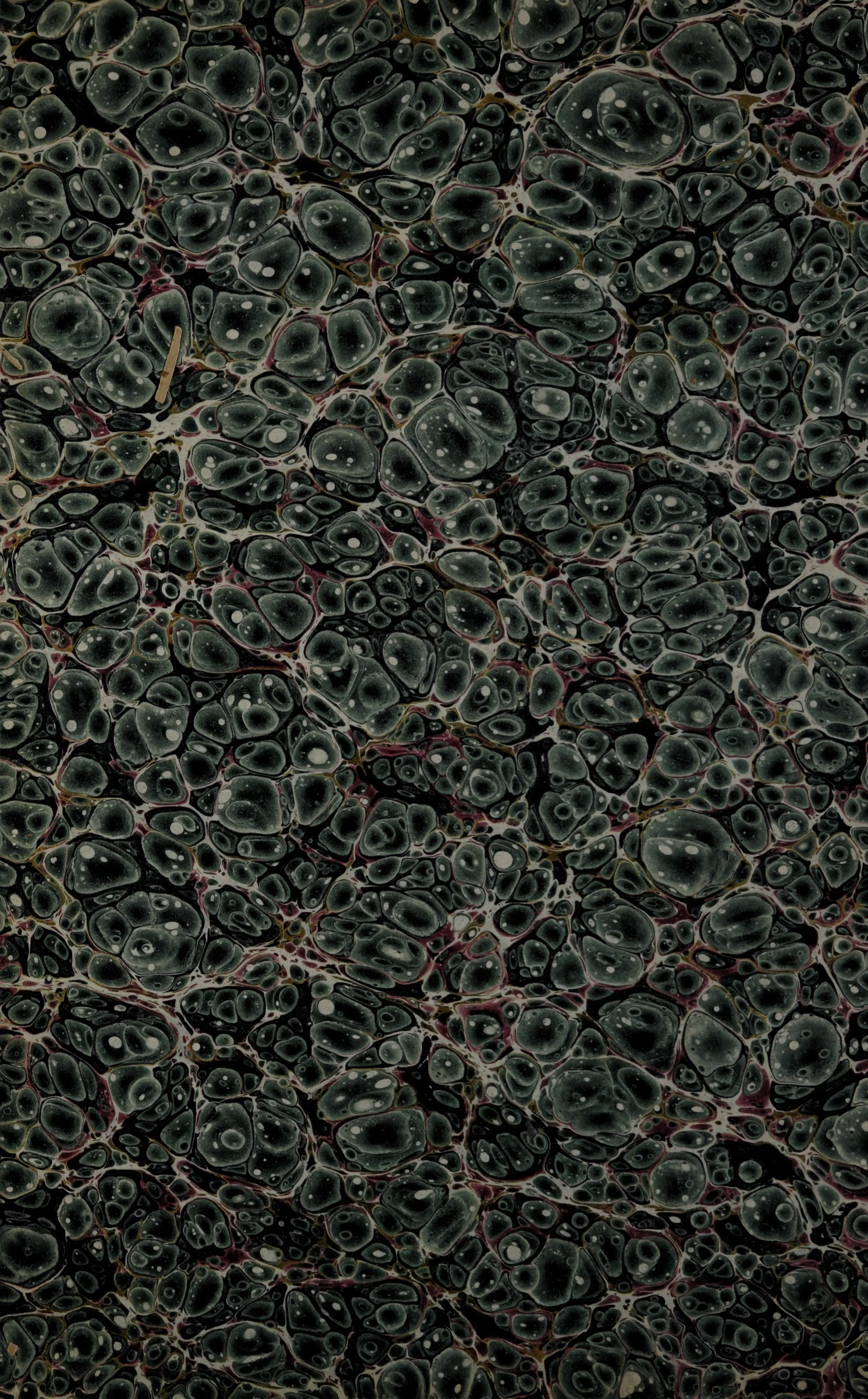
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At a meeting of the School committee 1.
of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Tuesday, the
eleventh day of January, Anno Domini, 1842.

The following gentlemen compose the school committee
committee the present year.

Jonathan Chapman, Mayor, Chairman.

Edward Blake, President, of the Common Council.

From the wards.

Ward N ^o 1.	Rev. Sebastian Streeter	&	Henry G. Clark.
" "	2. James W. Barnes	"	Charles W. Stearns
" "	3. Ezra Palmer, Junr.	"	Rev. Rollin W. Seale
" "	4. David Morgan	"	Aurelius D. Parker.
" "	5. Frederick Emerson	"	Henry Dyer
" "	6. William J. Hubbard	"	George S. Millard
" "	7. Charles Gordon	"	Rev. William M. Rogers.
" "	8. Labdiel B. Adams	"	Rev. Alexander Young.
" "	9. Benjamin A. Gould	"	Edward Wigglesworth
" "	10. John Odin, Junr.	"	Ezra Weston, Junior.
" "	11. Rev. Otis A. Skinner	"	Rev. John T. Sargent.
" "	12. Alvin Simonds	"	Rev. Charles C. Shackford;

All the above named gentlemen appeared and took their
seats.

The board was called to order by the Mayor, who by Chairman
the rules is ex officio Chairman.

Voted, to proceed to the choice of Secretary, by Secretary.
ballot, and the votes being taken, it appeared that Samuel
T. McCleary was chosen.

2.

Rules Regulations

Voted, that the rules and regulations of the School committee of the last year, be and hereby are adopted and remain in force until the further order of this board. Also the rules and orders for the government of the members of the board when in session.

Sub com^{es}

The following sub or visiting committees were nominated and appointed, viz:

Latin. The Mayor,	English High. Mep ^s Hubbard,
Mep ^s Gould,	Palmer,
Wigglesworth,	Adams,
Hillard,	Neale,
Young.	Weston.

Lymans. Mep ^s Morgan,	Eliot. Mep ^s Clark,
Barnes,	Streeter,
Parker.	Stearns.

Endicott. Mep ^s Palmer,	Hancock. Mep ^s Neale,
Morgan,	Barnes,
Clark.	Parker.

Mayhew. Mep ^s Wigglesworth,	Bowdoin. Mep ^s Dyer,
Stearns,	Gordon,
Streeter.	Morgan.

Boylston. Mep ^s Rogers,	Adams. Mep ^s Adams,
Gould,	Hubbard,
Weston.	Rogers.

Franklin. Mep ^s Skinner,	Wells. Mep ^s Blake,
Simonds,	Emerson,
Sargent.	Dyer.

Hawes. Mep ^s Shackford,	New sch. S. B. Mep ^s Simonds,
Skinner,	Weston,
Sargent.	Ordin.

Johnson Messrs. Odin,
Millard,
Shackford.

Winthrop Messrs. Young,
Blake,
Gordon.

3.

Smith Messrs. Emerson, Dyer and Parker.

Committee on Books. Messrs. Wigglesworth, Rogers, Palmer, Neale
and Millard. Book com^{ee}

Committee to confer with the primary school committee, Messrs. Prim. Sch. com^{ee}
Emerson, Adams and Lelrick.

Committee on Music. Messrs. Gordon, Hubbard and Weston. Music.

Ordered, That Parker's geographical questions Parker's geog.^e
be referred to the standing committee on books, to consider & questions.
report upon the expediency of introducing said book to be
used in the schools, with instructions to report at the next
meeting of this board.

Semi annual report on the examination of Prim. School repts
the primary schools, made by the standing committee of those schools,
Dec. 17, 1844. Referred to the standing committee appointed to confer
with the primary school committee.

Ordered, That the several sub-committees Appropriations for
be requested to ascertain what amount of money will be required Schools
to be appropriated for the use of their respective schools, exclusive
of what, for the next financial year; to report at the next quarterly
meeting in February next.

Ordered, That the Secretary cause to be printed Com^{ee} & instructors
ed, a list of the members of this board, with sub-committees, together
with the instructors in the several schools.

The following gentlemen were nominated and appointed members of the primary-school committee, 1836:

Richard W. Bayley,		
Richard G. Wait	Samuel G. Simpkins	Elisha Field
Samuel T. Oliver	Thomas B. Haues	James D. Steiman
William Buck, Jr.	Francis Brown	A. Metcalf, Junr.
Rowland Ellis	Joshua B. Kimball	E. T. Mepinger
Wm. H. Leonard	Daniel Henshman	J. B. Wheeler
Joseph Moriarty	Elephat P. Hartshorn	Henry G. Wiley
Joseph W. Ingraham	Elijah Cobb	Wm. P. Jarvis
Benson Leavitt	James Tolman	John T. Dingley
Thomas Pesticaux	Enoch Hobart	Francis Bullard
Henry G. Clark	Aurelius D. Parker	Olis A. Skinner
Frederick A. Eddy	Frederick C. Prince	A. A. Watson
John P. Ober	Freeman L. Cushman	Horace Duran, Junr.
Theodore A. Dame	Henry W. Fuller	Williams B. Brooks
William Eaton	Warren J. Whitney	Willis Howes
Andrew Geyer	Oliver Ditson	John B. Hobbs
John B. McCleary	Josiah F. Burnstead	Henry Safford
Elijah Stearns	J. P. Preston	A. P. Mann
Asa Swallow	Wm. D. Ticknor	Solon Jenkins
Charles G. Emmons	J. H. Martin	Thompson Barber
Ezekiel H. Snelling	Lorenzo S. Lragin	Hugh Montgomery
John Boles	Eliu Jones	Alvan Simonds
George Dennis	Wm. Howe	Ezra Weston, Jr.
A. J. Richardson	Brj. P. Richard	Samuel Wheeler
Wm. J. Dale	Lewis T. Stoddard	D. H. Green
Frederick A. Sumner	James B. Dow	Henry Andrews
Edward Howard	Charles C. Barry	Volney Wilder
John Whit. Junr.	Daniel T. Coit	John V. Ford
Shaban G. Thomas	Wm. B. Upham	Howard Sargent

James W. Kimball	George Rogers	Aaron Ordway	5.
Samuel M. Burney	Charles M. Burney	Guy W. Haynes	
Henry S. Washburn	John Ordway, Junr.	James M. Whiton	
Henry Burroughs			

And said committee be and they are hereby authorized to organize their body, and regulate their proceedings as they may deem most convenient; and to fill all vacancies occurring in the same, during the ensuing year; and this board will respectfully receive from ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{same} such communications, as they may please occasionally to make on the subject of these schools.

Ordered, That the committee on conference with the primary school committee, be requested to call upon the last mentioned committee for information, as to the amount of money that will be required to be appropriated for the primary schools, exclusive of fuel, for the next financial year; said committee to report at the next quarterly meeting in February.

Ordered, That the Mayor, Messrs. Simonds, Hubbard, Emerson and Willard, be a committee, to report a name for the new school in the twelfth ward, said committee to report, at the next meeting of this board.

The sub-committee on the Johnson school nominated Miss Mary H. Stodder, as an assistant instructor to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Miss Helen A. Dorr, on December 31, 1841, which nomination was confirmed, and she was appointed accordingly.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Attest,

S. M. Cleary,

Secretary.

6.

At a quarterly meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Tuesday, the first day of February, A. D. 1842.

Present -

The Chairman, and the whole board of School committee except Dr. Odin

Semi annual
returns.

Semi annual returns were made by the masters of all the Schools, except the Hancock. The Secretary made an abstract of the returns of the masters of the several grammar and writing schools, containing the number of pupils and instructors in each school, and the number of female teachers each is entitled to have. Read & filed.

Quarterly rep^{ts}

Quarterly reports were made by the sub-committees of all the schools, which were read & accepted.

Winthrop
sch^s

The sub-committee of the Winthrop school stated in their report, that they were informed by the masters, that it is impossible, with the present stoves, to heat the building sufficiently. On the 25th ultimo, they found the rooms in a very uncomfortable state; and many of the children, the girls especially, seemed to be suffering from the cold. They therefore recommended, that some measures be taken to render the Winthrop school house comfortable in cold weather. Read & accepted. The following order also passed.

Ordered, that the usual Philosophical apparatus be provided for the Winthrop school.

Wells sch^s

The sub-committee of the Wells school stated in their report, that there has been a very considerable in-

crease in the number of boys attending the school, and it not
unfrequently happens that there are present 25 more boys than
can be accommodated with desks. As usual there will be
an accession of scholars in the spring, and it will be es-
sential to provide for them by a branch school or otherwise.

In the last quarterly report notice was given that Miss
Mary E. Swift had been appointed as an assistant teacher
for three months from 1st November. The committee have
renewed the appointment for three months from this date.

Read, accepted, and thereupon ordered, that the sub-
committee of the Wells school be authorized to improve ~~the~~
one of the basement rooms of the Wells school house, whenever
the measure shall be found necessary.

The sub committee of the New school, New sch
stated in their report, that after careful enquiry & consul-
tation with those who have the best means of information, they
believe that without diminishing the present number at
the Union school, at least 350 children will be ready to
go in, on the first Monday of May next. In the meantime
the room now occupied will not comfortably accommodate
even the present number of pupils, and many are suffered
to stay from school or go elsewhere, on account of the room
and its want of conveniences. For the purpose of bringing the
subject before the board they subjoin the following resolves.

1. Resolved, that the school (South Boston) be
organized as a school with two departments on the first Monday
of May next.

2. Resolved, that the sub-committee of said school may
cause its removal to the new school house at any time after
the

8. The first day of March next, under its present organization with such assistant teachers as the numbers in attendance may require.

3. Resolved, that the board will meet on the day of April next, at 4 o'clock, P. M. for the purpose of electing an additional master for said school. Read, and the 1 & 3 resolutions were laid on the table, and the second papered.

Franklin Sch.
Brown's Syntax.

The sub-committee of the Franklin report stated in their report, that the introduction of Brown's "First part of the American system of English syntax" it is thought by the grammar master has been attended with very beneficial results; so far as your committee can judge from a brief examination, they fully concur with the master. The scholars verily believe that it has made grammar as interesting as any other study of the school.

Mather Sch.

The special committee who were appointed to report a name for the new grammar school at South Boston, reported, an order that said school be called the Lowell school. Read and the order was amended by striking out the word "Lowell", and the following order papered, viz: Ordered, That the new grammar school, at South Boston, be called the Mather school.

Prim. schools
app^d

The standing committee to confer with the primary school committee, having been instructed to inquire of the last mentioned committee as to the amount of money that will be required to be appropriated for the primary schools, exclusive of fuel for the next financial year, res-

pectfully

respectfully report. A letter has been addressed to the chairman of the primary school committee board, making the inquiry as proposed in the instructions of your committee, and an answer has been returned, giving an estimate somewhat in detail, of the probable expenses of the primary schools, for the ensuing year. The conclusion of the estimate is, that the sum of money required for the primary schools, the next financial year, will be \$45,000. This sum includes the expense of establishing and supporting, for part of the year 12 new schools, in addition to the 97 schools already established. The sum also includes \$12,000, to be appropriated to the building of four new school houses. Read & accepted.

9.

The sub-committees of the several schools reported estimates of the amount of money which will be required to be appropriated for the use of their respective schools, the next financial year.

App^{ns} for
Scho.

The book committee, to whom was referred the consideration of Parker's geographical questions, respectfully report, that they have examined the book, & have consulted several of the grammar masters of our public schools respecting it. If there were no similar collection of questions already used in the schools, it might perhaps be desirable to introduce this one. But both the text books used for teaching geography in our schools contain numerous questions of a similar character, and no important advantage seems likely to be gained by the introduction of Mr. Parker's collection. The books required for the various branches of study pursued in the schools are numerous, and the cost of them

Parker's
Geo. questions.

10. is an inconvenience to the poorer part of the pupils. We may add also that every new book besides the expense attending it, brings additional care both to the teachers, & the pupils. The teachers whom your committee have consulted are of opinion that the book in question is not needed in the schools, and your committee have come to the same conclusion. They therefore request to be discharged from any further consideration of the subject. Read & accepted.

Brown

Petition of James Brown praying, that those grammar masters who wish may be permitted to use in their first classes, the first part of Brown's syntax. Read & referred to the committee on books.

Saxton & Peice
Geometry.

Petition of Saxton and Peice, praying, that plane geometry for the use of schools by N. Sillinghast may be examined, with a view to its introduction into the schools. Read and referred to the committee on books.

Shewin's Algebra.

Ordered, that the master of the Latin school may be allowed to substitute Shewin's Algebra, for the treatise on Algebra now used in that school, if he should deem it expedient so to do.

Smith. sch.

Ordered, that thirty five dollars be drawn from the income of the Smith fund, and appropriated to the purchase of books, for the indigent scholars of the Smith school.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Attest, S. J. McLeary, Secretary.

A special meeting of the school committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Tuesday, the twenty fifth day of February, A. D. 1842. M.

Present

The Chairman, Messrs. Blake, Clarke, Palmer, Morgan, Parker, Dyer, Gordon, Rogers, Adams, Young, Gould, Wigglesworth, Weston, Simonds, and Shackford.

A communication was received from the Mayor of the City of Salem, in behalf of the school committee of that City, inviting the School committee and Instructors of the public schools in this City, to attend a series of public meetings, on Tuesday next at Salem, for the purpose of commemorating the opening of several new school houses, and the enlargement of the system of public instruction, which is about being carried into effect. Salem School Com^{rs}

Read and Mercuson ordered, that said invitation be accepted, and for that purpose the keeping of the schools on that day be dispensed with. And that Frederick Emerson, Esquire, be deputed in behalf of this board to address the meeting at Salem "On the recent improvements in the condition of the public schools; of all extraordinary expenditures for this object, within the last few years, and of any important arrangements in respect to the organization of the schools, the course of studies, and the method of instruction recently introduced or contemplated."

Ordered, That the sub-committee of the Eliot school be authorized to procure the usual amount of apparatus, for that school. Eliot sch.

12.

Mather's
School

Agreeably to permission given at the late meeting of the board, the sub-committee of the Mather school have made arrangements for removing said school to the new house, during the coming week. They respectfully invite the attendance of the members of the board at said house, on Thursday next, March 3rd at half past two o'clock P.M. on the occasion of opening the house for the use of the school. The teacher has been requested to prepare a brief exhibition by way of variety.

Read and filed.

Sub com^{tees} on-chang^{ing}
places.

A motion was made, that Doctor Adams of the sub-committee of the Adams school, and Mr. Weston of the sub-committee of the Boylston school change places. Mr. Gould was called to the chair, by the Chairman. After discussion, the question was taken on said motion, and was decided in the negative.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Attest,

E. M. Cleary,

Secretary.

At a quarterly meeting of the
School committee of the City of Boston, held at City
Mall, on Tuesday, the third day of May, A. D. 1842.

13.

Present -

The Chairman - and the whole board except Mess^{rs}
Stearns, Gordon, Adams, Gould, Odlin & Weston.

Quarterly reports were made by the sub-committee, Quarterly rep^s
of all the schools, which were read and accepted.

The sub-committee of the English High School, Eng. High Sch.
in their report stated, that Mr. Sherwin, the principal
of the school by reason of ill health has been under the
necessity of suspending his labors for a time. His duties have
been performed by Mr. Robinson, the sub-master, and the com-
mittee were so fortunate as to obtain the services of Mr. Elbridge
Smith, a tutor in Brown University to take the place of Mr.
Robinson, during the vacation at that institution. He will
continue in the school during the present week. The com-
mencement of the term at Brown University next week
will require his return to resume his duties at that place.
It is hoped that Mr. Sherwin may be able to resume his
duties when Mr. Smith leaves. The committee ask the
passage of the following order, authorizing, that payment
be made to Mr. Smith for his services. Ordered, that
there be paid to Mr. Elbridge Smith, for his services in
the English High School, the usual compensation to a junior
usher, for such time as the chairman of the sub-committee
of the school shall certify, that he has performed the duties
of that office. Read, accepted and the order passed.

Bowdoin sch.

The sub-committee of the Bowdoin school stated in their report, that since the last meeting of this board, a change has been effected in the teachers, by the resignation of Miss Elizabeth B. Lincoln and the appointment of her sister Miss Rebecca Lincoln, in her place. Which nomination was confirmed, & she was appointed accordingly.

Adams sch.

The sub-committee of the Adams school stated in their report, that during the past quarter the committee have found it necessary to allow leave of absence to one of the teachers Miss Mary E. Parker, on account of the state of her eyes. They engaged Miss Mary E. Beck, in her place who has performed the duties of a pistant teacher to the satisfaction of the masters. The committee ask the passage of the subjoined order providing compensation for Miss Beck.

Ordered, that there be paid to Miss Mary E. Beck, for her services in the Adams school the usual compensation to an apistant teacher, for such time as either member of the sub-committee of the school shall certify that she has performed the duties of that office. Read, accepted & the order passed.

Wells sch.

The sub-committee of the Wells school stated in their report, that W. Levi Dodge, having been selected as a suitable person for an usher in the school, entered upon his duties on the 21st March last. The committee after consultation with the masters concluded that the school required two ushers. One of the female apistants Miss Otis has resigned her situation, and as the committee determined to nominate an usher, that vacancy is not to be supplied.

It is proposed to place Miss Woodman in charge of the class

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which is to occupy the lower room which has just been fitted
up in conformity with the vote of the board. Should the
nomination of W. Dodge be confirmed, there will be the
 requisite number of teachers, allowing for the usual accession of
scholars at this period. Read, accepted and said nomina-
tion was confirmed and said usher was appointed accordingly.

13.

The sub committee of the Mather school, stated
in their report, that said school was removed into the new
school house on the 3^d March last. The school now numbers
352 pupils, on the removal of the school as aforesaid nearly
one hundred pupils were sent in from the Hayes school mak-
ing it necessary to occupy both rooms, the lower classes of girls
being placed in one room under the care of two female as-
sistants. Miss Margaret Ann Moody was appointed as a female as-
sistant on 7th March last, and the committee recommend
that the appointment be confirmed. Miss Rebecca A. Chipman
a former pupil in the school has been employed as a tempa-
ary assistant at \$3 per week, from the 8th March to the
present time; but as the number of pupils of the Hayes school
may not justify the retaining of the present number of as-
sistants there it may be found desirable to transfer one of
those to the place hitherto temporarily supplied by Miss Chipman.

Mather Sch.

The committee recommend the organization of the school into two
departments, and propose the following resolution - Resolved, that
the Mather school be organized into two departments, on the
same plan as the other grammar and writing schools in
this city. Read & the nomination confirmed, the resolve was laid
upon the table. Ordered, that Messrs Simonds, Shackford and
Emerson be a committee to employ a temporary usher in the Mather
school.

Usher

16.

Ordered, that Mess^{rs} Shackford, Parker, Grammar schools and Weston, be a committee to visit the several grammar schools, and critically examine the pupils in all the branches taught therein, in order to ascertain the condition of said schools; said committee to report previously to the annual election of the instructors; that the appointments of the board on that occasion may be judiciously made.

Writing schools

Ordered, that Mess^{rs} Stretor, Morgan and Sargent be a committee to visit the several writing schools for the purpose mentioned in the preceding order.

Davison

Petition of Andrew C. Davison, praying that he may have a Franklin medal, at his own expense in lieu of one awarded to him in the year 1802, which he alleges he has lost. Referred to the Chairman, with full power.

Tillinghast's
Geometry

The committee on books, to whom was referred the consideration of Tillinghast's plane geometry, respectfully report, that they have formed a favorable opinion of the book. They have consulted several of the teachers of our public schools respecting it, and find that they prefer it to Grund's geometry, the book now used in the schools. Mr. Tillinghast is favorably known to the board as a man of science, & a teacher. He was formerly connected with the High school in this city, & is now principal of the Normal school at Bridgewater. Your committee believe him to be well qualified to prepare a text book for students of geometry, & that his treatise is preferable to that of Mr. Grund. They therefore recommend that the former be substituted for the latter. The number of scholars who study
geometry

Geometry in our writing schools is small, so that the change proposed can be made with very little inconvenience. The committee also recommend, that Tillinghast's geometry, be allowed to be used in the Latin school as Walke's geometry, which is now ~~used~~ the text book there is nearly out of print, and the master has expressed a wish to be allowed to use the work of M^r. Tillinghast. The following order is therefore submitted.

Ordered, that after the close of the present school year in August next, Tillinghast's plane geometry be substituted for Grond's geometry in the public writing schools, and that the same work be allowed to be studied in the Latin school.

For the book committee. Ed. Wigglesworth.

Read, accepted, and the order passed.

The book committee to whom was referred the application of M^r. James Brown, that such of the masters of the public schools, as are disposed to use his grammar may be allowed to do so, - respectfully report, that they have conversed with a majority of the grammar masters on the subject and that all, whom they have conversed with have been very decidedly of the opinion that the book is not fit to be used in our schools. Your committee have no doubt that the rest of the masters with hardly an exception entertain the same opinion. Your committee themselves from their first acquaintance with the grammar have been fully satisfied that it was not suited for a text book.

M^r. Brown is a man of some ingenuity and great perseverance, but he is an enthusiast who has allowed his mind to become absorbed in an extravagant theory.

He looks upon the common system of English grammar as

radically

radically wrong, & has therefore made his grammar wholly unlike those of his predecessors, having introduced new principles of classification, new rules of construction, & a new nomenclature, in which Greek, Latin & English combine in compounds which will please few ears but those of M^r. Brown. This work he pronounces perfect, & has been labouring for many years to make other people think it so; but as yet with very little success. The attention of some of our teachers was attracted to the book when it was first presented to them, on account of its novelty, and the enthusiastic & persevering spirit of the author. But your committee have found that the more the teachers have examined the book, the more satisfied they have become that it is not fit to be used in the schools. As your committee are entirely of that opinion, they recommend that M^r. Brown have leave to withdraw his petition. For the book com^{rs}. Ed. Wigglesworth.

Read and accepted.

School houses, yards
& outhouses.

The Chairman of this board communicated the following - To the School committee, Gentlemen - The joint committee of the City Council, who are charged with the care of the public buildings belonging to the City, have found that most unclean and improper habits are common amongst the scholars of our public schools, in the use of the yards and out buildings connected with the public schools. Believing that the School committee will be anxious to promote a reform in this particular, and knowing that nothing effectual can be done without their co-operation, the committee on public buildings hereby communicate to the School committee their own proceedings upon this subject, and ask the aid of the School committee.

At a meeting of the joint committee of the City Council on public buildings the following votes were unanimously passed May 3. 1842. Voted, That the Superintendent of public buildings be instructed to put the yards and out buildings of all the public schools of the City in a neat, clean and proper condition forthwith. Voted, That the Chairman be requested to procure the assistance of the School committee, so far as may be practicable, in causing the School houses, and yards and out buildings belonging thereto to be kept in a neat & proper condition.

Voted, That the Chairman be requested to communicate the foregoing votes to the School committee.

Resolved, That in the opinion of the School committee, it is of great importance in every point of view, that the scholars of the public schools should be taught at the schools, habits of neatness and cleanliness, - that to this end they should be required to practice these habits in the use of the school houses, yard and appurtenances which are furnished for their use, - and that this board will henceforth consider any violations of these habits on the part of the scholars as a high offence, and to be visited with severe punishment. And to secure the enforcement of these habits, Ordered, That it shall be the duty of the masters of the several schools to prescribe such regulations for the use of the yards and out buildings connected with the school houses, as shall insure their being kept in a neat and proper condition, and to examine them as often as may be necessary for such purpose; and they shall be holden responsible for any want of neatness or cleanliness about their premises.

Ordered, that it shall be the duty of the several sub-committees, in their periodical visitations of the schools to examine into the condition of the School houses, and yards & out buildings

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buildings connected therewith, as to the particulars of neatness and cleanliness, and the result of such examination shall be one of the points of their quarterly reports.

Ordered, That the foregoing resolve and orders be communicated to the Instructors of all the schools of the City, and to each member of the primary school committee, and that the Secretary be authorized to have a sufficient number printed therefor.

Latin & English
High Schools

The Chairman communicated the following vote of the City Council:

Ordered, That the Joint committee on Public Instruction on the part of the City Council, be a committee to confer with the School committee upon the subject of the present arrangements of the Latin and English High Schools, and also as to the practicability of putting both schools in one building or uniting them in any way.

Read & thereupon Ordered, That the sub-committees of the Latin and English High Schools be a committee to confer with the committee on public instruction of the City Council upon the subject of the present organization of the Latin and English High schools; and to report what changes if any, it is expedient to make in the same.

Boylston school

Ordered, That the sub-committee of the Boylston School be authorized to transfer from that school a number of pupils sufficient to relieve it of its surplus, or to organize a branch of said school, in the ward room of the school houses with the usual accommodations & instruction.

Endicott sch.

Ordered, that M^r. Shepherd a temporary usher
of

of the Endicott school receive, when his services shall cease
remuneration proportionably equivalent to that paid to teach-
ers of the same grade in the service of the City.

21.

Ordered, That the Secretary lay before this
board, at their next meeting, a statement of the aggregate
amount of the sums reported at the last quarterly meet-
ing by the sub-committees, as necessary to defray the expenses
of the several schools during the current financial year.
And also a statement of the amount appropriated
by the City Council to meet those expenses.

Schools expenses
appropriat^{ed}

The meeting was then adjourned:

Attest,

E. M. Cleary,

Secretary.

A quarterly meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Tuesday, the second day of August, A. D. 1842.

Present

The Chairman Messrs Blake, Streater, Barnes, Palmer, Morgan, Parker, Dyer, Hillard, Gordon, Gould, Wigglesworth, Weston, Skinner, Simonds and Shackford.

Semi annual returns.

Semi annual returns were made by the masters of all the schools. The Secretary made an abstract of the returns of the masters of the several grammar and writing schools, containing the number of pupils & instructors, in each school, and the number of female teachers each is entitled to have. Read and filed.

Quarterly reports.

Quarterly reports were made by the sub-committees of all the schools; which were read & accepted.

Latin School.

Usher

The sub committee of the Latin School reported, that M^r. J. E. Parker has been obliged to resign his place as usher on account of ill health. They have temporarily employed James C. Merrill, Junr. during the absence of M^r. Parker.

Eng. High Sch.

The sub committee of the English High school reported, that at a meeting of said committee, on the 11th June 1842, they voted, that M^r. Sherwin have leave of absence for three months. Also that M^r. Samuel S. Green, serve as temporary teacher for that period, salary to be subsequently determined. Ordered, that M^r. Sherwin's salary be continued during his absence. Ordered, that M^r. Green, be paid

at the rate of one thousand dollars per annum, for the
time during which he may be attached to the said school.
Read, accepted and the orders passed.

