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BOARD OF ALDERMEN,

JANUARY 28, 1850.

The following Annual Report of the condition and operations of the Free Academy, was received, laid on the table and directed to be printed.

D. T. VALENTINE, *Clerk.*

The Board of Education of the city and county of New York, respectfully present to the Common Council of the city of New York their first

ANNUAL REPORT

of the operation and condition of the Free Academy, in pursuance to the provisions of the act, passed May 7, 1847, authorizing said Board to establish a Free Academy in said city.

Section 13 of the Act rendered it necessary that the question whether such academy should be established,

should be submitted to the people at the School election, to be held on the first Monday of June, in the same year. The result of the vote was 19,404, in favor of establishing the Free Academy, to 3,409 against it. Measures were thereupon immediately taken by the Board of Education, to carry into effect the provisions of the act. A site was purchased, and contracts made for the erection of a building. This was completed so as to be ready for occupation in January, 1849.

The site, on the corner of Lexington avenue and Twenty-third street, was purchased at a cost of \$25,000. The building has been erected for the sum of \$48,000. For fixtures and furniture, services of architect, &c., the sum of \$11,789 91, has been expended.

For text-books and supplies, at the organization of the institution, \$2,422 70. And there has been expended since that period, and up to the present date, for Library books, \$369 49; and for Philosophical apparatus, \$2,467 61; making the total expenditure thus far for all objects, exclusive of the support and maintenance of the institution, \$90,049 71.

These sums have been raised by taxation of the real and personal property of the inhabitants of the city and county of New York.

The first section of the act limits the privileges of education furnished by the Free Academy, to "persons who have been pupils in the Common Schools of the city and county of New York." The following rules were adopted by the Board of Education, regulating the admission of students:

1. There shall be semi-annual examinations for the admission of students, and the first examination will commence on the 15th day of January, 1849.
2. No person shall be examined at the first examination, who has not been a pupil in the Common Schools, for the period of nine months, nor at any subsequent one, unless he has been such pupil at least one year.
3. No person shall be entitled to admission, unless he shall pass a good examination in
Spelling,
Reading,
Writing,
English Grammar,
Geography,
All the rules of Arithmetic,
And in the History of the United States.

An additional rule was adopted May 16th, 1849, prescribing a limit of age.

4. No person of less than twelve years of age, shall be entitled to admission.

Two examinations for admission have taken place since the opening of the institution, each occupying about two weeks; the one commencing January 15th, and the other July 12th, 1849. These examinations are conducted very rigidly, and with such precautions as seem to insure perfect impartiality.

At the first examination, 272 candidates from the public and ward schools were examined,* of whom 143 were admitted, as having passed a good examination in the subjects designated. At the second examination, 136 were examined, of whom 59 were admitted. The next examination for admission will commence on the 4th of February, proximo.

The entire course of instruction to be pursued in the Free Academy has not yet been defined. The plan will be matured hereafter, when the educational wants of the pupils shall have been fully ascertained, and when experience shall have demonstrated how rapidly pupils trained in the Common Schools, and commencing a thorough course of superior education from the highest grade of attainment reached in them, can progress under a system that shall drop the indolent and incompetent, and stimulate all to their best exertions.

The table given below in this report exhibits the studies that have been pursued during the past year. The daily scheme for five days in the week, embraces three several recitations for each student—in the Mathematical department, in the Belles-Lettres and History department, and in the department of Languages. Beside the three recitation hours, one hour each day is devoted to Drawing and Phonography, alternately.

The students assemble at 9 A. M., and remain till 3 P. M., with a half hour intermission at 12 M. There remains, therefore, an hour and a half of time for study in the institution. On Saturday, the students assemble for declamation, and for one hour's exercise in drawing or phonography.

The academic year will be divided into two terms—the one commencing 1st of September, at the end of the principal vacation, and the other commencing in the middle of February. At the close of each term there will be an examination of the classes in the institution, in the studies they have been pursuing during the term, when those students who are found qualified will be advanced. Those who are not found qualified to enter upon advanced studies will be allowed to pursue over again the studies of the term, over which they have just passed, or be subjected to such discipline as the several cases may demand.

