

Concerning Charges and Terms

In what follows we think we have named in every instance the lowest terms consistent with the accommodations, equipment, and high quality of teaching furnished. We are prepared to prove to the satisfaction of the discriminating that though Ward-Belmont is not "a cheap school," it is, in the class to which it belongs, not by any means "an expensive school." While the rates are not appreciably higher than were those of Ward or Belmont, our building equipment and pay roll are nearly double those of either school. The charges are for the whole school year, and reductions cannot be made if the patron or the student for any reason, except the long illness of the girl herself, concludes to withdraw during the year. A school is not like a hotel—vacated rooms cannot be filled during the term; and when a patron contracts for a room, he expects to keep it for the year, and would have just ground for protest if it were taken from his daughter without good cause. As Ward-Belmont's rooms are much in demand before the opening, and as applicants who would take the rooms for the whole year are often crowded out by previous applicants, it is neither ethically nor legally right for an earlier successful applicant to withdraw and expect the return of fees paid or due. The vacant room becomes a loss to the school, and the fixed charges continue—teachers' salaries, heat, light, service, interest charges on a large investment, etc., etc. Hence, in accordance with the uniform custom of other reputable schools, pupils are received for the entire session or part of session unexpired at time of entrance. No reduction will be made for time lost at Christmas or during the first or last six weeks of the term, nor will reduction be made for absence during other periods, unless the student is absent on account of her own illness and for at least six

weeks, when we shall divide equally with the patron the loss for the enforced absence.

Ward-Belmont has no "confidential terms," no "lower rates," and nobody is authorized to negotiate with prospective patrons except upon the exact figures and terms named in this Catalogue.

EXPENSES AT WARD-BELMONT, NASHVILLE, TENN

The school year consists of one term, beginning September 22, 1915, and ending May 30, 1916, and the charges here named are for the whole year. While the entire year's expenses are due and payable on or before the opening day of school in September, for the convenience of patrons we accept the amount in two payments, as explained below.

An advance registration fee of \$15 should be forwarded with the application, which amount will be credited on the first payment on entrance.

Board, furnished room, steam heat, electric light, servants' attendance, plain laundry within stated limits, tuition in two or more subjects in the Literary Department (including Latin, French, and German), class training in Poise and the Speaking Voice, Physical Education, Swimming, use of Gymnasium, and use of Library, two girls in a room \$425 00

Due on entrance, but payable \$300 on September 22, 1915, balance on January 1, 1916.

Board, etc., as above, in rooms with adjoining bath or the corner rooms of the main building, two girls in a room, is \$25 extra for each girl.

*Single room in suites of two, with bath between, one girl in a room, are available at \$500 for each girl.

Each of the above-named fees includes Physical Training and certain modern languages, both of which, in practically all other such schools, have been charged for as "extras," at a cost of at least \$50. Swimming, always an extra elsewhere, but provided for the first time at Ward-Belmont, is also included without cost, as is a weekly class lesson by Miss Townsend and her assistants in Poise and Speaking Voice, a valuable addition to our general curriculum. It is thus evident that the total sum, \$425 for boarders, is not only not an advance, but an actual reduction of expenses and that, too, in spite of the fact that we have made vast additions to the equipment and faculty. Our purpose is to reduce the number of "extras," and to make no additional charge for such subjects as are required in the course or as are needed by all. French and German are now so generally required for graduation in the best colleges and so necessary to a good education,

*These single rooms, when two girls occupy each of them, as they may easily do, may be had without extra charge, each occupant paying \$425 for board and literary tuition.