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ESTABLISHMENT

The Mountain Retreat Association authorized its President, Rev. R. C. Anderson, to offer to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States such of its buildings and grounds as might be needed for school purposes free of cost, excepting the upkeep of the same while in actual use of the school.

In accordance with the recommendations of the Assembly, ^{in 1915} the Synods of Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee and Appalachia, appointed a Board of Trustees for the purpose of establishing and managing the proposed school. ~~Other Synods took favorable action; but deferred, for the time, the appointment of Trustees.~~

PURPOSE AND ORGANIZATION

The purpose of this school is to prepare Bible-taught and well-trained teachers for the sub-collegiate church and mission schools. Our graduates will be prepared to teach in the public schools if they so desire. The course of study is so arranged that girls can also be prepared for other work than teaching.

Since the building of character is the chief aim of every school it is very important in the training of the teachers to develop a strong womanly character. We, therefore, propose to surround our girls with an environment that will develop the best that is in them and inhibit the evil.

LOCATION

The town of Montreat is situated in the heart of the Blue Ridge Mountains in North Carolina. It is two miles from Black Mountain, the nearest railway station, and sixteen miles east of Asheville, on the Salisbury Division of the Southern Railway. It nestles in a large cove in the mountains, and though its altitude is 2,600 feet, its climate is, with very rare exceptions, free from extremes of cold. The lowest temperature is two degrees above zero, and its average for the three winter months is forty degrees. In point of healthfulness the climate is unsurpassed in North Carolina.

Montreat is provided with all of the modern conveniences, water, electric lights, sewerage and tel-

ephone systems. This secluded little town, with the contaminating influences of the outside world shut out, is an ideal place for a girls' school.

BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT

The Montreat Hotel will be used for the school, having some of the rooms on the first floor for class rooms, and the upper part of the hotel for dormitory.

The bedrooms are comfortably furnished and located. They are lighted by electricity. The student will provide her own blankets, bed-linen and towels, and will care for her room. The dining room is spacious and attractive.

The Cora A. Stone Memorial Library is near the school and contains three thousand volumes by the best authors. The students will have free access to this library, and can find there necessary reference books.

SPECIAL ADVANTAGES

A few students can help defray their expenses by waiting in the dining room through the school term. And the Mountain Retreat Association will employ about forty girls every summer to wait in the dining rooms through the season. This offers to a girl an unusually good opportunity of attending the summer conferences at Montreat.

FACULTY

Some of the members of the faculty have not yet been appointed but care is being taken in selecting the teachers, and we will have the very best. Miss Nancy L. Moorefield, A. B., of Randolph-Macon, and an experienced teacher of very high standing, has been chosen as Principal.

Applicants for admission must fill out the application blanks which will be sent upon request; and send it, with a physician's certificate of health and vaccination, to the Principal. The applicant must be at least twelve years of age.

The regular work of the school begins with the first year high school course, but provision will be made for students from schools where the grading has been inferior and who will want the lower work.

ADMISSION TO ADVANCED STANDING

Candidates for admission to an advanced class are subject to examinations on all studies required for admission to the Freshman class, and on all studies pursued by the class up to the point at which they enter. Work done in an accredited high school will be accepted if it is certified to by the teacher under whose tuition the work was done.

COURSES OF INSTRUCTION

The courses have been planned after a careful consideration of what is needed in the church and mission schools. It is recognized that a good teacher must have an adequate knowledge of the special subject matter that is to be taught and of other subjects related to this matter, as well as thorough understanding of the methods of presentation. This school provides for both these phases of Normal School work. This school also trains young women along industrial lines as special teachers and home-makers.

THE COURSES ARE:

1. *Academic Course.* The work done in this course is all preparatory and is of high-school grade. The Freshman Year corresponds to the first year of the high school. The next three years complete the whole high school course. This school adds a full course of Bible study to the regular high-school course. The outline of the course has not been made out yet but will be worked out according to the state grading.

