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New York, December 2, 1878.

The Committee appointed to prepare the Annual Report to the Trustees of this College, respectfully submit the following for the consideration of the Faculty, and unanimously recommend its adoption.

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| DAVID B. SCOTT, | } | <i>Committee of the Faculty.</i> |
| CHARLES G. HERBERMANN, | | |
| GERARDUS B. DOCHARTY, | | |

On motion the Report was adopted, and the President and Secretary were directed to sign and transmit the same to the Board of Trustees.

GERARDUS B. DOCHARTY,
Secretary of the Faculty.

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 27, 1878.

On Commencement Day, June 27, 1877, there were on the Rolls of the College 1229 students, classified as follows :

| | |
|----------------------|---------------------------|
| In the Senior Class, | 51 |
| “ Junior “ | 63 |
| “ Sophomore Class, | 123 |
| “ Freshman “ | 211 |
| “ Introductory “ | Coll. 385 } Com. 396 } |
| | 781 |
| | <hr/> |
| | 1229 |

During the first term, ending January 25, 1878, there left or were dismissed—

| | |
|------------------------|---------------------------|
| From the Senior Class, | 1 |
| “ Junior “ | 6 |
| “ Sophomore Class, | 27 |
| “ Freshman “ | 34 |
| “ Introductory “ | Coll. 64 } Com. 170 } |
| | 234 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total | 302 |
| Leaving— | |
| In the Senior Class, | 50 |
| “ Junior “ | 57 |
| “ Sophomore Class, | 96 |
| “ Freshman “ | 177 |
| “ Introductory “ | Coll. 321 } Com. 226 } |
| | 547 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total | 927 |

During the second term, ending to-day, there left, or were dismissed—

| | | |
|------------------------|------------------------|----------|
| From the Senior Class, | | 0 |
| “ Junior “ | | 0 |
| “ Sophomore Class, | | 1 |
| “ Freshman “ | | 16 |
| “ Introductory “ | Coll. 6 } Com. 18 } | 24 |
| Total | | <hr/> 41 |

Leaving—

| | | |
|----------------------|---------------------------|-----------|
| In the Senior Class, | | 50 |
| “ Junior “ | | 57 |
| “ Sophomore Class, | | 95 |
| “ Freshman “ | | 161 |
| “ Introductory “ | Coll. 315 } Com. 208 } | 523 |
| | | <hr/> 886 |

The examination for admission took place June 3d, and June 4th. Of the 893 applicants, 665 were admitted to the Introductory Class.

The examination for advancement was held from June 10th to 18th inclusive. When the results had been ascertained and collated, 48 members of the Senior Class were recommended to your Board for graduation. Of the

| | | |
|-----------------|-----|----------------|
| Junior Class | 54 | were advanced. |
| Sophomore Class | 71 | “ “ |
| Freshman “ | 97 | “ “ |
| Introductory “ | 191 | “ “ and |

95 left from the Commercial division, receiving certificates that they had completed the prescribed course to the satisfaction of the Faculty.

To-day the 48 Seniors recommended by the Faculty were graduated. There are left on the rolls of the College 1292 students, viz :

| | | |
|---------------------|---------------------------|------------|
| In the Senior Class | | 55 |
| “ Junior “ | | 71 |
| “ Sophomore Class | | 117 |
| “ Freshman “ | | 253 |
| “ Introductory “ | Coll. 425 } Com. 371 } | 796 |
| Total, | | <hr/> 1292 |

For the names of the Students admitted, as required by the Manual, the Faculty respectfully refer you to the Thirtieth Annual Register of the College of the City of New York.

The following table will show the numbers examined, rejected, and admitted from each of the Grammar Schools.

| NUMBER OF SCHOOL. | WARD | NUMBER PRESENTED | NUMBER REJECTED | NUMBER ADMITTED | NUMBER OF SCHOOL. | WARD | NUMBER PRESENTED | NUMBER REJECTED | NUMBER ADMITTED |
|-------------------|------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1 | 4 | 8 | 6 | 2 | 34 | 13 | 11 | 0 | 11 |
| 2 | 7 | 14 | 2 | 12 | 35 | 15 | 146 | 42 | *103 |
| 3 | 9 | 30 | 12 | 18 | 36 | 11 | 4 | 3 | 1 |
| 4 | 13 | 10 | 3 | 7 | 37 | 12 | 24 | 1 | 23 |
| 5 | 14 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 38 | 8 | 8 | 5 | 3 |
| 7 | 10 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 40 | 18 | 39 | 5 | 34 |
| 8 | 8 | 6 | 2 | 4 | 42 | 10 | 16 | 3 | 13 |
| 9 | 22 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 43 | 12 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| 10 | 15 | 15 | 6 | 9 | 44 | 5 | 12 | 2 | 10 |
| 11 | 16 | 8 | 2 | 6 | 46 | 12 | 6 | 4 | 2 |
| 12 | 7 | 14 | 7 | 7 | 49 | 21 | 32 | 2 | 30 |
| 13 | 17 | 6 | 1 | 5 | 51 | 22 | 9 | 4 | 5 |
| 14 | 21 | 33 | 8 | 25 | 54 | 12 | 7 | 6 | 1 |
| 15 | 11 | 9 | 0 | 9 | 55 | 16 | 27 | 1 | 26 |
| 16 | 13 | 7 | 0 | 7 | 57 | 12 | 10 | 2 | 8 |
| 18 | 19 | 33 | 11 | 22 | 58 | 22 | 53 | 17 | 36 |
| 19 | 17 | 22 | 13 | 9 | 59 | 19 | 31 | 1 | 30 |
| 20 | 10 | *12 | 0 | 12 | 60 | 23 | 8 | 2 | 6 |
| 22 | 11 | 6 | 0 | 6 | 61 | 23 | 6 | 1 | 5 |
| 23 | 6 | 10 | 4 | 6 | 62 | 23 | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| 24 | 6 | 7 | 4 | 3 | 64 | 24 | 6 | 0 | 6 |
| 25 | 17 | 13 | 1 | 12 | 65 | 24 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 26 | 20 | 21 | 5 | 16 | 66 | 24 | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| 27 | 19 | 20 | 7 | *12 | 67 | 24 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 28 | 22 | 10 | 1 | 9 | 68 | 12 | 33 | 5 | 28 |
| 29 | 1 | 10 | 0 | 10 | 69 | 22 | 14 | 5 | 9 |
| 31 | 7 | 5 | 4 | *0 | 70 | 19 | 28 | 6 | *21 |
| 32 | 20 | 18 | 4 | 14 | | | | | |

