

REPORT

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

JULY 17, 1850.

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*The annexed Report was submitted by the Executive Committee for the Care, Management and Government of the Free Academy, in answer to the following Resolution adopted by the Board, June 26th, 1850.*

*Resolved*—THAT the Executive Committee of the Free Academy be requested to report to this Board, at its next meeting, the names and grades of the different officers connected with the Free Academy; the duties and compensation of each; the number of hours each is daily engaged in instruction; the number of pupils instructed by each; the number of hours which the pupils are employed in study; the number and length of intermissions in each daily session; the nature of the discipline, and the character and amount of punishment; the whole number of pupils; the average daily tardiness and absence; the number of pupils in each department; the time occupied in examinations, and the number and length of vacations.

ALBERT GILBERT, *Clerk.*

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New York, July 17, 1850.

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THE Executive Committee for the Care, Management, and Government of the Free Academy, in obedience to a resolution of the Board of Education adopted at its meeting on the 26th day of June last, and requiring said Committee to report to the Board, at its then next meeting, information on several subjects particularly specified in the resolution, respectfully submit the following Report:—

Immediately upon the receipt of a certified copy of the said resolution, the Executive Committee, by its Chairman, transmitted a copy of the same to Doctor WEBSTER, the Principal of the Free Academy, with a request that he would furnish the Committee with such information as would enable the Committee to comply with the requirements of the resolution. Doctor Webster replied that he would, so soon as practicable, furnish the information requested, but that to do so fully would require more time than was allowed by the terms of the resolution. Whereupon, the Board of Education, at its meeting on the 2d of July, instant, on motion of the Chairman of the Executive Committee, extended the time for complying with the requirements of the resolution, until the next stated meeting of the Board, on the 17th of July, instant.

On the 9th of July, instant, the Executive Committee received from Doctor Webster a detailed statement of the information requested upon the several subjects particularly specified in the original resolution of the Board, together with one additional subject of inquiry, subsequently submitted by the mover of the resolution. This statement is marked A, and appended to this Report. To this statement the Executive Committee beg leave to refer, for the information contained therein, and to make the same a part of their present Report. All of which is respectfully submitted.

L. BRADISH,  
 WM. T. PINKNEY,  
 J. E. CARY,  
 JAS. G. KING, Jr.  
 J. TOWLE.

*New York, July 17, 1850.*

## A.

*To the Executive Committee for the Care, Management, and Government of the Free Academy.*

THE undersigned has the honor to submit the following Report, for the information of the Executive Committee, agreeably to the instructions from the Honorable Chairman of the same, bearing date 28th ultimo. The Resolution of the Board of Education of the 26th instant, which forms the basis of the above instructions embraces the following subjects, viz :—

1. Names and grades of officers
2. Duties and compensation of each.
3. Number of hours each instructor is engaged.
4. Number of pupils instructed by each.
5. Number of hours the pupils are engaged.
6. Number and length of intermissions.
7. Nature of discipline and amount of punishment.
8. Whole number of pupils.
9. Average daily tardiness and absence.
10. Number of pupils in each department.
11. Time occupied in examinations.
12. Number and length of vacations.

And by further instructions received from the Honorable Chairman—

13. Number of pupils who have left the Institution; time during which they were members; and cause of leaving.

REQUIREMENT I.—*Names and Grades of Officers.*

- HORACE WEBSTER, LL.D. *Principal.*  
 EDWARD COKE ROSS, LL.D., *Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy.*  
 GERARDUS BEEKMAN DOCHARTY, A.M., *Assistant Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy.*  
 THEODORE IRVING, A.M., *Professor of History and Belles Lettres.*  
 EDWARD CHAUNCEY MARSHALL, A.M., *Assistant in the Department of History and Belles Lettres.*  
 GEORGE WASHINGTON HUNTSMAN, *Assistant in the Department of History and Belles Lettres.*  
 JOHN JASON OWEN, D.D., *Professor of the Latin and Greek Languages and Literature.*  
 NORMAN ADAMS BEACH, A.B., *Assistant in the Department of the Latin and Greek Languages and Literature.*  
 JOHN ROEMER, *Professor of the French Language and Literature.*  
 AGUSTIN JOSÉ MORALES, *Professor of the Spanish Language and Literature.*  
 THEODORE GLAUBENSKLEE, *Professor of the German Language and Literature.*  
 OLIVER WOLCOTT GIBBS, M.D., *Professor of Chemistry.*  
 PAUL PETER DUGGAN, *Professor of Drawing and the Arts of Design.*  
 JOSEPH HOWARD PALMER, *Assistant.*  
 NICHOLAS SEEGER, *Janitor.*

