REPORT.

New York, February 21, 1877.

To the President and Directors of the New York and Long Island Bridge Company:

Gentlemen:—Upon being appointed a board of consulting engineers, on the 10th of December, 1875, for the purpose of recommending a design for your proposed bridge across the East River at Blackwell's Island, the undersigned at once entered upon an examination of the plans then in the possession of the Company.

These plans formed eleven sets or designs, and had been submitted by the following gentlemen:

Mr. C. Bender,
Messrs. Flad & Pfeifer,
Mr. J. B. Eads,
Mr. W. P. Trowbridge,
Mr. E. W. Serrell,
Mr. G. E. Harding,

Mr. I. D. Coleman,
The Baltimore Bridge Co.,
The Watson Manuf. Co.,
Mr. A. F. Wendt,
Mr. L. W. Wright.

Most of these, however, were more in the nature of preliminary studies than of matured designs, and few of them were accompanied with the necessary strain sheets, computations of quantities, or estimates of cost. None were backed up by proposals for construction at a specified price.