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The ^{sub}committee of the Lyman school Lyman Sch.
reported, that the upper room of said school house ought to
be finished and put in order, for a reception of part of
the pupils. They also reported a resolve requesting the
committee on public buildings to cause to be finished & put
in order for the reception of pupils the upper school room
in said school house. Read, accepted, & thereupon ordered,
that the chairman of this board be requested to make ap-
plication to the committee on public buildings accordingly.

The sub-committee of the Hancock school Hancock Sch.
reported, that they have frequent complaints of late from parents' desks &c.
whose daughters attend said school, of the desks; about one
half of which in each department are from three to four
inches too low; an inconvenience which has been patiently
borne for a long time.

The sub-committee of the Mayhew school Mayhew Sch.
reported, that during the past year, the principal of the read-
ing department, in consequence of sickness has been necessarily
absent from school several times in the whole more than a
month. While he was absent W. Drew his usher supplied
his place. He now asks a master's compensation for the time
that he filled the master's place. The difference between the
salaries of a master & an usher for one month is seventy five
dollars. The committee recommend the passage of the following
order.

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order— Ordered, that seventy five dollars be allowed to Mr. Drew for extra service during the past year. Read, accepted and the order passed.

Boylston Sch.

The sub-committee of the Boylston school reported, that they had no occasion to take advantage of an order of the board passed, at the last quarterly meeting authorizing the committee to organize a branch school, if found necessary. The committee nominated Henry Seaver as usher from the 12th of September next, in the place of Augusta S. Owen & Catharine Grover, assistant teachers. — Read, accepted and said nomination was confirmed.

Franklin Sch.

The sub-committee of the Franklin school, asked permission to award ~~three~~ eight medals. Which was not granted, three fourths of the members present not being in favor of suspending the rule.

Wells Sch.

The sub-committee of the Wells School, reported, that since the last meeting of this board, the lower room having been fitted for the purpose, has been used for the 4th class. The average attendance during this quarter will not justify the number of teachers now attached to the school, but the additional accommodation, furnished by order of the board was necessary. And after the vacation, if the attendance will warrant it, more scholars can be admitted by extending the limits of the school. In June last, it became necessary for Miss Mary E. Swift, who had been employed at the school as a teacher since October last, to leave it on account of ill health, & Miss Caroline F. Housley was substituted,

having,

having entered the school 13th of June last, I continued to the present time. The committee wish that Miss Houseley's salary should commence from that day, I recommend her appointment as teacher until the next regular meeting of the board. When Miss Swift retired from the school in June, it was with the expectation, that she would return to it; but as that is not probable, the committee request that her salary be allowed until the 1st of October. Miss Swift has never rec^d at the Wells school, any other than a temporary appointment, having had a situation at the Adams school, which she lost on account of a reduction of teachers. Read & accepted, & ordered accordingly.

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The sub committee of the Hawes school Hawes sch. reported that the first of this quarter an assistant teacher was transferred to the Mather school, the number attending the Hawes school, not justifying their retaining their previous number of teachers.

The sub committee of the Winthrop school Winthrop sch. reported, that on the day of visitation of said school by the committee there were 162 absent, a great part of whom are supposed to have been kept from school by a Sunday school excursion. These excursions now occur so frequently as to be a serious injury to our public schools. And your committee would suggest the expediency of this board adopting some measure that may remedy the evil. It is believed that a communication from the school committee addressed to the pastors of the several churches, and the Superintendents of the various Sunday schools, stating the detriment which our schools suffer from this withdrawal of the pupils, & suggesting that these excursions might take place in the
vacations

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vacations, would be kindly received, & be the means of effectually remedying the evil.

Smith sch.

The sub-committee of the Smith school reported, that with the view of retaining the services of Joseph H. Putman, the colored assistant they recommend that hereafter he may take the pay of a teacher. Read and thereupon ordered, that the salary of Joseph H. Putman assistant in the Smith school be increased from \$200 to two hundred & fifty dollars after the present term.

Grammar schools
annual rep^t

The committee appointed to visit the several grammar schools, & critically to examine the pupils in all the branches taught therein, in order to ascertain the condition of said schools, reported at large, as on file, which report was read and accepted.

Writing schools
annual rep^t

The committee appointed to visit the writing schools, and critically to examine the pupils in all the branches taught therein, in order to ascertain the condition of said schools, reported at large, as on file, which report was read and accepted.

Masters' pet^o

Petition of the Masters of the several grammar & writing schools for an increase of their salaries. Read & laid upon the table.

Ruthven

Hancock sch.

Petition of Robert E. Ruthven, Father, parents of children attending the Hancock school, praying, that some alterations may be made in the desks & seats in that school house. Read & ref^d to the sub-com^{tee} of that school with full power to communicate the same to the com^{tee} on public buildings.

Petition of Edward Hazen, requesting 4.

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his Symbolical Spelling book his Speller & Definer his practical grammar and popular technology, - may be introduced into the public schools. Read & referred to the com^{ee} on books.

Hazen

The Secretary laid before the board a statement of the aggregate amount of the sums reported by the sub-committees as necessary to defray the expenses of the several schools, during the current financial year. Also a statement of the amount appropriated by the City Council to meet those expenses. Read & filed.

Schools expenses
&
appropriations.

The sub-committees of the Latin & English High Schools, who were authorized to confer with the committee on public instruction of the City Council upon the subject of the present organization of the Latin and English High Schools, and to report what changes, if any, it is expedient to make in the same, respectfully report, that they have met the committee of the City Council, and are of opinion that no action is expedient upon the subject proposed, at the present time. They accordingly ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. In the com^{ee} J. M. Chapman, Chairman.

Latin & Eng. high
Schools

Read & accepted.

The committee on Music have visited several of the grammar schools, in order to know the method of teaching the science, adopted by the Instructor, & to ascertain the acquirements of the scholars in it, and they ask leave to submit to the board the following brief remarks. The committee were accompanied by M^o Mason, the instructor, & the examinations & exercises were conducted by him. The schools visited were the

Music.

Mayhew,

Mayhew, Wells, Eliot, Bowdoin, Hancock, Franklin & Adams.
 In general the committee were highly gratified, & are happy in
 being able to bear favorable testimony to the system of teaching,
 adopted by Mr. Mason. It is, eminently an inductive method,
 exercising actively the reasoning powers of the mind, & in this
 respect constituting a very useful intellectual exercise; while
 at the same time, it tends to impart to the scholars, a thorough
 knowledge of the rudiments of the science. In some of the schools,
 the scholars exhibited a very remarkable degree of knowledge of
 the principles of music, much to the surprise, & greatly to the de-
 light of the committee. Examinations were made by Mr. Mason
 on the questions contained in some of the tables of a book pre-
 pared by him & used in the schools; especially those relating to
 the nature of the scale, & the intervals, & to the transposition
 of it into all the major keys. Many of the scholars appeared
 to understand perfectly the rules applicable, particularly, those
 of the upper classes. The instruction had not been carried beyond
 the tables referred to. Leger at sight, from the black board
 were readily & correctly sung. The intervals natural & chromatic,
 were generally, very finely given. The exercises in singing were
 almost invariably good, & in some of the schools they were
 very beautiful, affording much gratification to the committee.
 The scholars manifested a great interest in the study, & the
 committee feel assured, that it is not only a very useful;
 but also a very pleasing exercise to them. For the sake of
 illustration on this point, a circumstance which occurred at
 the visit of one of the committee may be aptly mentioned.
 On his arrival at the school, the exercises in music had been
 finished by the instructor. It was proposed to the scholars to re-
 main, with the consent of the master, half an hour longer,
 that

that further exercises might be had in the presence of the committee, with the condition that the time should be made up to them, by omitting the exercises on another day. The condition was not accepted; indeed it seemed to be unanimously rejected. In conclusion the committee deem it to be their duty to express their approbation of the introduction of music into the ~~schools~~ grammar schools, & to say, that its success justifies the present arrangement for its introduction, in every respect.

For the Com^{ee}. Chas. Gordon, Chairman.

Read & accepted.

Ordered, that there be paid to Miss Carter, Eliot sch. a sister of the assistant teachers the ordinary compensation for her services as a temporary teacher in ~~the~~ ^{the Eliot} school.

Ordered, that the salaries of the mas-
ters of the Latin and English High Schools, be two thous-
and dollars each, per annum. And the master of the Math-
er School, be twelve hundred and fifty dollars.

Ordered, that the salaries of the
several instructors in the public schools, for the ensuing
year, be the same as the last year, excepting those which
have been fixed, by special votes of this day.

Voted, to proceed by ballots to the choice
of masters of all the schools. And the votes being taken it
appeared that the following persons were chosen, viz.

Latin School, Epes Sargent Dixwell.

English High, Thomas Sherwin.

Eliot

Eliot school. Cha^s B. Sherman grammar master. Levi Leonard, writing master.
 Hancock - William J. Adams - Peter Mackintosh, Jr. -
 Endicott - George Allen, Jun^r - Loring Lotthrop -
 Mayhew - William D. Swan - Aaron D. Capen -
 Bowdoin - Abraham Andrews - James Robinson -
 Boylston - (no choice of) - Charles Kimball -
 Adams - Samuel Barrett - Josiah Fairbanks -
 Franklin - Barnum Field - Nathan Merrill -
 Wells - Cornelius Walker - Reuben Swan, Jr. -
 Mawes - Frederick Crafts - John A. Harris -
 Johnson - Richard G. Parker - Joseph Hale -
 Winthrop - Henry Williams, Jr. - Samuel L. Gould -

Sydney school. Albert Bowker, master.

Mather - Jon^a Battles, Jun^r -

Smith - Abner Forbes -

Ushers & teach^r The following persons were nominated by the sub committees of the several schools, which nominations were confirmed by the board, and they were appointed accordingly, viz^t:

Satin. Francis Gardner, sub master. George S. Parker, & James C. Merrill, Jun^r ushers. Jonathan Snelling, teacher of writing.

English High. Luther Robinson - sub master. Francis S.

Williams & W^m A. Shephard; ushers. Sydney. Mary Atherton, &

Aaron L. Ordway, assistants. Eliot. George Tower, & Jacob W.

Hout. ushers. Caroline W. Carter, & Elizabeth Skinner, assistants.

Hancock. Adeline Howe, Henrietta S. Pierce, Catharine W. Snelling,

Mary F. Norton, Cecelia S. Gale, Sarah A. Dykes. Endicott.

Henry E. Clapp, usher. Angeline A. Brigham, Ann M. Wight,

Susan A. Bates, & Mary Torrin, assistants. Mayhew. Winslow

Battles. Benjamin Drew, Jun^r ushers. Mary J. Walker, & E. S.

West, assistants. Bowdoin. Mary A. Murdoch, Rebecca Lincoln,

Chastine

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Chastine Lincoln, Francis M. Robinson, Caroline E. Andrews, Harriet
 French, ^{J. Mary S. Robinson} assistants. Boylston. Henry Seaver, usher. Margaret S.
 Emory, Harriet E. Emory, Clarinda R. F. Readwell, Susan
 M. Jones, assistants. Adams. Josiah A. Stearns, usher. Sarah E.
 Weld, Elizabeth M. Emerson, Mary S. Brigham, & Mary E. Beck.
Franklin. Hannah S. Tirrell, Sarah Ann Galo, Abigail E.
 Baldwin, Catharine T. Simonds, Martha A. Parker, Caroline Bullard,
 Henrietta C. Emmons, & Emily Frothingham, assistants. Wells.
 Wm. H. Swan & Levi Dodge, ushers, Matilda A. Gerry, Hannah J.
 Woodman, & Caroline F. Housley, assistants. Lanes. Charles A.
 Merrill, usher. Julia M. Baxter, Mary E. Colantu, Mary Ann
 Leaper, assistants. Mather. Isaac F. Shepard, usher. Lucy Lloyd,
 Mary Pierce, Margaret Moody, & Evelina Crane, assistants. Johnson.
 Rebecca P. Barry, Martha E. Towne, Sarah Ann Belding, Emma J.
 Knapp, Judith E. Parker, & Mary M. Stoddard, assistants. Winthrop.
 Eliza A. Fell, Mary J. Bryant, Nancy Brooks, Eliza R. Harrington,
 Harriet D. Williams & Elizabeth W. Shelton, assistants. Smith.
 Sarah Forbes, Chloë A. Lee & Joseph M. Putnam, assistants.

There was no choice of grammar master of the Boylston Sch.
Boylston school; after two trials, no one having a majority
 of votes.

The meeting was then adjourned to Tuesday
 next, five o'clock P. M.

Attest

S. M. Cleary

Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Tuesday, the ninth day of August, A. D. 1842.

Present.

The Chairman, Messrs Blake, Streetor, Clark, Barnes, Neale, Morgan, Parker, Dyer, Willard, Gould, Wigglesworth, Odin, Weston, Skinner, Simonds & Shackford.

Boylston sch.

The board proceeded by ballot to the choice of grammar master of the Boylston school, & the votes being taken, it appeared that Charles Fox was chosen.

Latin & Eng. High-Schools.

A motion was made to reconsider the vote establishing the salaries of the masters of the Latin and English High Schools, passed at the last meeting of this board, and it was decided in the negative. The Chairman decided that this question came within the rule contained in the 9th section, Chap. 3^d of the rules of this board, which requires, that a motion for reconsideration of any vote made at a subsequent meeting shall not be carried unless a majority of all the members of the board shall vote therefor. An appeal was made from this decision; but the board supported the opinion of the Chair.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Attest,

J. M. Cleary,

Secretary.

A quarterly meeting of the school committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Tuesday, the first day of November, A. D. 1842.

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Present.

The Chairman, Messrs. Blake, Streeter, Barnes, Palmer, Neale, Morgan, Emerson, Hubbard, Gordon, Young, Gould, Wigglesworth, Odier, Weston, Simonds and Shackford.

Quarterly reports were made by the sub-Quarterly reports committees of all the schools; which were read & accepted.

The sub-committee of the Latin school reported the following order, which was read & accepted.

Latin

School

Ordered, that the sub-committee of the Latin school be authorized to procure a celestial globe for the use of that school.

The sub-committee of the English high school reported, that the numbers belonging to the school, at the commencement of the present term made it incumbent on the committee, pursuant to the regulations of the board, to engage the services of an additional usher. Mr. Samuel S. Greene has been employed by the committee. He has given good satisfaction; & the committee recommend him to the board for their confirmation. Mr. Greene was employed by the committee with the approbation of the board, to take charge of one of the classes during Mr. Sherwin's absence on account of sickness the last term. His compensation was fixed by the board at the rate of \$1000 per annum; & he was in the school $9\frac{1}{7}$ weeks. The auditor in making up his account did not apportion his compensation with reference to the number of working days in a year; but apportion-

Eng. High

School

ed it in the same manner as would be done in the case of a teacher who had been employed a whole year, having the benefit of all the vacation. As M^r. Greene was engaged till the close of the last term, & resumed his duties at the beginning of the present term, the committee think it reasonable that his pay should cover the period of the vacation, as well in the case of other teachers in the service of the City, they therefore recommend the adoption of the subjoined order.

Read and the nomination of M^r. Greene as usher was confirmed, and thereupon ordered, that the salary of M^r. Samuel S. Greene as usher in the English High School commence on the seventeenth day of August last.

Lyman
School

The sub-committee of the Lyman school reported, that they were in doubt whether they have authority to appoint an usher or assistant teachers, and they reported a resolution giving them the requisite authority, as follows viz:

Resolved, that the sub-committee of the Lyman school have the same authority in regard to the appointment of an usher and assistant teachers as enjoyed by the sub-committees of the other schools. Read, accepted & the resolve passed.

Wancock
School

The sub-committee of the Wancock school, reported, that Miss Gordon having resigned her place as assistant teacher, the committee nominated Miss Sarah White, which nomination was confirmed by this board, & she was appointed accordingly.

Bowdoin
School

The sub-committee of the Bowdoin school nominated Miss Sarah N. Adams as an assistant teacher; which nomination was confirmed, & she was appointed accordingly.

The sub-committee of the Wells school
nominated Miss Caroline F. Housley as an assistant teacher
of said school, which nomination was confirmed, & she was
appointed accordingly.

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Wells sch.

The sub-committee of the Winthrop
school reported, that Miss Harrington resigned her place on
the 1st of October, on which day Miss Susan W. Hunt was
appointed an assistant teacher; the committee asked that
this nomination be confirmed. Read & accepted; and Miss
Hunt was appointed accordingly.

Winthrop

school

Voted, That M^{rs} Oliver E. Gardiner
receive half a quarter's salary, beyond the date of his re-
signation, as usher of the Endicott school.

Gardiner

Ordered, That the committee to confer
with the committee on primary schools, be instructed to request
the last mentioned committee to consider the expediency of estab-
lishing a primary school for colored children, in the northern
part of the city.

Primary

Schools

The committee on books reported an order
allowing Colaggett's American Expositor to be used in the grammar
department of the Wells school. Read & not accepted.

Books

Voted, That the rule respecting the admission to
the English High School, be so far dispensed with as to authorize the sub com^{tee}
of that school to give liberty to a certain pupil to remain in said school, who did not
furnish the requisite certificate for admission, if under the special circumstances of this
case, they shall deem it proper so to do.

Eng. High Sch.

pupil

The meeting was then adjourned.

Attest, S. W. Cleary, Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Tuesday, the twenty seventh day of December, A. D. 1842.

Present:

The Chairman, Messrs Blake, Streeter, Clarke, Parker, Emerson, Dyer, Hubbard, Rogers, Young, Gould, Edin, Skinner, Sargent, Simonds and Shackford.

Wells school.

The sub-committee of the Wells school that the number of pupils now belonging to the school is 273 boys, 315 girls = 588. The number reported at the last meeting of the board 496 = 92 increase. As it was found there was a daily attendance sufficient to justify the appointment of another assistant teacher, and the state of the school absolutely required it, your committee on the tenth day of November last, selected Miss Helen A. Hazeltine, a former pupil of the school, and she immediately entered upon her duties. Your committee would nominate Miss Hazeltine as a teacher from 10th of November last. The average attendance has been about 500; which number entitles the school to the teachers now connected with it, including Miss Hazeltine. For the com^{rs} Edw^d Blake, Chairman.
Read, accepted, and said nomination was confirmed.

Adams school.

The sub-committee of the Adams school submit the following statement in regard to the school under their care. The number of pupils has for some time past, been greater than could be accommodated in the seats provided for them. - Many of the children have been under the necessity of occupying benches on the platform in the rear of the teachers or in the alleys

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at the ends of the room. The inconveniences & evils to which the teachers, as well as pupils are now subject is such as to require the immediate action of the board. The whole number of pupils on the 1st of November belonging to the school was 494, on the first Monday of that month, 13 were admitted, and during the month 11 were discharged, leaving on the 1st of December 556, belonging to the school. On the 1st Monday of December 18 were admitted; and during the month thus far 15 have been discharged, leaving 539, the present number belonging to the school. There are 200 seats in each room. The average attendance in the grammar department during November was 458, or 232 in the senior division, 231 in the junior division. The greatest attendance on any one day in November was 252, and the least 211. The greatest attendance in December was 244, and the least 205; this smallest number was occasioned by bad weather. The number of attendance in the writing department have not essentially varied from those in the grammar department. In view of the facts above stated, the committee recommend the adoption of the subjoined order:

Wm. J. Hubbard.

Wm. M. Rogers.

Ordered, that the sub-committee of the Adams School be authorized to hire, and cause to be fitted up some suitable room, as near to the school house as conveniently may be, for the accommodation of those children belonging to the school who cannot be accommodated in the school house; and that they also be authorized to appoint an usher, or assistant teacher, to take charge of said children, such appointment to be subject to the ratification of this board.

Read and accepted, and the order passed.

Endicott sch.

The sub committee of the Endicott school, finding an average attendance there of 80 pupils over the number provided at present with teachers have nominated Miss Mary S. Palmer, as an additional teacher. They also ask leave to occupy the ward room, or some other convenient place, with the 80 pupils who cannot be seated in the school house. Read accepted and thereupon Ordered, that the sub committee of the Endicott school be authorized to hire and cause to be fitted up some suitable room, as near the school house, as conveniently may be, for the accommodation of those children belonging to the school, who cannot be accommodated in the school house, and that they be authorized to appoint an usher or assistant teacher, to take charge of said children; such appointment to be subject to the ratification of this board.

Primary sch.

for col^d children

The committee appointed to confer with the primary school committee, reported, that the primary school committee had found 30 or 40 coloured children at the north part of the City, and they had found & provided a suitable room there, and provided for their instruction.

Secretary

Ordered, that there be paid to the Secretary of this board, one hundred fifty dollars, for his services the current year.

Mesonger

Ordered, that there be paid to the Mesonger of this board, one hundred dollars, for his services the current year.

Chairman

On motion of the Rev^d W. Young,

thanks to

Resolved, that the thanks of this board be presented to
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The Chairman, for the able, faithful and courteous manner with which he has presided over our deliberations, the past year, with the assurance, that in retiring from office, he carries with him our respect and esteem, and our best wishes for his prosperity and happiness.

The foregoing resolution was again read by the Secretary, and passed by a unanimous vote. To which the Chairman made a pertinent reply.

The meeting was then adjourned without day.

Attest,

B. M. Cleary,

Secretary.

Medals awarded 1842.

<u>Latin</u>	<u>boys</u>	<u>English High</u>
Wm. S. Bliss		John B. Babcock
Francis S. Child		James L. Cronbie
Wm. S. Bliss		Edwin Davenport
<u>Mayhew</u>		James A. Dugan
Joseph H. Bancroft		Wm. W. Mairs
Amos H. French		Franklin W. Smith
Andrew F. Lunt		<u>Boylston</u>
Calvin G. Paige		Chas. H. Isburgh
Leah N. Richards		H. A. C. Eveleth
George W. White.		Thomas Holton
<u>Adams</u>		<u>Winthrop</u>
Francis S. Brown		Chas. E. Midden
Thomas Hills		Richard A. Jewell
Joseph A. Laforme.		A. W. Stearns
George C. Townsend		<u>Eliot.</u>
Edward C. Allen		Ephraim W. Gurney
Wm. L. Underwood		George C. Olney
<u>Mathers</u>		James H. Dyke
Wm. B. Fairchild		Charles S. Marsh
Francis H. Jenney		Joshua T. Davis
<u>Lawes</u>		Joseph W. Torrey
James C. Olms		<u>Endicott</u>
Benj. Pope		John C. Haynes
Wm. H. Cunningham,		Robt. M. Litley
<u>Symon</u>		Joshua T. Burgess
Sander A. Oliver,		<u>Franklin</u>
<u>Hills.</u>		John A. Lanson
A. W. Knowlton		Francis C. Stebbins

^{Wells con.}
Arthur Williams
Chas W. Tuttle.

^{Wells con.}
Joseph H. Wheelock A.

Winthrop girls.
Sarah W. Tate
Mary Ross.
Maria S. Hathorne

Hancock
Eliza A. Stockwell
Sarah B. Mackintosh
Anna M. Snelling

Matter
Nancy Porter Walton
Sarah Agnes Loring
Elizabeth Brown

Ann M. Reed
Martha A. Palmer
Francis C. Barnard

Boylston
Sarah S. Gore
Ann C. Sinclair
Susan W. French.

Franklin
Caroline W. Pitts
Mary M. Singley
Mary J. Nash

Hawes
Maria H. Manning
Elizabeth B. Reynolds.
Mary S. Hobbs

Johnson
Mary H. Faggard
Caroline G. Woodman
Harriet Martin
Sarah B. Patten
Mary S. Lauförth,
Francis M. Fuller,

Lyman
Isabella Reed

Endicott
S. Delia Hamblet.
Elizabeth B. Stearns.
Francis C. Sherman.

Wells
Sarah A. Sawyer
Mary J. Carter
Harriet Bullard.

Bowdoin
Mary G. Crombie
Caroline C. Linsmore
Harriet Hawes.
Martha S. Loring
Louisa H. Mason
Martha W. Reed.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Tuesday, the tenth day of January, A. D. 1843.

The following gentlemen compose the School committee, the present year.

Martin Brimmer, Mayor, Chairman.
Edward Blake, President of the Common Council.

From the wards.

Ward No. 1.	Rev. Sebastian Streete	and	Henry G. Clarke.
" "	2. James W. Barnes	"	John E. Rousmaniere.
" "	3. Andrew Leyer	"	George W. Wilson.
" "	4. Aurelius D. Parker	"	David Morgan.
" "	5. Frederick Emerson	"	William J. Dale.
" "	6. William J. Hubbard	"	George S. Willard.
" "	7. Charles Gordon	"	Rev. William M. Rogers.
" "	8. Rev. William Haque	"	Samuel F. Holbrook.
" "	9. Edward Wigglesworth	"	Rev. Daniel M. Lord.
" "	10. John Odin, Junr.	"	Ezra Weston.
" "	11. Rev. Otis A. Skinner	"	Rev. John T. Sargent.
" "	12. Alvan Simonds,	"	Rev. Cha. C. Shackford.

All the above named Gentlemen appeared and took their seats except Messrs Barnes, Morgan, Skinner, Wilson and Wigglesworth.

Chairman

The board was called to order by the Mayor, who by the rules is ex officio Chairman.

Secretary

The board proceeded to the choice of Secretary, by ballot, & the votes being taken, it appeared, that Samuel F. McCleary, was chosen.

Ordered, that the rules & regulations of the 113.

School committee of the last year, be and hereby are adopted, & Rules to
to remain in force, until the further order of this board. Also
the rules and orders for the government of the members of the
board, when in session.

The following sub or visiting committees, Sub committees
were nominated and appointed, viz:

Latin. The Mayor.

Messrs Wigglesworth,
Willard,
Rogers,
Mague.

English High Messrs Hubbard,
Weston,
Lord,
Parker,
Wilson.

Lymann. Messrs Morgan,
Barnes,
Geyer.

Eliot. Messrs Clark,
Streeter,
Rousmaniere.

Endicott. Messrs Streeter,
Morgan,
Clark.

Mancock. Messrs Barnes,
Parker,
Wilson.

Mayhew. Messrs Wigglesworth,
Dale,
Geyer.

Bowdoin. Messrs Gordon,
Dale,
Rousmaniere.

Boylston. Messrs Rogers,
Weston,
Holbrooke.

Adams. Messrs Weston,
Hubbard,
Holbrooke.

Franklin. Messrs Skinner,
Simonds,
Sargent.

Wells. Messrs Blake,
Emerson,
Dale.

Clawes. Messrs Shackford,
Skinner,
Sargent.

Mather. Messrs Simonds,
Odin,
Holbrooke.

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Johnson. Mep.^r Odier,
Millard,
Shackford.

Winthrop. Mep.^r Hague,
Blake,
Gordon.

Smith. Mep.^r Emerson, Parker and Dale.

Com.^o on Books. Mep.^r Wigglesworth, Rogers, Millard, Hague & Rousmainere.

Committee to confer with the primary school committee,

Mep.^r Emerson, Clark and Shackford.

Committee on Music. Mep.^r Gordon, Millard and Weston.

Pupils seats for

Ordered, that the Secretary notify the masters of the schools to state, in their next semiannual reports, the number of seats for pupils in the two principal rooms of their respective school houses. Also the number of seats, in the basement rooms if any.

Excess of pupils

Ordered, that Mep.^r Hubbard, Emerson, Millard, Weston and Barnes, be a committee to consider and report at the next quarterly meeting, of the board, what measures it may be expedient to adopt in order to relieve those of the public schools who are at present incommoded by an excess in the number of their scholars.

App^o for schools

Ordered, that the several sub-committees be requested to ascertain what amount of money will be required, to be appropriated for the use of their respective schools, exclusive of fuel, for the next financial year; to report at the next quarterly meeting in February next.

Primary Sch com^o

The following gentlemen were nominated and appointed members of the primary school committee - viz -

Warren Ordway. Joseph Robbins. Guy C. Haynes.

Thomas Ditson.	Henry N. Hooper.	Ephraim Buck Sr 4-5.
Joseph W. Ingraham.	Wenon Leavitt	Henry S. Clark.
Fred ^k A. Eddy.	J. P. Oliver	Rowland Ellis
Wm H. Leonard	J. Moriarty	J. Westman
John P. Ober	Joshua B. Towle	Elijah Stearns
John B. McBlaney.	esse Swallow	Noah Lincoln Jr
Wm Eaton	Andrew Geyer	E. H. Snelling
Chas G. Commons	E. H. Wakefield	George Bernis
Wm L. Dale	A. G. Wyman	Edward Howard
John White Jr	Saml G. Simpkins	Theodore H. Bell
Joshua B. Kimball	Francis Brown	Fred ^k A. Sumner
Thos B. Hawkes	J. J. Richardson	Harriet Sherman
Fred ^k A. Prince	J. L. Cushman	Elijah Colt
James Tolman	Enoch Hobart	A. S. Parker
Richard W. Bayley	E. P. Hartshorn	H. W. Miller
A. A. Thompson	J. J. Humphrey	L. S. Craigie
Eben Jones	William Howe	Benj. B. Richardson
Lewis T. Stoddard.	Fred ^k J. Stimpson	Warren J. Whitney
Oliver Ditson	Chas Stimpson	J. H. Bumstead
Wm D. Ticknor	L. R. Marvin	James B. Dow
Chas C. Barry	Paul T. Coit	Wm B. Whelan
Esther Lidd	J. S. Steadman	A. Metcalf Jr
E. H. Steppinger	J. P. Smith	Saml McBurney
W. J. Washburn	Henry Burroughs	George Rogers
Wm McBurney	John Helen Jr	Saml A. Allen
Chas. C. Wheeler	H. G. Wiley	Wm F. Jarvis
John T. Singley	Francis Bullard	A. A. Skinner
esse W. Hallin	Horace Dupree Jr	esse Hester Jr
Wm Dall	John C. Park	H. H. Andrews
Volney Wilder	Adam Sylvester	Samuel Jackson

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John ...
A. J. Wright
Homer Homer
Ambrose Lewis

August ...
Alvan ...
W. T. Parker
Henry ...

Samuel ...
Samuel ...
Wm B. Brooks

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And said committee be, and they are hereby authorized to organize their body, and regulate their proceedings as they may deem most convenient; & to fill all vacancies occurring in the same, during the ensuing year; and this board will respectfully receive from said committee such communications as they may please occasionally to make on the subject of those schools.

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The meeting was then adjourned.

Attest,

(S. M. Cleary,

Secretary.

Prim: Schools -
appropriations.