REQ. II.—*Duties and Compensation of each.*

1.—Of the *Principal.*

The Principal is at the Academy at half-past eight o'clock, A.M., and remains generally until four, P.M. He has the entire charge and supervision of the Institution, receives all excuses, maintains the discipline, and attends to all matters which necessarily belong

to him as the presiding officer; he hears two classes daily, in Moral Philosophy, visits the different lecture and recitation rooms, and is constantly employed in exercising that care which is so important in carrying out the government of the Institution. He is frequently at the Academy two or three hours in the evening, to attend to the business of the Academy.

The department of Moral and Intellectual Philosophy has been assigned, for the present, to the Principal.

Salary, . . . . \$2,500.

2.—Of the *Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy.*

The Professors of the Free Academy have the entire responsibility, each of his respective department.

The Professor of Mathematics regularly hears four recitations a day, in Mathematics, each one hour in length, viz., from nine o'clock, A.M., until half-past one, P.M. He has also been engaged frequently at the Academy, during the present term, as early as seven o'clock, A.M., at which time he has met several of his students, who were learning the use of mathematical instruments, both theoretically and practically. Professor Ross, being the senior professor, is the presiding officer during the absence of the Principal.

Salary, . . . . \$1,500.

3.—Of the *Assistant Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy.*

The Assistant Professor of Mathematics performs, under the direction of the Professor, the same duties as the Professor himself. He has also met the students at seven o'clock, A.M., for practice in surveying, &c. He is frequently at the Academy in the evening, rendering valuable assistance to the Principal.

Salary, . . . . \$1,000.

4.—Of the *Professor of History and Belles Lettres.*

This Professor was engaged, during the present term, in hearing three rhetorical recitations daily, and in correcting the compositions of the upper class—five being handed in by each student in the term. These compositions, from the system adopted, require great

care and labor. Each student recites the same, when corrected, in presence of the whole class. The Professor is also present on Saturdays, when occasion requires.

Nine hundred compositions were written during the term, all of which were criticised by the Professor before the class.

Salary, . . . . \$1,500.

5.—Of the *Assistants in the Department of History and Belles Lettres.*

(a.) Mr. Marshall is on duty at half-past eight o'clock, A.M. He is employed three hours in hearing the rehearsals of those students who are to speak on the ensuing Saturday. From half-past twelve until two o'clock he is engaged in sitting with classes and correcting compositions. At the examinations he is very busily employed, often until four o'clock, in assisting the Professor in arranging and labelling compositions. On Saturdays he is engaged in hearing declamations, which amount to about 1,000 during the term.

Salary, . . . . \$700.

(b.) Mr. Huntsman is on duty at nine o'clock, A.M., and is engaged in hearing *four* recitations in Ancient History, occupying *one hour* each. From two to three o'clock, P.M., he sits in the study-room, maintaining discipline.

Salary, . . . . \$700.

6.—Of the *Professor of the Latin and Greek Languages and Literature.*

He is on duty at nine o'clock, A.M., hears *four* recitations in the Ancient Languages, explaining difficulties in grammatical construction, and drilling the students in the subjects which he teaches. He is here, frequently, in the evening, and is always ready, when required by the Principal, for the performance of, or assistance in, any duty.

Salary, . . . . \$1,500.

7.—Of the *Assistant in the Department of the Ancient Languages.*

He is present at half-past eight, A.M., and is on duty at nine. He has heard, up to May last, *four* recitations;—*three* in the Ancient

Languages, and *one* in Ancient History, the department of History and Belles Lettres having required his assistance. At present he hears three classical recitations, an hour each; he then sits in a study room until three, P.M., to keep order. He also keeps the books of the Institution, which requires much labor and time, on account of the exact system by which the Institution is governed, and by which everything concerning the student is known and registered. This duty is generally performed after the hours in which the students are engaged. He frequently spends *three* hours during the evening with the Principal, and does all the writing.