One examination of the students of the Free Academy has been held, at the close of the first term, occupying from July 2d to July 10th, (inclusive) 1849. At this examination 77 students were advanced, and 58, being the remainder of the class, were turned back to pursue over again the studies of the first term. The next examination of the classes will commence January 21st inst.

The various subjects specified in the eighth section of the act, are presented in detail under their appropriate heads.

**I.—NAMES AND AGES OF PUPILS; TIME THAT EACH WAS INSTUCTED;
STUDIES PURSUED BY EACH; BOOKS USED, AND PROGRESS
MADE IN THE SAME.**

NAME OF STUDENT.	Age.	Studies pursued from Feb. 5th to July 28th, 1849.	Studies pursued from Sept. 1, 1849, to Jan. 7, 1850.
No.			
1. Gerard Allen.....	16	<p>Studied Davies' Bourdons' Algebra, as far as the problem of the Lights (Art. 150, page 151,) and reviewed—5 months.</p> <p>Taylor's Manual of Ancient History, entire, and reviewed twice—5 months.</p> <p>Drew a map of Egypt, Asia Minor, Greece, Italy, and made a chronological map—5 months.</p> <p>Wrote five compositions, declaimed four times, and each speech was rehearsed three times—5 months.</p> <p>Andrews' & Stoddard's Latin Grammar, Andrew's Latin Reader, as far as page 98—5 months.</p> <p>Passed through two parts of Chapman's Drawing Book, with exercises with crayon, and drawing on the blackboard—5 mos.</p> <p>Complete Phonographic Class Book, Phon. Reader, Phon. Word Book, No. I, and the last two chapters of Phon. Word Book No. II.—Verbatim reporting.</p>	<p>The first six books of Legendre's Geometry, and reviewed—4 months.</p> <p>The 2d and 3d books of Campbell's Philosophy of Rhetoric, entire, and reviewed twice. Wrote five compositions, and declaimed five times, with the same number of rehearsals—4 mos.</p> <p>Cæsar's Commentaries to Chap. XLV. of Book 1st; also, the elements of Sophocles' Greek Grammar, and Sophocles' Greek Reader as far as page 12, with frequent reviews—4 months.</p> <p>Finished the third part of Chapman's large Manual, passed through the first stage of the use of the black and white crayon, alternating with recitations on the blackboard three days in the week—4 months.</p> <p>The last two chapters of Phonographic Word Book No II.—4 months.</p> <p>Verbatim reporting—2 months.</p>
2. John R. Auld.....	16	Same as No. 1.	Same as No. 1.
3. Edward M. Banks....	13	..... do.....	do.
4. Samuel M. Bigelow..	16	..... do.....	do.
5. James R. Brant.....	17	..... do.....	do.

No.	NAME OF STUDENT.	Age.	Studies pursued from Feb. 5th to	Studies pursued from Sept. 1, 1849, to
6.	George Braid.....	14	Same as No. 1.	Same as No. 1.
7.	George Clark.....	14	..... do.	do.
8.	Orient H. Collin.....	13	..... do.	do.
9.	Robert W. Cooper....	18	..... do.	do.
10.	Luke F. Cozans.....	14	..... do.	do.
11.	Jacob Demarest.....	14	..... do.	do.
12.	Samuel G. Downs....	15	..... do.	do.
13.	Levi Duryea.....	16	..... do.	do.
14.	James H. Evans.....	14	..... do.	do.
15.	Richard I. Flanagan..	14	..... do.	do.
16.	James Galvan.....	16	..... do.	do.
17.	Giles H. Gray.....	16	..... do.	do.
18.	John Hardy.....	14	..... do.	do.
19.	George W. Harrison..	15	..... do.	do.
20.	Henry Hayes.....	15	..... do.	do.
21.	Wm. A. Hinchman...	15	..... do.	do.
22.	Charles L. Holt.....	15	..... do.	do.
23.	Wm. J. Huff.....	17	..... do.	do.
24.	Jos. Jewett.....	16	..... do.	do.
25.	Lyman N. Jones.....	16	..... do.	do.
26.	Martin Kelly.....	15	..... do.	do.