* Ordered, that the committee of conference with the primary school committee be requested to call upon the last mentioned committee for information, as to the amount of money, that will be required to be appropriated for the primary schools, exclusive of fuel, for the next financial year; said committee to report at the next quarterly meeting in February.

Attest,

(S. M. Cleary,

Secretary.

At a quarterly meeting of the
School committee of the City of Boston, held at City
Hall on Tuesday the seventh day of February, A. D. 1843.

47.

Present.

The Chairman, and the whole board, except Mess^{rs} Wilson,
Rousmaniere, ~~and~~ Skinner, and Wigglesworth.

Semi annual returns were made by the
masters of all the schools, except the ^{Semi annual} ~~Boylston~~ school. ^{returns.}
The Secretary made an abstract of the returns of all the mas-
ters of the several grammar and writing schools, containing the
number of pupils and instructors, in each school, and the
number of female teachers each is entitled to have.

Quarterly reports were made by the
sub committees of all the schools, which were read & accepted,
except as hereinafter mentioned. ^{Quarterly rep^{ts}}

The sub committee of the English high
school reported, that with the increase of the aggregate ^{English high Sch.}
number of pupils, there has been necessarily an increase, but
perhaps not more than a proportional increase of the number
of pupils, who from want of capacity, or lack of application fall
short of that degree of ~~application~~ proficiency, which has hereto-
fore characterized the great body of the scholars, & the attain-
ment of which in the opinion of the committee should be a
condition of continuing to enjoy the privileges of the school.
Individuals who are thus deficient not only fail to make the
acquisitions which may reasonably be expected of them, but are
a dead weight upon their class, and those who are diligent &
faithful

faithful are embroiled in their efforts to press onward in their studies. Another and more serious impediment to the increased usefulness of the school is the fact, that many scholars are lamentably deficient in their preparatory studies, and the teachers are obliged to devote much time to instructing the pupils in the principles with which they should be familiar when they enter the school. If the scholars were more thoroughly acquainted with geography, and were well grounded in the principles of arithmetic as well as instructed in the rules by which operations are performed, more time might be devoted to the study of those branches, for the acquisition of a knowledge of which this school was more especially instituted. The committee are not prepared to suggest any mode in which the evil last alluded to may be remedied. Perhaps the action of the sub-committees of the grammar schools by enjoining a greater degree of thoroughness on the part of the masters of those schools, may effect the necessary reform. Or the desired result may be attained, by enjoining it upon the principal of the High school to exact from the candidates for admission, a higher standard of attainment in the preparatory studies than has hitherto been required. The action of the sub-committee of the High Sch. may remedy the evils which result from defect of natural capacity or want of application exhibited after admission if the board will authorize the committee to dismiss those boys whose attainments may fall below what may be deemed a proper standard. They therefore submit to the consideration of the board for their adoption, the subjoined order.

The committee have granted temporary leave of absence to Mr. Shepard one of the ushers on account of ill health, his place is supplied by a former pupil of the school, who left

in 1840, with the highest honors of his class, and who by two 49.
years diligent application as a pupil in the Latin school,
has since fitted himself for college, and is now a member
of the freshman class in Harvard University.

Ordered, That the sub-committee of the Eng-
lish High school be authorized to dismiss from the school any
pupils whose proficiency shall not in their judgment be such as
to render them worthy of the privileges of the school.

Read and upon the question of passing P.
order, it was determined in the negative, ten voting for
the same, and eleven against the same. M^r. Hubbard,
made a motion to reconsider the last vote. Which motion
was laid upon the table.

The sub-committee of the Endicott school, stated Endicott sch.
in their report, that there is in said school a surplus of about
200 pupils over the seats in the house. This difficulty the com-
mittee have not as yet, been able to remedy; they have how-
ever, some prospect of a room, which it is thought may be
fitted up, at no very considerable expense, & answer the pur-
pose tolerably well. A terrestrial globe is wanted, and the
furnace in the writing room needs repairing. Accepted and
thereupon ordered, that the sub-committee of that school
be authorized to purchase a terrestrial globe for the same.

The sub-committee of the Hancock school. Hancock sch.
reported, the following order viz: Ordered, that the committee
of the City Council on public buildings be requested to furnish
twenty four window curtains & curtain fixtures for said the Hancock
school house, to be attached to the windows in place of the old ones

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and to be about six inches wider. Read, accepted and the order passed.

Adams Sch.

The sub committee of the Adams school stated in their report, that pursuant to the vote passed at the meeting of the board on the 27th of December, the committee the next day appointed Mr. William Rogers, usher of the school, and recommended that he be confirmed by the board; his appointment to take effect from Dec. 28. 1842. They have also engaged a room at the Melodean, of the Handel and Haydn society at the rate of \$150, a year; but if occupied a shorter period, at the rate of \$200. Read & accepted; said nomination was confirmed.

Johnson Sch.

The sub committee of the Johnson school reported the following order viz. Ordered, That it is expedient that the Johnson school be furnished with seats similar to those in the Franklin school house, and that the sum of \$400, for that purpose, be included in the appropriation asked for.

Fenwick's.

Communication of Bishop Fenwick, complaining that some of the books used in the schools, reflect upon the Catholics, and asking that they be not used therein. Ref^d to the committee on books.

Uni. History

The stream of time, or a map of universal history, edited by S. G. Goodrich. Ref^d to the com^{ee} on books.

Outline Maps.

Ordered, that Mess^{rs} Weston, Gordon & Holbrook be a committee to examine and report whether outline maps,

as they are termed, cannot be profitably used in the grammar schools; And if so, what method may be best taken by the board, that those schools may be supplied with them. And also how much the present collection of maps at the schools, are now used, if they are in good preservation. The committee to report at the adjourned meeting of the board.

51.

The primary school committee made their semi-annual report, which was referred to the committee of conference with said committee with instructions, to cause the printing of the tabular statement accompanying said report; with such other parts of the same, as may appear to them necessary or useful, for the information of this board, and the City government, in relation to the standing of said schools; the number of pupils attending them, and the examinations, visits and attention of the primary school committee; And also that a copy of said document be furnished to each member of the City Council, of this board, and of the primary school committee.

Prim. Schools
Semi annual
Report

Ordered, That thirty five dollars be withdrawn from the Smith fund and applied to the purchase of books for the Smith school

Smith's Sch.

The standing committee of this board confer with the primary school committee, and have made inquiry through the medium of the chairman of the primary school committee, as to the amount of money necessary to be appropriated for the support of primary schools, exclusive of the expense of fuel, for the next financial year. The result is as follows. For 104 schools, last year, in operation, the wages of teachers,

Prim. Sch. app^{ty}

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52) rent of school rooms. Incidental expenses amounted to nearly
\$ 33,000; & the same schools will require the same sum the
coming year. \$ 33,000.

For 3 new schools, lately constituted 1,050.

For 5 new schools, that will be required 1,700

For the construction of new school houses 12,000

Total 117,800.

Respectfully submitted - Frederick Emerson, Chairman.

Read & accepted.

App^{rs} for schools.

The several subcommittees, who were instructed to ascertain what amount of money will be required to be appropriated for the use of their respective schools, exclusive of fuel, for the next financial year; reported the several sums required, as contained in their several quarterly reports.

Adjourned to Tuesday, the seventh day of
March next, four o'clock, P. M.

Attest,

(S. M. Cleary,

Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Tuesday, the seventh day of March, A. D. 1843.

53.

Present.

The Chairman and the whole board, except Mess^{rs} Wilson and Skinner.

The following books were referred to the committee on books, viz: B. Wood Foster's practical book keeping, double and single entry. The Institutes of English grammar, by Gould Brown. The Scholars manual. First lines of English grammar.

Books

Ordered, That there be allowed and paid to M^r Francis J. Child, for his services as instructor in the English High School, for five weeks, during the illness of one of the ushers, the sum of sixty dollars.

Child

The Committee appointed at the meeting of the Board in January, to consider and report what measures it may be expedient to adopt, in order to relieve those of the Public Schools, which are at present incommoded by an excess in the number of their scholars, submit the following report: It appears from an examination of the semi-annual returns, made from the several Schools, for the six months ending with January last, that the number of pupils, connected with the several Grammar and Writing Schools of the city, in January, amounted to 6,910 - being 3,352 boys, and 3,558 girls. The same returns show that the whole number of seats in the grammar and writing

Schools

Surplus pupils

writing

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writing departments of all the schools, was only 5.68%.

The deficiency of accommodations, therefore, in the whole City, having reference to the aggregate number of pupils in the schools, is such as to leave 4,223 pupils unprovided with seats. But the Lyman School-House, at East Boston, and the Hawes and Mather School-Houses, at South Boston, have seats for a greater number of scholars than are connected with those schools. The whole number of pupils in those schools is 1030, and in the school-houses there are 1202 seats. The excess of accommodation beyond their utmost present wants is 172. These schools are resorted to only by children from the districts in which they are located, and cannot be made available for the accommodation of the children of the City proper. The whole burden of the excess in the number of scholars, therefore, falls on the schools within the peninsula. In considering the existing wants of our schools, the attention of the Board must consequently be directed to the state of the eleven schools within the limits of the old Town of Boston, the more recently settled portions of the City having had superior privileges in this particular conferred upon them, which place them much in advance of the rest of the City. A tabular Statement annexed to this Report, marked A, exhibits results which have been gathered from the semi-annual Reports in regard to the eleven schools in the peninsula. From this table it appears that the whole number

of pupils connected with these schools in January was 5,880, viz: 2,822 boys, and 3,057 girls - showing that the number of pupils connected with the schools exceeds the present accommodations by 1,395.

The aggregate average attendance in all the eleven schools in January was 4,959. The Committee did not consider that the total number connected with the schools would be the proper basis upon which to estimate the extent of accommodations which it will be needful for the City to provide.

This would give a present excess, as it never happens that all the scholars whose names are on the rolls attend in any one day. On the other hand it would not, in their opinion, be proper to assume the average attendance during the month as the basis on which to make an estimate, inasmuch as it may reasonably be presumed that the daily attendance for any given period exceeds, as often as it falls short of the average attendance for the whole time.

And it would seem to be proper that the accommodations should, for half the time at least, be adequate for the scholars in attendance, with some small excess of accommodations during the other half, rather than there should be barely adequate accommodations for only half the time, and a deficiency for the other half.

The Committee have therefore assumed that the mean number between the average attendance in January, and the aggregate number of scholars

56. Scholars connected with the schools in that month would furnish the proper basis, on which to found an estimate of the additional accommodations, which the wants and interests of the City now require should be furnished, for the pupils belonging to our Grammar and Writing Schools. This mean number, as appears by the annexed table A, is 5,419, which, the number of seats being only 4,485, shows that the accommodations now furnished fall so far short of what the public necessity requires, as to leave 934 children in our eleven Grammar and Writing Schools, unprovided with seats. In this estimate, the temporary accommodations, furnished in the branch schools, are not taken into the account. They would reduce the number to 650. But it is not supposed by the Committee, that in making permanent arrangements for the wants of the schools, any reliance will be placed on these means of providing for a temporary excess of scholars. The facts thus presented lead to a conclusion, from which the Committee see no way of escape — that additional accommodations are needed at this present moment for 934 scholars — nor can they suggest any mode in which this want can be adequately supplied, other than by furnishing school houses for two new Grammar and Writing Schools. This estimate does not take into view the prospective increase of numbers in the schools. But it should be distinctly borne in mind

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by the Board, as well as by those upon whom rests
the responsibility of providing for the educational
wants of the City, that in the month of May
next, large additions to the Grammar and Writ-
ing Schools will be received from the Primary
Schools. Judging from the experience of past years,
the Committee believe that this increase cannot
be estimated at less than eight per centum upon
the numbers belonging to the Schools in January.
This advance upon the average attendance in the
above Schools in January would give an increase
of 306 upon the aggregate numbers in the Schools,
the increase would be 570, and upon the mean
between the average and the aggregate, 438; so
that, before sites can probably be selected for
the two new school houses which the public
necessity now demands, there will no doubt be
an increase in the number of scholars, more
than sufficient to fill a third school house.
The view thus exhibited of the present urgent
wants of the City, and the necessity of providing
for prospective wants, which will be seen pressing
upon us, is somewhat startling. The Committee
cannot but regret, that the attention of the Board
was not directed to this subject the last year. The
Sub-committees of several of the Schools were aware
that their respective schools were crowded to
excess, but no measures were taken to ascer-
tain the results as affecting the City at large.
The evil has thereby become greater, and the
necessity

necessity of now providing for wants which in fact existed last year, and should then have been met, has thrown an increased burden of expense upon the present financial year. True wisdom requires that the evil should be boldly met when first discovered; by deferring to make adequate provision for existing wants, which are greatly increasing the evil will only be still further aggravated. The great increase in the number of pupils being a matter of some surprise to the Committee, they have been led to inquire whether it was not in a ratio beyond the increase of population; and they have satisfied themselves that such is the fact, and that too, to a degree beyond what could have been imagined. By the census of 1840, it appears that the number of males in Boston between the ages of 5 & 15 was 7,632.

Females between same ages 8,015

Total of children between 5 & 15, 15,650

By the census of 1830.

Boys between 5 and 15 were ... 5,110

Girls " " 5 " 15 " ... 5,825 11,235

Making the increase in 10 years, - 4,445

Add say for two years since census of 1840 was taken, upon the hypothesis that the increase has has been in the same ratio as for 10 years, - - - - - 880

Makes the increase since 1830, - 5,298.

Add population in 1830, - 11,235

Makes

Makes present population of both sexes between 5 and 15, 16,535

This shows an increase of population since 1830, of about 47 per centum. From an examination of the semi-annual returns made in 1830 from the eight Grammar and Writing Schools, then in existence, it appears that the number of pupils

in the schools was, Boys 1743
 Girls 1450

Total of both sexes in 8 schools in 1830, 3231

In 1842. Boys 3352
 Girls 3535

Total of both sexes in 14 schools in 1843, 6910

Showing an increase in the number of pupils connected with our Grammar and Writing Schools since 1830, of 114 per centum. This ratio of increase in the number of scholars, compared with the ratio of increase in the population, shows that the numbers connected with our schools have increased beyond the increase of population since 1830, in a ratio of 67 per centum. The census only gives the numbers between the ages of 5 and 10, and 10 and 15, whilst the boys in our schools are between the ages of 7 & 14, and the girls between the ages of 7 and 15, so that the ratios between which a comparison is made, do not refer to precisely the same ages. The result is, therefore, only a proximate one, but sufficiently accurate for all practical purposes. The comparison thus made shows an increase in the numbers of scholars, above what it would have been had their ratio of increase been the

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same with that of the increase of population, of 2,413 scholars. This result establishes the gratifying fact; that a much larger proportion than formerly of the children of our City avail themselves of the advantages of our public schools. This may be ascribed in part to the beneficial influence of our Primary Schools, whereby an increased number from the poorer classes of society have, since the year 1830, been qualified for admission to the Grammar and Writing Schools. To some extent also, a diminution of the pecuniary means of parents, who have heretofore patronized private schools, has probably made it necessary, or at least convenient, that they should avail themselves of the benefit of our public schools, for the education of their children. But the Committee have no doubt, that a more satisfactory reason for the increase may be found in the improved character of our schools, and in the fact that our citizens, to a greater extent than formerly, appreciate the advantages which our schools furnish for a thorough instruction of their children in the elementary branches of a common English education. Whatever may be the cause of the increased favor with which our schools are regarded, the fact exists, and the Committee cannot doubt that the case which is thus presented for enlarged accommodations will be promptly met, by those to whom has been entrusted the power, and upon whom rests the responsibility of making adequate provision

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to the public wants. The question arises, what loca- 61.
tion of the several houses now erected will best pro-
mote the public convenience. To facilitate a decis-
ion on this point, the Committee have prepared
two tabular statements, annexed to their Report
marked B and C. The former exhibits the excess
of pupils in each of the eleven schools, computed
upon the basis of the mean number between the
average attendance per day and the aggre-
gate number in each school. The latter exhibits
the numbers in each of the same schools from each
of the Wards. By reference to table B it will ap-
pear that the Adams and Franklin Schools,
which take the principal part of their scholars from
Wards 10 and 11; and the Wells and Endicott
Schools, at the north and west, are the schools
most burdened with an excess of scholars. The
Johnson and Winthrop Schools, though not so
much burdened as either of the others, have also a
large number of scholars from Wards 10 and 11; so
that any arrangement to accommodate the portions
of the City dependent upon the Adams and
Franklin, would operate beneficially upon the
Johnson and Winthrop. The Mayhew and
Bowdoin receive their scholars, to a considerable
extent from the same sections that supply the
Endicott and Wells; and measures of relief ap-
plied either of the four last named, would
benefit the others. The two sections of the city,
therefore, which most urgently call for relief,
are

in these respective regions, the Adams, Franklin, Johnson, and Winthrop, at the south, and upon the Bowdoin, Wells, Mayhew, and Endicott, at the west, and north. The table B shows that the surplus, in the four schools in one of these sections, is 415, and in the other 416. It is, obvious from these statements, that one of the new schools must be located in the southern part of the city, and one in the westerly part; the former in some part of Wards 10 and 11, and the latter probably in Ward 6. Table C shows that there are in the Franklin School —

From Ward 11 — Boys,	277	
Girls,	303	580
From Ward 10 — Boys,	20	
Girls,	30	50

Total in Franklin School from Wards 10 and 11, 630

There are in the Adams School —

From Ward 11 — Boys,	279
From Ward 11 — "	94

Total Boys in Adams School from Wards 10 and 11, 323

There are in the Johnson School —

From Ward 10 — Girls,	282
From Ward 11 — "	164

Total of Girls in the Johnson School from Wards 10 & 11, 446

There are in the Winthrop School —

From Ward 10 — Boys,	37
From Ward 11 — "	18
From Ward 10 — Girls,	13

Total of Boys and Girls in Winthrop

School; from Wards 10 and 11, 55

Total

Total in the foregoing Schools from Wards 10 & 11... 1454 63.

Of this number the total of Boys is . . . 662.

Total of Girls, 792—1454

Of the 580 scholars in the Franklin School, in Ward 11, the Committee have ascertained by inquiry from the masters, that there are —

From south of Dover Street—Boys, 116

Girls, 137

Total of Boys and Girls from south of Dover St., 253.

From north of Dover Street—Boys, 161

Girls, 166

Total of Boys and Girls from north of Dover St., 327

Total, Ward 11, 580

A new school house for this section should be located as to relieve the Franklin School from the principal part of the children from north of Dover St., and also so, as to relieve the Adams School from all the boys in that school from Ward 11, and the principal part, if not the whole, of the boys from Ward 10. The Committee have considered five locations — one in the Neck, south of the Franklin School; and, considering how rapidly the population in that section of the City is increasing, they were inclined to recommend the location of a school house in the Neck; but, upon a more careful examination of the subject, they are of opinion that the present urgent wants of Ward 10, and the more northern part of Ward 11, render it proper that the location should be in some central position in the former of these two wards.

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64. But the time is not far distant, when a School house will be wanted somewhere South of the Franklin School. The Committee recommend that the other School house should be located in Ward C. There is no Grammar School in this Ward. There are from this Ward, connected with our Public Schools, of both sexes, 494

In the Bowdoin School, which is overburdened, there are from Ward C — Girls, . . . 266

In the Wells School, which is also much crowded, there are from Ward C — Girls, . . . 10

Total Girls, . . . 276

In the Mayhew School, from Ward C — Boys, 141

In the same School, from Ward C — Boys, 55

In the Wells School, from Ward C — Boys, 21 217

Total of Boys and Girls, . . . 493

There is one girl in the Johnson School from Ward C. A new School house in Ward C, could at once be filled with children from that Ward; and by relieving the Bowdoin School of 200 girls, would make room, in that School, for a portion of the girls in the Wells School from Ward 5; and the Wells School being thus relieved; would accommodate a portion of the girls now in the Indicott School from Ward 3. By a proper arrangement of Districts, accommodation would thus be obtained for all the excess of girls in the Bowdoin, Wells and Indicott Schools. A School in Ward C would also take the boys of that Ward; or, a great part of them from the Mayhew School, and from the
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Adams and Wells Schools, with part of the boys
in the Wells School from Ward 3; thus relieving
the Wells and Mayhew, and furnishing accom-
modations, in these schools, for the supernumerary
boys in the Endicott from Ward 3; and a general
equalization would be effected in the northern and
western sections of the City. The Committee
would recommend that the Board submit to
the City Council the expediency of providing for
the wants of the western and northern sections
of the City, by converting the building now occupi-
ed by the English High School into a Grammar
and Writing School House. The boys in this
school come from all parts of the City, and to
many of them the distance from their homes is an
inconvenience. A more central location is desirable.
In connection with this suggestion, the Committee
would recommend that the Board call the
attention of the City Council to the present loca-
tion of the Latin School, and the condition of the
building occupied for its use. Complaints, both in re-
gard to the location and the building, have frequently
been made. The plan of providing a large building,
in a central position, for the accommodation of these
two schools, has been of late not infrequently
mentioned; and, should the plan meet with fa-
vor in the City Council, the present circumstances
of the schools may afford a fit opportunity for the
adoption of measures to carry such an arrange-
ment into execution. In order to bring before the
Board,

Board; for their consideration, the various points presented by this Report; the Committee submit the subjoined Resolves. For the Committee, Wm. J. Hubbard; Chairman.

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Board the public necessity and convenience imperatively require that two new School Houses should be provided as speedily as may be; for the proper accommodation of the children at this present time connected with the Grammar and Writing Schools of the City.

Resolved; That in the opinion of this Board it is expedient that one of such two School Houses should be located somewhere in a central position in Ward 10, and that the other should be located in Ward 6.

Resolved; That in the opinion of this Board the public convenience would be promoted by removing the English High School from Ward 6, and providing a location for the same in some central part of the City.

Resolved, That that the Chairman of this Board be requested to communicate the foregoing Resolves together with the Report of the Committee and the tables thereto annexed to the City Council. Read and the Resolves passed by a unanimous vote.

Bp. Fenwick

The committee to whom was referred the communication of Bishop Fenwick, complaining that

Some of the books used in the schools reflect upon the Catholics, and asking, that they be not used therein, made a report, which was read, and recommitted to the same committee, who reported it. 67.

The committee who were appointed to Out line maps, consider and report whether out line maps, cannot be profitably used in the grammar schools, &c. made a report, which was read and laid upon the table.

Adjourned to tuesday, the fourth day of April next, at four o'clock p. m.

Attest,

(S. M. Cleary,
Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Tuesday the fourth day of April, A. D. 1843.

Present.

The Chairman, and the whole board, except Mess^{rs} Wilson and Gordon.

Secretary pro tem:

The Secretary being absent by reason of indisposition, W. H. Gregg was chosen Secretary pro tempore.

Books.
see below.

The following books were referred to the committee on books, viz. Mitchell's geographical reader; primary geography; system of modern geography; key to the study of the maps; Atlas of cut line maps; School Atlas; School geography; and Root's penmanship.

Lyman sch.

Usher.

Aaron L. Ordway was nominated, & appointed teacher of the Lyman school, commencing on the first day of January, last; - And Eliza L. Pierce, as assistant teacher of said school, commencing on the twentieth day of March last.

Latin sch.

The committee on books submitted the following order, viz. Ordered, that Sophocles' Greek lessons be used in the Latin school, instead of Valpy's. Read and passed.

Annual return of
schools

Ordered, that the Chairman be & he is hereby authorized and requested to make & sign in behalf of this board, the annual report required by law.

Brown's grammar

The committee on books, to whom was referred the application of the Mess^{rs} Brown, for the introduction

of Gold Brown's grammar of the English language into the schools under our charge, respectfully report, that they have a very high opinion of the merits of that work. It has been for several years, the grammar used in the public schools of the City of New York; and your committee think, that it is becoming more & more widely esteemed in proportion as it is becoming more known. Within a few days past, the Chairman of the committee on books has conversed with a gentleman from New York, who is connected with a society in that City, which is laboring to extend the use of the best school books. This gentleman has been of late particularly engaged in the examination of grammars of the English language. He stated that he had collected about a hundred, and that the grammar of Mr. Gold Brown was the one which he should probably recommend to the patronage of the society. Many of our teachers have expressed a wish for the introduction of this book into their schools. It is far superior to the grammar of Messrs. Parker & Fox, which is the one commonly used there. Some of the committee on books, have been for several years members of this board, and have had frequent occasion to notice the imperfection of the grammar of Messrs. Parker & Fox. Its structure is loose, its rules inaccurate, & it is too meagre for the wants of the most advanced pupils. The opinion is very general among the teachers, that a better grammar is needed in the schools. The teachers have the liberty to use Alger's Murray, if they see fit, & within a few years it has been more studied than hitherto, in consequence of the growing dissatisfaction with the grammar of Messrs. Parker & Fox. Your committee consider Alger's Murray a good grammar, but not equal to the work of Mr. Brown.

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The first lines of English grammar which is an abridgement of Mr. Brown's large grammar, & contains about the same amount of matter as Alger's Murray, would be quite sufficient for the great body of children in our schools. The more advanced pupils might with advantage study the large work. In the girls schools particularly, as they remain two years longer than the boys, this would be very useful to the first class. At present the pupils are confined through the whole of their course to the small treatise with which they began the study of grammar. The substitution of one school book for another is usually attended with expense to the pupils, & this consideration is often a serious obstacle in the way of making the change. There will be however no difficulty on that score in the present instance, as the publishers of Gould Brown's grammar have offered to supply the pupils at the outset with the abridgement, in exchange for the grammars which they now use, so that the change instead of costing the pupils any thing would give them new books for old ones. They also offer to furnish the first class, in the outset with the larger grammar, which is an octavo volume, at twenty five cents a copy, although the retail price is sixty cents. Your committee recommends, that their proposition be accepted. Resolved, accepted, & thereupon ordered, that from & after the first Monday of May next, Gould Brown's first lines of English grammar be substituted in our schools, for the English grammars now used there, and that the teachers have liberty to use the larger grammar of the same author in their first classes;— Provided, that the publishers shall enter into an obligation, satisfactory to the book committee, that the books shall hereafter be furnished to the pupils, in our public schools at such

prices as the committee shall judge reasonable, and that the pub- 71.
lisher carry into effect, the agreement which the report states
there to have been made. In passing the foregoing order, the
rules of the board were suspended.

The committee on books, to whom was Bp. Fenwick's
recommitted a report presented by them, on the 7th ultimo (respecting Worcester's history,
and Worcester's Elements of history, respectfully report. That they
have reconsidered the charges brought by Bishop Fenwick agst
this work. He alleges that it is written in a spirit hostile
to Roman Catholics, & their religious tenets & institutions, & that
the use of it in the schools under our charge is inconsistent with
the laws of Massachusetts, which provide "that the School committee
shall never direct to be purchased or used in any of the town
schools any school books, which are calculated to favour the tenets
of any particular sect of Christians." — Every member of the
board will admit that the laws of the Commonwealth should
be strictly observed; that no book of the class which they forbid
to be used in the schools should be retained there; that in
legislating for the schools, we should afford to Roman Catholics
that protection which the law guarantees to members of every
religious denomination. At the same time we should all reject
with indignation the idea of presenting garbled statements of
facts, or of suppressing truths which ought to be told in an his-
torical work, with the view of gaining the favour or of averting
the displeasure of any religious denomination. No denomination
has a right to demand any thing more than, that facts
should be impartially stated; reproachful epithets avoided; &
subjects of controversy treated in a candid & liberal spirit.

Your committee have a high opinion of Worcester's Elements
of

72. of History. If there were none but the children of protestants in our schools, we should never have been called upon to inquire into its fitness to be used as a text book. The allegations against it amount to little more than this, that it treats the points at issue between Catholics and protestants in a protestant spirit. To this charge your committee think that it is justly liable. Expressions are used in some places respecting individuals of the Roman Catholic faith, & the doctrines & institutions of that denomination ~~of that denomination~~ which seem to your committee to conflict with the provisions of the statute. These are most ly contained in the chapter relating to Ecclesiastical history. This portion of the book occupies only fourteen pages & probably is never studied in most of the schools. It seems to your committee, that it would be best to omit the study of it altogether. The general political history of the principal states of ancient & modern times, presented in the most compendious form, is sufficient, & more than sufficient to occupy all the time which can be devoted in our schools to the study of history. If the small portion of the book which relates to Ecclesiastical history were omitted, & a few changes of expression were made in other parts, which might easily be done without any departure from the accuracy due from an historian, your committee think that the book would not be liable to reasonable objection. Since the last meeting of the board your committee have conversed with Mr. Worcester respecting his history. He observed, that he had no expectation, when he prepared it, that it would be used as a text book in the instruction of Catholic children, & that he was willing to alter it with the view of making it better adapted to our schools, if the changes required were such as he could make conscientiously & without

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without impairing its general usefulness. Read and accepted
and the preamble and resolves as amended, ^{read} as follows viz:

Whereas it has been brought to the notice of
this board, that there are portions of Worcester's Elements of
History, a school book, which by our regulations are directed
to be used in our public schools, which are liable to the ob-
jection, that they are at variance with the spirit of the
23^d section of the 23^d Chapter of the Revised ~~Statutes~~ Statutes
which provides "That the school committee shall never
direct to be purchased or used in any of the Town Schools,
any school books which are calculated to favour the tenets
of any particular sect of Christians." Therefore resolved,
That the study of the Chapter on Ecclesiastical History in
Worcester's Elements be discontinued in our public schools, and
that the author be requested to publish a revised edition of
his work in which those portions of the same, which are at
variance with the spirit of the law referred to, shall be so
modified as to be free from such objection.

Ordered, That the hour for commencing the Schools ^{begin of con^g}
schools in the morning shall be nine o'clock, the year
round. Which motion to amend the rules was read & laid
upon the table.

Resolved, That the annual examination of Annual examⁿ
the grammar and writing schools, mentioned in the 15th section
of the 5th chapter of the rules, shall be confined to the scholars
of the first class; and, that these scholars shall be examined;
not only in the exercises peculiar to the first class, but, also in
the exercises prescribed by the regulations for the second & third
classes. The foregoing motion was read & laid upon the table.

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Franklin sch.

Ordered, that the sub-committee of the Franklin school be authorized to fit up for the use of the surplus scholars of said school, the basement room in the Franklin school house, now occupied by a primary school.

Grammar sch.

Ordered, that Messrs Skinner, Odin & Sargent be a committee to confer with the committee of public buildings, in relation to a grammar school, about to be erected by the City, —

The meeting was then adjourned.

Attest, W. P. Gage

Secretary pro tem.

