

## TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 1896.

### STATED SESSION.

The Board of Trustees of the College of the City of New York met this day at 4:30 o'clock P. M.

In the absence of the CHAIRMAN, the Board was called to order by the Secretary.

*Present*—Trustees ADAMS, ANDREWS, BENEVILLE, HOLT, HUNT, HURLBUT, KETCHUM, MACK, MCSWEENEY, MEIROWITZ, PEASLEE, PRENTISS, ROGERS, VAN ARSDALE, WEBB and WEHRUM—16.

*Absent*—ROBERT MACLAY, Chairman, and Trustees HUBBELL, KELLY, LITTLE, MONTANT and STRAUSS—6.

On motion of Trustee ROGERS, Trustee HUNT was called to the chair.

On motion of Trustee ROGERS, the Trustees absent from this session were excused.

The minutes of the meeting held January 21st, as printed, were approved.

Trustee KETCHUM moved to dispense with reading the minutes of the meetings of the Executive Committee held January 21st, 27th, and February 25th, printed copies having been sent each Trustee.

Adopted.

Trustee WEBB presented the Annual Report of the Faculty for the year 1895, as follows:

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

GENTLEMEN—In accordance with your rules, § 19, it becomes

our duty to make a report to you of the state and progress of the College during the preceding year, of the names of all students admitted and the number dismissed, and of such other matters as may be deemed expedient by the Faculty.

As to the attendance for the year 1894-95, the following schedule taken from the figures in the President's office shows that there were on the rolls at Commencement Day, June 20, 1894—

In the Senior Class.....	65 students.
“ Junior Class.....	144 “
“ Sophomore Class.....	203 “
“ Freshman Class.....	390 “
“ Sub-Freshman Class..	722 “
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	1,524

There were afterwards admitted fourteen (14) applicants, making a total of 1,538.

During the first term there left College, or were dismissed or did not report for instruction—

In the Senior Class.....	1 student.
“ Junior Class.....	25 students.
“ Sophomore Class.....	23 “
“ Freshman Class.....	97 “
“ Sub-Freshman Class.....	249 “
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	395

leaving on the rolls, 1,143.

During the second term there left College, etc.—

In the Senior Class.....	1 student.
“ Junior Class.....	6 students.
“ Sophomore Class.....	18 “
“ Freshman Class.....	41 “
“ Sub-Freshman Class.....	126 “
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	192

There were graduated at Commencement, June, 1895..	58
Leaving on the rolls .....	893
At the examination of the applicants for admission in June, 1895, there were admitted.....	745
And in September following.....	55

So that at the beginning of the first term of 1895-96 there was a total on the rolls of..... 1,693 distributed into—

The Senior Class.....	90	students.
“ Junior Class.....	151	“
“ Sophomore Class.....	195	“
“ Freshman Class.....	419	“
“ Sub-Freshman Class.....	838	“
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	1,693	

It will be seen that the attendance during the last year (1894-95) was very large. The merit roll shows that the standard of scholarship has been well maintained and has not been lowered owing to the increase of numbers; while the reports on conduct indicate that the students have manifested both self-respect and respect for the constituted authorities.

The number of students on the rolls at the beginning of the present year is very much larger than last year. Notably the Senior Class is the largest ever in the College, numbering one-third more than any preceding one. While other causes more or less remote may be found for this increase in numbers, the immediate and principal cause, we think, is the efficient educational work which this College has been doing and the appreciation of that work by the people of this city.

Owing to the continued increase in the number of students we are obliged to repeat with greater emphasis our annual statement of crowded classes and inadequate accommodations; and we feel it our duty to express to your honorable body the urgent necessity of providing as soon as possible a larger building constructed with more rational regard for the uses for which it is intended.

In our last annual report we asked your honorable body to

procure suitable legislation to give this College a proper habitation, and your efforts have been instrumental in securing means sufficient to purchase a new site and provide for the erection of a new building.

During the last year your Executive Committee requested us to give them and received from us our opinion as to a proper site. The site eventually selected by the Executive Committee meets with our hearty approval. Its elevated and healthful situation, its freedom from disturbing sounds and sights, and its extent ample in all probability for the needs of the city when its present limits are filled, cannot be surpassed, if equaled anywhere within those limits. Its accessibility even at present is far greater than was that of our present site when the building was first erected. At that time there was only one line of horse cars in the city.

In view of the immediate needs of the College we urge your honorable body to take steps to procure suitable plans for the new edifice, so that there may be little delay in building, when the land shall have been acquired. It is our earnest wish that the new edifice shall be constructed with regard for both general and special uses. Some suggestions may be offered on account of their primary importance. We advise that recitation and lecture rooms, where oral instruction is given, should be located where they may be as free as possible from disturbing sounds; secondly, that all drawing rooms, and most if not all rooms used for chemical or physical work should, as far as possible, have a north light; again, that the workshop should be so placed that the noises engendered therein could be least audible in recitation and lecture rooms; further, that the means of access to class rooms and of communication between parts of the edifice should be constructed with a view to economy of the student's time; finally, that proper ventilation should always be kept in view.

The Faculty desires to be of every possible service to your honorable body by advice in the details of the plans for the new building or in such other directions with reference to it as you may indicate.