No.	NAME OF STUDENT.	Age.	Studies pursued from Feb. 5th to	Studies pursued from Sept. 1, 1849, to
27.	John Lovejoy,.....	17	Same as No. 1.	Same as No. 1.
28.	Francis McArdle....	14	..... do.	do.
29.	John McCormick....	17	..... do.	do.
30.	Michael A. McDonald.	15	..... do.	do.
31.	Andrew E. McGlynn..	15	..... do.	do.
32.	Gilbert H. McKibben.	14	..... do.	do.
33.	John H. McNespice...	16	..... do.	do.
34.	Daniel M. Miller.....	16	..... do.	do.
35.	John Overhiser.....	14	..... do.	do.
36.	Benjamin S. Rayner..	13	..... do.	do.
37.	William H. Sätler....	16	..... do.	do.
38.	Reeves E. Selmes....	14	..... do.	do.
39.	James Steers.....	17	..... do.	do.
40.	George W. Stivers...	17	..... do.	do.
41.	Isaac Taylor.....	15	..... do.	do.
42.	Oscar Taylor.....	17	..... do.	do.
43.	John F. Turner.....	15	..... do.	do.
44.	William Van Duzer..	14	..... do.	do.
45.	Frederick Van Vleck.	14	..... do.	do.
46.	Ami Vores.....	18	..... do.	do.
47.	Alexander H. Ward ..	14	..... do.	do.

NAME OF STUDENT.	Age.	Studies pursued from Feb. 5th to July 28th, 1849.	Studies pursued from Sept. 1, 1849, to Jan. 7, 1850
No. 48. William H. Waterson.	15	Same as No. 1.	Same as No. 1.
49. Stephen H. Weed....	18	..... do.	do.
50. James Wiley,.....	13	..... do.	do.
51. Jos. B. Young,.....	17	..... do.	do.
52. Theodore M. Banta...	16	Same as No. 1 in Mathematics, History and Belles-Lettres, Drawing and Phonography. French, viz: Vannier's Pronunciation, Ollendorf, 45 exercises, Verbs, Regular, Active, Passive, Reflective, Affirmative, Negative, Interrogative.—5 months. Choquet, First Lessons in French, reading and translating. Practice in the Four Rules of Arithmetic, in French.	Same as No. 1 in Mathematics, History and Belles-Lettres, Drawing and Phonography. French, viz: 125 exercises in Ollendorf's Grammar. Verbs, Regular and Irregular. Perrin's Fables, 50. De Fivas, 50 pages. Smith's Guide de la Conversation. The Four Rules of Arithmetic—Composition.
53. George W. Birdsall...	13	Same as No. 52.	Same as No. 52.
54. Allen Cooper.....	15	..... do.	do.
55. Jno. H. Donahue....	14	..... do.	do.
56. Ethan A. Doty	12	..... do.	do.
57. Theodore O. Ebaugh..	16	..... do.	do.
58. Jno. W. Entz.....	16	..... do.	do.
59. Jotham S. Fountain...	16	..... do.	do.
60. John H. Hudson.....	17	..... do.	do.
61. Stephen V. Hunter...	15	..... do.	do.

NAME OF STUDENT.	Age.	Studies pursued from Feb. 5 to July 28, 1849.	Studies pursued from Sept. 1, 1849, to Jan. 7, 1850.
No.			
62. George W. Hurst.....	16	Same as No. 52.	Same as No. 52.
63. John L. Jewett.....	13	..... do.	do.
64. John R. Lawrence ...	12	..... do.	do.
65. William H. Long.....	15	..... do.	do.
66. John Marin.....	13	..... do.	do.
67. Wilbur F. Martin....	15	..... do.	do.
68. John H. Sherlock....	15	..... do.	do.
69. Charles E. Shumway .	16	..... do.	do.
70. Charles H. White....	13	..... do.	do.
71. William L. Anderson .	16	Same as No. 1.	Turned back and went over the same studies, except in Algebra; studied to Equations of the Second Degree.
72. Dudley R. Andrews..	13	..... do.	Same as No. 71.
73. Edwin S. Babcock....	14	.....	do.
74. Nicholas H. Babcock.	16	..... do.	do.
75. William Blair.....	15	.....	do.
76. Dennis Buckley.....	13	..... do.	do.
77. Michael A. Clarke....	14	.....	do.
78. Richard L. Conely....	11	..... do.	do.
79. Thomas J. Conely....	13	..... do.	do.
80. John Corkey.....	13	.....	do.