Salary, . . . \$350.

8.—Of the *Professor of the French Language and Literature.*

He is engaged *three* hours a day for *three* days in the week; and *two* hours a day for the other *two* days, in instructing his classes in the French language.

He is not present during any part of the examinations for advancement and admission; and he is not required to attend to any duty, except to hear the recitations of his own sections, and to examine the same.

Salary, per hour, . . . \$1 00.

9.—Of the *Professor of the Spanish Language.*

This Professor is engaged *two* hours during the week, *one* on Tuesday, and *one* on Thursday. He has not, as yet, advanced very far with his students.

Like the Professor of French he is not required, as the other Professors are, to do any duty, other than hearing and examining his own sections.

Salary per hour, when engaged only one hour per day, \$1.25.

10.—Of the *Professor of the German Languages.*

This Professor has no duties at present in the Institution, no students having selected the study of the German language.

11.—Of the *Professor of Chemistry.*

This Professor has been engaged in teaching *three* hours per week, independent of the time devoted to preparing experiments

for his lectures. During the past year he has selected and purchased all the philosophical and chemical apparatus, and has furnished plans for the laboratory and lecture-room, the fitting up of which he has personally superintended.

Salary, . . . . \$1,000.

12.—Of the *Professor of Drawing*.

This Professor has been engaged in teaching *one hour and a half* per day, for five days in the week,—

Class A, half an hour per day,

Classes B and C, one hour per day, alternately.

He instructs the pupils in as much of the principles and theory of the Fine Arts as is considered suitable to the current standing of the students in the other studies; in anatomy, in reference to structure and form; perspective; the principles of light and shade; blackboard drawing on a large scale; and machine drawing.

He is engaged in giving instruction, the same length of time daily, during the examinations, as in term time.

Salary, . . . . \$500.

13.—Of the *Assistant*.

Mr. Palmer is engaged at 9 o'clock, A.M.; he hears one section in mathematics; the rest of the day he devotes to correcting the exercises of the students in book-keeping; and to sitting in study-rooms, and fulfilling many other duties assigned to him. He has the *two lower classes B and C*, on alternate days in book-keeping. He is also engaged on Saturdays, *three hours*.

Salary, . . . . \$700.

14.—The *Janitor*.

He keeps the building in repair, cleans it, and discharges other duties incumbent on the office.

Salary, rooms, &c., . . . . \$500.

REQ. III.—*Number of hours each is engaged.*

Horace Webster, . . . . average 8 hours per day, Saturday 3.

E. C. Ross, . . . . . " 5 " "

G. B. Docharty, . . . . " 5 " "



|                           |                                     |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| T. Irving, . . . . .      | average 5 hours per day,            |
| E. C. Marshall, . . . . . | " 5½ " " Saturday 3.                |
| G. W. Huntsman, . . . . . | " 6 " "                             |
| J. J. Owen, . . . . .     | " 5 " "                             |
| N. A. Beach, . . . . .    | " 8 " " Saturday 6.                 |
| Roemer, . . . . .         | 3 hours 3 days, and 2 hours 2 days. |
| Morales, . . . . .        | 1 hour 2 days.                      |
| O. W. Gibbs, . . . . .    | " 3 hours per day.                  |
| P. P. Duggan,             |                                     |
| J. H. Palmer, . . . . .   | " 6 " "                             |

REQ. IV.—*Number of Pupils instructed by each.*

|                                                        |     |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| At the first of the term, Dr. Webster instructed . . . | 41  |
| " " Prof. Ross, " . . .                                | 86  |
| " " " Docharty, " . . .                                | 95  |
| " " " Irving, " . . .                                  | 73  |
| " " Marshall (oratory,) . . .                          | 205 |
| " " Huntsman, " . . .                                  | 91  |
| " " Prof. Owen, " . . .                                | 84  |
| " " Beach, " . . .                                     | 68  |
| " " Roemer, " . . .                                    | 53  |
| " " Morales, " . . .                                   | 18  |
| " " Gibbs, " . . .                                     | 41  |
| " " Duggan, " . . .                                    | 205 |
| " " Palmer, 22 (math.) 152 (b.k.)                      | 174 |

REQ. V.—*Number of hours Pupils are engaged.*

CLASS A.