With regard to the instruction in the College, while its general efficiency has not been impaired, two important changes in methods have been made in two departments, which are expected to improve them. The course in French, on the suggestion of the Professor, as approved by the Faculty and your Executive Committee, has been broadened so as to offer a comprehensive view of the entire French literature and the changes in the language from its earliest to its present form. In English, by a like procedure, the course has been made to include the study of American literature, and to give more attention to the student's power of expression.

Our College has recently suffered a great loss by the death of George Benton Newcomb, Ph.D., Professor of Philosophy, October 15, 1895. His death in the prime of his usefulness and mental vigor was the result in part of excessive devotion to his College work. The Faculty and other instructors and the students of the Senior and Junior Classes adopted appropriate resolutions expressing regret at his untimely death and appreciation of his character and services. Copies of these resolutions have been forwarded to your honorable body.

In concluding this brief report of what we believe has been a very successful year in the history of the College, it gives us pleasure to extend to you our heartfelt thanks, in which every well-wisher of the College will join, for the great and permanent benefits you have secured for it, your solicitude for its welfare and your ability in its care and government.

THE COLLEGE OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK,

*November 26, 1895.*

ADOLPH WERNER,  
*Secretary.*

ALEX. S. WEBB, LL.D.,  
*President.*

*Ordered,* That said report be printed in full in the minutes.

RESOLUTION.

Trustee KETCHUM offered the following resolution :

*Resolved,* That the Board of Trustees of the College of the City of New York hereby apply to the Comptroller of the City

of New York, in conformity with Section 4 of chapter 168 of the Laws of this State of 1895, and request that the Comptroller will issue bonds to an amount sufficient to pay the contract price for the lots and parts of lots or such of them as the Board of Estimate and Apportionment may approve the prices of as follows, the same being included within the limits of the new site selected for the College of the City of New York.

*First*—\$36,000, for four certain lots or parcels of land which, taken together, are bounded and described as follows: Northerly by One Hundred and Fortieth street; easterly by Convent avenue, formerly New avenue; southerly by a line drawn parallel to One Hundred and Fortieth street and distant ninety-nine feet eleven inches; southerly from the southerly side thereof being the center line of the block between One Hundred and Thirty-ninth and One Hundred and Fortieth streets, and westerly by a line drawn parallel to Tenth avenue and distant two hundred and fifty feet easterly from the easterly side thereof, said lot No. 60 being twenty-four feet eleven inches wide front and rear by one hundred feet deep on each side, and said lots Nos. 61, 62 and 63 being each twenty-five feet wide front and rear by one hundred feet deep on each side; the contract for the same having been made with Edward J. King, Jr., as Executor of the Estate of Edward J. King, deceased, under date of February 19, 1896.

*Second*—\$24,200, for that certain lot, piece or parcel of land bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point on the southerly side of St. Nicholas Terrace distant one hundred feet easterly from the southeasterly corner of St. Nicholas Terrace and Convent avenue; thence running southerly and parallel with Convent avenue ninety-nine feet eleven inches; thence easterly and parallel with the line of One Hundred and Forty-first street seventy-five feet; thence northerly and parallel with Convent avenue fifty feet; thence

easterly and parallel with the lines of One Hundred and Forty-first street thirty-five feet three and one-half inches to the southwesterly side of St. Nicholas Terrace, and thence northwesterly along the southwesterly side of St. Nicholas Terrace as it curves one hundred and twenty-six feet and one-eighth inches to the point or place of beginning.

Also all that certain lot, piece or parcel of land bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point on the southerly side of One Hundred and Fortieth street distant one hundred feet easterly from the corner formed by the intersection of the southerly side of One Hundred and Fortieth street with the easterly side of Amsterdam avenue; running thence southerly parallel with Amsterdam avenue ninety-nine feet eleven inches to the center line of the block between One Hundred and Thirty-ninth and One Hundred and Fortieth streets; thence easterly along the center line of the block and parallel with One Hundred and Fortieth street twenty-five feet; thence northerly and again parallel with Amsterdam avenue ninety-nine feet and eleven inches to the southerly side of One Hundred and Fortieth street; and thence westerly along the southerly side of One Hundred and Fortieth street twenty-five feet to the point or place of beginning; be the said several dimensions more or less. Also all the right, title and interest of the party of the first part in and to all the land lying in the bed of Pentz street from the southerly line of said street as heretofore laid out to the southwesterly line or side of St. Nicholas Terrace; the contract for the same having been made with Edward Knowles James under date of February 24, 1896.

Unanimously adopted.

Trustee HOLT moved that the action of the members of this Board who have signed the contracts for the parcels of land as described in the foregoing resolution be and the same is hereby confirmed.

Adopted.

## REPORT.

Trustee KETCHUM presented a report from the Executive Committee, recommending the appointment of Harry C. Krowe as a Tutor in the College, *vice* Frederic E. Perham, resigned, taking effect October 1, 1895, the Committee having appointed Mr. Krowe to the vacancy on September 26, 1895, and submitting the following resolution for adoption :

*Resolved*, That Harry C. Krowe be and he hereby is appointed a Tutor in the College of the City of New York, at an annual salary of one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

A. P. KETCHUM,	} <i>Executive Committee.</i>
EMILE BENEVILLE,	
ALEX. S. WEBB,	
JACOB W. MACK,	
JOHN L. N. HUNT,	

Unanimously adopted.

## ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Trustee HURLBUT—

The Board adjourned.

ARTHUR McMULLIN,

*Secretary.*