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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

FACULTY

OF THE

COLLEGE OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK

TO THE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING JUNE 29, 1883.

College of the City of New York.

December 10, 1883.

To the Board of Trustees :

GENTLEMEN—At a meeting of the Faculty, held this day, the subjoined Report was adopted, the President and the Secretary were directed to sign it and to transmit it to your Board.

Very respectfully,

ADOLPH WERNER,

Secretary to the Faculty.

REPORT.

To the Board of Trustees of the College of the City of New York :

GENTLEMEN—In compliance with section 19 of the Manual of the College, the Faculty herewith submit their report for the year ending June 29th, 1883.

On Commencement Day, June 29th, 1882, there were on the rolls of the College 874 students, classified as follows :

In the Senior Class		45
" Junior "		71
" Sophomore Class		93
" Freshman "		198
" Sub-Freshman Class	{	Coll., 308 One Year, 159
	}	467
Total		874

During the first term, ending January 27th, 1883, there left or were dismissed :

From the Senior Class		0
" Junior "		13
" Sophomore Class		22
" Freshman "		62
" Sub-Freshman Class	{	Coll., 79 One Year, 92
	}	171
Total		268

During the second term, ending in June, there left or were dismissed:

From the Senior Class.....	0
“ Junior “	1
“ Sophomore Class	5
“ Freshman “	10
“ Sub-Freshman Class....	{ Coll., 25 } { Com., 17 }
	42
Total.....	<hr/> 58

The examination for admission took place June 4th, 5th and 6th. Of the 1,001 applicants, 827 were admitted on probation to the Sub-Freshman Class. The examination for advancement was held on May 31st and on June 1st, 7th, 8th, 13th, 14th and 15th. When the results had been ascertained and collated, 45 members of the Senior Class were recommended to your Board for graduation. Of the

Junior Class.....	45 were advanced.
Sophomore Class.....	67 “ “
Freshman “	89 “ “
Sub-Freshman Class.....	166 “ “

—and 61 left from the Commercial Division, receiving certificates that they had completed the prescribed course to the satisfaction of the Faculty.

To-day the 45 Seniors recommended by the Faculty were graduated. There are left on the rolls of the College 1,239 students, viz.:

In the Senior Class.....	45
“ Junior “	69

In the Sophomore Class.....	97
“ Freshman “	196
“ Sub-Freshman Class....	{ Coll., 537 } { Com., 295 }
	832
Total.....	1,239

For the names of the students admitted, as required by the Manual, the Faculty respectfully refer you to the Thirty-fifth Annual Register of the College of the City of New York.

The class which was admitted at the examination held on the 4th, 5th and 6th of June, is the largest that has entered this College, and even deducting those who may reasonably be expected not to present themselves in September, it is certain that the Sub-Freshman Class of 1883 will be of unusual size. It is certain that the numbers admitted will tax severely the capacity of the college building to afford to all the requisite accommodation without undue overcrowding. And it is also certain that the corps of instructors, already lessened in numbers by several changes, will need additional members to enable it successfully to meet the increased demands upon it. The Faculty feel confident that this pressing need will be met by the Board by the appointment of suitable instructors.

In response to a resolution of the Executive Committee, the Faculty transmitted to the Board a plan for the establishment in the College of a two years' course of study, embracing English, Mathematics, and one foreign language, to be pursued in connection with a course of mechanical instruction in a workshop, the establishment of which had been determined by the Board, and providing further that this mechanical instruction might also be given to those students in the regular collegiate classes

who might desire it, and who might be able to undertake it without detriment to their other studies.

The condition of the Commercial Course in the College has also for several years past received much attention and consideration both from the Faculty and the Board of Trustees. Several resolutions have been passed by the latter in regard to it, and the Faculty, in response to these, have at various times suggested changes which have in general been carried out. After long consideration of the whole subject by several committees, and much discussion, the Faculty finally on May 11th adopted a plan for an enlargement and extension of the course, continuing it through two years, and making it parallel to the course of mechanical instruction already recommended. This plan, with a statement of the reasons for its adoption, was transmitted to the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees on May 25th.

The Trustees have also authorized the erection and equipment of a chemical laboratory, and have adopted plans which will secure for it very spacious and convenient accommodations. By this action, what has been for many years a great want of the College bids fair to be supplied in a liberal and generous manner, and the Faculty trust that their next report will contain an account of the advantage the College has derived from the increased facilities of instruction and practice thus afforded.

The Faculty would respectfully call the attention of the Board to the remarks made in their last Annual Report upon the necessity of additional assistance for giving instruction in English Composition.

The Faculty have to lament the death of Professor Charles Edward Anthon, who so long filled the Chair of History and Belles Lettres in this College. Our appreciation of his ripe scholarship, varied attainments, fidelity to duty and honesty of

character, has been formally expressed in appropriate resolutions recorded in our Minutes. He died while on leave of absence, June 7, 1883, at Bremen, Germany.

On the 22d of June, the Faculty recommended the transfer of the study of Belles Lettres from the Department of History to the Department of English Language and Literature, as being more cognate thereto.

In presenting the foregoing report, the Faculty desire once more to express their lively sense of the attention and fidelity with which the Board has devoted itself to the interests of the College, and to assure it of their own continued endeavors to maintain its high standard.

ADOLPH WERNER,

Secretary.

ALEX. S. WEBB, LL.D.,

President.