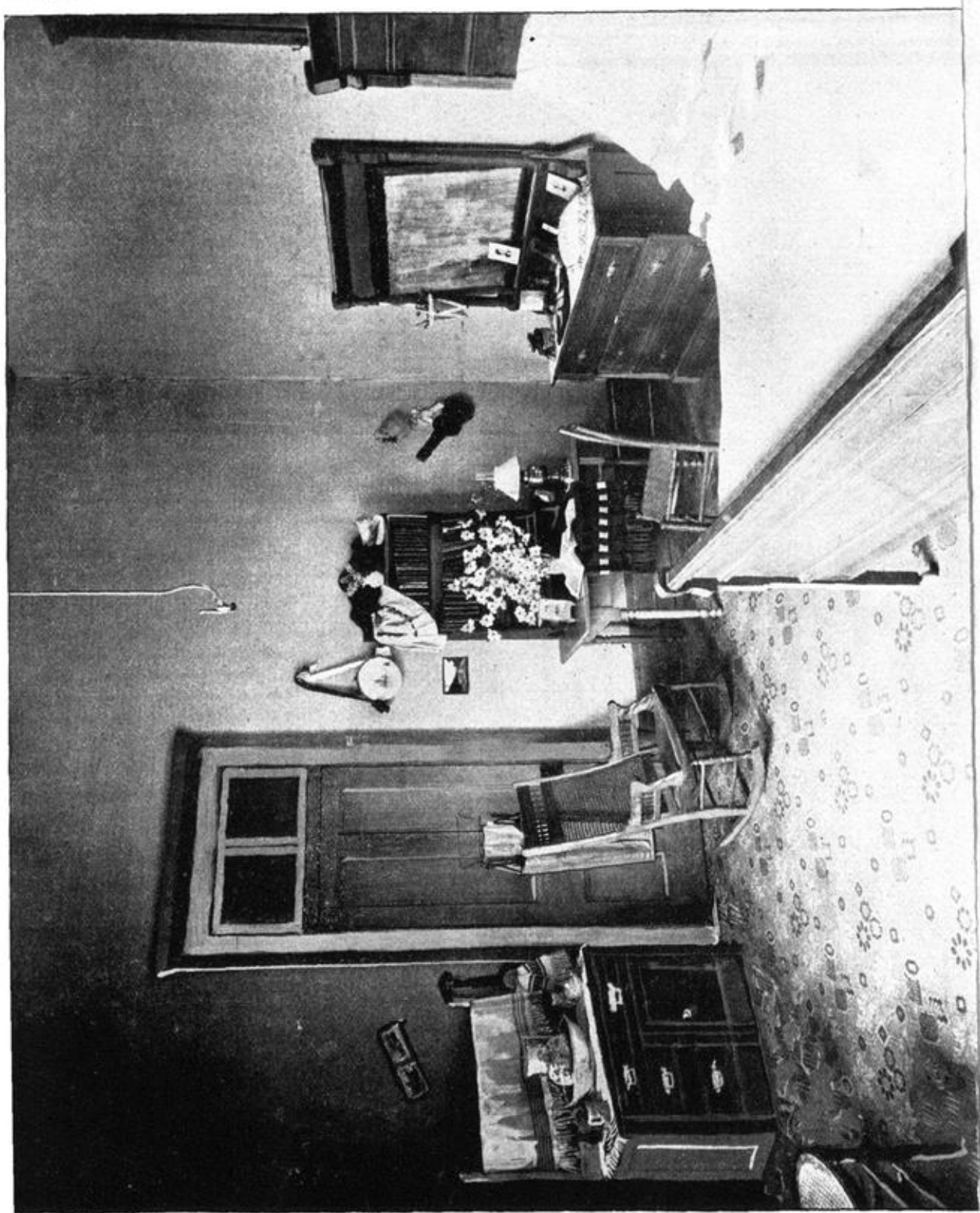


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## HOME-LIFE.

COATES COLLEGE maintains that girlhood climbs best to ideal womanhood only through a natural home-and-family life constantly maintained.

The College appreciates the just solicitude of parents, who, for any purpose, must awhile disturb this family relation; and it is, therefore, the primary and unremitting effort of the institution to supply, in the largest degree possible, for the non-resident young woman what she temporarily surrenders under the name of "father," "mother," "home."

Each young lady is, therefore, welcomed into the President's family, and to her he and his wife desire to stand as parents in mutual confidence and in affection, rather than in stringency of rules and penalties. When the limit of the President's household has been reached, a similar relation shall be maintained in a home immediately under the direction of another officer of the College.

To further facilitate this personal relation, each resident teacher is constituted, so far as practicable, a Special Adviser of several students. Constant consultation with the President and his wife and with other members of the faculty, together with personal friendship's gentle rending of the veil of reserve—these reduce the detail of discipline to its minimum, yet produce results in their maximum. Surveillance is lost in companionship.

The Home Life of the institution will be best understood by a brief outline of a college day:—

At 6:00 each morning, save the Sabbath, a maid—not a gong—wakens all members of the family. At 6:35 the teachers exchange morning salutations with the young ladies at their rooms, and announce the Scripture lesson, which, upon the withdrawal of the teachers, is read and is followed by each girl's silently offering the prayer whose remembrance was, perhaps, the last parental injunction. At 6:55 all assemble in the drawing-room, by no call other than the interior summons of obligation, where the old-fashioned family-altar services are held. Breakfast immediately following is made, as much as possible, to rekindle the social fires and start the day well. The informality of the meal allows each student the conventional liberty of excuse and withdrawal. Time after, until 8:00, is given to morning duties, among which is adjustment of rooms. The morning study-hour is observed by the pupils, not in a body, as a rule, but in individual rooms, from 8:00 to 8:50. At 8:50, all young ladies, with the Director of Physical Culture, take a brisk walk, under the inspiration of which they enter their school-room work at 9:05. The school hours are from 9:05 to 2:08, with an intermission at noon, when luncheon is served. From 2:08 to 5:00, the Director of Physical Culture and other teachers cooperate with the young ladies in the adjustment of duties and recreations so as to bring results profitable to all. At 5:00 the young ladies arrange their toilets for dinner, served at 5:30. From the dining-room all repair to the evening family altar, where the service, somewhat fuller than in the morning, is followed by the "Family Hour." In this are mingled, on certain days of the week, fancy-work, current-event conversation, magazine reading aloud, games, and such other things as teacher, student, or visitor may think best. 7:30 finds the study-hour open, and until 9:30 silence is the order, broken only by the occasional calls of the instructors to offer help. At 9:30, the teachers—no maid nor gong—announce the close of the study hour, and, after a moment's interchange of courtesies, give out the evening chapter, whose reading in each room with prayer, binds up the day and opens the night.\*

In such life, the College aims to be loyal to the Christian father and mother.

The ethics and æsthetics of Christian culture formulate all rules, and control all habits, it being the great desire of the institution that, at whatever stage of school life a Coates College student withdraws, she shall carry away with her such habits and influences as shall readily assimilate with the best of homes, and shall be grateful leaven in the humbler and less pretentious.

Persons at all desirous of having their daughters in the President's family will necessarily apply at once. Room at present is limited.

\* The exact order above given may be subject to change at the discretion of the Faculty.