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NEW YORK, *June 24, 1886.*

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.

DAVID B. SCOTT,
JAMES W. MASON,
WILLIAM STRATFORD, } *Committee of the
Faculty.*

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

ADOLPH WERNER,

Secretary of 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 Board of Trustees, the Faculty herewith submit their report for the year ending June 24, 1886 :

On Commencement Day, June 25, 1885, there were on the rolls of the College 1,231 students, classified as follows :

In the Senior Class.....	39
“ Junior “	53
“ Sophomore Class	116
“ Freshman “	300
“ Sub-Freshman Class ...	{ Coll., 399 } { Mech., 324 }
	723
Total.....	1,231

During the first term, ending January 22, 1886, there left, or were dismissed, or failed to report—

From the Senior Class.....	0
“ Junior “	6
“ Sophomore Class	14
“ Freshman “	68
“ Sub-Freshman Class..	{ Coll., 107 } { Mech., 155 }
	262
Total.....	350

During the second term, ending in June, there left, or were dropped—

From the Senior Class.....	0
" Junior ".....	1
" Sophomore Class.....	9
" Freshman ".....	21
" Sub-Freshman Class... { Coll., 26 } { Mech., 34 }	60
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Total.....	91

The examinations for admission were held on June 1st, 2d, and 3d. 1,048 applicants presented themselves, of which number 634 were admitted on probation to the Sub-Freshman Class.

The examinations for advancement were held on May 28th, 29th, and 31st, and on June 5th, 8th, 9th, 11th, 12th, and 15th. When the results had been ascertained and collated, 39 students of the Senior Class were recommended to your Board for graduation, and to-day they were, upon that recommendation, graduated.

The number of students upon the rolls to-day is 1,278, as follows :

In the Senior Class.....	40
" Junior ".....	78
" Sophomore Class.....	147
" Freshman ".....	261
" Sub-Freshman Class... { Coll., 458 } { Mech., 294 }	752
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Total.....	1,278

For the names of the students admitted in June (except such as failed to report on September 16th), the Faculty respectfully refer you to the Thirty-fifth Annual Register of the College.

A comparison of the numbers given above with those of the preceding year shows a gratifying increase in the general attendance of the classes.

The Faculty has suffered a severe loss by the death of Prof. John C. Draper, December 20, 1885. Our associate was removed in the midst of his usefulness, with years of hopeful and earnest work still before him, and with matured plans for the improvement and extension of his department ready to be put in operation.

His position has been filled by the appointment of Tutor William Stratford, who for twelve years had faithfully performed the duties of instructor under Prof. Draper, and who, with a thorough knowledge of the Professor's methods, may be fully expected to supplement them by others which will increase the efficiency of the Department of Natural History:

When Tutor Stratford was appointed Professor, an important change in the Course of Natural History was recommended by the Faculty and adopted by your Board. It is not deemed necessary in this report to enlarge on the propriety of that change, the importance of which was fully explained in a communication to your Board dated February 25, 1886. Sufficient time has not elapsed since the above changes were adopted to enable the Faculty to pass any opinion as to their working.

The other courses of study remain as they were at the date of the last Annual Report, and therefore call for no special notice.

In answer to a resolution of your Board, the Faculty, on September 24, 1885, transmitted a report on instruction in declamation, recommending that a competent instructor should be appointed, and that he should be attached to the Department of English

Language and Literature. The Faculty beg to acknowledge the attention of your Board to the above recommendation, as shown in the appointment of such an instructor in December, 1885. The good results of that appointment have been apparent, not only in the elocutionary exercises of the Chapel, but also in the public exercises of Commencement week, which has just closed.

Your attention is once more called to the pressing necessity for more class-room accommodation. Owing to the want of this the sections in the Sub-Freshman Class are much too large for proper instruction. They are larger than the number authorized by section 30, page 67 of the Manual.

The extension of the main building added nothing in the direction of class-room accommodation, for the lower floor of that addition is used for the workshop, and the upper for the laboratories and other accommodations for the Department of Chemistry and Physics. Within the present College buildings no more room can be utilized for class-room purposes. If the College is to continue with its present numbers and with its present courses of study, it will not be possible to conduct the institution with that effectiveness which is desirable.

Whether it is possible to extend the present building is a question for your Honorable Board, but the Faculty will be pardoned for suggesting that an increase in the number of class rooms, either by the extension of the old building, or, far better, by the erection of a larger and more conveniently arranged structure, cannot be much longer deferred.

The question of increased class-room accommodation is more or less intimately connected with the want of room for the Library.

It is evident that in the coming year a part of the Library room will be needed for class instruction. Even the Faculty room, used also as a Library, may be wanted for a class room.

The Library steadily increases in the number and value of the volumes. Your Library Committee is to be congratulated on the wisdom of appropriating a certain sum for the purchase of books at auction. Many of the recent additions are from such sales, and are books that could be obtained in no other way. The Committee hope that the same far-sighted and well-considered liberality will be continued.

With a deep sense of the earnest labors of your Honorable Board for the good of the College, and of the considerate courtesy with which the recommendations of the Faculty have been received by you during the past year, the Faculty submit this, their Thirty-fifth Annual Report.

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

ADOLPH WERNER, PH.D.,
Secretary of the Faculty.