of Mississippi.

Approved: December 3d, 1830.

Agreeably to power granted by the charter, the Board of Trustees, Feb. 4, 1832, changed the name to OAKLAND COLLEGE.