NAME OF STUDENT.	Age.	Studies pursued from Feb. 5th to July 28th, 1849.	Studies pursued from Sept. 1, 1849, to Jan. 7, 1850.
No.			
81. William J. Cornish...	16	Same as No. 1.	Same as No. 71.
82. Edward T. Corwin...	16	..... do.	do.
83. Alonzo W. Crampton.	15	.....	do.
84. Henry E. Crampton...	12	.....	do.
85. William Cruikshank..	15	.....	do.
86. Benjamin F. Curtis...	15	.....	do.
87. Jno. A. Decker	15	.....	do.
88. Charles L. Driesslein..	17	.....	do.
89. Peter Duncan.....	13	..... do.	do.
90. Theodore Esler.....	12	.....	do.
91. Jno. W. Failing.....	12	.....	do.
92. Jno. J. Farrell.....	13	.....	do.
93. Jos. Galinger.....	14	.....	do.
94. Jno. Gilfillan	14	.....	do.
95. James W. Graff.....	13	..... do.	do.
96. Thomas J. Grout.....	17	.....	do.
97. John A. Hagan.....	14	.....	do.
98. Revo C. Hance.....	13	.....	do.
99. James Henry.....	13	.....	do.
100. James Hostin.....	14	.....	do.
101. Henry N. Howell....	16	.....	do.

NAME OF STUDENT.	Age.	Studies pursued from Feb. 5th to July 28th, 1849.	Studies pursued from Sept. 1, 1849, to Jan. 7, 1850.
No.			
102. Charles W. Hubbell..	14	.....	Same as No. 71.
103. Alex. W. M. Hume ..	14	Same as No. 1.	do.
104. Theodore J. Husted...	14	..... do.	do.
105. William M. Jelliff....	14	.....	do.
106. Thomas Logue.....	15	.....	do.
107. Thomas A. Longking..	15	.....	do.
108. Charles Lord	15	..... do.	do.
109. William H. Lovejoy..	15	.....	do.
110. Ezekiel F. Ludlum...	15	..... do.	do.
111. George W. McCartin..	14	..... do.	do.
112. Francis McDonough..	16	..... do.	do.
113. Thaddeus Mahoney...	15	..... do.	do.
114. Lewis Neil.....	13	.....	do.
115. George Nixon.....	16	.....	do.
116. Jno. O'Brien.....	14	..... do.	do.
117. William H. O'Brien...	13	..... do.	do.
118. William H. Oram....	14	.....	do.
119. William E. Osborn ...	14	.....	do.
120. Franklin M. Page....	13	.....	do.
121. Thomas H. Peacock..	15	..... do.	do.
122. Jno. H. Pope.....	14	.....	do.

NAME OF STUDENT.	Age	Studies pursued from Feb. 5th to July 23th, 1849.	Studies pursued from Sept. 1, 1849, to Jan 7, 1850.
No. 123. James J. Rogers.....	13	.....	Same as No. 71.
124. William H. Rogers...	12	Same as No. 1.	do.
125. Lemuel Sandford.....	12	.....	do.
126. Isaac Seligman.....	15	..... do	do.
127. George F. Shradly....	12	.....	do.
128. George Sparrow.....	15	.....	do.
129. David Stanton.....	17	..... do.	do.
130. Eugene Sullivan.....	16	..... do.	do.
131. Aaron Swarts	14	..... do.	do.
132. Thomas Taylor.....	14	.....	do.
133. Jno. Tinker.....	16	..... do.	do.
134. James A. Treacy.....	18	..... do.	do.
135. Washington L. Tyson.	14	..... do.	do.
136. Jos. A. Vail.....	14	.....	do.
137. Peter Van Varick.....	14	.....	do.
138. Jos. A. Velsor.....	15	.....	do.
139. Peter Walther.....	12	.....	do.
140. Elijah Ward.....	12	..... do.	do.
141. Robert F. Weir.....	13	..... do.	do.
142. Jno. D. Welch.....	13	..... do.	do.
143. William B. Wells.....	16	Same as No. 52.	do.

