

8. No book shall be borrowed from the Library, or returned to it, without the knowledge and presence of the Librarian or his Assistant, who shall take particular notice of the state of each book when delivered out, and when returned. The Librarian shall keep a fair and regular account of the books borrowed and returned, under the name of each person, with the date when each book is borrowed, and a note of its place in the Library; which account shall be signed by the borrower, if present; otherwise the book may be delivered to his written application. And it shall be the duty of every person to return the books he may have borrowed to the Librarian or to the Assistant, and to see the same regularly discharged from his account.

9. Persons sending for books are required to make, sign, and date a written order for them, and to insert therein the name of the author and the words of the title of each book, as given in the printed catalogue.

10. If any student take a book or books from the Library without the knowledge and consent of the Librarian or the Assistant, or if he voluntarily mutilate any volume, he shall be liable to the penalty of dismissal or expulsion from the University; and if any other person, having a right to use the Library, shall in like manner transgress the rules, he shall be suspended from the exercise of that right, during the pleasure of the Corporation.

11. If any person desires to borrow a book which is lent out of the Library, he may leave his name and the title of the book with the Librarian; and, when the book shall be returned, the Librarian shall reserve it for the person so applying, provided the latter call for it within a week, or, if he be an Undergraduate, at his next time of receiving books from the Library.

12. No person shall lend to any other a book which he has borrowed from the Library, nor let it go from under his personal custody.

13. No student shall carry a book belonging to the Library out of town, without special leave from the President.

14. No person shall write or mark in a book belonging to the Library, except the Librarian, or the President, or some person authorized to do so by them.

15. When there are two or more copies of the same book, the least elegant or rare shall be lent first; and the Librarian shall use his discretion in regard to the lending of rare or costly works, which are not otherwise restricted.

16. In term time, each member of the Senior and Junior Classes may borrow from the Library, of such books as are selected for their use, not more than three volumes at a time, twice a week; and each student of the Sophomore and Freshman classes, not more than two volumes, once a week. They may also borrow books from the general Library, on application to the Librarian, and with the same restrictions.

17. The members of the Theological, Law, and Scientific Schools, and the Resident Graduates, may borrow three volumes at a time, four times a week, in term time, on such days, and during such hours, as the Librarian, with the advice and consent of the President, shall appoint.

18. The Undergraduates may apply for books and receive them in term time, in the following order:—

19. The Senior and Junior Sophisters, on Mondays and Thursdays; the Sophomores, on Tuesdays; and the Freshman, on Wednesdays;—during such hours as the Librarian, with the advice and consent of the Faculty, shall direct.

20. The times for returning books, by the members of the Theological Law, and Scientific Schools, by Resident Graduates, and by Undergraduates, shall be the same as those appointed for borrowing them.

21. In the vacations, books may be borrowed and returned every Monday forenoon, by those students who have obtained a certificate of leave to remain in Combridge during the vacation; as, also, by other persons than students who have a right to the use of the Library.

22. Every student, before leaving Colledge for an expected absence of more than one week, shall return the books he may have from the Library.

23. All books borrowed by the student shall be returned on or before the Thursday immediately preceding the winter vacation.

24. Every person, without exception, having books for the Library, shall return them, as soon, at the latest, as the fourth Wednesday before Commencement; and all the books shall be retained in the Library, from and after said day, for the annual examination, till the end of the term.

25. If any student shall fail to return all the books he has borrowed from the Library, within the times specified in the three foregoing sections, he shall be subject to a fine of twenty-five cents per day for every volume unreturned.

26. If any student shall fail to comply with the other laws regulating the borrowing and returning of books, and the lending, or carrying them out of town, such student shall be reported to the President,

and he shall be liable to the suspension of his privilege in the Library, or to some other penalty, at the discretion of the President.

27. If any person, other than a student, shall keep a book belonging to the Library more than three months, without renewing the same, he will be subject to a fine of one dollar per week for every volume unreturned, after notice left at his usual place of residence or duly given by mail or otherwise; and if he fail to return all the books he has borrowed from the Library, agreeably to the provisions made for the return of books for the annual examination, he shall be liable to a fine of twenty-five cents per day for every volume unreturned, and to a suspension of his privilege until the same be paid.

28. If any book borrowed from the Library be injured or defaced, by writing in it or otherwise, or be lost, the Librarian shall make immediate report of it to the President. And if the borrower be a student in either of the Schools, a Resident Graduate, or an Undergraduate, he shall either replace it immediately with one of equal value, or be charged with the cost of it in his term bill; and if such volume be a part of a set, the borrower shall be obliged to replace or pay for the whole set, or be charged as above; and, until this be done, he shall not be allowed to borrow any other book. If any other person shall injure, deface, or lose a book borrowed from the Library he shall make it good.

29. No student shall be admitted to the first degree, nor any resident Bachelor to a second degree, till he has produced to the President a certificate from the Librarian, that he has returned in good order, or replaced, every book that he has borrowed; or, in default thereof, has deposited with the Librarian double the value of it in money, or, if it be a part of a set, double the value of the whole set. And no student shall be permitted to take up his bond, or shall be discharged from his responsibilities by the Steward, till he has obtained from the Librarian, and exhibited to the Steward, a certificate as above described.

#### THE BRITISH POSTMASTER GENERAL'S REPORT.

The second report of the Postmaster General has just been issued. From it we gather that 525 new post offices were appointed last year, and that the number now in the United Kingdom is 10,498. Farther progress during the year has been made in revising the postal arrangements of the rural districts. The pillar letter boxes have been found to answer, and their number is to be greatly increased, especially in London. During the past year free deliveries of letters have been extended to 1,327 places, and at 649 other places the free delivery has been extended or improved. Arrangements are making for completing the first delivery of letters throughout London by 9 A. M. A plan has been devised also to secure a more speedy transmission of letters between one part of London and another. Instead of sending all letters posted in the London districts to St. Martin's-le-Grand, they will be sent to a principal office in the district in which they are posted, and will be thence distributed. Hourly deliveries of letters will then take place throughout London.

In order to effect an earlier delivery of General Post letters in the metropolis, the London letters will be sorted into districts in the large provincial post offices, and in the travelling railway post offices. This scheme will be greatly facilitated if the Metropolitan Board of Works get rid of duplicate names of streets in the same district, and also if the public can be brought to add the initial letter of the name of the district to the address. The London districts will be named according to their position—East, West, South, North, South-east, South-west, &c. During the last twelve months 69 additional towns have been accommodated with day mails to and from London.—The communication between the West of England, South Wales, Ireland, and Scotland, the North of England and London, has been accelerated. A conditional assent has been obtained from the London and North-western, Lancaster and Carlisle, and Caledonian Railway Companies, to limit the number of carriages on mail trains, so that such trains may keep time with greater punctuality.

The North British Railway Company has agreed with the post office proposal of mutual penalties if time is not kept with the mails, either by the post office detaining trains, or the trains not keeping their contract time. The postal communication has been facilitated between the North of Ireland and the coal trade in those districts. The mail communication with the Isle of Man has been improved, and a tri-weekly steam packet communication is to be established with the Orkney Islands. Owing to the later departure of the day mail to France from London, letters by the day mails from Scotland, Ireland, and the North and South-west parts of England, arrive in London in time to be despatched to France by the French day mail, instead of by the following night mail. The people of London can also reply to their French correspondence shortly after they receive it. Important arrangements are making for improving the postal communication between the South-west of Ireland and England.

The number of miles per day which mails are now conveyed on railways is 27,109, at an average charge of 10d. per mile. The number