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CAMBRIDGE:

FOLSOM, WELLS, AND THURSTON, FRINTERS TO THE UNIVERSITY.

1837.

# To the Honorable and Reverend Board of Overseers of Harvard University.

The President of the Seminary respectfully

### REPORTS,

That the moral conduct and faithful attention to studies of the undergraduates have been, during the past academic year, highly satisfactory.

The duties performed, the censures and punishments incurred, during the year, and the general state of its financial concerns, are detailed in the subjoined Appendix, in conformity with the general directions of the Board of Overseers.

All which is respectfully submitted by

JOSIAH QUINCY, President.

Cambridge, January, 1837.

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### APPENDIX.

### A.

### DEPARTMENT OF THEOLOGY.

This, during the past year, has been exclusively under the superintendence of the Rev. Henry Ware, Sen., D. D., Hollis Professor of

Divinity.

This branch was pursued in the first term of the Junior year, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from X to XII, A. M. This extended through the first term, the class being heard in Divisions an hour each, and was continued through the first six weeks of the second term.

In the first term, the study of Paley's Evidences of Christianity commenced, and was pursued in recitations, two hours per week by lessons of about ten pages each, until the end of November, by which time the book was finished. The class then entered upon the study of Butler's Analogy; the first part of which was finished by the end of the sixth week of the second term, after which, instruction in the branch closed for the Junior year.

In the second term, the Seniors commenced this branch; and Lectures on the New Testament were given to the whole class by the Professor three times a week, viz. on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays, for one hour each day, an hour before the prayer-bell in the afternoon. The exercises included Questions on the Lecture.

Instruction in this branch closed with this term. — Besides the duties above enumerated, Dr. Ware performed the Chapel morning and evening services alternately with the Rev. Henry Ware, Jun. D. D. The Sabbath services were performed one half by him, and the other half by the Rev. Henry Ware, Jun. and the Rev. John Gorham Palfrey, D. D. He also attended exercises in the Theological School three afternoons in a week, from one to two hours.

### в.

DEPARTMENT OF INTELLECTUAL AND MORAL PHILOSOPHY, CIVIL POLITY, AND POLITICAL ECONOMY.

The Alford Professorship of Natural Religion, Moral Philosophy, and Civil Polity having remained vacant since the resignation of Levi

Hedge, LL. D., that department has been conducted satisfactorily by Joel Giles, A. B., Instructer in Natural, Intellectual, and Moral

Philosophy.

Instruction in this branch has been conducted through studies, recitations, and written analyses, in Stewart's Elements of the Philosophy of the Mind; Paley's Moral Philosophy; Locke's Essay concerning the Human Understanding; Say's Political Economy; and Story on the Constitution of the United States.

These studies commenced with the Junior year, in Paley's Moral Philosophy and Stewart's Elements, which were finished by the end of the first term. After the end of the first term, the Juniors did

not recite in these branches during that year.

### Junior Year.

Instruction commenced with the first term, the Class being heard in Divisions;

1st Division, after Prayers, A. M. 2d do. at Study Bell, do.

every day in the week, to the end of the term.

Forensics every other week, on Friday, alternating with the Seniors.

### Senior Year.

In the Senior year instruction in this branch was recommenced, and continued through the first term on Locke, through the second on Say, through the third on Story, with which, instruction in this branch ceased.

The Class was taught in Divisions;

1st Division, at 2d bour before Prayers, P. M. 2d do. 1st do. do. do.

four days in the week.

In the second and third terms it was also taught in Divisions;

1st Division, after Prayers, A. M. 2d do. at Study Bell, do.

six days in the week.

Forensics every other Friday, alternating with the Juniors.

### C.

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS AND NATURAL PHILOSOPHY.

During the past year, the Hollis Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy being excused from teaching by recitations, and having relinquished a third part of his salary, instruction in this department was under the superintendence of Benjamin Peirce, A. M., University Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy,

assisted by Joseph Lovering, A. B., Proctor.

Instruction in this department commenced in the Freshman year, with recitations from Walker's Geometry, which was completed in the first term. Smyth's Algebra, and the Trigonometry and Analytic Geometry of the Cambridge Course, occupied the rest of the year.

Instruction was continued in the Sophomore year, by recitations in Topography and the Differential and Integral Calculus. The instruction in Pure Mathematics terminated at the end of the second term of the Sophomore year.

To the course of Pure Mathematics succeeded instruction in Natural Philosophy, commencing with the third term of the Sopho-

more year.

The Juniors entered upon the study of Dynamics at the beginning, and finished it at the end, of the second term. In the third term, the Juniors studied Electricity, Magnetism, and Optics.

Instruction in Natural Philosophy was continued, in the first term

of the Senior year, by recitations in Astronomy.

All the instruction in this branch terminated with the first term of the Senior year, with the exception of the Lectures.

### In the Freshman Year.

The Class was heard during this year in Divisions, on every day of the week except Saturday, allowing an hour to each Division.

Time occupied by each student in recitation - 200 hours.

By the instructer - - - - - 800 "

### In the Sophomore Year.

The Class was heard in Divisions, four days in the week, viz. on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. Each student of this Class recited 140 lessons, occupying - 140 hours.

In addition to this, 2 hours per day were employed by the Instructer in the examination of written exercises, and ten hours per week in extra instruction of advanced classes during the first and second terms.

Time required of instructers in the above recitations and examination, including extra instruction, was - - 870 hours.

### In the Junior Year.

First Term, no instruction in this branch.

### Second and Third Terms.

The Class recited in sections, four hours a week, being for each student and for both terms - - - - 150 lessons.

Occupying in time, for each student - - 150 hours.

And for the instructers - - - 400 hours.

### In the Senior Year.

Instruction in this branch ends with the first term.

### First Term.

During the first term this Class recited four hours a week; being for each student, - - - - 90 lessons.

Occupying in time for each student in recitation, 240 hours.

As a general result the recitations of each student, in all the Classes, constituted an aggregate in this branch, during the year, of - - - - - 600 lessons.

Occupying in point of time for the student, - 500 hours.

And for the instructors, - 2310 hours.

The Hollis Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy gave the usual Lectures, namely:

 One Lecture a week to the Senior Class on Astronomy during the first term; besides a number of evening Lectures on the same subject.

 Four Lectures a week to the Junior Class on Natural and Experimental Philosophy during the third term.

The time occupied in a Lecture is usually an hour.

### D.

### DEPARTMENT OF RHETORIC AND ORATORY.

This is under the superintendence of Edward T. Channing, A. M., Boylston Professor of Rhetoric and Oratory, assisted in the teaching of Elocution by William H. Simmons, A. M.

Instruction in this Department is given by Exercises in Resding, Speaking, and Composition, by Recitations in Rhetoric and Logic, and by Lectures.

The Sophomores commenced Whately's Rhetoric in the first term, and finished it, and were examined by the Committee about the middle of the second term. Whately's Logic followed, and was finished by the end of the year.

The Exercises in Whately were every Monday and Wednesday forenoon, occupying sometimes three, and never less than two hours. The Class was heard in Divisions.

One half presented themes or translations every Saturday forenoon. To the *Juniors* instruction was given by Exercises in Composition and Speaking, and by voluntary Recitations.