From 9 A. M., until 3 P. M.

Every day, for *four* days—3½ hours at recitation.

Wednesday, 4½ " "

Saturday, 3 " "

The rest of the time in the Study-Room.

CLASS B.

Every day for *five* days—4 hours at recitation.

Saturday, 2½ " "

The rest of the time in the Study-Room.

## CLASS C.

Every day for *five* days—4 hours at recitation.

Saturday,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  " "

*The rest of the time in the Study-Room.*

In the Study-Rooms the pupils study the subjects for the ensuing day, assisted, when necessary, by the presiding instructor.

**REQ. VI.—***Number and length of Intermissions.*

For five days in the week, there is one intermission of half an hour, from 12 M. until 12 $\frac{1}{2}$  P.M., for the sake of exercise and recreation. On Saturdays, the students are dismissed at 12 M.

**REQ. VII.—***Nature of Discipline and Amount of Punishment.*

The discipline is moral, parental and strict; it is intended that each pupil shall be taught early the importance of habituating himself to the correct discharge of all his duties at the time and in the manner appointed, and the personal responsibility of his own acts; for this purpose an exact record is made of every violation of propriety and good order. This is found to exert a very beneficial influence on the government of the Institution.

No student has been dismissed from the Academy for bad conduct during the present term. There have been a few cases in which parents have been advised to remove their sons, in consequence either of their habitual violation of our rules of government or of their total inattention to their studies. With these exceptions, suspension for a short time is the severest punishment which it has been found necessary to inflict.

Many students join the Academy with very bad habits of study, and with a great want of punctuality in attendance. These have been serious evils, and great care has been exerted to correct them.

It is feared that many parents do not realize the importance of their sons being present, punctually, at the time appointed, nor understand the value of their studying, regularly, a given number of hours at home. There are, no doubt, cases in which the pupils may be very indifferently accommodated at home for quiet study; yet such are not the cases of which we complain. The largest

proportion of our best scholars, so far as we have been able to learn, enjoy in this particular, the fewest conveniencies. Arrangements have been made for the pupils to remain at the Academy until sunset.

**REQ. VIII.—***Whole Number of Pupils.*

At the date of the last Report, there were 214, but before the recitations and exercises actually commenced, 9 students left the Academy; so that the present term began with 205.

At the recent examination, just concluded, there were 178 on the rolls of the Institution, 27 having left during the term.

**REQ. IX.—***Average daily Tardiness and Absence.*

The average daily tardiness will hardly be one.

“ “ absence will be six,

omitting four students who were sick the greater part of the term.

**REQ. X.—***Number of Pupils in each Department.*

At the commencement of the term there were

|                             |     |
|-----------------------------|-----|
| In Mathematics,             | 205 |
| History and Belles-Lettres, | 205 |
| Moral Philosophy,           | 41  |
| Ancient Languages,          | 152 |
| French,                     | 53  |
| Spanish,                    | 18  |
| Chemistry,                  | 41  |
| Drawing,                    | 205 |
| Book-Keeping,               | 152 |

*Present Number.*

|                            |                             |     |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----|
| At present, (last week) in | Mathematics,                | 178 |
| “                          | History and Belles-Lettres, | 178 |
| “                          | Moral Philosophy,           | 36  |
| “                          | Ancient Languages,          | 132 |
| “                          | French,                     | 45  |
| “                          | Spanish,                    | 15  |
| “                          | Chemistry,                  | 36  |
| “                          | Drawing,                    | 178 |
| “                          | Book-Keeping,               | 141 |

REQ. XI.—*Time occupied in Examinations.*

There are two examinations during the year, occurring during the months of January and February, and June and July, occupying in all eight weeks, as follows :

|           |   |                                          |
|-----------|---|------------------------------------------|
| 1st term. | } | 2 weeks for examination for advancement. |
|           |   | 2 " " " " admission.                     |
| 2d term.  | } | 2 " " " " advancement.                   |
|           |   | 2 " " " " admission.                     |

REQ. XII.—*Number and length of Vacations.*

There were 3 vacations.

1st from July 28th to September 1, 1 month.

2d between Christmas and New Year, 1 week.

