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even at other times, being obliged, in some degree, to be confined to them from a want of outside space, yet obedience to rule, and good deportment characterize, generally, the school. Here, the absence of an assembling room, where all together may be subjected to disciplinary and moral instruction, is severely felt, as, now, this must be given in each isolated class room, and imperfectly in consequence of its encroachment upon periods of scholastic instruction. The most serious result, of our straightened condition, is its effect, I fear, on the health of teacher, as well as pupil, notwithstanding every possible sanitary arrangement, but the care of the committee is constant, and all that can be, will be done not only to preserve the health, but to promote the comfort of all. I have presented to you, gentlemen, our condition in obedience to your requirement of a report, and not in the spirit of murmuring, for I well know, and regret, that, from circumstances beyond control, other schools, equally deserving, are suffering more than we, without that present hope of relief which we have. And we are aware, also, of the fact that "honor and shame from no condition rise," but that in acting well our part all the honor lies, and furthermore, that mental, moral and personal worth may be, by the true educator, developed in the hovel, as well as in the palace, even as the lapidary. from their rough incrustations, may bring to light nature's choicest gems. We were very naturally alarmed at the inability of the gentlemen having the matter in charge, to commence our new building, but the late actual inception of the work has infused fresh vigor into all, and every present difficulty will be cheerfully met in view of our occupancy under, we trust, your continued administration, of accommodations worthy of the system and of the school. Beyond what is absolutely necessary for our scholastic and disciplinary progress, we ask for nothing in our chrysalitic state, but then and

there we shall naturally expect every accompaniment that our more fortunate sister, in this respect, possesses to develop the higher and holier principles of woman's nature. The class of '68 was the first which has graduated under the extended course. Older, of course, and wiser and better in the aggregate, than any former class, they satisfactorily vindicated the change. It was thought that very few would remain, but the record shows a greater number. With one exception the present class, numbering 48, is the largest in our history. We trust they will merit all we can say of their immediate predecessors. I cannot refrain from remarking in reference to Drawing, inasmuch as it is not only an accomplishment, but a remunerative industrial pursuit, that its success surpasses expectation; considering the time allowed, the advancement of many is extraordinary. I see no reason why, to a limited degree, and under proper restrictions, oil painting and photography, as they likewise are practical pursuits in life, should not be gradually introduced.

The unusually large number admitted in the two schools, and filling them beyond accommodation, suggests an inquiry into the matter, for the purpose of ascertaining the best means of confining to the proper capacity of each in future, either through a selection of the best that may meet the present standard, or through an elevation of our requirements. As on the adoption of a correct standard, and mode of admission under it, depends the character of our material, the subject is one of vital importance, and entitled to your most careful consideration.

Permit me to commend my assistants, for their faithful discharge of duty, to your continued confidence, and to express the hope that our united efforts, rising superior to the circumstances in which we are placed, may, under your fostering care, secure as close an approximation as possible to the exalted purpose of our organization, which is to prepare our