ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
FACULTY
OF THE
College of the City of New York
TO THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES.
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING JUNE 23, 1887.
The College of the City of New York,
June 23, 1887.

To the Board of Trustees:

In compliance with section 19 of the Manual, the Faculty herewith submits its report for the year ending this day.

On Commencement day, June 24, 1886, there were on the rolls of the College............. 1,278 students.
In September there were added ............. 42

Making a total of........................ 1,320

Of this number there did not appear, after the summer vacation—

Juniors .................. 8
Sophomores .......... 36
Freshmen .......... 56
Sub-Freshmen ......... 249

349

Leaving in attendance in September............. 971

Of these there left or were dropped in the course of the year—

Juniors .................. 4
Sophomores .......... 16
Freshmen .......... 19
Sub-Freshmen ......... 130

169

Leaving.............................. 802

At the recent examination for admission........ 544 applicants were admitted on probation, raising The number of young men in the College to... 1,346

To-day, upon the recommendation of the Faculty, the Board graduated...................... 39

Leaving on the rolls of the College............. 1,307
The number of students now enrolled is as large as at any previous time, and the number of those who have passed the examination for advancement to the Senior Class is larger than in any former year. While noting these facts, the Faculty feels that the usefulness of the College cannot be gauged either by any temporary increase or decrease in the total number of its students or by the number of those who, from year to year, complete its full courses of study. The Faculty believes that the Board of Trustees concurs in the opinion that it is the character of the work done in the College that gives it its value in its relation to the Grammar Schools and to the community at large; and yet the very methods and measures which tend to secure the highest efficiency in college work tend also to reduce the number of students. Only by insisting upon a high grade of scholarship, and by applying at the examinations such tests as will exclude from the classes all who are not qualified to profit by continued attendance, can the College accomplish as much as it has heretofore done for its graduates, and give such valuable training as it has always given to the hundreds who every year leave its walls after accomplishing a part of the course.

The Faculty cannot forbear to notice the manly demeanor of the students and the general earnestness of their attention to study, results which are undoubtedly due to a steady improvement in the methods of instruction and in the administration and discipline of the College, which have never been more marked than during the year now closing.

In conclusion, the Faculty would express its appreciation of the interest shown by the Trustees in the welfare of the College, and of their earnest and constant efforts in its behalf.

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