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|------------------|-----|
| Total presented, | 893 |
| “ rejected, | 224 |
| “ admitted, | 665 |

* One absent from examination.

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|-----------------|-----|
| Total admitted, | 665 |
| “ rejected, | 224 |
| “ “ absent, | 4 |

The professorship of English Language and Literature made vacant by the death of Professor BARTON, noticed in last year's report, was filled by the appointment of Professor DAVID B. SCOTT, previously principal of the Introductory Class. His appointment bears date July 1, and he entered on the active performance of his duties at the beginning of the Collegiate year, 1877-78.

The transfer of Professor SCOTT to the Department of English Language and Literature, has placed in the hands of the President the immediate discipline of the Introductory Class heretofore under the charge of Professor SCOTT.

The resignation of H. J. A. KOERNER, Professor of Descriptive Geometry and Drawing, October, 1877, closed a service in the College of twenty-seven years. This long term of professorial service, extending back to the the third year after the establishment of the Free Academy, demands at its close special notice from the Faculty.

Professor KOERNER's training for his particular department was unquestioned, and the methods that he introduced were impressed by him with remarkable earnestness on the students in that branch of instruction. His failing health and advanced years had been for some time admonishing him that he ought to retire from active service; and fifty years constant labor as a teacher here and in Europe had earned for him a right to leisure in his native land, while leisure was still enjoyable.

The position made vacant by the resignation of Prof. KOERNER was filled by the appointment of SOLOMON WOOLF, a graduate of the College, and tutor in the Department of Drawing and Descriptive Geometry for nearly seventeen years. As student and instructor Professor WOOLF had become thoroughly conversant

with the methods of Professor KOERNER. Professor WOOLF entered on the duties of his office, October 10th, 1877.

The increased number of students at the date of this report, and the limited number of class-rooms will render it necessary to make many of the sections much larger than those authorized by the regulations of your board. This excess will be more particularly apparent in the three lower classes in which there will be several sections numbering more than forty students. The Faculty are firmly of the opinion that sections of this size are much too large for thorough instruction, and that their unwieldiness seriously interferes with that thorough training so necessary in the early years of the college course. Should the number of students in the College continue to increase, as it is likely to do, the time cannot be far distant when some means must be devised to furnish increased class-room accommodation.

The Faculty take this occasion to congratulate the Board of Trustees on the popularity of the College, as shown in the steady increase of attendance from year to year. It is a matter of pride to the Faculty that notwithstanding the recent efforts directed against the welfare and usefulness of the College, efforts which though for a time filling the friends of higher education with grave apprehension, yet at the same time stirred them to more active exertions in its behalf, the College of the City of New York is now more firmly rooted in popular regard than at any former period of its existence. Discussion has but served to strengthen its hold on the heart of the people, and the very efforts made for its overthrow have tended more surely to establish the necessity, and to define more clearly the place of the College in our City's extended and liberal system of free education.

In conclusion, the Faculty beg to express to your Honorable Board, their high appreciation of your watchful and laborious

attention to the interests of the College, and, still further, to assure you that the Faculty will continue to use every effort to make the College of the City of New York worthy of past regard, and deserving of it in the future.

ALEXANDER S. WEBB, LL. D.,
President.

GERARDUS B. DOCHARTY, LL. D.,
Secretary.

NOTE.

The foregoing report bears date, as required by law, June 27, 1878, the close of the Collegiate year. Inasmuch however as it is not prepared until November, the Faculty take the liberty of adding the following statistics, which, although they belong to a date later than that of the report, and cannot therefore be incorporated therein, bear on a point touched in the report, and may properly find place as an appendix.

No. of sections in the Introductory Class, containing over 35 students on October 11, 1878. 12

No. of sections in the first four College Classes containing over 25 students at the same date. 11

§ 30 of the College Manual requires that recitations shall be divided in the Introductory Classes into sections of 35 each, and in the other classes into sections of 25 each.

No. of hours devoted weekly to the instruction of 1077 students is 606

Which is divided as follows :

Professors 222 hours.

Tutors 384 "

Average number of hours taught by each instructor of both grades is 17½

Average number of students taught by instructors of both grades each hour, 35¹/₂

Number of recitations in each department per week.

| | |
|--------------------------------|------------|
| French, | 53 |
| Spanish, | 20 |
| Mathematics, | 118 |
| History, | 37 |
| Chemistry, | 15 |
| German, | 39 |
| Natural History, | 36 |
| Applied Mathematics, | 10 |
| Philosophy, | 17 |
| Latin, | 54 |
| Greek, | 27 |
| English, | 73 |
| Drawing, | 64 |
| Architecture, | 9 |
| Phonography, | 16 |
| Book-keeping, | 18 |
| Total, | <u>606</u> |