3d April 22d, 1 "

In all about 6 weeks.

REQ. XIII.—*Pupils who have left since the Opening.*

| Numbers. | When Admitted.        | Time of Membership. | Cause of Leaving.       |
|----------|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| No. 1    | At the 1st Examinat'n | 6 Months.           | To go into business.    |
| " 2      | do.                   | 6 do.               | To go into business.    |
| " 3      | do.                   | 2 do.               | Clerk.                  |
| " 4      | do.                   | 14 do.              | Trade.                  |
| " 5      | do.                   | 12 do.              | To go to a Ward School. |
| " 6      | do.                   | 6 do.               | Ill-health.             |
| " 7      | do.                   | 12 do.              | Trade.                  |
| " 8      | do.                   | 12 do.              | Business.               |
| " 9      | do.                   | 12 do.              | Clerk.                  |
| " 10     | do.                   | 12 do.              | Clerk.                  |
| " 11     | do.                   | 11 do.              | Clerk.                  |
| " 12     | do.                   | 12 do.              | Business.               |
| " 13     | do.                   | 2 do.               | Trade.                  |
| " 14     | do.                   | 14 do.              | Clerk.                  |
| " 15     | do.                   | 10 do.              | Engraving.              |
| " 16     | do.                   | 3½ do.              | To go on a plantation.  |
| " 17     | do.                   | 13 do.              | Ill-health.             |
| " 18     | do.                   | 15 do.              | Business.               |
| " 19     | do.                   | 8 do.               | Ill-health.             |
| " 20     | do.                   | 10 do.              | To go to a Ward School. |
| " 21     | do.                   | 2¾ do.              | Unknown.                |
| " 22     | do.                   | 11 do.              | Unknown.                |
| " 23     | do.                   | 6 do.               | Business.               |
| " 24     | do.                   | 4 do.               | Trade.                  |
| " 25     | do.                   | 11 do.              | Ill-health.             |
| " 26     | do.                   | 3½ do.              | Ill-health.             |
| " 27     | do.                   | 16 do.              | Clerk.                  |

| Numbers. | When Admitted.       | Time of Membership   | Cause of Leaving.          |
|----------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|
| " 28     | do.                  | 6 do.                | Trade.                     |
| " 29     | do.                  | 14 do.               | Clerk.                     |
| " 30     | do.                  | 5 do.                | Trade.                     |
| " 31     | do.                  | 6 do.                | Business.                  |
| " 32     | do.                  | 13 do.               | Clerk.                     |
| " 33     | do.                  | 8 do.                | Trade.                     |
| " 34     | do.                  | 12 do.               | Clerk,                     |
| " 35     | do.                  | 2 do.                | Gone to sea.               |
| " 36     | do.                  | 15 do.               | Clerk.                     |
| " 37     | do.                  | 11 do.               | Trade.                     |
| " 38     | do.                  | 15 do.               | Clerk.                     |
| " 39     | do.                  | 5 do.                | Business,                  |
| " 40     | do.                  | 16 do.               | To Fordham College.        |
| " 41     | do.                  | 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ do. | Clerk.                     |
| " 42     | do.                  | 4 do.                | Unknown.                   |
| " 43     | do.                  | 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ do. | Clerk.                     |
| " 44     | do.                  | 12 do.               | Clerk.                     |
| " 45     | do.                  | 11 do.               | Business.                  |
| " 46     | do.                  | 16 do.               | Clerk.                     |
| " 47     | do.                  | 11 do.               | Business.                  |
| " 48     | do.                  | 12 do.               | Clerk.                     |
| " 49     | do.                  | 13 do.               | Business.                  |
| " 50     | do.                  | 15 do.               | Cadet, (West Point.)       |
| " 51     | do.                  | 15 do.               | Business.                  |
| " 52     | do.                  | 15 do.               | Business.                  |
| " 53     | do.                  | 12 do.               | Gone to a Ward School.     |
| " 54     | At the 2d Examinat'n | 6 do.                | Trade.                     |
| " 55     | do.                  | 6 do.                | Business.                  |
| " 56     | do.                  | 9 do.                | Unknown.                   |
| " 57     | do.                  | (never joined.)      | On account father's death. |
| " 58     | do.                  | 9 do.                | Gone to a Ward School.     |
| " 59     | do.                  | 9 do.                | Trade.                     |
| " 60     | do.                  | 12 do.               | Left the City.             |
| " 61     | do.                  | 13 do.               | Trade.                     |
| " 62     | do.                  | 6 do.                | Unknown.                   |
| " 63     | do.                  | 9 do.                | Gone to a Ward School.     |
| " 64     | do.                  | (never joined.)      | Ill-health.                |
| " 65     | do.                  | 10 do.               | Trade.                     |
| " 66     | do.                  | (never joined.)      | Left the City.             |
| " 67     | do.                  | 9 do.                | Trade.                     |
| " 68     | do.                  | 9 do.                | Unknown.                   |
| " 69     | do.                  | 8 do.                | Clerk.                     |
| " 70     | do.                  | 9 do.                | Business.                  |
| " 71     | do.                  | 11 do.               | Gone to a Ward School.     |
| " 72     | do.                  | 9 do.                | Clerk.                     |
| " 73     | At the 3d Examinat'n | 4 do.                | Gone to Sea.               |
| " 74     | do.                  | 4 do.                | Unknown.                   |
| " 75     | do.                  | 4 do.                | Gone to Sea.               |
| " 76     | do.                  | 2 do.                | Gone to a Ward School.     |