NAME OF STUDENT.	Age.	Studies pursued from Feb. 5th to July 28th, 1849.	Studies pursued from Sept. 1, 1849, to Jan. 7, 1850.
No.			
144. Geo. W. Whiting.....	15	.....	Same as No. 71.
145. Edward K. Wightman.	14	.....	do.
146. James S. Wightman..	17	.....	do.
147. George T. Williams... 14	14	Same as No 1.	do.
148. Samuel Wood	15	..... do.	do.
149. Robert Young.....	13	.....	do.
150. William F. Young....	13	..... do.	do.
151. John Boyhan.....	16	Same as No. 52.	Turned back and went over the same studies, except Mathematics; studied to Equations of the Second Degree.
152. George W. Brown	14	.....	Same as No. 151.
153. Patrick Byrne.....	13	.....	do.
154. Samuel L. Chapin....	15	..... do.	do.
155. Alfred G. Compton... 14	14	.....	do.
156. Jno. Cooper, Jr.....	16	.....	do.
157. Leander M. Delamater	14	..... do.	do.
158. James J. Delany	15	.....	do.
159. Charles W. Doherty..	16	.....	do.
160. Joseph Dore.....	18	..... do.	do.
161. Eugene Douglass.....	15	..... do.	do.
162. Jno. D. Douglas.....	17	..... do.	do.

NAME OF STUDENT.	Age.	Studies pursued from Feb. 5th to July 28th, 1849.	Studies pursued from Sept. 1, 1849, to Jan. 7, 1850.
No. 163. Douglass Forbes.....	13	Same as No. 52.	Same as No. 151
164. Jos. H. Goldey.....	13	..... do.	do.
165. William Isaacs.....	15	..... do.	do.
166. Lewis E. Kotman....	..	..... do.	do.
167. Charles McCormick ..	14	.....	do.
168. Daniel F. McCoy....	14	.....	do.
169. Jno. H. Meeker.....	15	..... do.	do.
170. Charles A. Ratz.....	13	.....	do.
171. George W. Taylor....	13	..... do.	do.
172. Richard H. Wardlow .	16	..... do.	do.
173. George White	14	..... do.	do.
174. George L. Ghent.....	13	Left at end of 2 mo's.	
175. James A. Bogert.....	15	..... do.	
176. Samuel R. Probasco..	16	..... do.	
177. Jno. W. Jaques.....	15	As No. 52, 2 $\frac{2}{3}$ mos.	
178. M. J. McCrystal.....	15	As No. 1, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ mo's.	
179. Mortimer Griffin....	15	..... do.	
180. Edward Kennedy.....	14	..... do. 4 mo's.	
181. John W. Taylor.....	14	Same as No. 52, left June 15th, 4 mo's.	
182. Henry F. Stivers.....	13	Same as No. 1.	Same as No. 1, left Sept. 15th.
183. Edward J. Montague.	17	Same as No. 52.	Left Sept. 19th.

No.	NAME OF STUDENT.	Age.	Studies pursued from Feb. 5th to July 28th, 1849	Studies pursued from Sept. 1, 1849, to Jan. 1, 1850.
184.	Charles A. Nicholson .	14	Same as No. 52.	Left Sept. 24th.
185.	John Belzer.....	11	Same as No. 1.	" "
186.	Henry Berlin.....	14	..... do.	" "
187.	William Calhoun.....	16	Admitted, but never joined.	
188.	Hiram Christman.....	15	Same as No. 1.	" "
189.	John Kelly.....	16	..... do.	" "
190.	William Oscar Lewis..	16	Admitted, but never joined.	
191.	Andrew McFall.....	15	Same as No. 1.	" "
192.	John Ross.....	12	Admitted, but never joined.	
193.	George Orton.....	15	Same as No. 1.	" Oct. 3d.
194.	James C. Trimble....	13	.....	" Oct. 8th.
195.	James R. Clohecy....	13	.....	" Oct. 30th.
196.	Alexander M. Graff...	15	..... do.	" Nov. 15th.
197.	Thomas H. Hunt.....	13	..... do.	" Nov. 22d.
198.	James Shannon	15	Same as No. 52.	" Dec. 1st.
199.	George N. Jones.....	16	..... do.	" "
200.	John McAleer.....	13	Same as No. 1.	" Dec. 12th.
201.	Henry M. Hull.....	16	..... do.	" Sept. 22d.
202.	Daniel J. Ross.....	17	.....	Taylor's Manual of Ancient History—4 months. Mathematics, Bourdon's Algebra to Equations of the first degree.—4 months.

