

No. 1, Reported by the Principal.

Almighty and most gracious God! Possess our hearts, we humbly intreat thee, with a holy reverence of thy being and infinite perfections. May we feel a proper sense of thy awful presence upon our minds, at this time. Assist our weakness, compassionate our infirmities, and pardon our unworthiness. Enable us always to live mindful of Thee, the Author of our existence, and our constant benefactor! Make it our study and delight to honour thee, by obeying thy will in all things! Guide and conduct us, by thy good spirit, in the ways of virtue and true holiness, and may we all discharge our respective duties faithfully and conscientiously, having the fear of thee always before our eyes, exciting us to what is good; and restraining us from what is evil.

We would, in a special manner, intreat thy blessing upon us who are here present. Shed abroad thy grace in our hearts, and fill them with piety to Thee, our God; and with benevolence and charity to our fellow-creatures! Endue the minds of these thy children with a fervent and sincere love of every thing excellent and praiseworthy! May they always aspire after those things which are virtuous, honourable and of good report, and shun and detest whatever is mean and vicious! Preserve them from idleness and inattention, from evil company, and all bad habits! As they grow in years, may they grow in grace and useful knowledge, and in favour with thee; so that they may become a comfort to their parents, and a blessing to their country.

Preserve us, this day, from all danger, and particularly from offending Thee, our invisible judge, to whom we are accountable for all our actions! May we be prepared, by living virtuous and godly lives here, for everlasting life and happiness hereafter, through the merits and mediation of our blessed Lord and Redeemer, Jesus Christ, in whose comprehensive words we desire to sum up our imperfect requests. Our Father, &c. &c.

No. 2, Reported by the Vice-Principal.

Almighty and Everlasting GOD, who art more ready to hear than we to pray, and are wont to give more than either we desire or deserve, pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy! Illuminate, we beseech thee, our understandings with the light of thy truth! Grant, that this seminary of learning may ever be the means of spreading the beams of knowledge amongst mankind, and that the rising generation may here receive those improvements in science, and above all, that ardent love of virtue and piety, which may render them the ornaments of their country, and the glory of humanity! Dispose their minds to the love of instruction! Turn their hearts from the ways of vice and irreligion, and grant, that in all their words and works, they may be observant of those great and important duties they owe to themselves, their fellow-creatures, and their God. These, and all other blessings, we beg, in the name and mediation of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Our Father, &c.

No. 3.

Holy and merciful Father! We humbly beseech thee to possess the hearts of these, thy children, with a perfect dependence upon thee, and such a love of what thou hast commanded, that their whole behaviour be conformable to thy holy will, and a comfort to their masters, parents, and all with whom they may be connected in this life. Incline their hearts to that which is good, and create in them an utter dislike of all evil! Give them an affectionate and teachable disposition, and an unfeigned love of truth and candour; preserve them from all malice, falsehood, deceit, fraud and evil speaking. When they are found in a fault, may they become sensible of the duty of amendment, and never attempt to put the blame on others, or to palliate their guilt.

O thou, who art the fountain of all wisdom, be graciously pleased to inspire us, whose duty it is to instruct them, with such a portion of thy divine wisdom as may enable us to discharge our great trust with fidelity and success! May we ever bear in mind, that the best service we can render unto thee, our God, or to our fellow-creatures, is, by our earnest and successful endeavours, to incline the minds of youth with true and just sentiments of religion and goodness!

Give thy blessing to this seminary of virtue and useful learning! May all who are admitted into it be inspired with the love of wisdom, and preserved from sloth, idleness, evil company, and bad habits! As they grow in years, may they grow in piety and true knowledge, and in favour with thee, and all good men.

May we be preserved this day, and the remainder of our lives, by thy good providence; so that, at the last, we may obtain everlasting life and glory, through the merits and mediation of our blessed Saviour and Redeemer, Jesus Christ, who has taught us, when we pray, to say, Our Father, &c.

RESOLVED, That there be kept in St. John's college a register, in which shall be recorded, in respective columns, the name of each student; the date of his admission into the school; his age, or the date of his birth; the name, dignation and residence, of his father, his academical honours, and their date; and the date of his departure, or expulsion; that Mr. Richard Owen, master of writing and arithmetic, be hereby appointed to keep the said register, and authorised, in behalf of this board, to purchase a book for the purpose, not exceeding in price the sum of five pounds current money; that each student now in college, and each student who shall hereafter enter, shall pay to the said Mr. Owen, or his successor, for recording as aforesaid, the sum of eleven-pence, or one eighth of a dollar; and that the said Mr. Owen, or his successor, be entitled, for every certificate of the whole record respecting any student, to the sum of five shillings, or two thirds of a dollar.

RESOLVED, That there be in the said register a like record respecting each student who hath quitted the said college; and that the name of each student in the said register be inserted in his own hand writing, if the same can be obtained.

RESOLVED, That the principal of St. John's college have power to prescribe the form in which entries shall be made in the register directed to be kept by a resolution of the 15th of August last.

RESOLVED, That it be earnestly recommended to the professor and masters of the grammar school, and the master of writing and arithmetic, to pay a strict attention to the discipline of their schools.

RESOLVED, That it is the sense of this board, that the principal of St. John's college is empowered, by a resolve made on the _____ day of _____, to superintend, at his discretion, the conduct of all the students, and to restrain them from frequenting any place, which, in his opinion, may induce habits of useless expence, or neglect of their studies.

RESOLVED, That there be immediately opened in St. John's college a school for grammar and the English language, under a professor whose duty it shall be to teach the English language grammatically, and to carry students through the Latin grammar, the Vocabulary and Corderius, so as to prepare them for being placed under the professor of languages.

That every student under the said professor of grammar and English, be taught writing in the said school, at stated hours, at the discretion of the professor.

That any student in the said school shall, at the request of his parents or guardian, be taught arithmetic, and other branches of mathematics usually taught in English schools.

That no boy be admitted as a student in the said school until he hath learned the alphabet, and gone through the spelling book, or grammar, usually taught in English schools; and that the principal shall, in every case, determine the right of admission agreeably to this rule.

That all the students under the professor of languages, who have not yet gone through the Latin grammar, the Vocabulary and Corderius, be immediately removed into the school aforesaid, and that hereafter no student be placed under the professor of languages until he shall be qualified as aforesaid.