

FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

FACULTY

OF THE

COLLEGE OF THE CITY OF

NEW YORK

1896.

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NEW YORK, November 16th, 1896.

To the Board of Trustees, College of the City of New York.

GENTLEMEN—In compliance with the requirements of section 19 of your rules, the Faculty of the College of the City of New York have the honor herewith to transmit to you their report on the condition and progress of the College during the collegiate year of 1895-96.

The following schedule of attendance, taken from the figures in the President's office, shows that at the beginning of the first term of 1895-96 there were on the rolls in the

Senior Class	90 students
Junior Class	151 "
Sophomore Class	197 "
Freshman Class	419 "
Sub-Freshman Class	836 "
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Total, 1693	"

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

Senior Class	6 students
Junior Class	34 "
Sophomore Class	24 "
Freshman Class	87 "
Sub-Freshman Class	283 "
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Total, 434	"

Leaving on the rolls 1259 "

During the second term, there left College, etc.,

Senior Class	1 student.
Junior Class	10 "
Sophomore Class	20 "
Freshman Class	41 "
Sub-Freshman Class	62 "
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	134 "

At Commencement June, 1896 there were graduated	82 students
Leaving on the rolls	1043 "

At the examination of application for admission, in June, 1896, there were admitted	833 students
And in September, following	21 "

Total, 1897 "

Distributed as follows:

Senior Class	99 students
Junior Class	142 "
Sophomore Class	235 "
Freshman Class	452 "
Sub-Freshman Class.	969 "

From a study of these figures it will be seen not only that there is a very large number of students on the rolls of the College, but that the attendance is rapidly increasing. For years the graduating class has steadily increased in numbers; the present class contains 99 students, and is the largest Senior Class in the history of the College. Even more noteworthy is the gain in the general attendance. At the beginning of the first term of 1895-96 there was a total of 1693 students on the rolls of the College. At the beginning of the first term of 1896-97 the number of students on the rolls was 1897, an increase of over two hundred students within one year. This unmistakable evidence

of the appreciation by the people of the great educational work that the College is doing, and of the esteem in which it is held by the citizens of the City of New York, cannot fail to be as gratifying to the Trustees of the College as it is to the Faculty.

One of the immediate results of the legislative act passed more than twelve months ago, by which funds were secured to purchase a new site, and to erect a new building, was a very great increase in the number of applicants for admission to the College. As a consequence a Sub-Freshman Class was formed much larger than any previous one. Gratifying as is this increased attendance, it has served to emphasize, more than ever, the total inadequacy of the over-crowded college building to accommodate properly the students who are now in attendance at the College. At present most of the sections are so large as to be unwieldy; and in some instances, owing to the lack of accommodations, two sections, or two different classes, each having its own instructor, are obliged to be taught simultaneously in one and the same class-room.

In the new quarters, not only would the College be relieved of all the annoyances to which it is now subjected on account of its insufficient room-space, but the Faculty are firmly of the opinion that there would come to the people's college many opportunities of broadening out into a new career of usefulness.

In view of the prompt action taken by the Legislature, and the previous presentation of the urgent necessities of the College, it has been a matter of deep regret to the Faculty that they have not been able during the present year to congratulate the Board of Trustees on the laying of the cornerstone of the new building.

Animated by the desire to relieve the College of the many impediments that retard its progress, the Faculty again respectfully urge your honorable body to take such action as may be necessary to commence in the near future the work of building. To further this end by every possible means, the Faculty, as before, gladly put their services at the disposal of the Board of Trustees in any way that may be indicated.

In the matter of supervision, instruction and discipline, the Faculty believe that despite the many difficulties under which they have labored, the collegiate year of 1895-96 has been one of the most successful in the annals of the College. During the past year the usual high tone of the College has been preserved, while the recently published merit-roll shows that the students have maintained a standard of scholarship, whose average is perhaps even higher than usual.

The College has always been regarded by the citizens of New York as pre-eminently the People's College, the crown of its great educational system; consequently its Faculty have always taken the deepest interest in everything that concerns the welfare and progress of the public schools. The proposed creation of a number of high schools, supplying a more intimate and much needed connection between the grammar-schools and the College, is hailed by the Faculty with sincere satisfaction. It is to be hoped that the high schools will offer, among other things, a well considered preparatory course to the large number of pupils who desire to enter the College. In that case it will be possible for the College to exert on the high schools the same elevating influence that ever since its foundation it has exerted on the school system to such a marked degree.

The details of the establishment of the new high school will require the utmost care and wisdom. In the arrangement of their courses of study, the Faculty are prepared to render any services that they may be called upon to perform. With a carefully planned scheme of public instruction extending from the lowest class of the kindergarten through the primary, grammar and high schools, to the graduating class of the College, the City of New York will have a magnificent system of public instruction of which its citizens will be justly proud.

Before closing their report, the Faculty beg leave to call the attention of the Board of Trustees to the fact that the year 1897 will mark the close of the first half century of the existence of the College. In reviewing the history of the past fifty years the

Faculty cannot repress a feeling of pardonable pride as they call to mind the great work the College has accomplished in the cause of popular education, and the services it has rendered to the people of this city. Your Board no doubt will make the preparations to celebrate this auspicious anniversary in a proper manner, and the Faculty on their part are ready to co-operate heartily in making the celebration worthy of the College and the great metropolis to which it belongs.

