

No. 8.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,

STATE OF NEW-YORK.

BOARD OF EDUCATION,

CITY OF NEW-YORK, NOVEMBER 19, 1862.

The PRESIDENT laid before the Board a communication from HORACE WEBSTER, LL. D., Principal of the Free Academy, in response to a resolution adopted by the Board, on the 5th of November instant, asking for certain information connected with the internal management of said Institution.

Ordered, *That said communication be printed, and that it be made the special order at the next stated session of the Board, after the third order of business.*

THOMAS BOESÉ,

Clerk.

REPORT.

To the Board of Education of the City and County of
New-York :

The undersigned has received the following resolution, viz. :

“Resolved, That the Principal of the Free Academy be and he is hereby directed to report to this Board, on or before the second stated meeting in November next, the number of students admitted annually and semi-annually into the Free Academy since its organization; the number that have annually graduated; the Ward Schools from which the applicants were admitted annually in the years 1860, 1861, and 1862; the number from each School, and the length of time that they have attended School, as appears from the certificate for admission; and that the Principal make a sworn return of the average attendance of students in said Free Academy during the year ending September 30th, 1862; with the number of sessions held; their length, and the time employed in actual instruction during said year; with the number of Professors and Tutors employed:”

And in answer thereto, has the honor to report :

I.—The number of Students admitted annually and semi-annually, into the Free Academy, since its organization, is :

Month.	Year.	No.	Month.	Year.	No.
February	1849	143	February	1856	5
July	“	68	July	“	323
February	1850	52	July	1856	375
July	“	81	February	1857	9
January	1851	105	July	“	229
July	“	130	February	1858	8
January	1852	130	July	“	347
July	“	181	February	1859	3
July	1853	160	July	“	825
July	1854	173	July	1860	272

Month.	Year.	No.	Month.	Year.	No.
February	1861	1	February	1862	3
July	"	344	July	"	414

Making a total of three thousand eight hundred and twenty-one (3,821).

II.—The number that have annually graduated has been :

Year.	No.	Year.	No.
1853	17	1858	25
1854	20	1859	30
1855	32	1860	46
1856	20	1861	48
1857	21	1862	33

Making a total of two hundred and ninety-two (292).

III.—The Ward Schools from which the applicants were admitted annually, in 1860, 1861, and 1862, were :

School.	1860.	1861.	1862.	School.	1860.	1861.	1862.
2	1	5	4	31	2	1	1
3	1	3	—	32	9	12	5
4	5	4	1	34	3	7	4
7	1	9	7	35	43	48	88
8	1	—	2	36	6	1	—
9	—	6	6	37	3	7	1
10	—	—	4	38	3	7	—
11	10	19	17	39	4	2	7
12	—	—	2	40	47	71	57
13	—	4	—	41	9	6	14
14	10	11	23	42	11	12	7
15	2	2	5	43	—	—	2
16	—	—	11	44	17	12	19
17	10	11	9	45	21	21	21
18	8	14	13	48	13	16	16
19	2	9	5	49	9	3	13
20	6	6	4	51	—	—	4
21	2	—	4	52	—	—	1
22	4	—	—	53	—	—	17
23	—	7	7	and in February,			
24	—	3	4	15	—	—	1
28	4	3	7	38	—	1	—
29	4	—	2	40	—	—	2

And the length of time that they have attended school was

	Years.	Months.	Days.
Average time for 1860.....	2.....	11.....	29.....
" " 1861.....	3.....	7.....	2.....
" " 1862.....	3.....	5.....	—.....

In case further details be required, in regard to the length of time that each Student attended School, the undersigned refers to the Reports of the Board of Education to the Board of Regents, of the University of the State of New-York for the specified years.

IV. The average attendance of Students in the Free Academy, during the year ending September 30th, was five hundred and ninety-six and ninety-four one hundred sixty-ninths ($596\frac{94}{169}$).

§ V.—The number of sessions held during the year ending September 30th, 1862, was one hundred and ninety-four; of which one hundred and sixty-nine were devoted to the instruction of the Students of the Free Academy; and twenty-five to the examination of the Students of the Free Academy, and of the candidates for admission to various academic work connected therewith, and to the distribution of books to the Students at the opening of the terms.

It should be remarked, that the time of five sessions was taken up in repairing the building of the Free Academy, in February of this year.

VI.—The length of the sessions held, was, on the days devoted to instruction, from one quarter before nine o'clock until two, with an intermission of ten minutes; and in addition from eight until one quarter of nine, and from two to three, for a portion of the Instructors detailed, and Students detained for purposes of study and discipline. On examination and

other days, the length varied, but was greater than that above stated.

VII.—The time employed in actual instruction, during said year, was one hundred and sixty-nine sessions.

VIII.—The number of Professors and Tutors employed during the said year, was twenty-five, viz.: fourteen Professors and eleven Tutors; one of the Professors being employed but two hours each day.

All which is respectfully submitted.

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FREE ACADEMY, November 19, 1862.

HORACE WEBSTER, Principal of the Free Academy, appeared before me, this nineteenth day of November, 1862, who, being by me duly sworn, deposes and says, that the foregoing statement, from the fourth article to the eighth inclusive, is true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

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