Sch. com: special meeting called

To the Mayor of the City of Boston.

Sir,

The publishers of Parker & Fox's grammar, now in use in the grammar schools of the City, having expressed a wish to be heard by the School com^{ee} on the question of substituting Brown's grammar in lieu thereof; which question was acted on at the last meeting of the Board, without opportunity on their part to be heard on the subject, the undersigned members of the School committee request that you will call a special meeting of the board, that opportunity may be afforded the publishers of the work first above named, to make such communication to the board as they shall judge expedient in regard to the merits of their book.

Respectfully, Yr. obt. Serv^{ts} Wm. J. Hubbard
Edward Blake.

Boston, April 7. 1843.

At a special meeting of the School
committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on
Tuesday, the eighteenth day of April, A. D. 1843.

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Present:-

The Chairman, and the whole board, except Messrs. Street,
Wilson, Rogers, Weston & Skinner.

Communication was received from Richard G. Parker com^{rs}
Parker, master of the grammar department of the Johnson & Brown, & Parker &
School, remonstrating against the introduction of Gould Brown's Fox's grammar
grammar, into the schools instead of the grammar of Parker &
Fox, which is now used in the schools; And praying that
he may have discretionary power to use Alger's Murray, or even
Murray's larger grammar, in preference to the grammar of W.
Brown. Read, and the vote passed at the last meeting
of the board, respecting said Brown's grammar was reconsidered.
And after discussion the report of the committee on books, in
favor of the introduction of said Brown's grammar into the
schools was laid upon the table.

Resolved, That the annual examination of the Annual exam^{ns}
grammar & writing schools mentioned in the 15th sec. of the 4th Chap.
of the rules, shall be confined to the scholars of the first class; & that
these scholars shall be examined, not only in the exercises peculiar
to the first class, but, also in the exercises proscribed by the regulations
for the second, & third classes. Passed, & thereupon voted, that the
masters of the grammar and writing schools be served with a copy
of this resolve.

English grammar & sequel by John Goldsbury, ref^d Goldsbury's gram:
to the com^{ee} on books.

Adjourned.

A quarterly meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Tuesday, the second day of May, A. D. 1843.

Present:

The Chairman, and the whole board, except Mess^{rs} Wilson, Willard, Rogers & Lord.

Quarterly rep^{ts}

Quarterly reports were made by the sub committees of all the schools, which were read & accepted.

Hancock Sch.

The sub committee of the Hancock school reported the following order, which was read & passed.

Ordered, that the committee on public buildings of the City Council be requested to cause the ward room in the Hancock School house, to be cleansed, painted, white washed, and fitted up with seats and desks for the temporary accommodation of about one hundred pupils, a branch of the Hancock school.

Boylston Sch.

Ordered, that the committee on public buildings of the City Council be requested to have the necessary arrangements made in the ward room of the Boylston school house, to accommodate more pupils.

Franklin Sch.

The sub committee of the Franklin school, reported, that two of the assistant teachers having resigned their places, the committee nominated to fill the vacancies Misses Lushing, Green, and Electa N. Lincoln. - which nominations were confirmed, and they were appointed accordingly.

The sub-committee of the Mather School re- 77.
ported the following orders, which were read and passed. Mather Sch.

Ordered, that the sub-committee of the Mather school procure out line maps of the two hemispheres, for the use of said school.

Ordered, That the Mather School be organized as a school with two departments and two masters; like the other grammar and writing schools of the City; and that this arrangement shall take effect in August next.

Ordered, That the Secretary advertise, one week Masters.
before the quarterly meeting in August next, that applications will be received for grammar master, also for writing master of the Mather school.

The order which was submitted to this body Boylston
on the fourth day of April last and ordered to be laid Sch.
upon the table providing that the hours of commencing the schools in the morning shall be nine o'clock the year round, was reconsidered and the order was so amended as to confine the same to the Boylston School. A remonstrance against such alteration signed by the Masters of all the schools except the Boylston school & a petition signed by some of the parents of the pupils of said school in favor of such alterations taken from the files of the year 1829, were severally read, and after discussing the question was passed upon passing said order as amended &c. &c. was decided in the negative.

Librarians.

Ordered, that Messrs Clark, Gordon & Simonds be a committee to take into consideration the sale law of the State in relation to Librarians in the public Schools, and report to the next meeting of this board.

Grammar Schools

Ordered, that Messrs Hague, Skinner & Gale be a committee to make the annual examination of the several grammar schools, and report at the quarterly meeting in August next.

Writing Schools

Ordered, that Messrs Lord Barnes & Hillcrest be a committee to make the annual examination of the several writing schools, and report at the quarterly meeting in August next.

Mather Sch.

The sub-committee of the Mather school feel it incumbent upon them at this time to report upon some faults in the construction of the Mather School House; for the double purpose of preventing, if may be, their recurrence in the houses or houses about to be erected, and of asking such alterations as can be made without much expense. The arrangement of the seats is faulty - the benches are not sufficiently firm for writing - the seats are clumsy and irregular. There are no passages in the rear of the seats, so that nearly all the 220 children in a room must pass down the passage way to the back part of the room, in single file in rear of the seats, then across the end of the room nearly

to its front, and out at a single door, near the prin- 79.
cipal teacher's desk; and return again the same way.
One of our Committee yesterday attended the time
necessarily occupied by a short recess for both sexes
from the upper room, and it was half an hour. The
only door for egress and ingress was so near the
seats prepared for the first class under the charge
of the Master, and by them occupied, that it was
impossible to proceed with their own motion during
all that time. The aggregate loss of time in a week
or a month is a serious evil. There is no way of pas-
sing from the lower room to the upper but by go-
ing down into the lower entry and passing up
on the other side of the house; This causes much
delay, especially when the pupils are collecting
together for the purpose of singing. The principal
alteration proposed by your Committee would be
to cut a door from each room near the rear, at
the southerly end, constructing an additional
flight of stairs in the upper westerly entry, and
thus giving an opportunity to pass from each
room down each stairway. This would cost but
a trifling expense, would save much time and
many steps to the pupils, as well as prevent ma-
ny interruptions to the teachers. They also found
the slating put of order on one part of the roof
so as to leave a place where the water leaked
through into the upper room. A stitch in time
will save nine. The room is wet and damp and
will better stand to furnish out a passage
the

The present will result in the replacement of the
 present of the first two floors in the
 having a good plan of the present and
 the first floor of the present, and the second floor
 by steel iron ones. The location of the out-houses is ex-
 tremely unfortunate, and needlessly so; but their
 removal would cause too much expense to be recom-
 mended by your committee. The committee hope
 that in the future erection of School-Houses much
 care may be taken to gain wisdom from the plans
 and conveniences of good rooms, like those seen at
 Boston, and to give the pupils a better quality of
 instruction by the members of the Board at the
 Matter School House, the one last erected by the
 City of Boston. They would also suggest that
 the present plan be changed to that of the
 present of the present school.

Ordered, that the Chairman of
 this Board be requested to communicate a copy of this
 report to the Committee on public buildings, with a re-
 quest that they consider the expediency of making re-
 pairs and alteration to the Matter School House
 therein suggested, as early as practicable. Read,
 and approved the order passed.

School Houses

Resolved, That the City Council
 be requested to consult this Board concerning the loca-
 tion, model and structure of each and every School
 house hereafter to be built, and every school room to
 be filled up for the rest of the public schools in this
 city.

city, excepting those to be built expressly for the use
of the primary schools.

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Resolved, That the Chairman
of this Board be requested to communicate the follow-
ing Resolution to the City Council.

Ordered, that Messrs Eldin,
Skinner & Holbrook be a committee to confer and ad-
vise with the committee of the City Council on
Public Buildings in regard to the construction and
internal arrangement of any School House which
may be erected or fitted up for the accommodation
of public grammar and writing schools during the
current year.

Com: Conf. on sch.
houses.

Ordered, that Messrs Hubbard,
Wigglesworth, Weston, Hillard & Parker be a com-
mittee to confer with the committee of the City
Council on Public Buildings in regard to the loca-
tion, construction and internal arrangement of
the building proposed to be erected for the ac-
commodation of the Latin and English High Schools.

Conf. on High &
Latin schs.

Letter respecting Brown's grammar
laid on the Table.

Brown's gram.

Adjourned to Tuesday - next, four
o'clock. P. M. Attest,

W. M. Cleary,

Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, on Tuesday, the Ninth day of May, Anno Domini, 1843.

Present:

The Chairman, and the whole board, except Mess^{rs} Wilson, Morgan, Gordon, Hague, Holbrook, Lord & Weston.

Brown's
grammar

The board took into consideration the order appended to the report of the committee on books, made on the fourth day of April last, recommending that Gould Brown's grammar be used in the public schools instead of those now used therein, and after discussion the order passed as amended in the form following, *viz.*

Ordered, That from and after the vacation in August next, Gould Brown's first lines of English grammar be substituted in our schools, for the English grammar now used there; and that the teachers have liberty to use the larger grammar of the same author in their first classes; provided that the publishers shall enter into an obligation to the book committee, that the books shall hereafter be furnished to the pupils in our public schools at such prices as the committee shall judge reasonable; and that the publisher carry into effect, the agreement which the report states there to have been made.

Grammar masters
memorial

During the discussion of the above subject a memorial signed by Abraham Andrews, Father, grammar masters, in favor of said Gould Brown's grammar was read & laid upon the table.

Brown's gram.

Ordered, that the style of binding & quality of the paper of Brown's grammar be referred to the committee on books.

Resolved, That this board consider, that the memorial of Richard G. Parker, the master of the grammar department of the Johnson school, on the subject of an order heretofore passed by the board, contains insinuations in regard to the official action of members of this board, reflects unjustly upon their motives, is highly unbecoming, and disrespectful, and merits the censure of this board.

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Parker

Ordered, That, hereafter, when corporal punishment shall be found expedient in any of the grammar schools of this City, it shall be administered in the presence of the school. Corporal punish^t.

Ordered, That a copy of this order be sent to the respective masters.

Resolved, That a new school, to be instructed by a master and female teachers, be instituted in the northwestern part of the City, for the purpose of relieving several grammar and writing schools from their present crowded condition. New School.

Resolved, That the salary of the master of the proposed school be one thousand dollars, per annum.

Resolved, That the secretary advertise, that applications for the mastership of the proposed school will be received, until the fifteenth instant.

Resolved, That Mess^{rs} Emerson, Streeter & Barnes be a committee to take the necessary measures for obtaining a room for the temporary accommodation of the proposed school.

Adjourned to Tuesday next, 4 o'clock, P. M.

Attest, E. M. Cleary, Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Tuesday, the sixteenth day of May A.D. 1843.

Present

The members and an undeclared agent Messrs. Walter Rogers & Hager.

New School.

The Committee appointed to obtain a room for the new school which the Board have resolved to institute in the north-western part of the city, ask leave to - Report, That they have met with difficulty in their efforts to execute their commission. Their first step was to ascertain the number of scholars for which accommodations are required. To prevent mistake on this point, the pupils & scholars actually attending the several northern and western schools on Thursday last were enumerated, and found to be as follows - In the Eliot School, 48 boys; in the Endicott 89 boys and 48 girls; in the Hancock 67 girls; in the Mayhew 41 boys; in the Bowdoin 27 girls. Whole number boys 174; whole number of girls, 142; whole number of both sexes, 316. This number, it will be observed, is what is likely to be the actual attendance of the new school; and not the amount of its register. A room sufficient to receive this number of scholars has been diligently sought for; but the search has been in vain. And it is believed that no room adequate to the purpose exists in that part of the city where the school is required. The number of scholars to be provided.

vided for is greater than was at first apprehended, and it is questionable whether it would be proper to bring them all into one room, even if a room of sufficient capacity could be found. Under these circumstances, your committee would propose that the new school be organized in two departments, that the boys be convened in the ward-room of the Chief School House, and the girls in the ward-room of the Hancock School-house. If this measure should be adopted, two masters will be required, and it may be thought advisable to fix their salaries somewhat lower than that reserved upon at the last meeting of the board. Pursuant to this course of business, you can see the actual things and details. They are all very properly presented. I cannot describe.

Resolved, That if a meeting to be instituted in the north-western part of the city, shall be organized as a grammar and writing school, in two departments; each to be instructed by a master and one or more female teachers. And that so much of the resolve passed at the last meeting of the board as provides for the instruction of this school, by only one master is hereby repealed.

Resolved, That the salary of each of the masters of the new school shall be nine hundred dollars per annum, and that the resolve passed at the last meeting of the board, fixing the salary of one master at one thousand dollars

Salary of
Masters.

order is hereby repeated.

Resolved, That the boys division of the new school shall be instructed in the ward-room of the Eliot School-house, and the girls division in the ward-room of the Hancock School-house: and that the two masters shall arrange plans of instruction, half-daily, Reading and Arithmetic, for the boys, and the same for the girls in favor of the same.

New School -
Places of meeting.

Ordered, That in opening of the new school in the ward-rooms of the Eliot and Hancock School-houses, the following transfers shall be made, viz - 50 boys from the Eliot to the new school - the same being the children who last entered the Eliot: 120 boys from the Hancock to the new school - the same being the scholars who reside nearest the Eliot School-house: 40 boys from the Mayhew to the Endicott School - the same being the scholars who live nearest the Endicott: 70 girls from the Hancock to the new school - the same being the children who last entered the Hancock: 50 girls from the Endicott to the new school - the same being the scholars who live nearest the Hancock School-house: 20 girls from the Bowdoin to the new school - the same being the scholars who live nearest the Hancock School-house. One female teacher from the Endicott to the girls division of the new school - the same being the teacher last elected to the Endicott.

Ordered, That, in the execution of the above stated transfers, each master shall be permitted to retain all the members of his first class; this class being an exception to the general order.

Communication was received from Richard G. Parker, master of the grammar department of the Johnson School, respecting his former communication to this board, at its last meeting read and thereupon

Parker

Resolved, That this board is satisfied with the explanations and apology communicated by Richard G. Parker grammar master of the Johnson School, in regard to the memorial heretofore addressed by him to this board.

Ordered, that Miss E. Caverly be paid for filling the place of Miss H. I. Ford in the Franklin School, for two months at the usual rate allowed assistant teachers.

Franklin Sch.
asst. teacher

Miss Sarah French was nominated by the sub committee of the Boylston School as assistant teacher of said School; which nomination was confirmed and she was appointed accordingly.

Boylston Sch.
asst. Teacher

The names of the several applicants for masters of the new school were read and

New School -
Masters

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the applications with the documents were read.

Writing master

New Sch.

The Board proceeded by ballot in the choice of master of the writing department of the new school, & the votes being taken it appeared that Benjamin Drew, Junior, was chosen.

Grammar master

New Sch.

The Board proceeded by ballot to the choice of master of the grammar department of the new school, and the votes being taken it appeared that Samuel D. Drew was chosen.

New Sch. sub.

Com^{ce}

Messrs Emerson, Stector & Barnes were appointed a sub-committee of the new school, and they were instructed to carry into effect the resolutions and orders this day passed in relation to that school.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Attest.

S. M. Cleary,

Secretary.

At a quarterly meeting of the
School committee of the City of Boston, held at City
Hall, on Tuesday the first day of August. A. 1843.

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Present.

The Chairman, and the whole board of school com^{ee}

Semi annual returns were made by the Semi annual
masters of all the schools. The Secretary made an abstract of returns.
The returns of the masters of the several grammar & writing
schools, containing the number of pupils and instructors, in
each school; and the number of female teachers each is en-
titled to have. Read and filed.

Quarterly reports were made by the Quarterly rep^{ts}
sub committees of all the schools. Read & accepted.

The sub committee of the English High Eng. High Sch.
School reported, that they regret to find, that notwithstand-
ing the fidelity of the instructors, there are several lads in the
third class, who from lack of capacity or want of application,
are much behind the residue of their class. Their further
continuance in the school will be of doubtful expediency.
The committee do not deem, that they have authority to
under the existing rules to dismiss such scholars; but they
have given instructions to the principal to place them in the
class about to join the school. Read & accepted.

The sub committee of the Adams school Adams Sch.
reported, that they appointed, (April 15, M^r Bartholomew Wood
as teacher of the branch school, & request that the nomination be,

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approved by the board. Read, accepted, and said nomination was confirmed accordingly.

Winthrop Sch.

The sub-committee of the Winthrop school nominated for confirmation as assistant teachers in the grammar department, Misses Olive Reynolds & Eliza Withington. Read, accepted, & they were confirmed accordingly.

Annual reports.

The several committees appointed to visit the grammar and writing schools and critically examine the pupils of the first classes in the several branches taught in said schools, made their several reports, which were severally read & accepted.

Adams Sch.

It being made known to this board, that the sub-committee of the Adams school made an erroneous report in regard to the terms on which they had hired a room for the use of the branch school, connected with the Adams, and that the terms agreed upon by said committee was to pay two hundred dollars, rent for one year, with the right to give up possession of the room, after the expiration of six months, from January 1. 1843, paying at the rate of \$250, per annum. Thereupon voted, that the proprietors of said room be settled with according to the terms above set forth.

New School.

Ordered, That the salaries of the masters of the new north school be ten hundred dollars each per annum.

Smith School.

Ordered, That the salary of the monitor of the Smith school, be three hundred dollars per annum.

Ordered, That the salaries of the mas- 91.
ters of the Mather school for the ensuing year, be fifteen Mather Sch.
hundred dollars each, and the salaries of the masters and
teachers of the other schools, be the same as last year, ex-
cept as otherwise ordered, by special votes passed this day.

Voted, That as there are now being Franklin Sch.
ing to the Franklin school, three hundred and eighty seven
girls, the sub committee of that school have permission to
give out four City medals at the approaching examina-
tion. The rule was dispensed with, and the above vote was
passed by a unanimous vote.

Voted, That the sub committee of the Hancock Sch.
Hancock school be authorized to award seven City medals,
at the approaching exhibition, if they shall see fit. The rule
was dispensed with, and the above vote was passed by a
unanimous vote.

Petition of Charles C. Paine, praying Paine
that the rule be so far dispensed with, that the master
of the Latin School be authorized to examine his second son,
who is nine years of age, for admision to said school; If
found qualified, that he be admitted; in order that he
may be placed in the same class with his eldest son,
who is ten years of age, and who will be offered for ad-
mision to said school. Read & thereupon ordered, that the
petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

Communication from the Executive committee American So.
of the American Society for the diffusion of useful knowledge

at New York, respecting English grammars. Referred to the committee on books.

Mather Sch^l

The names of the several applicants for grammar and writing masters of the Mather School were read, and the applications with the documents were read in the order as they were called.

Voted, to proceed by ballot to the choice of writing master of said school. Mess^{rs} Hubbard & Weston were appointed to receive sort and count the votes; they reported that the whole number was 26; necessary for a choice 14. There were nine for Jonathan Battles, Jun^r, three for Jon^r. Battles one for J. Battles and one for W^m. Battles. If they were intended for Jonathan Battles Jr then he had the requisite number for a choice and was chosen. Thereupon voted unanimously that Jonathan Battles, Jun^r is duly elected.

The board then proceeded by ballot to the choice of grammar master of said school, and the same committee was appointed to receive, sort and count the votes. They reported, that the whole number was twenty six; necessary for a choice fourteen, Josiah A. Stearns had sixteen and he was chosen.

Master of Schools
chosen.

Voted, to proceed by ballot to the choice of masters of all y^t Schools. And it was ordered, that a majority of all the members of the board present be considered as necessary to constitute a majority for election. Mess^{rs} Hillard and Odlin were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count the votes. And the votes being taken it appeared, that the following persons were chosen, viz^t

Latin School. Epes Sargent Dixwell.

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English High. Thomas Sherwin.

Eliot School. Charles B. Sherman, Gram. m. Levi Conant, writing master.
Mancock " William J. Adams, " " Peter Mackintosh, Jr., " "
Endicott " George Allen, Jr. " " Loring Lathrop, " "
Mayhew " William D. Swan, " " Aaron D. Capen, " "
Bowdoin " Abraham Andrews, " " James Robinson, " "
Boylston " Thomas Baker, " " Charles Kimball, " "
Adams " Samuel Barrett, " " Josiah Fairbanks, " "
Franklin " Barnum Field, " " Nathan Merritt " "
Wells " Cornelius Walker, " " Reuben Swan, Jr. " "
Clawes " Frederick Crafts, " " John A. Harris, " "
Mather " Josiah A. Stearns, " " Jonathan Battles, Jr. " "
Johnson " Richard G. Parker, " " Joseph Hale, " "
Winthrop " Henry Williams, Jr. " " Samuel L. Gould " "
(New North) " Samuel S. Greene, " " Benj. Drew, Junr. " "

Syman School, Albert Bowker, Master.

Smith " Abner Forbes. "

The following persons were nominated by the sub-committees of the several schools, which nominations were confirmed by the board, and they were appointed accordingly, viz:

Ushers Teachers.

Latin. Francis Gardner, sub-master. George S. Parker, & James C. Merrill, Junr. ushers. Jonathan Snelling, teacher of writing.
English High. Luther Robinson, sub-master; Francis S. Williams, William A. Shepard

Syman. Aaron S. Ordway, Usher, Mary Atherton, assistant teacher.
Eliot. George Lower & Jacob H. Kent, ushers. Caroline W. Carter & Elizabeth Skinner, assistants. Mancock. Adeline Howe, Henrietta S. Pincer, Katherine W. Snelling, Cecelia L. Gale, Sarah A. Dyke, & Sarah E. White, assistants. Endicott. Robert W. Wright, Usher.

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Asher. Susan A. Bates, Mary Torring, Angelina A. Brigham, Ann
 M. Night, Mayhew Winslow Battles, Asher. Mary S. Walker,
 & Eliza L. West, assistants. Bowdoin. Mary A. Murdock, Rebecca
 Lincoln, Frances M. Robinson, Caroline E. Andrews, Harriet French,
 Mary S. Robinson, Sarah D. Adams, assistants. Boylston. Henry
 Seaver, Asher, Margaret L. Emery, Harriet E. Emery, Clarinda
 H. F. Treadwell, Susan J. Jones, Sarah French, assistants. Adams.
 Bartholomew Wood, Asher. Sarah E. Weld, Elizabeth M. Emerson,
 Mary S. Brigham & Mary E. Beck, assistants. Franklin. Hannah
 S. Tirrell, Sarah Ann Gale, Catharine T. Simonds, Martha A. Parker,
 E. M. W. Emmons, Sarah A. Cushing, Maria E. Caverly, & Caroline
 A. Greene, assistants. Wells. Wm. H. Swan, & Levi Dodge, Ashers.
 Matilda A. Gerry, Hannah J. Woodman, Caroline F. Howley, &
 Ellen T. Hazeltine, assistants. Hawes. Charles A. Morrill, Asher.
 Julia M. Baator, Mary E. Clark, Mary Ann Capen, assistants.
 Mather. Evolina Crane, Margaret A. Moody, Lucy Floyd & Mary
 Pierce, assistants. Johnson. Rebecca P. Barry, Martha E. Towne,
 Sarah Ann Belding, Emma J. Knapp, Judith E. Parker, & Mary
 M. Hodder, assistants. Winthrop. Eliza L. Felt, Nancy Brooks,
 Harriet D. Williams, E. W. Melton, Olive E. Reynolds, & Eliza F.
 Withington, assistants. (New School) S. W. J. Copeland, Harriet N.
 Decker, Emeline French & Mary S. Palmer, assistants. Smith, Joseph
 U. Putman monitor, Sarah Forbes and Chloee A. Lee, assistants.

Fox.

Ordered, That a quarter's salary be paid to Charles
 Fox, who was not re-elected master of the grammar department of
 the Boylston school, to commence from & after the time when the salary
 of the new master shall begin.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Attest, J. M. Cleary, Secretary.

At a special meeting of the School
committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on
Tuesday, the tenth day of October, D. 1843.

Present.

The Chairman and the whole board, except Mess^{rs}
Blake, Rousmaniere, Wilson, Holbrook, & Shackford.

Ordered, That the School to be established in
the new building on Common Street, be a school for boys
only.

New Sch. Common St.

Ordered, That Mess^{rs} Sargent, Odin & Weston be
a committee to consider and report what name shall be giv-
en to the new school on Common Street.

Name of

Ordered, That the Mayor, the Chairman of the
English High School, and the President of the Common Council,
be a committee to consider the expediency of procuring temporary
accommodations for said school; with a view to introduce a gram-
mar & writing school into the High school house, at an early
part of the approaching winter.

English High Sch.

Ordered, That if said committee should determine
in favor of an early removal of the High School, then, it shall
be authorized to take the necessary measures therefor, and, to
apply to the City Council for such alterations of the High School
house, as shall fit it for its new appropriation.

The sub-committee of the Latin School nom-
inated Henry Warren Torrey master of the said school in
the place of James S. Merrill, Junior, resigned; which nomina-
tion was confirmed, and he was appointed according to the
Act of 11. 1843.

Latin Sch.

Johnson sch. The sub committee of Johnson school nominated Miss Helen E. Vans, (October 2^d in place of Miss ^{Sarah} ~~Mary~~ Ann Belding resigned; and Miss Mary J. Danforth, (Oct: 11th) in place of Miss Judith E. Parker, resigned, as assistant teachers of said school. Which nominations were confirmed and they were appointed accordingly.

Mayhew sch.

The sub-committee of the Mayhew school nominated Francis L. Leapon as usher in that school in place of Thomas Baker, who has been chosen grammar master of the Boylston school, from September 10. 1843.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Attest.

(E. M. Cleary,

Secretary.)

At a quarterly meeting of the
School committee of the City of Boston, held at City
Hall, on Tuesday, the seventh day of November. A. D. 1845.

Present.

The Chairman, and the whole board except Messrs
Kousmaniere, Wilson and Weston.

Quarterly reports were made by the
sub committees of all the schools. Read & accepted: Quarterly rep^s

The sub committee of the Latin
School reported that there is now required for ad- Latin sch.
mission to the College at Cambridge a mathematical
work called "An Introduction to Geometry
and the Science of Form prepared from the most
approved Russian Text Books". As the course of
studies at the Latin School is intended to embrace
all the works required for admission at Cambridge,
the sub committee recommend that the above work
be added to the list of text books for that School.
Read and accepted, the rule being dispensed with,
three fourths of the members present voting for the same.

The sub committee of the Hawes
School reported that all the Instructors have been
at the post of duty, with the exception of Miss Capin
who has been in the school only three days since the
August vacation, and will not probably be able
to perform the duties of an Instructor this quarter. The sub
committee have employed a temporary Instructor, in her
place.

from the year 1842 to the present, of the following nature:

Hawes sch.

Ordered, that a quarter's salary be paid to Miss Mary S. Bartlett for services in the Hawes School. Read, accepted and the order passed.

Endicott sch.

Ordered, that there be allowed as a gratuity to Robert W. Wright, usher in the Endicott School two hundred dollars, for extra services, in said school, in the absence of Spring Lathrop the master, from the 1st of January last, to the commencement of the summer term in June last.

Teachers absence

of

Ordered, that Messrs. Emerson, Hubbard and Stecker be a committee to propose to the board an uniform rule to be observed in cases where the absence of a teacher, renders an additional teacher necessary.

Boylston sch.

The sub-committee of the Boylston School nominated Miss Matilda Oliver, as assistant teacher in said School from and after October 16. 1843. in place of Miss H. C. Emery, resigned - which nomination was confirmed and she was appointed accordingly.

Endicott sch.

The sub-committee of the Endicott School nominated Miss M. Brigham assistant teacher, in place of Susan S. Bates, resigned - which nomination was confirmed and she was appointed accordingly.

accordingly.

The sub-committee of the Smith School propose that the office of monitor be dispensed with in the Smith School. Resolved accepted and ordered accordingly.

Smith Sch.

The Committee to whom was referred the order of this board of Oct. 10th in relation to "the expediency of procuring temporary accommodation for the English High School" with a view to introduce a grammar & writing school into the High School House at an early part of the approaching winter season. They have the honor to report that they have not been able to find a suitable place for its present temporary situation if possible that your committee after diligent enquiry have been unable to find a building of a more convenient & proper for the reception of the pupils of the English High School even for a limited period. This might be considered a reason sufficiently conclusive but your committee would further state that in examination of the house now occupied by the High School it is found that it will require a large addition to the building without its walls, a large addition which the nature of the season will prevent being made this year. The present state of the house is such that one or two children can find room in the office of your committee the important attraction should be made for them there is neither time nor funds provided. Your committee

Eng. High Sch.

mitted therefore ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. For the committee
 M. Brimmer Chairman, Read and accepted.

Brimmer Sch.

The committee appointed to re-
 port on the new School on Common Street
 reported that in considering the subject of a name
 for the new School, your Committee are induced to no-
 tice the fact, that, of the seventeen public schools now
 established in this city, only two bear the names of
 any public municipal officers, under whose auspices
 said schools have been erected. Three are named for
 eminent men of the Clerical profession, - five for those
 who have held the office of a public officer in the State,
 and seven for friends of learning and science. The re-
 maining ten are of Latin and English High
 Schools. There seems to be, therefore, no general rule
 or precedent in the case - none certainly which precludes
 the naming of our Schools for those living friends who
 have helped to foster and erect these useful institu-
 tions. The Committee are thought that a propor-
 tion of the compliment is occasionally due to the
 Mayor of the City, and would therefore suggest that
 the new School on Common Street, take the name of
 the Brimmer School. All which is respectfully
 submitted for the Committee - John T Gargent, Read
 and accepted.

Brimmer Sch

Ordered, that Messrs Gargent,
 Chairman and Messrs Brimmer be and were authorized to take the
 oversight

oversight of the Brimmer School; and to organize the same when the building shall be ready for occupancy by the appointment of a usher, and assistant teachers.

101.

Ordered, that the boys belong-
ing to the Franklin School who live to the northward
of a line running through Orange Street, and those be-
longing to the Adams School who reside in Eliot and
Kneeland Streets and to the southward of the same be
transferred to the Brimmer School, provided, however,
that the sub-committees of the Franklin and Adams
Schools, may, in their discretion, allow such boys thus
assigned to the new school, as belong to the first di-
visions in each department of their schools to retain
their connection with their respective classes.

Franklin Sch.
Adams Sch.

Voted to proceed to the choice
of grammar and writing masters in the Brimmer
School. Messrs Coggesworth, Dale and Parker were
appointed a committee to receive, sort and count the
votes, and the votes being taken, it appeared that Jos-
ua Bates junior was chosen grammar master and
William A. Shepard, writing master.

Brimmer Sch.

H. N. W. Clarke's communi-
cation & exhibiting a set of Tait's large out line map
for schools, and offering to supply the same for the
Schools - And Silas Cornell's communication and
presenting a terrestrial globe and chart. Referred to
the committee on books.

Clarke,
Tait's map -

The meeting was then adj^d.

Att. E. M. Cleary, Sec^y

A meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Tuesday, the nineteenth day of December, A. D. 1843.

Present

The Chairman, and the whole board except Messrs. Barnes, Kousmaniere, Wilson, Morgan, Dale, Hillard, Holbrook & Weston.

Adams Sch.

The sub-committee of the Adams school report, that Miss Sarah E. Weld, an assistant teacher in that school resigned her place on the 20th of November last, on account of ill health, within the last two years, she has occasionally been absent from the school on account of sickness, and in one instance when absent for several weeks, procured a substitute with the approbation of the sub-committee for whose services she made compensation from her own salary. The committee recommend the passage of the subjoined order.

Wm. J. Hubbard.

Weld

Ordered, That there be paid to Miss Sarah E. Weld, late teacher in the Adams school, the sum of sixty two & one half dollars, in addition to the compensation due to her, for her services as teacher. Read, accepted, and the order passed.

Eng. High Sch.

The sub-committee of the English High School, reported, that Mr. William A. Shepard, resigned his situation as usher of this school, on the twenty fifth of Nov. last, and the committee nominated to the board, as a candidate for the place thus made vacant, Mr. John W. Bacon, his compensation to commence, on the fourth of December, on which day he entered upon the discharge of the duties of the office. Read, accepted, and said, Bacon was appointed, accordingly.

The committee instructed to propose to the 103

board a uniform rule to be observed in cases where the absence of a teacher renders the employment of an additional teacher necessary. Report, the subjoined provision, which they propose, in the form of a new section of the rules of the board to take place between the 10th & 11th section of the 4th chapter of said rules. Respectfully submitted. J. Emerson, Chairman.

Rule.

Whenever an instructor shall be absent from school on account of sickness, and the subcommittee of the school shall on that account employ a temporary instructor, the board may on the recommendation of the subcommittee make a special appropriation to pay the substitute. If, however, the absence shall exceed three months in any one year, then the payment for the excess of the term shall be withdrawn from the salary of the absentee. And in case the board shall refuse to make any appropriation for the payment of the substitute, then the whole payment shall be withdrawn from the salary of the absentee. Read and accepted.

The subcommittee of the Hawes school (Hawes Sch. nominated) Miss Mary Ann Burnham as assistant instructor in place of Miss Capen who through ill health is unable to perform the duties of an instructor. Read and thereupon ordered, that the subcommittee of said school be authorized to appoint a substitute in place of Miss Capen under the section adopted this day of the rules, 4th Chapter.

Ordered, That the committee on books be requested to examine the 123rd, 161st & 168th lessons in the American First Class book.

American

104. American First Class Book, with a view to ascertain whether these lessons are in perfect conformity to that provision of the statutes of the Commonwealth, which requires, that the books used in the public schools shall be free from sectarian preference:

And be it further ordered, that if the three lessons above mentioned shall be found exceptionable, then the com^{ee} on books shall be authorized in the name of this board, forthwith, to require of the publishers of the book as a condition of its continuance in the schools that said lessons shall be excluded from all future editions of the book, and their places supplied by other lessons which are unexceptionable.

Ordered, that the report of the committee on books, respecting the subject of the foregoing orders, be transmitted to the Secretary of the board, and placed on file.

Brimmer sch. &
New sch.

Ordered, that the masters and teachers severally of the Brimmer school in Common street, and the new school at the north part of the City shall receive the same salaries as the masters and teachers in the other grammar schools in this City. On passing the above the rules of the board were suspended.

Bowdoin sch

The sub-committee of the Bowdoin school reported, that Miss Mary E. Robinson resigned her situation as teacher in that school Oct. 9th since which date, Miss Mary E. Nash has discharged the duties of the office acceptably. Therefore the sub-committee of the Bowdoin school nominated Miss Mary E. Nash to the office of teacher in said school, in the place of Miss Robinson resigned. Which nomination was confirmed, she was appointed accordingly.

The book committee to whom was referred 105.

the consideration of Feltou's out line maps, respectfully report, Out line maps
that these maps appear to them to be very good of their
kind. In regard to the general subject of the use of out
line maps, the committee find, that some of our grammar
masters have been accustomed to use them, and think very
favorably of them. These masters say, that such maps from
their breadth and distinctness of out line, give the pupils
stronger impressions of the features of the earth's surface than
maps of the common kind, and that they are particularly
convenient in the reviews of geographical studies, to test the
scholars' proficiency. — The board will probably remember,
that copies of the maps in question were suspended in this
room at the time of our last meeting. Their number is
six. They are very large and handsomely executed. The
cost of a set is twenty dollars. The committee have formed
a favorable opinion of these maps, and though they are not
disposed at present to recommend the introduction of them
into all our schools, they think that it would be well
to procure a single set of them, to be placed in one of our
schools, for the purpose of giving them a trial. The Grammar
school in Common Street, which will go into operation in
a very short time, will afford a favorable opportunity of mak-
ing the experiment. Mr. Bates, the grammar master of
that school has been accustomed to teach from out line maps,
and has a high opinion of their utility. If we should place
a set of these maps in that school, we shall have an op-
portunity of proving the value of out line maps in general, &
also of comparing these particular maps with other out line
maps used in some of our other schools. The Franklin school

Propepes

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papers a set of large out line maps, presented by one of the sub-committee; and the Hancock school has a set of smaller size; Mitchell's out line maps which were left them between one and two years since, by an agent of the publishers.

Yours committee therefore recommend the passage of the following order. — Ordered, that a set of Pelton's out line maps be purchased and placed in the Brimmer School.

For the committee on books. Edward Wigglesworth.

Read, accepted, and the order passed.

Andrews
Phonography.

Communication was rec^d from S. P. Andrews invit-
ing the School committee to attend a lecture on Phonography
on the evening of Thursday or Friday of this week. Read and
thereupon ordered, that the Secretary write to Mr. Andrews and
thank him for his polite invitation, and that the names of the
School committee be sent him, and that they will attend
on such evening as they may be invited by him.

Secretary

Ordered, That there be paid to the Secretary
of this board, one hundred and fifty dollars, for his
services the current year.

Mesonger

Ordered, That there be paid to the Meson-
ger of this board, one hundred dollars, for his services the
current year.

Chairman
thanks to

On motion of the Reverend Mr. Rogers—
Resolved, That the thanks of this board be rendered to
their Chairman, for the uniform urbanity with which he has
presided over their deliberations, and the high interest he

has

has ever manifested in the efficiency of our system of
public instruction.

107.

The foregoing resolution was again read by
the Secretary, and passed by a unanimous vote

The meeting was then adjourned without day

Attest,

S. M. Cleary,

Secretary.

Medals awarded 1843.

Latin.

Boys

English High

L. F. L. Cushing.
Alexander Bliss.
J. C. D. Parker.
S. P. Gardner.
Augustine Heald, Jr.

Joshua P. Bird
Samuel N. Bean
Henry H. Chandler
Wm. L. Perkins
John F. Macomber
Eber R. Butler

Mayhew.

Thomas W. Baker
Thomas D. Curtis
Oliver J. Hall
Stephen B. Kimball
Gilbert J. Nurse
James H. Thayer

Adams

John Wm Atkinson
Francis J. Brodhead
James G. Goodnow
Frederick W. Peakes
H. A. G. Pomeroy
Theodore Stanwood, Jr.

Boylston

Frederick A. Tilton
Henry A. Smith
George H. Holbrook.

Lyman

Thaddeus C. S. Lane

Boys continued.Clint

Benjamin F. Clapp
 John C. Frasher
 Peter A. J. Dunbar
 Paul Frasher
 George R. Spinney
 Wm. W. Thayer

Hawes

Theodore Harris
 Henry P. Blake
 Joseph R. Crosby

Franklin

Marion W. Field
 Horace H. Copeland
 George W. Bald

Girls.Hancock.

Ann C. Armstrong
 Lucy J. Baker
 Sarah A. Godbold
 Helen M. Johnson
 Caroline M. Keith
 Emily P. Pratt
 Julia M. Wiggin

Franklin

Sarah C. Manser
 Mary F. Blodgett
 Hannah S. Parnell
 Mary Faxon

Wintthrop.

Amory T. Gibbs
 Rufus Sigbee, Jr.
 John S. Scott.

Mather

John Newton Moody
 Wm. Francis Loring
 Theodore G. Ellis

Wells.

Thomas C. French
 Arthur H. Poor
 Theodore H. Dugan

Endicott

Walter Miles, Jr.
 Samuel W. West
 James G. McLaughlin.

Johnson

Martha C. Davis
 Elizabeth C. Farnsworth
 Louisa C. Howwood
 Susannah Kurtz
 Hannah W. Lane
 Eliza W. Taggard

Lyman

Ernice Hale Cobb.

Wells

Adeline Brewerton
 Macy A. Gardner
 Ann C. Wittington

Endicott

Hannah W. Hurdall

Annica J. Keith

Sarah J. Bell

Mather

Matilda Eunice Pierce

Catharine Maria Tyler

Catharine Cecelia Wheeler

Powdoin

Harriet L. Brown

Harriet L. Coolidge

Ann P. Hall

Mary C. Hemenway

Lucy J. Norton

Elizabeth P. Snow

Boylston

Mary Caroline Hill

Louisa Bangs

Maria Crosby

Howes

Mary S. Morrill

Mary S. Bartlett

Sarah E. Wilde

Wintthrop

Mary J. Smith

Sarah A. Turner

Hannah Weatherbee

A meeting of the school committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Tuesday, the ninth day of January, D. 1844.

The following gentlemen compose the School committee, the present year.

Martin Brimmer, Mayor, Chairman.

Deleg. W. Chandler, President of the Common Council.

From the wards.

Ward N ^o . 1.	Rev. Sebastian Streeter,	and	Rev. John Wuart.
" " 2.	James H. Barnes	"	Erastus O. Pinney.
" " 3.	Andrew Geyer	"	Ezra Palmer, Junr.
" " 4.	Aurelius D. Parker	"	David Morgan.
" " 5.	Frederick Emerson	"	William J. Dale.
" " 6.	William J. Hubbard	"	George S. Willard
" " 7.	Charles Gordon	"	Thos. M. Brewer
" " 8.	Rev. Wm. Hague	"	Saml. F. Holbrook.
" " 9.	Edw. Wigglesworth	"	Rev. Daniel M. Lord
" " 10.	Winslow Lewis, Junr.	"	Rev. Nchem ⁿ . Adams
" " 11.	Rev. Otis A. Skinner	"	Rev. John T. Sargent.
" " 12.	Alvan Simonds	"	Rev. Lemuel Capron.

All the above named Gentlemen appeared and took their seats, except Doctor Brewer.

Chairman

The board was called to order by the Mayor, who by the rules is ex officio Chairman.

Secretary.

The board, proceeded by ballot, to the choice of Secretary, and the votes being taken, it appeared that Samuel L. McColony was unanimously chosen.

Ordered, that the rules and regulations of the School committee of the last year, be and hereby are adopted; and to remain in force until the further order of this board. Also the rules and orders for the government of the members of the board when in session.

MM.

Rules & Regulations.

The following sub or visiting committees were nominated and appointed, viz:

Sub committees.

Latin - The Mayor
 Mep^r: Wigglesworth,
 Willard,
 Hagne,
 Adams.
 Eng. High - Mep^r: Hubbard,
 Lord,
 Parker,
 Lewis,
 Wourt.

Lyman. Mep^r: Morgan,
 Barnes,
 Geyer.
 Eliot. Mep^r: Palmer,
 Streeter,
 Wourt.

Endicott. Mep^r: Streeter,
 Morgan,
 Geyer.
 Hancock. Mep^r: Parker,
 Barnes,
 Palmer.

Mayhew. Mep^r: Wigglesworth,
~~Dunder~~ Geyer,
 Phinney.
 Bowdoin. Mep^r: Gordon,
 Chandler,
 Dale.

Boylston. Mep^r: Hagne,
 Holbrook,
 Lord.
 Adams. Mep^r: Lewis,
 Holbrook,
 and Brewer.

Franklin. Mep^r: Skinner,
 Simonds,
 Sargent.
 Wells. Mep^r: Emerson,
 Dale,
 Phinney.

Hawes. Mep^r: Loapew,
 Skinner,
 Sargent.
 Mather. Mep^r: Simonds,
 Holbrook,
 Loapew.

112. Johnsons. Mep.^s Hillard,
 Adams,
 Brewster.
 Winthrop. Mep.^s Lord,
 Gordon,
 Loapan.
 New North. Mep.^s Chandler,
 Emerson,
 Streeter.
 Brimmer. Mep.^s Sargent,
 Hubbard,
 Lewis.
 Smith. Mep.^s Emerson, Parker and Dale.
 Com.^s on books. Mep.^s Wigglesworth, Hillard, Haque, Palmer & Adams.
 Com.^s to confer with the primary school committee.
 Mep.^s Emerson, Loapan and Geyer.
 Committee on Music. Mep.^s Gordon, Hillard & Adams.

Eng. High Scho.
 Drawing.

Ordered, That the sub-committee of the English High school be authorized to form a voluntary class of the two upper classes, for instruction in drawing among the pupils of that school; provided, the instruction be given at such times as will not interfere with the hours now devoted to instruction, by the regular teachers of the school.

Brimmer scho.

Ordered, That all those boys, with the exception of the first class, now connected with the Winthrop school who reside in Kneeland street, west of the Rail road, and in the section of the city south of Kneeland and Eliot streets, be transferred to the Brimmer school; - provided that the sub-committee of the Winthrop school be authorized to allow such of said boys as belong to the first class in each department as they may deem expedient to retain their connection with that school.

Boylston & Winthrop.
 scho.

Ordered, That the members of the sub-committees of the Boylston and Winthrop schools be a committee.

to consider and report, at the quarterly meeting of this board in February, whether any, and what plan can be adopted more effectually to equalize the numbers of scholars attending those two schools.

113.

Ordered, That the committee on books be requested to examine the several works on human physiology, & report on the expediency of introducing this science as a study in the public schools of this City.

Books

Ordered, That the sum of thirty five dollars be withdrawn from the Smith fund, and appropriated to the purchase of class books, for the Smith school.

Smith sch.

In December last, Miss Walker, a pistant teacher in the grammar department of the Mayhew school, being detained at home, by illness, Miss Catherine S. Grover was employed to supply her place, from the 7th to the 31st day of the month, both inclusive; a term of twenty five days. The sub committee of the school therefore submit the following order.

Mayhew scho.

Ordered, that the usual salary of a female a pistant teacher for the time above mentioned be paid to Miss Grover. Read, accepted, and the order passed.

Ordered, That the several sub committees be requested to ascertain what amount of money will be required to be appropriated for the use of their respective schools, exclusive of fuel, for the next financial year; to report at the next quarterly meeting in February next.

appropriations

The following gentlemen were nominated and appointed

Prim: Sch. com^{ee}

appointed members of the Primary School committee, viz:

Aaron Ordway	Joseph Robbins	Guy C. Haynes
Thomas Ditson	John Atkins	Amos A. Phelps
Fredk. A. Caddy	Henry S. Clark	Joseph W. Ingraham
Bradley A. Cummings	John Wood	Phraim Buck, Jr.
Wm. H. Oliver	Rowland Ellis	Wm. H. Leonard
J. Moriarty	T. Nestiaux	John P. Ober
Wm. Williams	Robert Th. Little	Charles C. Wiggins
Elijah Stearns	John B. McKim	Asa Shallow
John Lincoln, Jr.	William Bates	Andrew Geyer
C. H. Shelling	Chas. G. Burrows	Chas. B. Dodge
Joseph W. Merrill	George Bemis	William Minot, Jr.
Abra ^m . G. Wyman	Fredk. Crosby	John White, Jr.
Saml. G. Simpkins	Thos. H. Fell	Thomas Carter
Francis Brown	Fredk. A. Sumner	Thomas B. Hawks
Chas. W. Storey, Jr.	Wm. J. Coolidge	Daniel Henshman
Fredk. O. Prince	Ferman L. Cushman	David Kimball
James Tolman	C. A. Hobart	A. J. Parker
Rich ^d . W. Bayley	C. P. Harkhorn	Esra Lincoln, Jr.
N. A. Thompson	F. J. Humphrey	Leazar S. Craig
Oliver East	William Howe	Wm. S. Richardson
Lewis T. Haddard	Fredk. H. Simpson	Oliver Ditson
Francis Kimpton	Josiah F. Kimstead	Wm. J. Ticknor
Wm. Austin	James B. Dow	Charles C. Fawcett
Jacob T. Scott	Wm. B. Upham	Edwin Field
F. J. Hedman	J. Metcalf, Jr.	C. F. Messinger
James M. Allen	George W. Bond	H. L. Washburn
Samuel Burroughs	George Rogers	Charles McQuincy
John Allen, Jr.	Thomas P. Guitt	Albert Jay
Henry S. Miller	Wm. P. Davis	John T. Dingley
Francis Hubbard	Otis A. Skinner	S. S. Watson

Horace Dupree Jr	F. D. Huntington	James W. Harris
William Dull	John W. Cook	Henry W. Sanders
Volney Wilder	Adam Sylvester	Edmund Jackson
Ben Linnard	Capt. Montgomery	Grant Stone
Albert J. Wright	Alan Linnard	Charles Buchanan
Samuel Capen	Henry Hooper	Wm. P. Baker
Williams B. Brooks	Ambrose Lovis	Henry Lafford

And said Committee be, and are hereby authorized to organize their body and regulate their proceedings as they may deem most convenient: & to fill all vacancies occurring in the same, during the ensuing year; and this board will respectfully receive from said committee such communications, as they may please occasionally to make on the subject of those schools.

Ordered, that the committee of conference with the ^{primary} school committee be requested to call upon the last mentioned committee, for information as to the amount of money, that will be required to be appropriated for the primary schools exclusive of fuel, for the next financial year: said committee to report at the next quarterly meeting in February.

Prim: Sch: app^{ts}

The meeting was then adjourned.

Attest,

(S. M. Cleary,
Secretary.

At a quarterly meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Tuesday the Sixth day of February A. D. 1844
Present.

The Chairman, and the whole board except Doctor Brewer.

Semi annual returns.

Semi annual returns were made by the Masters of all the Schools. The Secretary made an abstract of the returns of the Masters of the several Grammar and Writing Schools, containing the number of Pupils and instructors in each School and the number of female teachers each is entitled to have.

Quarterly reports.

Quarterly reports were made by the Sub-Committees of all the Schools, which were read & accepted.

Eng. High School.

Drawing.

The Sub-Committee of the English High School reported that, Pursuant to the order passed at the last meeting of the Board, the Committee have formed a voluntary class in drawing from the two upper classes, consisting of Sixty members - and have engaged the services of Mr. Edward Seager as their instructor.

The Committee were not authorized by the Board to make any contract with Mr. Seager as to the compensation which he shall receive - that matter must therefore be settled by the action of the Board. They, however stipulated with him that his compensation should not exceed one dollar and an half for each pupil per quarter, twenty four lessons to be equivalent to a quarter.

The Sub-Committee of the Adams

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Adams sch.

School would urgently represent to this Board the very unfavourable & prejudicial position in which the pupils of the writing department of this School are placed. The light is so shut out from the apartment, that in the winter months it is almost impossible to receive enough to enable them to write, without injury to vision. And the Chairman of your Sub-Committee in his professional Capacity, as also in that of a member of your Board would urge the attention of this body to what he considers a very important subject for your consideration. Your Committee are aware that this matter has been presented by former Committees to the proper authorities. During the last year however, the grievance has been increased by the erection of a block of buildings which still further shuts out both light and air. There are other inconveniences, as the want of recitation rooms, &c. These may be tolerated, but where health is concerned, no delay should take place in obviating the evil.

which is respectfully submitted

Winslow Lewis Jr. Chairman
of the
Adams School

Boston Feb. 6. 1844

Read and thereupon

Adams sch.

Ordered, That the State of the Adams School house requires that it should be remodelled. That it is so surrounded by the walls of the adjacent buildings, that both air and light are nearly excluded, and the usefulness of the School diminished by the impossibility of attending to the exercises during the afternoons of the winter

winter months. That the pupils complain of injury to their eyes & therefore cannot attend. That there are no rooms for recitations, which causes great confusion in the instruction. For these reasons ordered, That the Chairman of this Board is hereby requested to communicate this vote, together with the report of the sub-committee, to the City Council for their action in the premises.

Winthrop Sch.

The Sub-Committee of the Winthrop School, reported, that they would call the attention of the Board to the necessity of a change of seats. These are built without backs & are arranged after the old form. They are inconvenient & highly injurious, it is believed, to the health of the children. The Committee have not been able to ascertain the probable expense of such an alteration as is desirable, but they are confident that whatever it might be ought to be met that the advantages of better seats may be given to the pupils of this School.

Said Committee beg leave to submit the following order.

Ordered, that in the opinion of the Committee the present seats which are now without backs & are arranged according to the old form, be so altered as to give the pupils of that School the advantages of better & more healthful seats.

Read, accepted and the order passed.

Primary Sch.

The Committee to confer with the committee of Primary Schools, Report, that, in obedience
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to an order of this Board, they have made inquiry of the Committee of Primary Schools, as to the amount of money requisite to be appropriated for the support of the Primary Schools, exclusive of the cost of fuel, for the present financial year and have received, in reply, the result of an estimate of the Chairman of that Board.

The sum which the Chairman considers necessary for all other expenses than those of erecting new buildings is \$40,000.00
 For the purpose of erecting new buildings 10,000.00
 Making the total sum \$50,000.00

Respectfully Submitted

F. Emerson Chairman

Read & accepted.

Communications from C. Mason concerning a book which he deems proper to be introduced into the public schools. - and Little & Brown concerning a book called the primary school readers. Referred to the Committee on books.

Books.

Ordered, That the semiannual returns from the masters of the several grammar and writing schools be referred to Messrs Hubbard, Streeter and Lewis, to consider and report what arrangements it may be expedient for this Board to adopt to equalize the number in the different schools and if there should appear to be any surplus numbers for whom there is not at present adequate accommodation, to suggest measures to provide for such deficiency - and that the

Committee

Semi annual
 returns
 Ref. to Com. Co.

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Committee be authorized to require the several masters to furnish them with such additional information as they may find necessary in the prosecution of their inquiries.

School return

Ordered, That the Chairman of this board, be and he is hereby authorized and instructed to make a return of the Schools, to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, in behalf of the School Committee, as required by law.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Attest.

S. M. Cleary,

Secretary.

At a meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston held at City Hall, on Thursday, the twenty first day of March A. D. 1844.

Present

The Chairman - Messrs Chandler, Woart, Shinnay, Palmer, Parker, Dale, Hubbard, Gordon, Brewer, Lord, Lewis, Adams, Sargent, Simonds & Capen.

Semi annual re-
turns.

The Committee to whom were referred the semi-annual returns from the Masters of the several Grammar and Writing Schools, with

with instructions to consider and report what arrangements it may be expedient for the Board to adopt to equalize the numbers in the different schools, and if there should appear to be any surplus numbers for whom there is not at present adequate accommodation, to suggest measures to provide for such deficiency, and submitted their report, as on file; which was accepted, and thereupon.

Resolved, That the present actual want of sufficient accommodation of the children now connected with our schools, urgently calls for the adoption by the City Council of immediate measures for the erection of two new School Houses.

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Board the public convenience would be best promoted by the location of one of said Houses at some point, as near as may be equidistant from the Mayhew, Webb, and Endicott School Houses, and the other at some point, north of Harvard Street, and east of Washington Street.

Resolved, That the Chairman of this Board be requested to communicate the foregoing resolves, together with the Report of the Committee to the City Council.

Eng. High Sch.

Ordered, that the sub-committee of the New North School, be a Committee on the part of this Board to confer and advise with the Committee on Public Buildings of the City Council in regard to the alterations which may be needed in the building now occupied by the English High School to prepare the same for occupancy by a Grammar and Writing School.

Eliot sch.

Ordered, that there be paid to the assistant teacher in the grammar department of the Eliot School the sum of twenty five dollars for extra services rendered by her during the absence of the Usher by reason of sickness; also for extra services during the absence of Mr. Tower in 1842 from the same cause.

Eliot sch.

Ordered, that the sum of fifty dollars each be paid to the Usher and assistant teacher of the writing department of the above school, during nine weeks absence of the Principal by reason of sickness.

Wells sch.

Ordered, that the usual amount be paid to Miss Edeline Ginnow as assistant teacher at the Wells School for services rendered during the illness of Miss Woodman, not to exceed one-quarter's pay.

The meeting was then adjourned

Attest. Edw. McLeary, City Clerk.

At a quarterly meeting of the School
committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on
Tuesday, the seventh day of May, A. D. 1844.

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Present—

The Chairman, and the whole board, except Mess^{rs} Geyer,
Mague, Holbrook and Lord.

Quarterly reports were made, by the sub com-
mittees of all the schools, which were read. Quarterly rep^s

The sub-committee of the Latin School reported
the following— Ordered, That instruction in drawing be
given to the two upper classes in the Latin school after the
pupils shall have been transferred to the new school house,
on such conditions as the sub-committee of the school may
prescribe;— Provided that the expense per pupil shall not
exceed what may be paid for the like instruction in the
High school. Read, accepted, & the order passed.

Latin sch.

The sub-committee of the Endicott school reported
that since the last meeting of the board a terrestrial globe
has been purchased for the use of said school, at an expense
of fifteen dollars. Read and accepted.

Endicott sch.

The sub-committee of the Hancock school reported
that in the opinion of the committee it is important to
make some alterations in the school house, for the better
accommodation of the children, it will be necessary to lay
a new floor in both rooms during the summer vacation, &
when this work is done a good opportunity will present to

Hancock sch.

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make some alterations in the forms & seats, which are required for the better accommodation of the scholars, both with reference to their studies, & to their health. The present forms are made to accommodate seven scholars, the seats are so close to each other, that the exercise of writing cannot be conveniently performed; especially by the largest scholars. The present seats are much too small to be used with comfort by the largest children especially, & those of medium size do not use them with ease. It is unnecessary for the committee to speak of the injurious tendencies of these seats to the health of the children as an argument in favor of having them made larger; sufficient to the point it should be, & undoubtedly it is, that they are very uncomfortable. It is therefore ordered, that when the new floor is laid at the Bowdon school house, the forms & seats be so altered, as that they shall be, in the judgment of the sub-committee, perfectly adapted to the comfort and convenience of the scholars.

Read and accepted.

Franklin Sch.

The sub-committee of the Franklin School, that there are now belonging to the school 421 girls & 229 boys. In consequence of the large number of girls now belonging to the school, your committee are of opinion, that it will be requisite, to make it exclusively a school for girls, at the commencement of the next school year, and have a branch school for boys, in the ward room, or some other convenient place. They therefore recommend, that for boys, the boundary line, between this and the Primmer School, be Dover street, and that all who have entered the Franklin school this month living north of Dover street, be transferred to the Primmer School, & that those who entered previous to that time, living north

of said street be permitted to remain till the August vacation. Read and referred to the sub-committee who have under consideration the subject of equalization of the pupils in the various schools.

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The sub-committee of the Mather school, reported "As there are more in attendance than the present seats will accommodate, it will be necessary to restore the back row of seats which were removed a year ago. To this object the early attention of the Chairman of this board is desired. Measures have been taken to secure the services of an usher who will immediately enter on his duties on trial. One of the female assistants having been unable through ill health to perform her duties, since the 20th of February, a temporary substitute has been provided, till the regular assistant shall be able to resume her employment, which it is hoped she will do, after the ensuing vacation. As in the opinion of her physician her illness has been owing to her unremitting application in the school. As the school has been entitled under the rules to one or two assistants more than has been employed for some months past, they recommend the passage of the following order.

Mather Sch.

Ordered, that there be allowed and paid to Miss Martha Peirce, the sum of sixty two dollars & fifty cents, for one quarter's services as assistant in the Mather school, during the illness of the regular assistant. Read, accepted, & the order passed.

Peirce

The sub-committee of the Johnson school reported, that the crowded state of said schools renders it necessary that further accommodations should be provided.

Johnson Sch.

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The committee recommend that the room in the lower part of the building now occupied as a primary school by Miss Atherton be appropriated to the use of the Johnson school and they accordingly offer the following order. —

Ordered, that the Mayor be requested to have the room now occupied by Miss Atherton as a primary school fitted up for the accommodation of the pupils of the Johnson school, and to procure another room for the accommodation of the pupils of the primary school. Read, accepted & the order passed.

Winthrop sch.

The sub-committee of the Winthrop school reported, that there are 113 scholars more than there are seats. To accommodate this surplus of scholars, the sub com^e recommend that the ward room under the school house be fitted up for this purpose.

Ordered, That the ward room under the Winthrop school house be fitted up for the accommodation of the surplus scholars of said school.

Read, accepted, & the order passed.

Bowdoin sch.

Ordered, That Mess^{rs} Gordon, Emerson & Hubbard, be a committee to examine the Bowdoin school house, and to judge of the expediency of recommending to the City government to make such alterations in its structure, that recitation rooms may be constructed, and to recommend such other alterations as they deem to be necessary.

Smith sch.

The sub-committee of the Smith sch. reported, that complaints have lately been made of the discipline practiced by the master, and a day has been appointed for investigating the subject.

A motion respecting corporal punishments
was read and laid upon the table.

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Corporal punish^t

Petition of Thomas Dalton, and others colored
citizens of Boston, praying that separate schools for
colored children may be abolished, and that they
be permitted to attend the several schools of the
City. And the petition of Francis Jackson, & others,
in aid of the same; severally read & laid upon the
table.

- Dalton -
Jackson -
Col^d children

The committee on books, to whom was ref^d
the consideration of the primary school reader, part third,
intended for the first class in primary schools, & for the
lowest class in grammar schools, by William D. Swan, res-
pectfully report, that they have examined the book, &
have formed a favorable opinion of it. A similar opinion
has been expressed by such of the grammar masters as
they have consulted. The work is in several respects an
improvement upon the Gradual reader which is now used
in the schools. The exercises in articulation may be men-
tioned as an example. These constitute an important
part of both the books. But in the Gradual Reader they
are thrown together into a map, and form a division of
the work distinct from the reading lessons. In W. Swan's Reader
on the contrary, they are distributed through the volume, an
exercise in articulation being prefixed to each reading lesson.
This latter arrangement seems to your committee far
preferable to the former. The effect of detaching the exercises
on articulation from the reading lessons in the Gradual Reader
has been to bring them in some measure into neglect. Both

Primary Sch
Reader.

teachers

teachers and committees have given them less attention than they naturally would have given; had these exercises been incorporated with the reading lessons as they are in the Reader of Mr. Swan. In this latter book also, these exercises are accompanied with valuable suggestions for the correction of many common errors in pronunciation. The collection of reading lessons is more copious than that in the gradual reader, and more care has been taken to free the pieces from ungrammatical expressions. Many popular writers do not use language with entire accuracy; and, when extracts are made from their works for the use of schools, it is highly desirable that those violations of grammar should be corrected; in the Gradual Reader, this point was not sufficiently attended to. In the present collection the editor has endeavored to make the language accurate. For these reasons the committee on books have come to the conclusion that the book under consideration could be used with more advantage in our schools than the Gradual reader. They therefore submit the following order.

Resolved, That the primary school Readers, part third, by William D. Swan, be introduced into our grammar schools, as the reading book for the fourth class, in the room of the Gradual Reader; on condition that the pupils who are already supplied with copies of the latter shall receive in exchange therefor, copies of the former without expense.

Read, accepted and the order passed, two ^{3/4} thirds of the members present voting for the same.

William maps.

Simon Barrows, General Agent for the Sale of out line maps exhibited six maps, and a key to the same, & they were referred to the com^{ee} on books.

Communication from Mortimer Strong, exhibit. 129.

ing, a book entitled "Introduction to the science of government, Strong,
and compend of the constitutional and civil jurisprudence of Science of gov:
the United States; with a brief treatise on political economy,
designed for the use of families and schools." Ref. to the
com^{ee} on books.

Ordered, that Mess^{rs} Adams, Woad and Grammar Sch,
Lewis, be a committee to make the annual ~~report~~ exami-
nation of the several grammar schools, and report at the
quarterly meeting in August next.

Ordered, that Mess^{rs} Chandler, Quincy, Writing Sch,
and Brewer, be a committee to make the annual ex-
amination of the several writing schools, & report at the
quarterly meeting in August next.

Ordered, that the Chairman of this Births.
board be requested to procure a proper person or persons
to furnish the return of births to the Secretary of the
Commonwealth according to the provisions of the act of 1844.

Pa^{pe}d. A motion was then made to reconsider this vote;
which motion was laid upon the table.

Ordered, that when this meeting be
adjourned, it be adjourned to Wednesday afternoon May 15,
at 4 o'clock.

Adjourned to that time accordingly.

Attest,

E. M. Cleary,

Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Wednesday the fifteenth day of May, A. D. 1844.

Present.

The Chairman, and the whole board ~~present~~, except Mess^{rs} Geyer and Kolbrooke.

School now in
Ward No. 3.

A motion was made, that the new school house in ward 3, be built, with reference to its being a mixed school. Which motion was laid upon the table.

Corporal punish^t.

The motion respecting corporal punishment in the schools was taken up and considered and passed as amended as follows viz^t: Ordered, that the masters and teachers in the several grammar and writing schools of the City be required to keep a memorandum of all cases of corporal punishment which may hereafter be inflicted by them; which memorandum shall be delivered to the sub committees of their respective schools, at each quarterly examination; and it shall exhibit the names of the pupils punished; the date of the punishment, and the offence for which it is inflicted.

A motion was afterwards made to reconsider said vote; which motion was laid upon the table.

Births.
return of,

The motion respecting the return of births which was passed at the last meeting was taken up, & reconsidered, and the following order passed viz^t: Ordered, that the chairman of this board be requested to procure a proper person or persons to furnish the return of births to the City Clerks, according to the provisions of the act of 1844.

Adjourned to Wednesday, the twelfth day of 1841.
June next, four o'clock P. M.

Attest.

E. M. Cleary,

Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Wednesday the twelfth day of June, A. D. 1841.

Present:

The Chairman, and the whole board, except Messrs Chandler, Street, Wourt and Lord.

Ordered, that in future, the hours of study at the Latin school, and the English High School, from April 1. to October 1. be, in the forenoon from 8 to 12, and in the afternoon from 3 to 5. The foregoing order to amend the rules, passed by a fourths of the members present, voting for the same.

The petition of Thomas Dalton & others, coloured citizens, praying that the establishment of separate schools for coloured children be abolished, and the petition of Francis Jackson and others in aid of the foregoing petition, were taken from the table, and read, and it was thereupon moved, that from and after the day of next, the Smith school in Beinnap Street be discontinued, and the pupils attending

Yeas & Nays.

advising that I had been introduced into the
 schools of the City. Upon the question of adopting
 the above order, the yeas and nays being
 required were taken as follows, viz: Yeas - Mess^{rs}
 Hillard and Targent - 2. Nays - Mess^{rs} Barnes,
 Thompson, Soper, Palmer, Fisher, Morgan, Ingersoll,
 West, Hubbard, Brewer, Holbrook, Wigglesworth,
 Lewis, Adams, Skinner, Simonds and Capen 17.
 The said motion did not prevail.

Smith School.

The Sub-committee on the
 Smith School having received through one of
 its members, a letter from Dr. D. H. Storer, en-
 closing a general complaint against the Mas-
 ter of the Smith School, and having investiga-
 ted the grounds of the complaint, ask leave to make
 to the Board the following Report: The char-
 ges contained in the original complaint, to-
 gether with other charges, that arose in the
 course of the investigation, were resolved by
 the committee into five distinct allegations, as follows:
 1st Cruelty in discipline. - 2nd Indiscretion in
 discipline - manifested in arbitrary and unusual modes
 of punishment - in undue severity - in making im-
 -proper remarks before the scholars - and in ex-
 -hibition of all tempers. 3rd Absence from school,
 and neglect of duty. - 4th Improper treatment
 of pupils. - 5th Entertaining opinions
 of a nature which would tend to
 people, that disqualify him to be a teacher of

colored children. The process of investigation adopted 133
by the committee, was such as to render it certain,
that no evidence, which might throw any light
upon the case should be overlooked, and this
process necessarily subjected them to the hearing
and of a great amount of testimony, that was in
some cases, irrelevant. No less than eighty six witnesses were
heard, seventeen of whom were examined twice,
making a whole number of examinations, one
hundred and three. Both the complainants and
the master were heard by counsel, and the trial
was continued for six and a half consecutive
days, with the exception only of one half day,
when it was suspended on account of a meeting
of the Board. The whole history of the master's
connexion with the school, covering a period
ten years, was laid open, and old, as well as
new cases of difficulty and dissatisfaction were
investigated. Some of the testimony was given
in an excited state of feeling, some parts of it
were conflicting, much of it was necessarily from
children, and the committee found it difficult,
in some cases, to satisfy themselves as to the facts.
Although copious notes of the testimony were ta-
ken, and reserved for the use of the Board, in
regards to it, it is not thought advisable to enter
this report much beyond the conclusions to which
the committee have arrived, respecting the several
allegations. The first allegation is that of cruelty
to the children. This charge the committee have

no hesitation in saying, appears to be without foundation. The second allegation is Indiscretion in discipline, manifested in adopting unusual modes of punishment - in undue severity - in making improper remarks before the scholars - and in exhibitions of ill temper. The evidence introduced to prove, and that introduced to disprove some of the alleged acts, of indiscretion differed essentially. The Committee, however, consider the evidence to be conclusive, that the master has been indiscreet, so far as relates to the adoption of unusual modes of punishment; but not conclusive in relation to either of the other specifications under the head of indiscretion. The objectionable mode of punishment referred to, is that of whipping boys upon the feet. It appears that this punishment has been inflicted in the school, for offences of the highest degree. It does not appear that the degree of punishment has been particularly severe; and it is the mode only, that justifies the charge of indiscretion. In his defence, on this point, the master showed by testimony, that the same mode of punishment was formerly practised in some of the other schools. He also showed, that in one instance, a member of the Senate Committee, a physician, being in the Smith School when this punishment was administered, took occasion to say, that "he considered it the most judicial mode of corporal punishment, that he had ever seen inflicted". This circumstance may be viewed

concerning the matter with an account of the same
 contained in printed form, the master was not
 present, but not with a justification. The
 third allegation is, Absence from school, and
 neglect of duty. Although the evidence relative
 to this allegation did not perfectly settle the
 question whether the master has ever been un-
 necessarily absent from the school; yet, both the
 statements of the witnesses, and the acknowl-
 edgements of the master concur to show, that for
 nearly a portion of his school-time was misappre-
 priated in reading newspapers. A satisfactory
 reform, however, on this point, is shown to have
 existed in the habits of the master during the last
 twelve months. The fourth allegation is, Impro-
 per treatment of the parents of the scholar-
 ars. Although the testimony on this point did
 not show, that unkindness treatment toward
 parents of the children was habitual with the
 master, there was one instance shown, in which
 a woman, who came to the school-room to
 inquire a matter to do with her son, was sent off
 by the master, with unjustifiable roughness. The
 fifth allegation states that the master entertained
 an opinion of the colored race of people which disquali-
 fied him to be a teacher of colored children. The
 witnesses evinced much feeling upon this point,
 and it was difficult to hear from any one
 testimony given, that would be master had
 expressed. It appeared, however, that two years
 since,

He was attacked in this point, in one of the city newspapers, and had occasion in his defence to write and publish his creed. It stands in these words "1st. I believe them the colored people to belong to the human race, and indeed with all the attributes common to humanity." -

2nd. I believe them to be rational, immortal, and accountable beings, possessing minds capable of improving eternally." 3rd. I believe there is no human art, or science, the acquiring of which has been specially denied them by nature, if they can enjoy facilities suited to their nature. The above quoted declaration having been made deliberately, and without any reference to a trial, it is thought just to take it as an expression of the views of the matter. It is therefore submitted without comment, and the Board are left to determine whether it sustains the fifth and last allegation now under consideration. It will be expected of them in concluding their report to propose some final action in the case. In the performance of this part of their duty they are prepared to recommend a measure, which may be deemed well adapted to satisfy to all concerned. They view Mr. Forbes to be a valuable instructor in the school service of the city, and they approve his discharge in this particular situation to be a measure unjustified.

They would view his discontinuance to be an act of injustice to him, and an injury to the colored people.

Under these circumstances your
Committee recommends that, at the end of the pres-
ent school year, in August, the master of the Smith
school be transferred to one of the other schools,
and the present master of the school to which
he shall be transferred, be transferred to the
Smith school. Respectfully submitted, F. Emerson,
Chairman. 11th of report was read and accepted.

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The Mayor communicated
a printed hand-bill, headed "Cruelty in School"
signed by Joel Shaw. Read and thereupon.

Shaw -

Ordered: That the hand-bill
signed by Joel Shaw be referred to the sub-com-
mittee of the Winthrop School, with instructions
to inquire into the charges therein contained and
to take such order thereon as the case may re-
quire and to report their doings to this Board,
and that they be requested to notify Mr. Joel
Shaw of the time and place which they may
appoint for an investigation of the facts, that
he may have opportunity to prove his allega-
tions.

Winthrop Sch.

Petition of John Jordan
and others, in favor of the appointment of Charles
for a permanent master. Read and accepted
the writ.

Jordan -

Semi-annual report of
the standing committee of primary schools, was
received.

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... to the committee appointed to
for with the committee of the primary school.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Attest,

E. M. Cleary,

Secretary.

Meeting called.

To the Hon. Mayor -- In conformity
with the rules of the School Committee, the under-
signed request that a meeting of the Board, may
be called on Tuesday next, to take into considera-
tion subjects connected with the Franklin School
Otis A. Skinner: Alvan Simonds, John T. Sar-
gent. Boston June 28th 1844

At a meeting of the School
committee of the City of Boston, held at City
Hall, on Tuesday the second day of July 1844.

Present:

The Chairman, and the whole board, except
Messrs Chandler, Hubbard, Hancock, Adams and Capen.

Bowdoin Sch.
house

The committee appointed to
consider the expediency of making alterations in
the Bowdoin school house respectfully report
That the interests of this school require that recita-
tion room accommodation be provided. The school
is always very full, and the limits of the rooms are

so narrow, that the operations of the school are conducted under great inconvenience and interruption. These difficulties will be removed by the construction of recitation rooms. The expense of constructing these rooms, it has been ascertained, by an estimate furnished by some master workman, will not exceed one thousand dollars. The proposed alterations will greatly improve the appearance of the building and make the entrance, now awkward and inconvenient, both neat and convenient. In view of these considerations, the committee recommend such alterations in the Bowdoin School House as will provide the accommodation of recitation rooms. The forms of this school house require repair - the seats are too small for the comfort & health of the older scholars. They are now considerably worn and unsteady. It is recommended by the Committee that the forms be repaired & that new seats be furnished in both rooms. The floors in very many places in both rooms are worn through entirely and are very thin & very poor in both rooms. The Committee recommend that new floors be laid in both rooms. It is also recommended that no interruption be occasioned to the school. The Committee recommend that whatever alterations be made in the Bowdoin School House be made during the ensuing summer vacation. For the Committee the Vestry Council has accepted and therefore ordered, that the sum of one thousand dollars be appropriated to carry out the report

the committee on the petition of the Southern School before the City Council, and request that body to carry its recommendations into effect.

Seager

The account of Mr Seager's visit having been in the English High School was referred to the sub-committee of that school with authority to audit the same.

Franklin Sch.
house

The sub-committee of the Franklin School committee report. It is known to the members of this Board, that it has for some time been the opinion of the sub-committee of the Franklin School; that it would be necessary to have the school divided at the commencement of the next school year. This opinion has been based upon the number of scholars in attendance; upon the rapid increase of the population in the South-west section of the city; and upon the necessity of having as many seats for girls as we have for boys. There are now belonging to the school 417 girls and 221 boys. They are now building above Dover Street about 140 houses. From this it will be seen, that another school must be immediately established; and as the Adams and Brimmer schools are for boys and the Johnson and half of the Franklin schools for girls, it is indispensable to provide more seats for girls, and your committee have seen no way to do this so well, as to name the building a girls school. In consequence

the destruction of the Franklin School House and
 the impossibility of obtaining rooms sufficiently
 large to accommodate all the scholars together,
 the sub-committee have thought best to recommend
 the immediate division of the school, and the ap-
 pointment of a master and salary of a thousand
 dollars to take charge of the boys in the room which
 has been engaged for their accommodation. They
 recommend this because it would be impossible
 for the present masters to do justice to all the
 scholars, and because they believe the division
 can be made now with as little inconvenience
 as at any other time. They also recommend
 that all the boys not belonging to the first
 class, living on the north side of Dover Street,
 be transferred to the Primmer School. In order
 to carry out their views they beg leave to sub-
 mit the following orders - Ordered: That from
 this date the Franklin School be exclusively a
 school for girls. Ordered: That a school
 for boys be established in the southern section
 of the city, to be taught by a master, and as
 many assistant teachers as may be required. -
 Ordered - That the new school occupy the build-
 ing which has been fitted up for the temporary
 accommodation of the room of the Franklin
 School. Ordered - That the salary of the mas-
 ter to take charge of the new school, be one
 thousand dollars per annum. The report is
 signed by the committee. Wm. A. Primmer

The first order decided in the negative; the other orders laid upon the table.

Franklin Sch.
house.
Com to confer

Resolved, that Messrs
Thinner, Simonds, and Targent be a Committee
to confer with the Committee of the City Council
on public buildings in relation to the rebuilding
of the Franklin School house.

Mather Sch.

The number of teachers
in the Mather School being less than was required
by the Rules of this Board, the sub-committee
voted in May last to employ an usher, and
accordingly appointed Mr Caleb B Metcalf
on trial, and now ask leave to report the
following order for his compensation: For the com-
mittee: Alvan Simonds, Chairman; Ordered -
that the amount of an usher's salary be paid
to Mr Caleb B Metcalf from the 14th day of May
last to the 1st inst: for his services as usher in the
Mather School, and that the same be contin-
ued so long as he shall be employed in that
capacity.

Winthrop Sch.

The sub-committee of the Win-
throp School, (East Street) to whom was referred
for investigation, by the Board of School Committee; a
printed placard, with the heading "Cruelty in Schools,"
and signed by "Joel Shaw," very respectfully sub-
mit the following report: - The committee
have

Have had three meetings with Mr Shaw. At the first meeting they informed him of the duty assigned to them by the board, and requested him to bring before them, at as early a period as possible, the facts on which the allegations in the petition against Mr. Jones were to be sustained. At the second meeting Mr Shaw reported a case of punishment of a boy, of the name of Quinn, aged 9. It was proved, by testimony of a female teacher of the school, that the boy deserved punishment for repeated transgressions, of a minor kind; however accordingly, the boy was reported to the usher for punishment, who, according to the regulations of the school, signified to him that it would be inflicted after the recess. During the recess the boy absconded, thus adding to his other offences that of being a truant, which offence, in the estimation of the master, required that his punishment should be greater than would otherwise been inflicted. The mother of the boy, called at the school to intercede for her son for mitigation of his punishment, principally on account of his feeble health; but stating also that "the father would whip him for his offences, and that when he did so, he always whipped him very severely." The master replied that the discipline of the school required that the boy should be punished; when the mother upon

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stated that "the father had whipped the boy for this offence, within an inch of his life." This statement was made to Mr. Gould, the writing master, and heard by the usher of the School. At the investigation, the mother declared that the father did not whip the boy, and that if she had to whip the boy at the School, "her object must have been by this means to save the boy from being punished. In the afternoon the boy returned to the school. At the proper time the punishment was inflicted with a ruler, by placing him over the form so that the blows should fall on his backside and back part of the thighs. The boy resisted strongly, and it appeared that the usher had great difficulty in punishing him, so much so that the affair was observed by some men at work on the roof of a building opposite to the school house, whose attention was attracted by the outcries of the boy. These men testified that the contest lasted from ten to fifteen minutes, and the number of blows given were ten or twelve. They testified that they heard the blows distinctly, and knew that they were very severe. On this point the master and usher both declared that they did not consider, at the time, that the blows were very severe. From the testimony of several witnesses, gentlemen of high respectability, who saw the boy a day or two after the

the flogging, it was proved that severe bruises were produced by the blows. From the testimony, the committee were unable to decide whether the bruises were produced by the punishment of the usher or by that of the father. They do not hesitate to say, that the boy was very severely flogged, and if it was proved that the flogging was administered by the usher only, it was unwarrantably severe, and they should feel it to be their duty to enter in a caveat against such severity. — But, as doubt exists on this point, the committee consider that the usher is entitled to the benefit of the doubt. Mr Shaw called, as a witness to another case of severe punishment, the father of a girl 14 years of age, who, as Mr S. represented, had been so severely punished by the grammar master as to have a permanent injury to one of the joints of a finger on one hand as the result. Mr Gore, the father of the child, stated that he did not understand the position, until he came to this investigation, he was called upon to take in regard to the case of his child. Had he done so, he should not have appeared as a witness against the master. He had no charge to make against him. He did not consider that any marks of severe punishment on his daughter existed now, and at the time of the punishment he noticed only two or three dark colored marks produced by it, and which he

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then considered were evidence, of too severe punishment to be inflicted on a girl. With these feelings, he called upon the master at the time, and was satisfied the punishment was not intended to be severe, and if it was, it was accidentally so. — Thus, this case was disposed of at the third meeting. The case was that of punishment of a little girl in the primary school. This investigation was made by the primary school committee in the presence of the sub-committee of this board. It appeared that the girl was punished for disobedience, with a "patan" on the inside of the hand, and no permanent or severe injury was the result. Mr Shaw here stated that he had no more cases to report, and the investigation was accordingly closed. The committee respectfully append to this report the following resolutions: Resolved, That the grossly slanderous placard, with the heading of "Cruelty in Schools", and signed by "Joel Shaw", is not justifiable by the facts which said Shaw has been able to produce to support the allegations contained in it against the school in the East Street School House. Resolved, That the practice of appealing to the public directly, through newspapers or by printed placards, in cases of punishments supposed to be excessive in the public schools, without inquiry, and without appeal to the sub-committee, is highly reprehensible to the reputation of the schools, and

and an unwarrantable interference with the rights— 147.
and duties of this board: In behalf of the sub-
committee of the East Street School, Charles
Gordon. The foregoing report was read, and
accepted, and the minutes passed, and it
was thereupon ordered that the same be pub-
lished in the Atlas, Post, Mercantile Jour-
nal, and Transcript.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Attest.

(S. M. Cleary,

Secretary.

At a special meeting of the school
committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on
Tuesday, the thirtieth day of July, A. D. 1844.

Present.

The Chairman— Messrs. Chandler, Street, Wourt, Barnes,
Palmer, Parker, Dale, Hubbard, Brewer, Wigglesworth, Lord,
Lewis, Skinner, Sargent & Simonds.

On the petition of M^{rs}. Susan C. Lincoln, Lincoln
widow, of the late Charles Lincoln, jr. of Charlestown.

Ordered, that her son, James P. Low, whose father
was formerly a citizen of Boston, be admitted to the Latin
school, if upon examination, he shall be found duly qual-
ified, and that he be allowed to attend through the course
of studies pursued in that school, notwithstanding his
residence in the town of Charlestown.

Ordered, That the 22^d section of Chapter 1st

Exhibitions

Rules.

of the regulations of the public schools, be annulled, and that the following section be adopted in lieu thereof.

Sect. 22. There shall be annually an exhibition of the Latin and English High Schools, on wednesday two weeks before the last wednesday in August; and on the preceding day, there shall be an exhibition of the several grammar and writing schools, at which exhibition the Franklin medals shall be bestowed upon the boys, and the City medals upon the girls. The hours for the exhibition of the several schools shall be arranged by the Chairman of the board. And at the exhibition of the Latin and English High schools, seats shall be reserved for the accommodation of those scholars in the other schools upon whom medals shall have been bestowed on the preceding day.

The foregoing order passed by a unanimous vote.

Schools
equalizing.

The committee to whom by an order of the board passed on the sixth of February last, were referred the semi annual returns from the masters of the several grammar and writing schools, to consider and report, what it might be expedient for this board to adopt to equalize the number in the different schools, and if there should appear to be any surplus numbers for whom there is not at present adequate accommodation, to suggest measures to provide for such deficiency; and that the committee be authorized to require the masters to furnish them with such additional information as they might find necessary in the prosecution of their inquiries - made a report which was read, laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

Hilton

Memorial of John T. Hilton, Father, colored citizens, respecting the Smith school. Read, & laid upon the table.

Memorial of the Agents of "Lyman's Chart
of universal history and Chronology" read and referred to
the committee on books. 149. Lyman's chart.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Attest,

(S. M. Cleary,

Secretary.

At a quarterly meeting of the School
committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on
Tuesday, the sixth day of August, D. 1844.

Present.

The Chairman, and the whole board except Mess^{rs}
Chandler, Gordon and Holbrook.

Semi annual returns were received from the Semi annual
masters of all the schools. The Secretary made an abstract returns.
of the returns of the masters of the several grammar and
writing schools, containing the number of pupils and instructors
in each school; and the number of female teachers each is
entitled to have. Read and filed.

Quarterly reports were made by the sub Quarterly rep^{ts}
committees of all the schools. Read and accepted.

Ordered, that the Primmer school. Primmer sch.
be supplied with a terrestrial globe, and the other ap-
paratus usually furnished to the grammar schools of the
City.

Adams Sch. Ordered, That the sub-committee of the Adams school be authorized to procure a terrestrial globe for said school.

New North Sch. The sub-committee of the new North school recommend, that owing to the peculiar situation of this school, that there be no exhibition, the present year. Read & accepted.

Franklin Sch. Ordered, that there be allowed five City medals to the female pupils of the Franklin school, in consequence of the great number of females in said school.

Hancock Sch. The sub-committee of the Hancock school reported, that this school has long suffered great inconvenience for the want of proper accommodations and important accommodations in the building now occupied by the school, will probably very soon be found expedient, if not absolutely indispensable. An increased amount of yard room is of immediate and pressing necessity. But this cannot be obtained, nor can other important improvements be made, without enlarging the premises at present belonging to the school. There is now a small lot of unoccupied land adjoining those premises which might probably be purchased upon reasonable terms. The committee therefore deem it of great importance, that the board should take immediate measures to call the attention of the proper authorities, to the subject, in order that this piece of land may be secured for the use of the school; and the more especially since they believe, that unless this be done, the present condition of the school will never be essentially improved. Read and thereupon ordered, that the sub-committee of the Hancock school be instructed to prepare a statement of the

The existing wants of that school, to be submitted in behalf of this board, by the Chairman thereof to the City Council, and that the sub-committee be further instructed to take such measures as they may judge advisable, in order to secure the efficient action of the City Council.

The several committees appointed to visit the grammar and writing schools, and critically examine the pupils of the first classes, in the several branches taught in said schools, made their several reports, which were severally read and accepted.

grammar & writing
Schools.

The report of the committee on the subject of equalizing the numbers in the different schools, being printed, and distributed to the several members of this board, the same was taken up and considered. W. Emerson made a motion to recommit the same to the same committee with instructions to report amendments to the orders appended to said report, which after discussion, the whole subject was laid on the table.

Schools on
equalizing the
pupils.

Ordered, that the Secretary cause to be delineated, the lines of the school districts, on the map of the City, as recommended by the report of the committee on that subject, for the use of the members of this board.

Maps.

Adjourned to Friday next, 4 o'clock, P. M.

Attest,

E. M. Cleary,

Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Friday, the ninth day of August, D. 1844.

Present.

The Chairman; and the whole board, except Messrs Chandler, Streetor, Willard, Brewster, Hagar, Holbrook, Lewis, and Adams.

Latin sch. rules.

Ordered, That the following words be added to section 10th of the regulations for the Latin grammar school. "No boy shall be absent from the school, except on account of sickness, or some other cause of great urgency."

Mather sch.

The sub-committee of the Mather school find in the report of the annual committee to visit the grammar schools, the following passage. "In the opinion of your committee an immediate alteration should be made in this school house, by which it will be no longer necessary for two thirds of the scholars to pass & re-pass by the master's desk, & between him, & his first class, on their way to the recitation rooms. The seats in the part of the room furthest from the recitation rooms are too small for scholars of the first class, hence they & the masters are subjected to great interruption by the rest of the school who use the recitation rooms." Fully concurring in the views thus expressed, the sub-committee have examined the subject & find that by exchanging in each of the rooms three rows of the larger seats & benches at one end, with three rows of the smaller seats at the other, the whole object will be accomplished, as the four rows in the centre are all of one size, & need not be disturbed. They do not believe the whole

expense,

expense of the change would exceed ten dollars. They there- 153.
fore request the passage of the following order.

For the committee: Alan Simonds - Chairman.

Ordered, That the Chairman of this board be requested to lay the above report before the committee on public buildings, & desire their attention to the alteration therein proposed, if deemed proper by them.

Read, accepted, and the order passed.

Ordered, That the sub committee of Bowdoin sch.
the Bowdoin school be authorized to present to the pupils of the said school, seven City medals, in consequence of the great number in said school.

Ordered, That the Mayor, Mess^{rs} New sch. name
Hubbard and Emerson, be a committee to report a name for the new school to be established in Pinckney Street, at the next meeting of the board.

The board resumed the consideration Schools equalizing
of the subject of the reports of the committee on equalizing pupils.
the numbers in the different schools. Mr. Emerson moved that the first eight orders be stricken out, and in lieu thereof that three orders offered by him be substituted. After discussing the whole subject was laid upon the table.

Adjourned to Thursday next, 4 o'clock, P. M.

Attest,

F. M. Cleary,

Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Thursday, the fifteenth day of August, A. D. 1844.

Present.

The Chairman, and the whole board, except Messieurs Chandler, Holbrook and Adams.

Phillips sch.

The committee who were charged with the duty of reporting a name for the school in Pinckney street, reported, that said school be hereafter known as the "Phillips school." Read and accepted.

Masters chosen

Voted, to proceed by ballot to the choice of masters of all the schools. And it was ordered, that a majority of all the members present be considered as necessary to constitute a majority for election. Messrs Dale, Wigglesworth and Sargent were appointed a committee to receive, sort and count the votes. And the votes being taken it appeared that the following persons were chosen, viz:

Latin school. Epes S. Dixwell.

English High. Thomas Sherwin.

Eliot school, Charles B. Sherman, gram. M. Levi Conant, writing master.

Hancock " William J. Adams " Peter Mackintosh, jr. "

Endicott " George Allen, jr. " Irving Lothrop "

Mayhew " William D. Swan " Aaron D. Copen "

Bowdoin " Abraham Andrews " James Robinson "

Boylston " Thomas Baker " Charles Kimball "

Adams " Samuel Barrett " Josiah Fairbank "

Franklin " Baruum Field " Nathan Mornitt "

Wells " Cornelius Walker " Heuben Swan, jr. "

Hawes school. Frederick Crafts, gram. M. John A. Harris, writing master 155.

Mather " Josiah A. Stearns, " " Jonathan Battles, jr. " "

Johnson " Richard G. Parker, " " Joseph Hale " "

Winthrop " Henry Williams, jr. " " Samuel S. Gould " "

Brimmer " Joshua Bates, jr. " " William A. Shepard " "

Phillips " Samuel S. Green, " " Samuel Swan " "

New North Sch. Benjamin Drew, jr. " "

Smith, " Abner Forbes, master.

Syman " Albert Bowker, "

The following persons were nominated by the sub-committees Ushers & Assistants of the several schools, which nominations were confirmed by the board, chosen and they were appointed accordingly, viz:

Latin. Francis Gardner, sub master; George S. Parker & Henry W. Torrey, ushers; & Jonathan Snelling, teacher of writing.
English High. Luther Robinson, sub master; and Francis A. Williams, usher. Syman Aaron S. Ordway, usher; Mary Atherton, and Eliza L. Pierce, assistants. Eliot. George Tower and Jacob W. Kent, ushers; Caroline W. Carter and Elizabeth Skinner, assistants. Hancock. Adeline Fow, Henrietta S. Pierce, Catharine W. Snelling, Cecilia S. Gale, Sarah A. Dyke, & Sarah E. White, ^{assist.} Endicott. Robert W. Wright, usher; Mary A. Torrey, Angelina A. Brigham, Ann M. Wright, Malvina K. Brigham, assistants. Mayhew. Winslow Battles & Francis S. Capow, ushers, Mary J. Walker, & Eliza S. West assistants. Bowdoin. Mary A. Munslock, Rebecca Lincoln, Caroline E. Andrews, Harriet French, Mary S. Robinson, Sarah D. Adams, & Mary E. Nash, assistants.
Adams. B Wood, usher, Mary S. Brigham, Mary E. Beck, assistants. Wells. William H. Swan & Robert Gordon, ushers. Matilda A. Gerry, Hannah J. Woodman, Caroline F. Housley, & Ellen B. Hazeltine, assistants. Hawes. Charles A. Morrill,

Usher

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usher; Julia M. Baator, Mary E. Clark, & Mary Ann Benham, assist.
 Mather. Galeb B. Metcalf, usher; Lucy Floyd, Mary Peirce, Ma-
 gard. A. Moody & Eveline Crane, assistants. Johnson. Rebecca P. Barry,
 Martha E. Town, Emma J. Knapp, May A. Hodder, Helen E. Vans,
 & Mary Jane Dunsforth assistants. Winthrop. Charles E. Valentine,
 usher; Eliza S. Felt, Harriet D. Williams, E. W. Shelton, Olive C.
 Reynolds & Eliza L. Withington assistants. *Brimmer. Hosea A. Lincoln
 & Percival W. Bartlett, ushers. Smith. Sarah Forbes & Chloe A. Lee
 assistants. New North. S. W. J. Copeland, Harriet N. Decker,
 Emaline French, & May S. Palmer, assistants. *Brimmer. Misses
 Abby F. Goodridge & Mary A. Collier, assistants.

Winthrop sch-
 teacher.

Ordered, that Miss Nancy Brooks who has
 been compelled to relinquish her station as an assistant
 teacher of the Winthrop school on account of ill health, be
 authorized to receive one quarter's salary, in addition to the
 amount, that may have been her due.

Salaries

Ordered, that the salaries of the masters, ushers
 and teachers of the several schools, be the same, as they were
 the last year.

Morse's geogr.

Morse's geography, illustrated with Geographic
 maps. Referred to the committee on books.

Medals now
 assigned.

Ordered, that the Secretary procure three City medals
 for Misses Harriet S. Little, formerly a pupil in the Hancock school; Rebecca
 Lincoln & Caroline E. Andrews, formerly, pupils in the Bowdoin school, they
 having accidentally lost the medals assigned them by the school committee.

Adjourned to Tuesday next, four o'clock P. M.

Attest, B. M. Cleary, Secretary.

At a meeting of the School 157.
Committee of the City of Boston, held at City
Hall, on Tuesday, the twentieth day of August
A. D. 1844.

Present.

The Chairman, and the whole board, except Messrs
Hoar, Skinner, Morgan, Stague, Holbrook & Adams.

The Secretary being absent, W. S. Secretary pro tem.
Gregg was chosen Secretary pro tempore.

The Hon. Mr. Hubbard submitted Lawrence
the following communication which he
received from the Hon. Abbott Lawrence

Boston, August 14, 1844.

My Dear Sir,

My son informed me on my
return from Newport last evening, to which I
return this afternoon, that you had called for
the purpose of asking a donation from me to
aid in creating a fund which will produce
ninety dollars per annum to be distributed in
medals, books, &c. among those pupils of the
High School who may excel in the various
branches of learning taught in that valuable
Institution. I beg to present to you my thanks,
for the opportunity afforded me of bearing tes-
timony to its high estimation. I have always
placed upon all our public Schools, and the
interest I still entertain for their prosperity.

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The system of Free Schools, in New England I deem are of our chief glories, and upon the preservation of that system rests, in a great measure the permanency of our civil and religious institutions. I have not time to say more, but beg to place at the disposal of yourself and other members of the Committee the sum of Two thousand dollars, which I presume will be am-
 ple to carry out the plan you have indicated. I pray you, dear Sir, to accept the assurances with which I remain Your friend & servant,
 Abbott Lawrence. Hon. Wm. J. Hubbard
 Read and thereupon, Voted:

That the thanks of this Board be presented to the Hon. Abbott Lawrence for the liberal donation made by him for the purpose of establishing a fund to encourage meritorious scholars in the English High School; and that his letter, which has been laid before this meeting be entered upon the records of the Board.

Eng. High Sch.

Voted; That the sub-committee of the English High School be instructed to consider and report what action it may be expedient that this Board should take to give effect to the purpose of Mr Lawrence in making his donation; and that they be instructed to confer with Mr Lawrence in order to ascertain his views on the subject.

Doctor Dale submitted certain resolutions passed at a meeting of Citizens of Waid N^o 5, respecting changing the Wells School, from a school of both sexes, to that of one sex, which was read.

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Wells sch.

The sub-committee of the Franklin school, nominated Hannah S. Tirrell, Sarah Ann Gale, Catherine T. Simonds, Martha A. Parker, C. H. W. Emmons, Caroline A. Green and Maria E. Laverly.

Franklin
Sch.

The sub-committee of the Boylston school, nominated Henry Seaver, Usher, and Margaret L. Emery, Clarinda R. F. Headwell, Matilda Oliver, Susan J. Jones, and Catherine H. Grover assistant teachers, which nominations were confirmed, and they were appointed accordingly.

Boylston
Sch.

Ordered, That the salary of Miss Sarah A. Crushing as assistant teacher of the Franklin school be paid up to the first day of October, next, she, not being continued in said school.

Crushing
Franklin Sch.

The report on Schools, taken up & considered. Mr Emerson submitted a memorial from C. Leighton & others, on that subject, & the same was read; and the question of adopting the three orders in lieu of the orders contained in the original report: the yeas and nays being required, were taken as follows, viz: Yeas, Messrs Steeler, Barnes, Geyer, Palmer, Emerson, Dale, Skinner, Simonds, and Capron. 9. Nays,

Schools
organized.

Yeas 9 nays

Messrs

Chandler, Parker, Hubbard, Hillard, Gordon, Brewer, Wigglesworth, Lord, Lewis and Sargent.^{10.}
 so the same were not adopted. The orders are as follows, viz. Moved, That the following Orders, numbered from 1 to 3, be substituted for the first eight of the Order, appended to the report on equalizing the schools, which was presented to the Board July 30th, by a Committee appointed February 6th, 1844. 1. Ordered, A new Grammar and Writing School, for both sexes, shall be instituted in the school-house on Pinckney street, at the close of the approaching vacation of the public schools. And this School shall embrace all the scholars residing in the sixth ward, except 50 boys and 100 girls, who reside in the eastern part of the ward; the scholars thus excepted, to remain in the Mayhew, and the Bowdoin School.

2. Ordered, That when the new School-house on Lancaster Street shall be ready for occupancy, a Grammar and Writing School for both sexes shall be instituted therein, to be taught by the instructors of the school now called the New North School; and this last mentioned School shall then be discontinued.

3. Ordered, That when the School on Pinckney street shall be opened, 30 boys shall be transferred from the Indicoll School to the Mayhew school — also, 40 girls from the Hancock to the Bowdoin — also, 25 girls from the Johnson to the Bowdoin —

and any other transfer of scholars found to be necessary, may be made by the agreement of any two Sub-committees, provided such transfer shall not affect any School other than the Schools under the immediate charge of the Sub-committee so agreeing.

The question then recurred on adopting the order in the report and they passed as amended as follows, viz:

Ordered, That the Grammar and Writing School to be established in the School house in Pinckney Street, heretofore occupied by the English High School be organized as a school exclusively for boys, and that ward C together with such portion of ward S as shall hereafter be annexed thereto, shall constitute the district pertaining to this school.

Ordered, That when the new school in Pinckney Street is organized, all boys residing within the limits of ward C who may be connected with either of the other public Grammar and Writing Schools of the city be forthwith transferred to the new school.

Ordered, That so many of the boys belonging to the Hill School, living in ward S south of the Hospital and School house, as may be necessary to relieve that school of its surplus number of boys, be transferred to the new school, when that school shall be organized; the boys so to be transferred to be designated by the Sub-committee of the Hill School.

Ordered, That when the transfer directed by the foregoing order shall have

have been made, the northerly line of the district pertaining to the Mayhew school be extended so as to include both sides of Merrimac street and Union street, through their whole length, and also the territory between those streets, and the present northerly line of the said district, and that all boys having their places of residence in either of the said streets, or within the said territory who shall then be connected with any other Grammar and Writing school be immediately transferred to the Mayhew school. And the said streets and territory shall from that time constitute a permanent portion of the district pertaining to the Mayhew school.

Ordered, That so much of Ward N^o 1, as lies west of a line running through the middle of Salem street be annexed to the boys' district pertaining to the Indicott school, and that the boys residing in the said territory who attend the said school be transferred to the Indicott school.

Ordered, That when the new school house is completed in Lancaster street the school to be established therein be organized as a school for both sexes, and that the Wells school at the same time be re-organized as a school exclusively for girls, and that ward 5 be then established as the district for the Wells school, and that the Chairman of the several Sub-committees of the two new schools, and of the Mayhew and Indicott schools, be a

Special Committee to arrange the lines of division 163.
between the districts pertaining to their respective
schools.

Ordered, That when the Van
School is organized, and the Mills school is organ-
ized pursuant to the preceding order, the girls
within the districts thereby established, belonging
to the Bowdoin school, shall be transferred to the
respective schools within the districts pertaining
to which they reside.

Ordered, That the
Franklin school after the August vacation,
be organized as a school exclusively for girls,
and that Dover street, and the territory
north of the same, and west of the middle
of Lincoln street, be assigned to the district
pertaining to the Trimmer school.

Ordered, That after the August vacation
a new school for boys exclusively, to be under
the charge of one master and the necessary
assistant teachers, be established south of Do-
ver street for the accommodation of the inhabi-
tants of ward 11, residing within that district,
and that a Sub-committee be appointed to
take charge of said school.

Ordered,
That the several Chairmen of the Sub-commit-
tees of the Adams, Boylston and Winthrop
schools, be a special Committee to arrange and
establish the lines of division between the districts
for boys pertaining to their respective schools.

Ordered, That the Sub-committees of the Boyl-
ston and Winthrop schools constitute a special
committee

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Committee to consider, and report what measures can be adopted to provide suitable accommodations for the receipt of female scholars connected with these respective schools.

Phillips sch.

Messrs Chandler, Hubbard and Hillard were nominated and appointed the sub-committee of the Phillips school and Messrs Adams, Sargent and Simonds, sub-committee of the new South school. Mr Chandler resigned as Chairman of the sub-committee of the new North school & Dr Brewer was appointed in his place.

New North sch.

Voted, to proceed by ballot to the choice of grammar master of the new North school. And it was ordered that a majority of all the members present be considered as necessary to constitute a majority for election. Messrs Palmer, Brewer, and Gordon were appointed a committee to receive & count the votes; and the votes being taken, it appeared that Isaac F. Shepard was chosen.

New south sch.

Ordered, That the salary of the master of the new South school, be at the rate of one thousand dollars, until further order.

Smith sch.

Doctor Dale submitted the following motion, which was read and on motion

motion of Mr Hillard, laid on the table. - viz 105.

Resolved that when any changes are made in the assistant teachers of the Smith School, those changes shall be communicated to the Board in like manner as in the other schools.

The choice of master of the new south school was postponed to the next meeting. New south sch.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Attest,

W D Gregg Secy. pro tem.

To the Mayor, Chairman of the School Committee. Special meeting.

The subscribers respectfully request you to call a meeting of the School committee on Friday next, at 4 o'clock P. M. for the purpose of selecting a master for the New South School, of which we have been appointed the sub-committee.

Sept. 16. 1844.

N. Adams.
J. T. Sargent
Alvan Simonds.

At a special meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Friday, the twentieth day of September, Anno Domini, 1844.

Present:

The Chairman, and the whole board, except Mess^{rs} Gordon, Hague, Holbrook and Skinner.

Books.

Communications from William C. Woodbridge, accompanied with a work of his on geography - Also from Little & Brown, with grammar school reader. And also from Eayrs & Fairbanks, with text book to accompany globes. Ref^d to the committee on books.

New south sch.
master

Voted, to proceed by ballot to the choice of master of the New South school. Mess^{rs} Parker, Geiger & Brewer were appointed a committee to receive, sort & count the votes. The names of the candidates were read, and it was voted that a majority of all the members present, be considered as necessary to constitute a majority for election. The votes being taken it appeared that George B. Hyde was chosen.

Skinner

Ordered, that the sum of two hundred dollars be paid to M^r Samuel P. Skinner, for his services as usher in the Franklin school, and as instructor in the new south school, between July 1st & October 1st 1844.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Attest,

E. M. Cleary, Secretary.

At a quarterly meeting of the
School Committee of the City of Boston, held
at City Hall, on Tuesday, the Fifth day of Novem-
ber, Anno Domini 1844.

Present

The Chairman, and the whole board except
Messrs. Thimney, Brewer and Hotbrook.

Quarterly reports were made
by the Sub-Committees of all the Schools, which
were read and accepted.

Quarterly rept^s

The Sub-Committee of the
Latin School reported that at the commence-
ment of the present term they appointed Mr
Henry R. Wheelwright to fill the vacancy oc-
casioned by the resignation of Mr Torrey, as
Usher of that School. Which appointment was
confirmed.

Latin sch.

Usher.

The Sub-Committee of the
English High School, reported, that on the Seventh
day of September last, they appointed Mr John
D. Philbrick to be Usher of that School on pro-
bation. He entered immediately on the duties of
his office, which he has discharged to the satis-
faction of the Committee and the principal of
the School. The Committee requested that the
appointment be confirmed. Which appointment
was confirmed accordingly.

Eng. High sch.

Adams Sch.
Usher.

The Sub-Committee of the Adams School nominated Mr William H. Richards as Usher, in place of Mr Isaac T. Shepard, who has been elected a Master in the New North School; and also Mr Joel Brown in the place of Mr B. Wood resigned. Mr Richards entered on his duties at the commencement of the present quarter September 9th and Mr Brown September 15th which nominations were confirmed.

Franklin Sch.

The Sub-Committee of the Franklin School, reported the following order, viz. —
Ordered. That the Franklin School after the 9th have one session a day, until the completion of the house designed for its accomodation; and that the session commence at 9 O'Clock A.M. and close at 2 O'Clock P.M. except on Saturday, when it shall close at 12 O'Clock. Read, accepted, and ordered accordingly.

Mather sch.

The Sub-Committee of the Mather School nominated Miss Rebecca A. Chipman assistant teacher in place of Miss Evelina Crane, resigned, and Miss Ann Jane Drake in place of Miss Mary Pierce, deceased; and ask that they be confirmed, their pay to commence from the 1st of October last, when that of the others ceased. Said Committee also reported the following order viz. —
Ordered, that the Sub-Committee of the Mather School

School be authorised to purchase a Terrestrial
Globe for the use of said School. The above no-
minations were confirmed, and the order passed.

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The Sub-Committee of the
Smith School nominated Miss Downes for the
Assistant in said School, Mrs Forbes having resigned,
Miss Downes commenced her duties. Oct 1st which
nomination was confirmed.

Smith's sch.

Communication of J. S.
Rabcock in behalf of Professor Olmstead, offer-
ing for the consideration of this Board his work
on Natural Philosophy, also the Common School
Reader and Speaker. Referred to the Committee
on Books.

Olmstead's Nat.

Phi.

Ordered, that the Chair-
man, Mess^{rs} Geyer and Palmer be a committee
for the purpose of selecting and reporting
a name for the new School in Lancaster Street.

New Sch. name

Ordered, that the Sub-
Committee of the New North School be author-
ized to purchase a Terrestrial Globe for the
use of said School.

New North Sch.

Report of the Committee on
Books, Woodbridge's School Geography and Atlas.
The Book Committee, to whom was referred the
consideration of Woodbridge's School Geography
and

Woodbridge's Sch.

Geog.

and Atlas, respectfully report, that they have examined the Book, and consider it the best School Geography with which they are acquainted. Mr Woodbridge is probably known to many members of the Board as having been, for a number of years previous to his late absence from the Country, the Editor of the Annals of Education. About ten years since, the state of his health obliged him to go to the West Indies. After remaining there two years he went to Europe, where he continued seven or eight years, principally in Germany &c. there made himself master of the rich store of materials which the Germans have accumulated in the department of Physical Geography. He had been for many years previous engaged in study of Geography, and is one of the few men among us who have devoted themselves to this study in a scientific spirit. As far back as the year 1821, he published a Geography on the same plan with the present one, which was considered by many persons, including a number of the Teachers at present in our Schools, as far the best School Geography of its day. Since his return from Europe, he has published the work now under consideration, and a larger one designed for the use of more advanced students. The characteristic feature of these works is a system of comparison and combination by which facts naturally associated are presented in masses, instead of being broken up, as in most School Geographies,

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into a tedious array of details. After some pre-
paratory observations, the natural divisions of
the land and water are explained, then the sea is
treated of separately, and a description given of
its great features and uses, of its various oceans
and coasts, and their effects upon commerce. A
similar view is taken of the land, showing the
characteristics of its grand divisions, and their
main subdivisions, the effect of the character
of the coasts of particular countries, and the
inland waters upon commerce, the varieties
which the surface of the earth presents, its plains
and mountains, marshes, deserts, snows and
glaciers, its interior structure, its caves, volca-
noes, earthquakes, its springs, lakes, rivers, the at-
mosphere, wind, rain, temperature, climates, and
productions, races and religions, arts and manu-
factures, commerce and civilization. This general
information occupies the first half of the work;
The remainder is devoted to a description of
particular countries, in which the same dispo-
sition is manifested to communicate general
information rather than a mere knowledge of
details. Mr Woodbridge writes from a well-stored
mind, so that his work is fresh and original,
while a large proportion of the School-books which
are thrown into the market are merely dry com-
pilations. The Atlas contains much more infor-
mation than most School Atlases, particularly
in the department of physical geography. Europe,
Asia

Asia, Africa and America have each two Maps, one representing the political divisions, the other giving the natural features more fully and minutely than they are usually presented. There is also a Map which shows the distribution of plants and animals over the earth's surface. — Another gives a view of the moral and religious condition of its various portions. The Committee have consulted several of our grammar masters and have found them very favourably disposed to the introduction of the work into the Schools as a substitute for Worcester's Geography. This latter book, though accurate and trustworthy, is so much broken up into details and contains so much matter which the pupils forget nearly as fast as they learn it, that the task of studying it is quite irksome and that of teaching it hardly less so. The only reason that it has so long maintained its place in the Schools is that no Geography of very decided merit was offered in its room, until the work now before us was published. — Your Committee believe that the introduction of Woodbridge's Geography into the Schools in place of Worcester's would enable the pupils to pursue the study of this branch of science with more pleasure and advantage. They therefore recommend the passage of the following order. —

Ordered, That Woodbridge's Modern School Geography and Atlas be introduced into the Public grammar schools of this city, in the

room of Worcester's Geography and Atlas, as soon as the publishers can furnish the requisite number of copies from the new edition, which they are on the point of printing, on condition that the pupils using Worcester's Geography and Atlas shall receive in exchange therefor copies of Wood-bridge's at the price of thirty five cents each, and on the further condition, that the second edition be prepared in a manner satisfactory to the Book Committee.

For the Book Committee,

Edward Wigglesworth,

Read and accepted by a unanimous vote.

The Book Committee to whom was referred the consideration of Swan's Grammar School Reader, respectfully report, that they have examined the Book, and find it to be similar in plan to the Primary School Reader, part, third, which is now used by the fourth class in our Schools. In both books, exercises in articulation are prefixed to each reading lesson. This plan has found much favour among teachers, and your Committee believe, from conversation with the Grammar masters, that they would be gratified by the introduction of this book as the reading book for the second and third classes in their Schools. There is now some diversity of usage in regard to the reading books of these classes. The National Reader was formerly used in all the Schools by the second Class.

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But that book having been found as difficult of comprehension as the First Class Book, the masters several years ago, were allowed the option of using in their Second Class either the National Reader or the First Class Book, and in consequence some of the Schools now use one and some the other? The Introduction to the National Reader was intended for the reading book of the Third Class, but when the rules of the Board were revised in 1841, the name of that book was accidentally omitted in the list of text books. Since that time it has been wholly disused in one of the Schools, as your Committee have lately learned. Whether or not this is the case in any other Schools we do not know, but as there is now no one reading book used in all the Schools either for the Second Class or the Third Class, and as it is desirable to restore uniformity in this particular, your Committee avail themselves of the opportunity now offered to recommend the introduction of a book which has pleased them and gained the approbation of many teachers. The pieces selected are well adapted to the capacity of the Children for whom they are intended and their moral tone is good. In the Introduction to the National Reader, many of the pieces are beyond the comprehension of Children of the Third Class, and a very large part of the National Reader is too difficult for the

second.

second class. Under these circumstances your Committee believe that the Schools would be benefitted by the introduction of the book which we have been considering. They therefore recommend the passage of the following order. Ordered - That Evans Grammar-School Reader be introduced into our Grammar Schools as the reading book of the second and third classes, on condition that the publishers furnish the copies required for the pupils who are using the National Reader and the Introduction at twenty five cents each. Read and passed three quarters of the members present voting for the same.

Ordered, That the Committee on Books be a committee to revise the rules and regulations of the School Committee.

Rules Reg^{ns}

The Sub Committee of the English High School, who, by a vote passed on the 20th of August last, were instructed to consider and report what action it may be expedient that this Board should take to give effect to the purpose of the Hon. Abbott Lawrence in making his donation to create a fund, the income thereof to be expended in prizes for the pupils of the English High School, and who by the said vote were directed to confer with Mr Lawrence in order to ascertain his views on the subject, respectfully report. That they communicated to

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Lawrence fund.

Mr.

Mr. Lawrence, through their Chairman, copies of the votes passed by this Board at their meeting on the 20th of August last, and requested from him an expression of his views, in reply to which communication Mr. Lawrence addressed to the Chairman the letter hereto annexed. The following is a copy of the letter referred to.

My Dear Sir, Boston October 21, 1844.

I received the Resolutions of the School Committee together with your kind letter, for both of which I offer my thanks. In regard to ^{my} wishes respecting the donation, I have taken advice of Mr. B. A. Gould who consulted Mr. Thorwin, - & the following provisions I beg leave to present, subject however to alterations if you can see any difficulty in carrying them into effect. I give to the City of Boston in trust the sum of two thousand dollars, the interest of which as nearly as may be, shall be expended annually forever (under the direction of the Sub-Committee having charge of the English High School) in prizes for the best performances in the various branches of Literature & Science taught in that institution, - and in such other rewards for excellence and industry as may be thought best calculated to promote the object and true interests of education, and to keep alive a spirit of generous emulation and literary ardor through the several departments and all the different grades of said

School

School. It is not ^{my} wish that the whole of said interest should be expended in prizes for abstract or comparative excellence which would naturally fall to the most talented and most advanced scholars, - but that a portion should be appropriated to the reward of those whose industry and diligent application manifest a desire to improve, - though the least gifted by nature; and also a portion for good conduct in general embracing moral rectitude & gentlemanlike deportment. It is my desire that the subjects for prizes be so arranged and distributed as to operate on all the classes of the School, the lowest as well as ^{the} highest. The Master of the School is requested to propose to his pupils the various prize subjects for the year as early as practicable, and always within one month after the August vacation annually. And in awarding the prizes he is to act under the advice of the Sub-Committee of his School and after consultation with such other gentlemen and learned persons as he may see fit. The interest of the fund to be paid to the Chairman of the Sub-Committee of the English High School for the time being. I enclose a check for Two thousand dollars. The interest from the date of my note to you in August till this date, I will thank you to call upon me for, previously to awarding the prizes next year, - that the full amount may be distributed.

Hon. Wm. J. Hubbard - I pray you to believe, Dear Sir, that
For the School Committee I remain Your friend & Obedt Servt.
of the City of Boston.

Abbott Lawrence

To the Hon. Wm. J. Hubbard, for the School Committee of the City of Boston.

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The Committee fully concur in the views of Mr Lawrence: as expressed in his letter, and recommend that this Board assent to the plan proposed by him. The Committee further recommend, in order, to perpetuate the evidence of the high estimation, placed upon our public Schools by a respected fellow citizen, as also to preserve the remembrance of his distinguished liberality, that the Fund which he has established be called the "Lawrence Fund", and that the prizes which shall, from time to time, be awarded from the income of the fund, be denominated "The Lawrence Prizes".

And in order to give effect to these recommendations, the Committee submit for the consideration of the Board, the subjoined votes. —

The Committee further state that, inasmuch as Mr Lawrence, by the terms of his letter, makes the donation to the City of Boston in trust for the purposes therein stated, their Chairman has, by their direction, placed the amount of Mr Lawrence's donation, in the hands of the Mayor of the City, that the proper disposition may be made of the money to effectuate the intention of the liberal donor.

By order of the Committee

Wm J. Hubbard,

Chairman.

Lawrence fund

Voted: That the Fund for the benefit of the English High School to be established by the donation of the Hon. Abbott Lawrence be called the "Lawrence Fund"; and that the prizes to be

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awarded from the income of said Fund be denominated "The Lawrence Prizes." —

Voted: That this Board assent to the plan proposed by Mr Lawrence in his letter of Oct. 21st, this day laid before the board, in regard to the appropriation of the income of the Lawrence Fund, and the distribution of the Lawrence Prizes.

Read, accepted, and the foregoing votes passed by a unanimous vote.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Attest,

S. M. Cleary,
Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Friday, the twenty-seventh day of December, Anno Domini, 1844.

Present—

The Chairman— Mess^{rs}: Chandler, Streeter, Wood, Geyer, Palmer, Parker, Emerson, Dale, Hubbard, Hillard, Brewer, Wigglesworth, Lord, Lewis, Adams, Simonds & Capon.

The committee appointed to revise the rules Rules Regul.^{ns} Regulations of the school committee, and the public schools of the City of Boston, reported, the same with sundry amendments. And after sundry amendments made by the board the same was accepted. Thereupon ordered, that the usual number of copies of the revised report of the rules and regulations be printed.

Corporal punishment.

Ordered, that it shall be ^{the} duty of the several masters and teachers in the public schools, in the immediate charge of this board, to keep a record of all inflictions of corporal punishment, subject to the quarterly examination of the sub-committees: the record to give, as exactly as may be practicable, the nature of the offences; the age and sex of the pupil, the instrument employed, and the degree of severity used. By corporal punishments being understood all inflictions of physical pain. Said record not to be preserved beyond each quarterly examination.

Phillips sch.

The sub-committee of the Phillips school reported, for appointment, Mr. Amphion Gales, as usher in the grammar department, and Miss Mary Nichols, assistant. Also Mr. John M. Colcord, as usher in the writing department, & Miss Ellen M. Coolidge, as assistant in the same department. The pay to commence from October 1st 1844. Read, accepted and the above named persons were appointed accordingly.

Otis sch.

The committee to whom was referred, the order to report a name for the school in Lancaster street, reported, that they would recommend, that said school should hereafter be known as the Otis school. Read and accepted.

New North sch.

Ordered, That the masters and teachers now attached to the new North school, be transferred to the Otis school, whenever ready for occupation. And that a school be there organized, in accordance with the resolutions passed by this board, on the twentieth day of August, 1844. And that the New North school be discontinued.

Ordered, That Hannah J. Woodman be 187.
allowed the usual compensation for services as teacher in the Wells sch
Wells school, from April 1st to April 25, 1854, this portion of
time being accidentally left out of the quarterly payments.

Ordered, That there be paid to Miss Eliot sch.
West, twenty dollars & eighty three cents, for one month's ser-
vices as a student teacher in the Eliot school, viz. from July 1.
to August 1st.

Ordered, That there be paid to the Secretary
Secretary of this board, one hundred and fifty dollars for
his services the current year.

Ordered, That there be paid to the Mepenger
Mepenger of this board one hundred dollars, for his services
the current year.

The chairman of the sub-committee of the Eng. high sch.
English High school having communicated information to the
board, that Amos Lawrence, William Appleton, William W.
Stone, and J. Wiley Edmands, Esquires, had severally made
donations to the said school of one hundred dollars each, to be
expended in the purchase of a library of Scientific works to be
used as books of reference by the teachers and pupils of the
School.

Voted, That the thanks of this board be tendered to these
gentlemen, for their liberality, in thus bestowing upon the English
High School, the means of augmenting the advantages enjoyed
by its pupils for the acquisition of useful knowledge.

Voted, That the sub-committee of the English High School be
authorized to procure suitable cards to be printed and inserted

in the several books which may constitute the library; which cards shall set forth the names of the donors to the library.

Voted, That the Secretary be directed to forward to Messrs Lawrence, Appleton, Stone and Edmunds certified copies of these votes. *Passed by unanimous vote.*

Chairman

Thanks to

On motion of the Hon^{ble} W. Hubbard—

Resolved, That this board highly appreciate the zealous interest which the Hon. Martin Brimmer, during his official career has manifested in cooperating with this board in all measures adopted by them to extend the advantages of our public schools, and to improve their condition.

Resolved, That the thanks of this board be tendered to W. Brimmer, for the dignity, courtesy and impartiality, with which he has presided over their deliberations during the past year.

The foregoing being read by the Secretary, passed by a unanimous vote.

To which the Chairman made a suitable answer.

The meeting was then adjourned without day.

Attest,

E. M. Cleary,

Secretary.

Medals awarded in 1844.

Boylston

Boylston

Endicott

George Shelton

Francis Gould

Charles Miner

Charles C. Goodman

John F. Viles

Abraham M. Moore

Latin

Edward J. Young
Thomas H. Chandler
Edwin Davenport, Jr.
Alexander Heale
James A. Dugan
Samuel Parsons, Jr.

Mayhew

Freeman Cobb
Luther F. Rand
Samuel Snow
William W. Stacey
Charles J. Whitmore
Sondall F. Farbell

Adams

Charles H. Moses
John M. Turpin
Ebenezer Alexander
Edward T. Horton
John S. Perkins
Rufus T. Newcomb.

Hames

James T. G. Baxter,
John W. Blanchard
Christopher A. Connor.

Wells

William H. Rowe
George U. Field
George S. Blanchard

English High

W. Henry Leonard
Lyman Hall Tasker
Joshua Wm Davis
Jacob Jones Nichol
George Henry Bailey
Joseph Adams Pond

Eliot

Henry F. Conant
Charles H. Buttick
George C. Leonard
George C. Dyke
Ebenezer C. Allen
Theodore N. Fogue

Winterop

George Cunningham
Thomas H. Gray
George J. Harris
Lyman
Daniel F. Aiken

Mather

Charles T. Bridger
Samuel M. Burnham
Andrew Wheeler.

