

to the catalogue for the past session, which I have the honor to transmit with this report.

NUMBER OF STUDENTS.

The College was reorganized and reopened in September, 1866, and the difficulties under which it laboured, and its condition during that session, are set forth in the response of the Visitors and Governors to an order of the House, dated March 4th, 1867.

It was then but a Preparatory School, and no collegiate classes were organized during that session. In October, 1867, a Freshman Class, consisting of sixteen members, was formed, and this constituted the nucleus of a College.

One year's studies were gradually added to the course, and the number of College students gradually increased, the session of '68-'69 showing eight Sophomores and thirty Freshmen, of '69-'70 seven Juniors, sixteen Sophomores and twenty-nine Freshmen, and of '70-'71 six Seniors, ten Juniors, twenty-two Sophomores, and twenty-four Freshmen, so that at the annual commencement in July last the degree of Bachelor of Arts was conferred for the first time since 1860. The whole number of students during these years has been given by my predecessor in the reports presented to your Honorable Body February 24th, 1868, and January 19th, 1870. During all this time the Preparatory Department greatly preponderated in numbers until the past session, when its numbers were but slightly in excess of the College proper. For the present session I have the honor to report eight Seniors, thirteen Juniors, fourteen Sophomores and twenty-six Freshmen, making a total of sixty-one in the Collegiate Department; the Preparatory Department contains fifty-seven students, giving an aggregate of one hundred and eighteen.

PREPARATORY DEPARTMENT.

It is much to be desired that the College could dispense with the Preparatory Department altogether, but so long as the schools, both private and public, continue to send up boys so deficient in preparation, and until the requisite Public High Schools are established in each county in the State, this Preparatory Department is a necessity for training students to pursue the Collegiate course, and for fitting others who leave school early for commercial life. It is desirable, however, to give to it that organization which will most conduce to its own efficiency and that of the College, and I think that this can best be effected by separating it from the Collegiate Department, and enabling the College to select for it a special Principal, who should reside in a building to be set