As far as can be ascertained from the students themselves, the above is a faithful list of the occupations of those who have left. We cannot certainly say that they are at present engaged in the above pursuits.

Each student is required, when he leaves, to bring a note from his father or guardian, and his name is entered in a register kept for that purpose, together with the time of leaving, and the business he is about to pursue: hence the above is correct, as entered upon the books, according to the statements of the students themselves, at the period of leaving.

*Whole number left since the opening, 76.*

|                                                      |       |
|------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| To go to some industrial employment not specified, - | 15    |
| To become clerks, - - - - -                          | 18    |
| To go to trades, - - - - -                           | 13    |
| To go back to schools, - - - - -                     | 7     |
| To go to the Fordham College, - - - - -              | 1     |
| To learn the art of engraving, - - - - -             | 1     |
| On account of ill health, - - - - -                  | 6     |
| To go on a plantation, - - - - -                     | 1     |
| To go to West Point, - - - - -                       | 1     |
| To go to sea, - - - - -                              | 3     |
| Unknown, - - - - -                                   | 7     |
| Never joined, - - - - -                              | 3     |
|                                                      | <hr/> |
| Total, -                                             | 76    |
|                                                      | <hr/> |

Of the above-mentioned students, there remained at the

|                                                    |       |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Institution for the period of one year, or over, - | 29    |
| “ “ “ from six to twelve months, -                 | 30    |
| “ “ “ under six months, -                          | 14    |
| Never joined, -                                    | 3     |
|                                                    | <hr/> |
|                                                    | 76    |
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THE undersigned respectfully requests the attention of the Committee to the following disadvantages under which the Academy at present labors, which impair its usefulness; not that it is supposed that they can all be remedied immediately, for most of them admit of being only gradually corrected.

*First.*—The age of twelve years, the minimum limit for admission, is too young to enable the student to prosecute successfully our course of study; if we adapt the subjects of instruction to those thus young, it will be unsuitable to those of riper years; and as our course is designed to be eminently practical, so soon as the elements of the different subjects are mastered, it becomes a serious inconvenience for those of the age referred to above, to keep up with their respective classes. The great proportion of those turned back for want of acquirements and diligent attention to their studies are the youngest pupils in the Institution.

*Second.*—The want of scientific books for the instructors and pupils, for reference and study. In this age of progress, it is vain to attempt to make any valuable acquirements, unless the books are at hand, containing the requisite knowledge. The public cannot expect the Professors to keep pace with the advancement of science and learning unless they furnish the necessary facilities.

*Third.*—The Professors are too much occupied at present in merely hearing the recitations of their respective classes; they ought to have time to visit frequently the recitation-rooms of their Assistants. The necessity of this must be obvious to every one, inasmuch as the presence of the head of the department would tend to secure that uniformity of instruction which is necessary to successful teaching.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

HORACE WEBSTER,

*Principal of the Free Academy.*

*Free Academy, 9th July, 1850.*