FIFTEENTH ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT.

The Annual Commencement was held in the Holliday street Theatre, Tuesday, morning, July 11th. On this occasion seventeen young men graduated, as follows:

I. Certificates were given to the *eleven* following, in testimony of their having satisfactorily completed the Classical course of four years:

EDWARD B. BATES, EDWARD L. HOOPER,
JOHN T. BECKLEY, AMOS W. PATTEN,
JAMES FRAME, WILLIAM B. SAUMENIG,
JOHN S. M. HASLUP, WILLIAM T. SMITH,
CHARLES A. HOFFMANN, ALEXANDER M. WILCOX,
GEORGE C. YEISLEY.

II. Certificates were given to the *three* following, in testimony of their having satisfactorily completed the English course of four years:

LAMARTINE BISHOP, SEPTIMUS P. TUSTIN,
WILLIAM A. WHITE.

III. Certificates were given to the *three* following, in testimony of their having satisfactorily completed the English course of two years:

EZEKIEL P. JONES, LEWIS C. MERRYMAN,
CHARLES W. VIRTUE.

IV. The following distinctions were awarded by the Faculty:

JAMES FRAME.....The Honorary Oration.
JOHN T. BECKLEY.....The Valedictory Oration.
JOHN S. M. HASLUP.....The Salutatory Address.

V. The PEABODY PRIZES (in all $500) were awarded as follows:

OF THE FIRST GRADE, $100 EACH.

JAMES FRAME, ALEX. MARTIN WILCOX,
GEORGE CONRAD YEISLEY.

OF THE SECOND GRADE, $50 EACH.

CHARLES AUGUST HOFFMANN, WILLIAM THOMAS SMITH,
AMOS WILLIAMS PATTEN, EDWARD BAYLEY BATES.

The Peabody Institute was represented by a committee consisting of Messrs. Thomas Donaldson, Joseph Cushing and Reverdy Johnson, Jr., Esqs.

VI. The following members of the class were pronounced "*Distinguished*," their graduating average being ninety or upwards: James Frame, 97.9; Alexander M. Wilcox, 95.3; George C. Yeisley, 95.1; Charles A. Hoffmann, 95; Amos W. Patten, 93.2; William T. Smith, 91.1; Edward B. Bates, 91. The following were pronounced "*Meritorious*," their graduating average being 80 or upwards: John S. M. Haslup, 89; John T. Beckley, 88.8; Edward L. Hooper, 87.4; Septimus P. Tustin, 83.7; William B. Saumenig, 80.5.

REPORT.

CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL,
Baltimore, December 31, 1865.

To the Commissioners of Public Schools:

GENTLEMEN,—The close of another year admonishes me of the duty of presenting the twenty-seventh annual report of this school.

The Fifteenth Annual Commencement was held, as usual, in the Holliday street Theatre on Tuesday morning, July 11. The names of the graduates will be found on the opposite page. Fourteen young men graduated on the full course of four years, and three on the partial course of two years. Thomas Donaldson, Esq., representing the Peabody Institute, accompanied the bestowment of the prizes with a few very appropriate remarks. Additional interest was given to the occasion by an address to the class from the Hon. C. C. Cox, which was listened to with marked attention.

In my last report I urged the adoption of a single course of study. I am happy now to say that the evidence of the inutility of a separate English course has become so obvious that the Board has, within the year, concluded to abandon it, and hereafter to have but one, adapted to the wants of our students. This school has been in existence long enough to know what is the sort of education most advantageous to the vast majority of those who enter it; and, upon the basis of this experience, the Board has adopted a plan of study arranged as much as possible to conclude the branches of knowledge pursued each year at the end of that