2. *Professional Course.* The work here offered is strictly professional, and will begin in the first year and continue through the high-school course. The student will select the grade that she wants to teach and the instructor will train her in the normal methods for doing it with practise teaching in the fourth year. This course offers professional training for teaching all grades from the primary grade to the high school.

3. *Household Arts Course.* This course offers excellent preparation to those who wish to specialize as teachers in this field. It is also intended for the training of home-makers. The student is carefully trained in all household arts.

4. *College Work Offered.* This school proposes to offer the first two years of college work, excepting the sciences, with some elective work. The courses offered are as follows:

(a) English.

I. Rhetoric and Composition. Three hours per week.

II. Exposition and History of English Literature. Three hours per week.

(b) English Literature.

I. Shakespeare Course. Three hours per week.

II. English Novel, its development and growth. Three hours per week.

Mathematics:

I. Solid Geometry, Advanced Algebra and Trigonometry. Three hours per week.

II. Analytic Geometry and Differential Calculus. Three hours per week.

Latin:

I. Livy, Horace: Composition. Three hours per week.

II. Tacitus, Sallust: Composition. Three hours per week.

French:

I. Grammar and Reading. Three hours per week.

II. Advanced Grammar and Reading. Three hours per week.

German:

I. Grammar and Reading. Three hours per week.

II. Grammar Review and Reading. Three hours per week.

Philosophy:

I. Logic. Three hours per week.

II. Educational Psychology. Three hours per week.

DIPLOMAS

A student will be granted a Normal School diploma upon the completion of the four years of high-school work and the professional training. A student who has graduated from a four-year high school can finish the normal course here in two years. A junior college diploma will be granted the student who has completed the high-school course and thirty hours of college work.

GYMNASTICS

Since it is important to develop the physical as well as the mental side of the student, we have arranged an excellent course in gymnastic exercises; every student will be required to take these exercises three times a week for three years. The gymnasium suit and shoes will be necessary.

MUSIC

Students desiring to take music lessons will find in town excellent instructors in both instrumental and vocal music. Arrangements can be very easily made for taking the music lessons and for the practise.

RELIGIOUS LIFE

Though this is a Presbyterian school we are expecting girls from other denominations and there will be nothing in the management that will interfere with their belief. All students will be required to attend church regularly every Sunday.

Prayers with the reading of the Scripture and singing are a part of the day's exercises. Attendance on this exercise is required.

HEALTH AND MEDICAL ATTENTION

An experienced physician will look after the health of the students and will give any medical attention that is needed. If trained nurses are desired they can be quickly secured.

EXPENSES

The summary of the expenses for the term of eight or nine months are:

Board, including room rent, heating and electric lights.....	\$ 90.00
Tuition for the term.....	35.00
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Total for the term.....	\$125.00

The student is expected to pay \$5.00 when the room is reserved and \$57.50 when she enters in the fall. She pays the remaining \$62.50 at the beginning of the second semester.

If the student has to leave school on account of sickness or any such cause the money for her board will be refunded.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion we will say that our school is designed to come into competition with no other school. We hope to meet the long felt need of the church for more and better prepared teachers. Our school will bear the same relation to the church schools that the State Normal bears to the public schools.

GENERAL RULES

Parents desiring their daughters to absent themselves from school for any length of time must send written request to the Principal, as no girl will be permitted to absent herself without this request.

Whenever it becomes necessary for a student to be withdrawn from school arrangements must be made with the Principal by parent or guardian, as an honorable dismissal will not be granted any pupil leaving the school without the permission of the Principal. In case of sudden necessity send all telegrams to the Principal, and they will be given prompt attention.

Students will not be permitted to correspond with nor to receive visits from gentlemen outside their own family without a written permission from parent or guardian. Send such letters directly to the Principal. All letters and packages sent or received by students must pass through the office, and must be marked with the sender's name. Students will be expected to receive no articles of food except fruit. All boxes must be inspected by the Matron.

Before coming to Montreat the student should have her room engaged and the Principal will write her what to do when she gets to Black Mountain.

For further information address

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Montreat, N. C.

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