In conclusion the Faculty desire once more to put on record their thanks to your honorable body for the good work you have done, and for the care which you have displayed in the management of the College.

ALEX. S. WEBB, *President.*

ADOLPH WERNER,

Secretary of the Faculty.

apportionment of moneys for the support of the College during the year 1892, viz. :

THE COLLEGE OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK.

For salaries of Professors and Officers, scientific apparatus, books and supplies, support and maintenance, and all other expenses, including alteration and repairs to building \$148,000 00

A true copy of Final Estimate for 1892, adopted by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, December 31, 1891.

CHARLES V. ADEE, *Clerk*

Referred to the Executive Committee.

Trustee HOLT presented the Annual Report of the Faculty for the year ending June 1, 1891 :

THE COLLEGE OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, }
COR. LEXINGTON AVE. AND 23D ST., }
NEW YORK, December 1, 1891. }

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

GENTLEMEN—As required by your Manual, the Faculty present the following as their report for the year ending June 18, 1891 :

On Commencement Day, June 19, 1890, there appeared on the rolls of the College 1,461 students. They were classified as follows :

In the Senior Class.....	64
“ Junior Class.....	92
“ Sophomore Class.....	204
“ Freshman Class.....	356
“ Sub-Freshman Class (on probation).....	{ 474 } { 271 } 745
Total.....	<u>1,461</u>

Of the candidates admitted on probation, 517 presented themselves on September 18. Of these, 58 failed on their probation to show progress warranting their final admission. The number finally admitted was 486, of which number, 27 were admitted after examination in September.

During the first term, which ended January, there left or were dismissed, or failed to report:

In the Senior Class.....	4
“ Junior Class.....	19
“ Sophomore Class.....	48
“ Freshman Class.....	98
“ Sub-Freshman Class.....	447
Total.....	<u>616</u>

During the second term, ending on Commencement Day, there left:

From the Senior Class.....	2
“ Junior Class.....	12
“ Sophomore Class.....	41
“ Freshman Class.....	71
“ Sub-Freshman Class.....	126
Total.....	<u>252</u>

At the examination for admission, held May 25th, 26th, 27th, 1,257 applicants appeared; 663 were admitted on probation to the Sub-Freshman Class.

The results of the examination for advancement, held this month, were satisfactory. Of the Senior Class, the Faculty recommended 60 for graduation to your Board. They accordingly received their diplomas to-day.

The number of students on the rolls to-day is 1,438, classified as follows:

In the Senior Class.....	62
“ Junior Class.....	138
“ Sophomore Class.....	156

In the Freshman Class.....	335
“ Sub-Freshman Class.....	747
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Total.....	1,438
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The Faculty refer you to the Forty-third Annual Register of the College for the names of the applicants admitted on probation in June. The names of those that failed to report in September, however, are omitted.

The Faculty congratulate your Board on the prosperity of the College, as evidenced by the scholarship and the number of its students. They thank you for the uniform courtesy with which you have listened to their recommendations, and for the interest you have shown in the welfare of the College.

ALEX. S. WEBB,
President.

ADOLPH WERNER,
Secretary.

Trustee HOLT moved that said report be printed in full in the minutes.

Which was adopted.

RESOLUTION.

Trustee HOLT offered the following resolution for adoption :

Resolved, That Edward E. Van Saun be, and he hereby is appointed Assistant Secretary to the Board of Trustees, at an annual salary of two hundred and fifty dollars.

Adopted unanimously.

REPORTS.

Trustee HOLT presented a report from the Executive Committee, submitting a resolution appropriating the funds of the College for the year 1892, as follows :

Resolved, That the sum of one hundred and forty-eight thousand dollars (\$148,000), being the amount apportioned for the support of the College of the City of New York for the year 1892, be and the same is hereby appropriated in the several sums and for the several purposes herein named, to be paid as may be required, upon the approval by the Executive Committee of the pay-rolls and bills incurred, subject to the by-laws and regulation of the Board governing payments:

For salaries of Professors, Officers and others	\$124,000 00
For scientific apparatus, books and supplies, support and maintenance, and all other expenses, including repairs and alterations to buildings	24,000 00
Total	<u>\$148,000 00</u>

CHAS. L. HOLT,	} <i>Executive Committee.</i>
J. W. GERARD,	
THADDEUS MORLARTY,	
ALEX. S. WEBB,	
ADOLPH L. SANGER,	

The CHAIRMAN put the question whether the Board would adopt the resolution attached to the report of the Executive Committee, and it was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Ayes—The CHAIRMAN, and Trustees CROSBY, GERARD, GRAY, HOLT, HOPPER, MACLAY, MCBARRON, WEBB, PURDY, SANGER, STRAUSS, WEHRUM and WILLIAMS—14.

Trustee HOLT presented a report from the Executive Committee, stating that Mr. Henry E. Bliss has been employed, temporarily, as Deputy Librarian since October 22: has performed the duties of the position to the entire satisfaction of the President and Prof. Herbermann, the Librarian, and recommending his appointment by the adoption of the following resolution: