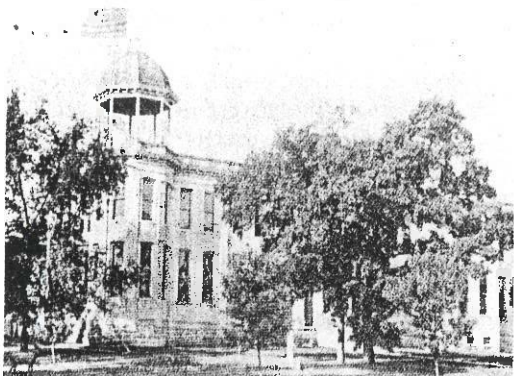




...all dressed up in the parlor.



North Front

buggy had to spend 24 hours in her room. Another who got out of line going down the steps was made to eat dinner alone in her room.

Punishment for breaking rules came without hesitation. Davis reported in *The Tennessean* that "nobody could receive cakes or candy from home, or even flowers from sweethearts." If they did arrive, the gifts were promptly delivered to Nashville orphanages or hospitals.

Dining at the school was known to be an elegant affair—sumptuous meals served in the finest manner. Special occasions were always celebrated with a festive meal. Not only were the meals delicious, they were always accompanied by hot breads and pastries baked by the chef.

An Era Closes

Belmont College grew and flourished in the "Athens of the South" under the leadership of Misses Heron and Hood for 23 years. In 1913, the two, "tired of school," decided to retire and spend the rest of their lives in travel and enjoying their Nashville home. They had built their dream home at 211 Deer Park Drive in Belle Meade for \$35,000.

At the time they were making their decision to retire, Ward Seminary was looking for more space in a suburban location. Louise Davis commented in *The Tennessean* on the 1913 merger of the two rival schools: "That the two schools of such similar purpose should be joined, linked under the name Ward-Belmont, taking the buildings of one and the president of the other, seemed the logical answer to the problems of both."

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Customs and Regulations

Visitors will not be received in students' rooms nor in Chapter Houses. Girls going out with gentlemen other than their own fathers must invite a chaperon. Gifts from gentlemen are not delivered, and flowers and candy are immediately sent to some charitable institution.

Borrowing is distinctly prohibited, being both bad practice and bad taste. Borrower and lender are alike subject to reproof.

Theory, harmony and ear training are taught in class and at least one of these branches is required of each pupil studying music.

Good principles and high-toned, honorable conduct are conditions to be weighted in the award of certificate, diploma, degree, medal or honors.

Students are expected to keep an itemized account of expenses, and forward the same to parents monthly. Parents are requested to require this.

Absolute promptness in response to all bells and in performance of all duties is inflexibly insisted upon. Regular attendance upon classes is demanded.

Plans for daily exercise must be cheerfully met, the beautiful old Park of sixteen acres, the halls, veranda, and balconies offering attractive inducements.

Boxes of fresh fruit will be received, but, except at Christmas-time, no other eatables will be delivered. Parents are urged to spare us disagreeable duty in this.

Students breaking study hour, leaving their rooms or talking or burning lights after the last bell, will report to Night Study Hour. All studious, trustworthy girls keep study hours in their rooms at night; all others in the Assembly Hall.

Due reverence for the Sabbath prohibits visiting, reception of company, driving, unseemly reading, or loud and boisterous talking and laughing. Gossip, slang, exaggerations, light and frivolous conversations are deplored at all times.

No student will leave the grounds without a chaperon, nor remain out of the College over night except by special permission from parents and arrangement with faculty. Indolent and disorderly students must not expect visiting privileges.

Except at the discretion of the faculty, no student is received for music only and no student is allowed to average less than two and one-half hours recitation per day, which limited amount is sometimes allowed the mentally and physically weak.

From first to last the student who wishes to be contented and successful must find her pleasure and happiness in study. Outside diversions may afford temporary relief, but they cannot compensate for the true happiness that comes with a sense of duty.

Rooms must be left in order for the servants, who will do all sweeping and cleaning, but will not be responsible for books, sheet-music, or articles of apparel out of place about the rooms or building. Neatness in dress, in room and in her Assembly Hall desk is required of each student.

Students must never leave the college grounds without informing the disciplinarians who are personally responsible for their whereabouts. Their return, also, must be promptly announced to them.

Necessary shopping will be done by the College shoppers. A seamstress will come to the house when absolutely needed, not otherwise. All sewing and dressmaking, dentistry, photography, etc., should receive attention at home, since they seriously interfere with study and progress.

Deliberate carelessness in regard to health is severely reprimanded; hence young women must dress properly, must avoid exposure, and articles of food must not be kept in rooms to be eaten at unseasonable hours. Light weight, long-sleeved underwear, heavier hosiery and high shoes are required in winter.

All mail, packages, boxes, and telegrams to and from the College pass through the hands of the management, subject to their inspection. Suspected communications are opened in the presence of the student or are immediately forwarded to parents, who are expected to select and limit their daughters' correspondents.

Gentlemen callers must bring letters of introduction, but will only be received occasionally, and from eight to nine at night. Frequent and regular calling is not permitted. Newly acquired acquaintances must not expect the privilege. Brothers may call on their sisters at seven o'clock Sunday nights.

As room decorations each young lady will be allowed only four framed pictures, two photographs and two College pennants on her walls and dresser at the same time. Considerations of health and good taste necessitate this rule, which is inflexibly kept. A just regard for College property and for students who occupy the rooms afterwards should be a sufficient incentive to keep the custom cheerfully.

—reprinted from an early Belmont College catalogue.