II.

Number of pupils that have pursued classical studies, and studies in the higher branches of English literature, four months.

All the students named in the foregoing table have pursued classical studies, and studies in the higher branches of English literature, as therein stated, for four months and upwards, except nine, viz: those numbered 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 187, 190 and 192, being in all one hundred and ninety-four.

**III.**

VALUE OF LIBRARY AND APPARATUS.

The Board of Education have authorized the sum of five thousand five hundred dollars to be expended for chemical, astronomical, mathematical and philosophical instruments and apparatus; and the sum of five hundred dollars for library books. The greater part of the apparatus has been ordered.

The amounts that have been paid out up to the present date, and specified above in this report:

For Philosophical apparatus,.....	\$2,467 61
“ Library books,.....	369 49

IV.

NAMES AND COMPENSATION OF INSTRUCTORS.

	PER ANNUM.
HORACE WEBSTER, LL. D., Principal,.....	salary \$2500
EDWARD C. ROSS, LL. D., Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy,.....	" 1500
GERARDUS B. DOCHARTY, Assistant Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy,..	" 800
THEODORE IRVING, Professor of History and Belles Lettres,.....	" 1500
JOHN J. OWEN, D. D., Professor of Latin and Greek Languages and Literature,.....	" 1500
OLIVER W. GIBBS, M. D. Prof'r. of Chemistry,	" 800
PAUL P. DUGGAN, Professor of Drawing,.....	" 500
EDWARD C. MARSHALL, Assistant in the Department of History and Belles-Lettres,....	" 700
GEORGE W. HUNTSMAN, Assistant in the Department of History and Belles-Lettres,....	" 700
NORMAN A. BEACH, Assistant,.....	" 350
JOHN ROEMER, Professor of French Language.	

Compensation, \$1 per hour for each hour of instruction.

AUGUSTUS F. BOYLE, Instructor in Phonetics and Phonography.—Compensation, \$1 per hour for each hour of instruction.

In addition to the above, AGUSTIN J. MORALES has been appointed Professor of the Spanish Language, and THEODORE GLAUBENSKLEE Professor of the German Language and Literature, who have not yet commenced giving instruction. Their compensation will be regulated, as that of the Professor of the French Language is adjusted, by the amount of service performed.

V.

MONEYS RECEIVED AND DISBURSED FOR SUPPORT AND
MAINTENANCE.*Receipts.*

Dec. 16, 1848.	Appropriation received from the Comptroller of the City,.....	\$5,000
July 14, 1849.	“ “ “ ..	5,000
Oct. 20, 1849.	“ “ “ ..	5,000
		<u>\$15,000</u>

Expenditures.

Nov. 16, 1848.	Salary of the Principal..	292 12
Dec. 2, “	Advertising.....	10 24
“ 20, “	Coal and wood,.....	256 00
“ 30, “	Shovels and hammers...	11 69
From		<u>\$5752. 05</u>
Jan. 16, 1849,	Salaries, (including com- to pensation of Janitor...)	9180 35
Jan. 7, 1850.	Text Books.....	453 13
	Stationery.....	333 16
	Supplies.....	54 75
	Fuel.....	445 50
	Advertising.....	15 73
	Insurance.....	250 00
	Coach hire.....	4 50
	Printing.....	160 88
	Cleaning.....	29 00
		<u>10,927 00</u>
	Balance on hand of ap- propriations for support..	11,497 05
		<u>3,502 07</u>

All the moneys received have been paid from the Treasury of the city and county of New York, and were raised by tax.

ROBT. KELLY,

President Board of Education.

JOHN A. STEWART, *Clerk.*

New York, January 7th, 1850.