Franklin

G. H. S. Frothingham
George S. Boyde
Edward Ross.

Hancock

Abby L. Harrod
Maria S. Haskell
Sarah E. Hunt
Hannah M. Kedge
Savinia A. Winn
Mary T. Blake

Johnson

Susan J. Farnsworth
Susan B. Marble
Harrist Holden
Elizabeth L. Gibbons
Abba L. Bacon
Mary C. Hooley

Brodwin

Susan H. Homer
Harrist A. Hubbard
Elizabeth B. Mitchell
Sarah A. Rand
Eveline A. Ross
Mary R. Sewall
Ann E. Barnard

Franklin

Agnes M. A. Andrews
Julia A. Pillsbury
Abby L. Sweetser
Martha P. Parmice
Roxanna M. Clark

Boylston

Abby T. Fitch
Hannah A. Lawrence
Harrist L. Hobbs

Hames

Mary C. Chadwick
Mary H. Farnham
Sarah E. Manning

Codditt

Suey A. Wiggin
Harrist M. France
Georgianna V. Woodward

Mather

Joanna C. Tyler
Margaret Russell
Mary C. Goodhue

Wells

Mary C. Gore
Sarah E. French
Anna M. Lane

Wintrop

Maria L. Bridge
Mary Ann A. Sprague
Rebecca Ann Willcutt.

Luman

Mary A. Luman

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At a meeting of the School com-
mittee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Thurs-
day, the sixteenth day of January, A. D. 1845.

The following gentlemen compose the school
committee the present year.

Mayor, Chairman.

Peleg W. Chandler, President of the Common Council.

From the wards.

Ward No. 1.	Rev. Sebastian Streeter	and	Henry G. Clark.
" " 2.	James H. Barnes	"	Erastus O. Thimney.
" " 3.	Ezra Palmer, Jr.	"	Rev. Rollin H. Neale.
" " 4.	Aurelius D. Parker	"	Rev. Hiram A. Graves.
" " 5.	Frederick Emerson	"	William J. Dale.
" " 6.	Sidney Bartlett	"	Theophilus Parsons.
" " 7.	Charles Gordon	"	Thomas M. Brewer.
" " 8.	Rev. Alexander Young	"	Rev. William Hague.
" " 9.	Edward Wigglesworth	"	Rev. J. I. V. Coolidge.
" " 10.	Winslow Lewis, Jr.	"	John Odier, Jr.
" " 11.	William Brigham	"	Rev. John T. Sargent.
" " 12.	Alvan Simonds	"	Samuel G. Howe.

All the above named gentlemen appeared and
took their seats, except Messrs Bartlett, Gordon, Simonds &
Howe.

Doctor Palmer, senior member took the chair &
called the board to order

Messrs Lewis, Odier & Parker were appointed as
committee to receive, sort & count the votes for Secretary, said
committee reported, that the whole number of ballots was
nineteen, all of which was for Samuel F. McCleary. He
was chosen. Johnson Colby was appointed Messengers.

Secretary
Messengers

Rules & Regulations

Ordered, that the rules and regulations of the school committee of the last year, be and hereby are adopted; and to remain in force until the further order of this board. Also the rules and orders for the government of the members of the board when in session.

Chairman

Resolved, That all the duties assigned in the rules of the school committee to the Mayor, as chairman of the board, shall be performed by the President of the Common Council, until a Mayor shall be elected and qualified.

Sub committees

The President of the Common Council took the Chair; and the following sub or visiting committees were nominated and appointed, viz:

Latin:	English High. Mep ^{rs} :	Young,
Mep ^{rs} Wigglesworth,		Parker,
Hague,		Lewis,
Parsons,		Howe,
Coolidge,		Palmer,
Lyman. Mep ^{rs} Graves,	Eliot. Mep ^{rs} :	Dale,
Barnes,		Streeter,
Clark,		Shinney,
Endicott, Mep ^{rs} Streeter,	Hancock's Mep ^{rs} :	Parker,
Barnes,		Barnes,
Neale,		Palmer,
Mayhew. Mep ^{rs} Wigglesworth,	Bowdoin. Mep ^{rs} :	Gordon,
Shinney,		Dale,
Graves,		Parsons,
Boylston. Mep ^{rs} Hague,	Adams. Mep ^{rs} :	Odin,
Young,		Brewer,
Odin,		Coolidge,

Franklin. Mep^r: Brigham,
Simonds,
Sargent.

Clawes. Mep^r: Howe,
Brigham,
Sargent.

Johnson. Mep^r: Brewer,
Lewis,
Bartlett.

Brimmer. Mep^r: Sargent,
Lewis,
Emerson.

Otis. Mep^r: Palmer,
Neale,
Clark.

Wells. Mep^r: Emerson,
Dale.

Phinney.

Mather. Mep^r: Simonds,
Coolidge,
Neale.

Winthrop. Mep^r: Parsons,
Gordon,
Howe.

Phillips. Mep^r: Bartlett,
Odin,
Emerson.

Smith. Mep^r: Lewis,
Parker,
Bartlett.

New South School. To be under the ^{charge &} supervision of the sub committee of the Franklin School, until further order.

Com^{ee} on Books. Mep^r: Wigglesworth, Hague, Palmer, Parsons & Brewer.

Com^{ee} to confer with the Primary School committee. Mep^r: Emerson, Lewis and Phinney.

Com^{ee} on ~~Books~~ Music. Mep^r: Gordon, Sargent and Dale.

Ordered, That the several sub committees be Appropriations requested to ascertain what amount of money will be required to be appropriated for the use of their respective schools, exclusive of fuel, for the next financial year; to report at the next quarterly meeting in February next.

Petition of Charles Leighton, Father, praying that Leighton a vote of the last board, respecting an alteration in the Wells School

School requiring the boys now attending said schools, to attend other schools; the boys residing north of M^cLean street to attend the school recently established in Lancaster street, and those south of M^cLean street to go to the school in Pinkney street - may be rescinded. Read & thereupon ordered, that the first hour of the next meeting be assigned, for the consideration of the subject of said petition.

Afterward, the following resolves passed, viz:

Resolved, That Messrs Emerson, Bartlett & Palmer be a committee to consider the petition of Charles Leighton, and others, and to report what action should be had thereon, and the reasons therefor; and also to report what effect any action on that subject, will have ^{on} any other schools of the City.

Wells & Phillips
Schools

Ordered, That the Secretary furnish each member of this board ^{corrected} a printed copy of the report of the committee of the last year, respecting the Wells and the Phillips Schools.

Primary School
Com^{rs}

The following gentlemen were nominated and appointed members of the Primary school committee. viz:

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| George Sturtevant | Joseph Robbins | Guy C. Haynes |
| William H. Calrow | John Atkins | Amos A. Phelps |
| Bradley N. Cummings | Joseph W. Ingraham | Henry G. Clark |
| John Hart | Edwain Buck Jr. | William Harris |
| J. P. Oliver | Rowland Ellis | A. Moriarty |
| Wm H. Searnard | F. Nesticaux | John P. Ober |
| Charles H. Little | Chas. C. Higgin | Eliah Sears |
| John B. Newberry | John Peace, Jr. | Henry D. Fowler |
| George W. Parmenter | William Eaton | C. H. Snelling |

Charles G. Cummings	Charles H. Dodge	Joseph M. Merrill
George W. Bemis	Samuel Croft	John White Jr.
Abraham G. Wymen	Frederick Lovvick	George Blake
Emuel G. Simpkins	Thomas W. Hill	David W. Horton
Francis T. Brown	Frederick A. Linnor	Thomas B. Hawkes
Nathaniel P. Kempf	Wm. D. Coolidge	David Kouchman
Frederick C. Prince	Charles Boatman	David Kimball
James T. Linn	C. Augustus Hobart	Samuel S. Parker
Richard W. Bayley	Elephat P. Hartsorn	John P. Futnam
Arwell A. Thompson	Francis J. Humphrey	Esra Lincoln Jr.
Lorenzo S. Craigie	William Home	Eben Jones
Bray. P. Richardson	Frederick H. Stimpson	Charles Brooks
Oliver Ditson	Charles Stimpson	Joseph H. Barnstead
Wm. J. Ticknor	J. N. Marvin	James W. Dow
Chas. C. Barry	Daniel H. Coit	Wm. B. Wigham
Oliver Field	Francis J. Hedman	A. Metcalf Jr.
C. T. Messenger	Asaph B. Child	Henry S. Bowditch
George W. Bond	Henry S. Washburn	Henry Burrage
George Rogers	Charles McBurney	John Aldin Jr.
Greenleaf C. Sanborn	Henry Davenport	Horace W. Breed
Wm. P. Jarvis	John H. Hingley	Francis Bullard
Oliver A. Skinner	A. A. Watson	Horace Trappe Jr.
Thacher Beal	James W. Harris	William Dall
Oliver Carter	Henry H. Shuman	Henry Miller
Stephen Tucker	Edmund Jackson	Abra. Lincoln
Joseph Montgomery	Levanter Howe	John H. Wright
C. J. F. Allen	Levate Furman	John Perkins
Madison Hill	Henry Warner	Wm. T. Barter
William B. Brooks	Andrew Smith	Wm. W. Bond
William W. Patton		

Respect

Primary School.

Resolved, That the Primary School Committee be authorized to organize their body, and regulate their proceedings as they may deem most convenient, and to fill all vacancies occurring in the same during the ensuing year; and that the Board will respectfully receive on that committee such communications as they may have occasion to make.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Attest,

E. M. Cleary, Secretary.

At a quarterly meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Tuesday, the fourth day of February, A. D. 1845.

Present.

The Chairman pro tempore, and all the members of the board, except Messrs. Neale, Emerson, Parsons and Gordon.

Semi annual
returns

Semi annual returns were made by the masters of all the schools, except the Boylston, Phillips and Otis schools. The Secretary made an abstract of the returns of the masters of the several grammar & writing schools, containing the number of pupils and instructors in each school; and the number of female teachers each is entitled to have. Read and filed, and thereupon ordered, that when the several blanks shall be filled, that the same be printed.

Quarterly reports were made by the sub com-
mittees of all the schools; which were read & accepted.

191.

Quarterly rep^s

Ordered, that the following changes in the sub-
committees of the schools, be and hereby are made, viz: Dr.
Clark, in place of Dr. Dale, in the Otis school; Mr. Bartlett,
in place of Dr. Odin, in the Boylston school; Mr. Coolidge in
place of Mr. Simonds, in the Franklin school; Dr. Odin in
place of Mr. Bartlett, in the Johnson school; and Dr. Dale in
place of Dr. Clark, in the Otis school. And that new schedules
be printed conformable thereto.

Sub com^{ees}
changes

The sub-committee of the Phillips school
reported, that on the first instant, the school house was so
injured by fire as to be untenable for the present. It is be-
lieved, that the house may by a temporary repair be fitted
for comfortable occupation early next week, leaving the com-
plete repairs to be made in the May vacation.

Phillips Sch.

The sub-committee of the Otis school re-
ported, that their school house is completed and ready for oc-
cupation.

Otis Sch.

Ordered, that the Otis school be forth-
with organized; and that said school be furnished with
the customary apparatus, desks, maps &c. under the direction
of the sub-committee of that school.

Petition of Chandler Robbins, Father, praying,
that a new school house be erected, in place of the Mayhew
school house. Read & thereupon ordered, that the Chairman of this
board be requested to transmit the same, for the consideration of the
City Council.

Robbins
Mayhew Sch.

192.

Ordered, That the Chairman be requested to make application to the City Council, to erect a new school house in the neighborhood of Washington square, for the accommodation of the New South school.

Mancock sch.

Ordered, That Messrs Parker, Steed & Hinney, be a committee, to consider the expediency of purchasing a lot of land and building a new school house, for the use of the Mancock school, and disposing of the old house & lot.

Parents of the 11 & 12.

On instructing

Ordered, That Messrs Howe, Brigham and Hague

be a committee, to consider the expediency of making provision for the instruction of young persons, between the ages of sixteen and twenty one years, at the expense of the City, and to report at the next meeting of this board.

Births

Ordered, That Messrs Simonds, Lewis & Clark, be a committee to petition the Legislature of this Commonwealth, forthwith, for the repeal of so much of Chap. 159, of the Statutes of 1844, as makes it the duty of the School committee annually in the month of May to ascertain the number of births which have happened in the preceding year, and to make a return of the same; or for such an alteration thereof, as shall transfer said duties to the apocors, or some other officers to whom they may more properly belong.

Hawes sch

Ordered, That the Chairman of this board be requested to apply to the City Council, for an appropriation of one thousand dollars, for the erection of recitation rooms, for the Hawes school.

Eng. high sch.

Ordered, That the sum of twenty dollars be

appropriated

for the repairing the apparatus of the English High school
under the direction of the sub committee of that school.

193.

Ordered, that the sub committee of the
Latin school be allowed to purchase cases for the library of the
school.

Latin Sch.

Ordered, that the Phillips school be furnished with the customary apparatus of the grammar schools
of the City, under the direction of the sub committee of that
school.

Phillips Sch.

Ordered, that the sum of thirty five dol-
lars, be withdrawn from the Smith fund, and appropriated to
the purchase of books, for the Smith school.

Smith Sch.

A system of Book Keeping, and School
Registers &c. Referred to the committee on books.

Books

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Adjourned to tuesday next, the eleventh day of
February, instant, at four o'clock, p. m.

Attest,

A. M. Cleary,

Secretary

* Ordered, that the usual apparatus be procured
for the Mather school, under the direction of the sub commit-
tee. This should have been entered above, the same
having passed Feb. 4. 1845.

Attest, A. M. Cleary, Secretary

At a meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Tuesday the eleventh day of February, A. D. 1845.

Present—

The Chairman pro tempore, and all the members of the board, except Messrs. Minney and Young.

Semi annual ret.

Semi annual returns were received from the Phillips and Roxbury schools. Filed.

Leighton
Wells sch.

The special committee to whom was referred the petition of Charles Leighton, Father, respecting the organization of the Wells school, with instructions to report what action should be had thereon; and also to report what effect any action on that subject will have on any other schools of the City. Mr. Bartlett moved to amend the report, by striking out the orders, and in lieu thereof to insert the following, viz: Ordered, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition. After discussing the report and amendment were laid on the table, Ordered to be printed.

Mayhew Sch.

Voted, That the board fully concur in the views expressed by the petitioners for a new building for the Mayhew school, and recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

School returns

Ordered, That Messrs. Parsons, Brigham & Barnes be a committee ^{to ascertain} such facts & prepare such report as may enable the school committee to comply with the requirements of the Statute of 1839, Chapter 56, section 3^d and the Statute of 1844, Chapter 59, section 2^d & any other Statute upon the subject; & that said sub com^{tee} have full power in the premises.

Ordered, That the execution of the order of July last, respecting the transfer of scholars from the Wells school, be delayed for one week.

1895.

Wells sch.

Ordered, That the sub-committee of the Johnson school be authorized to permit Miss Horn to remain in said school.

Johnson sch.

The estimate of the probable expense of the primary schools, including three new schools amounting to \$60,000. Read & filed

Primary sch.

Adjourned to Tuesday next, four o'clock P. M.

Attest

E. M. Cleary, Secretary.

At a meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Tuesday the eighteenth day of February, A. D. 1895.

Present

The Chairman pro tempore and all the members of the board, except Mr. Hague.

The board took into consideration the following report, and the proposed amendment to the same, viz: The special Committee, to whom was referred the petition of Charles Leighton and others, respecting the organization of the Wells School, with instructions to report what action should be

Leighton

Wells sch.

had thereon, and, also to report what effect a
 my action in that subject will have in any
 other schools of the City. This petition, attended to
 their commission, and present the following
 report. The Mills School, as it has been
 as now organized, receives both sexes of schol-
 ars; but by an order of the School Board,
 passed in July last, the boys are now to be
 moved, and the School is to be organized
 for girls only. Under these circumstances
 the prayer of the petitioners is, that the exe-
 cution of the order of July may be stayed; and
 that the Mills School may remain unchanged.
 This school is situated in the midst of a
 more dense population, and draws its schol-
 ars from a smaller extent of territory, than
 any other School in the City. It is regard-
 ed with much interest by the inhabitants
 whose children attend it, and seems to be
 the occasion of an uncommon degree of neigh-
 borhood community. There can be no doubt,
 that the measure of withdrawing the boys,
 and sending them to Schools out of the neigh-
 borhood, is regarded with universal repug-
 nance, both by the children and the parents.
 Your Committee find, however, a more
 sensible objection to the removal of the boys
 from the Mills School, than either the attach-
 ment of the scholars to their teachers, or the
 preference of the parents for the existing or-
 ganization.

organization. It is the inconvenience of access to
 the Schools to which the same would be sent.
 According to the order of July, about one half
 of the boys of this school must be sent north,
 across Severit and Lowell, and through Cause-
 way Street, to Lancaster Street; while the other
 half must be sent south, across Cambridge,
 and up Centre Street, on the northwestern side
 of Beacon Hill, to Pinckney Street. Those who
 are sent north must cross the thoroughfare of
 the trucks and carriages of the Lowell Rail-
 Road Depot; while those sent south must
 ascend, and descend a street, which is so
 steep, that few passengers venture upon it,
 during the season of snow and ice. Your
 Committee consider these objections to the pro-
 visions of the order of July to be valid, and
 to be obvious to any one who shall inspect the
 premises. They are, therefore, of opinion, that
 the prayer of the petitioners, relative to the
 Phillips School, ought to be granted, if it can
 be done without prejudice to the interests
 of any of the other Schools; and the question
 arises, by what convenient variation of the pro-
 visions of the order of July can the desired
 object be effected? The Phillips School in
 Pinckney Street, consisting of boys only, now
 numbers but little more than half a dozen
 pupils, and the school is now
 so empty, filling its vacant seats with
 boys.

boys from the Mill School. The Bowdoin
 School in Fern Street, consisting of girls only,
 is now over-charged with scholars, and the
 order contemplating its relief, by sending all the
 girls to occupy the room to be made vacant
 by the departure of the boys from the Mill School.
 It is here to be observed, that there is no school
 in the Sixth ward, wherein the Phillips
 School is situated, and most of the girls who
 reside in this ward attend the Bowdoin School.
 In this state of things, the most direct way to
 effect the object proposed, and under the
 allusion of the least convenient in all the
 cases concerned would be, to establish a de-
 partment for girls in the Phillips School. This
 measure, however, is out of the question for the
 present, owing to the present state of the Phil-
 lips School building; and your Committee
 are led to inquire, by what convenient arrange-
 ment the object can be effected, without dis-
 turbing the Phillips School. It has been ascer-
 tained that, according to the present organization
 of the several Schools north of the Phillips
 School, the whole number of seats for boys is
 1396, and the whole number of boys to be pro-
 vided for is 1397. The whole number of seats for
 girls in the same Schools is 1487, and the whole
 number of girls to be provided for is 1487. Now,
 the daily attendance in the Phillips School is from 15 to
 20 per cent. less than the number of scholars en-
 rolled;

rolled; and computing absences at 17 per cent., we find that there are, north of the Phillips School, a sufficient number of seats for all the boys and 236 seats more than a sufficient number for all the boys residing in this portion of the City.

These facts show, conclusively, that it is inexpedient to send any boys out of this region, south to occupy seats in the Phillips School. Your Committee, therefore, recommend, that the organization of the Wells School for both sexes of scholars be continued, and that the scholars in the Schools north of Pinckney Street be apportioned, as nearly as practicable, to the number of seats in the several School Houses. To this effect the appended orders are proposed. If the measures herein recommended should be adopted by the Board, there will continue to be, as at present in the Phillips School, vacant seats for about 200 boys, and, in all the Schools north of the Phillips School, vacant seats for about 236 boys more. These seats cannot be occupied until the annual transfer of scholars from the primary schools shall take place, on the first Monday of May next. About one half of these seats will then be required for boys, and the other half for girls. And since they are now all appropriated for boys, it will be necessary for the Board, before the

will institute a department for girls in the Phillips School; or displace the department of boys now in the Wells School, and appropriate both rooms of the house for girls. Respectfully submitted, Frederick Emerson, Chairman.

Ordered, That the present organization of the Wells School for both sexes of scholars, shall be continued, until the further order of the Board.

Resolved, That for the purpose of constituting the other schools and putting upon them a number of scholars to attend the other schools in the northern part of the City, the provisions of the following table shall be adopted - subject however to such slight variations as the Committee of the several Schools from whom scholars are to be transferred shall judge proper. The said Schools having 416 boys.

shall send	50	to the Endicott,
and	10	to the Mayhew,
leaving	<u>116</u>	for 100 seats.

The Endicott having 283 boys,	
shall receive	$\frac{50}{333}$ from the Eliot,
shall send	110 to the Otis,
and	10 to the Mayhew,
leaving	<u>213</u> for 200 seats.

The Mayhew having 300 boys,	
shall receive 20 from the Wells, 10 from the Eliot, and 10 from the Endicott, <u>100</u>	
shall send	<u>110</u> to the Otis,
leaving	<u>300</u> for 300 seats.

The Wells having 231 boys, shall send 11
to the Otis, and 20 to the Mayhew,

leaving 201 for 200 seats

The Otis shall receive 110 boys from the Endicott

40 from the Mayhew, 10 from the Wells, 47

from New North, making 207 for 200 seats

The Endicott having 318 girls, shall receive

50 from the New North, and 10 from the

Hancock = 390 shall send 150 to the

Otis, leaving 240 for 200 seats.

The Hancock having 510 girls, shall receive

60 from the New North; 600 shall send

20 to the Endicott, and 50 to the Otis,

leaving 530 for 448 seats

The Bowdoin having 662 girls, shall send

30 to the Otis, and 35 to the Wells,

leaving 597 for 504 seats.

The Wells, having 305 girls, shall receive 35

from the Bowdoin, making 340 for 300 seats.

The Otis shall receive 50 girls from New

North 150 from the Endicott, 50 from

the Hancock, 30 from the Bowdoin,

making 480 for 200 seats

The scholars to be transferred as above, shall be

those, and those only, who reside nearest the

School to which they are sent; and furthest

distant from the School from which they are

sent. Members of the first division of the

first class may, if they choose, remain in their

present Schools, unaffected by this order of transfer.

The meeting was then adjourned.
 Attest, E. M. Cleary, Secretary.

Ordered, That the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition. ~~And on the question of passing said order as amended, the same passed in the affirmative.~~

After discussing the question of adopting the proposed amendment the yeas and nays were as follows: yeas 12. Messrs. Parker, Bartlett, Parsons, Gordon, Brewer, Young, Wigglesworth, Coolidge, Odlin, Sargent, Brigham & Howe. Nays 10. Messrs. Streater, Clark, Barnes, Skinner, Palmer, Neale, Graves, Emerson, Dale & Simonds. So said amendment was adopted, and the order giving the petitioners leave to withdraw their petition was read accordingly. And on the question of passing said order as amended, the same passed in the affirmative.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Attest, E. M. Cleary, Secretary.

Special meeting City of Boston, Ward No. 3, Feb. 21, 1843. To Felix W. Chundlers, Esq. Chairman of the board of School committee.

Sir, The undersigned members of the Board of School committee avail themselves of the provisions of the second section of the second Chapter of the rules of the board, and request of you, that a meeting of the board may be called, to take place on Tuesday next. The undersigned have been requested to take this measure, by the vote of a meeting of the parents of children attending the Wells sch.

Respectfully &c. Frederick Cannon W. J. Dale.

At a special meeting of the School
Committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Tues-
day, the twenty fifth day of February, A. D. 1845

Present, -

The Chairman pro tempore, and the whole board, except
Doctor Brewer.

Petition of Pelham Bonney, and others
Citizens of ward No. 5, praying, "that the Wells school
may not be permitted to remain, as heretofore, a mixed
school, accommodating both the boys and girls in its im-
mediate vicinity" And the memorial and remonstrance
of Abraham W. Blanchard against the same. Both read &
laid upon the table.

Wells - sch.

Mr. Emerson submitted the following mo-
tion, viz: Ordered, That so much of the orders of the
board passed last July, as relates to the Wells school be
rescinded. Upon the question of adopting said order, the
yeas and nays being required were taken as follows, viz:

Yeas. Messrs. Street, Clark, Barnes, Hinney, Palmer,
Neale, Graves, Emerson, Dale, and Simonds. 10.

Nays. - Messrs. Parker, Bartlett, Parsons, Gordon, Hague, Young,
Wigglesworth, Odlin, Sargent, Brigham and Howe. 11.

So said order to rescind was not adopted. A motion
was made by Mr. Bartlett to reconsider the last vote,
which motion to reconsider was decided in the negative.

Ordered, That the order passed by this
board in July last, providing, "that so much of Ward No. 1,
as lies west of a line running through the middle of Salem street,
be annexed to the boys' district pertaining to the Endicott school,

Endicott
Schools.

and

204 and that the boys residing in the said territory who attend the Eliot school be transferred to the Endicott school" be rescinded.

School districts

Ordered, That the sub-committees of the Eliot, Endicott, Hancock, Otis, and Mayhew schools be a committee to arrange the limits pertaining to their several school districts.

Wells, Mather & Otis
schools

Ordered, That one of the ushers of the Wells school be transferred to the Mather school; and M. Melcally usher of the Mather school be transferred to the Otis school with the assent and concurrence of the several sub-committees of those schools.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Attest,

J. M. Cleary,

Secretary.

At a special meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Tuesday, the twenty-second day of April A.D. 1845.

Present...

Thomas S. Davis, Mayor, Chairman; and the whole board, except Messrs. Clark, Shinn, Keale & Hague.

Regulations
amended.

Ordered, That section 9 of chapter 1 of the Regulations of the Public Schools shall be amended so as to read as follows. "From the first Monday in April to the first Monday in October, annually."

annually, this School shall begin at 8 o'clock A.M. 205.
and end at 11. From the first Monday in April
to the first Monday in October, it shall begin at 3
P.M. and end at 6. The above passed, three
fourths of the members present voting for the same.

Petition of E. Turner praying, that Elizabeth Turner Burnes, a pupil of the Johnson school, under her care may remain in said school, notwithstanding she has removed out of said school district. Read and thereupon ordered that the petitioners have leave to withdraw her petition. Turner

Ordered, That any two sub-committees may by concurrent vote grant special permission for a scholar residing in the district of one of their schools, to attend in the school of the other. Pupils residg out of sch. dist.

Ordered, That the portion of Washington street lying between the southern corner of Essex street and Beach street be included in the district of the Johnson school. Johnson sch.

Ordered, That at the next quarterly meeting each sub-committee report the number of pupils attending in their ward in a private charge, who are non-residents of the district of such school. Non residents

Ordered, That the sub-committee of the Mayhew school be requested to inquire into the Mayhew school & reported a inquire into the Mayhew school. Mayhew sch.

The members attending the recent punishment of a boy named Carney by the writing master of said school, and a report to this Board, at the next meeting, whether or not there was under any of the rules.

Franklin
School.

Resolved, That the sub-committee of the Franklin School be authorized to purchase the necessary maps and apparatus for said school, to be placed in the new school house, when the same shall be finished.

Holliday -
Lynn's Chart.

Petition of W^m. Holliday, proprietor of Lynn's Historical & Chronological chart, praying, that the same may be introduced into the public schools of this City. Referred to the book committee.

Studies -
in gram. writ^g sch.

Ordered, That the committee on books be a committee to consider whether the studies pursued in our common schools can be better divided between the grammar and writing departments than they are at present; and, if a better arrangement can be made, to report a plan for that purpose.

Hubbard
Latin sch.

Petition of Samuel Hubbard, and others parents of children attending the public Latin school, that the number of scholars in said school may be increased. Read and referred to the sub-committee of the said school.

was instructed "to ascertain such facts and prepare
 a report in conformity with the Statute Committee to
 comply with the requirements of the Statute of 1839,
 chapter 56, Section 3, and the Statute of 1841, chap-
 ter 59, Section 2, and any other Statute upon the
 subject," he leave to report: The laws now in force, in
 relation to the subject committed to them, are first,
 an Act entitled "An Act concerning the income of
 the Massachusetts School Fund," passed Feb: 8. 1841.
 The first Section of this act requires the School Com-
 mittee of each city and town to ascertain in each
 year by actual examination or otherwise, the number
 of persons between the ages of four and sixteen years
 belonging thereto on the first day of May and certify
 the same, together with certain other facts therein
 specified, in a manner prescribed by the Statute. It
 is impossible to ascertain these facts for the present
 year, by a census. But Mr. M. Cleary, the Secretary of
 this Board, has prepared with great care & thorough-
 ness a return and certificate, stating that he has
 with all the accuracy and promptness and in the form
 and manner required by the Statute, and the Com-
 mittee recommend that the same be adopted,
 signed and returned by the School Committee,
 a majority of whom must put their names to it
 as a condition of its validity. The Statute further
 requires that the return be made in a certain form
 and manner, and that it be filed in the office of the
 Secretary of the Board.

School

... to ascertain from actual
 enquiry, or otherwise, all the births which have hap-
 pened within such city, or town, during the year
 next preceding the first day of said May, together
 with the facts concerning births required by the
 first section of this act, and shall make an ac-
 count thereof, showing to the chief of such city, or
 town, on or before the last day of said May; and
 the said school committee, or other person author-
 ized by them to make such returns, shall be enti-
 tled to receive from the Treasury of such city, or
 town, five cents for each and every birth so return-
 ed." This committee know no other way to ascertain
 these facts but by actual examination; and are
 decidedly of opinion that they should be so as-
 certained, not only because a law of the Common-
 wealth is properly required, but because the inform-
 ation sought in this way, will be useful and im-
 portant on many grounds. Such actual examination
 should be made by a census, and at the same time, the
 facts required by the other law; that is, the number
 of those in the city under the ages of four and six-
 teen could be properly ascertained, and not mere-
 ly calculated or conjectured as is now done. Such
 a census, is better for these objects, it will be
 easy to include in the enquiry other facts of interest,
 and to take a general census of the city.
 This however would fall more properly within the
 cognizance and action of the city government. And

at the present year 1855, being the year when the
 two years in which the decennial census of the na-
 tional government is taken, and there are some cir-
 cumstances which would make the information to be
 thus obtained of peculiar interest at this time, your
 committee think it probable that the city govern-
 ment would undertake this measure. Your com-
 mittee therefore recommend that the accompanying
 memorial be adopted by this Board & transmitted
 to the City Government: And also, that the ac-
 companying Order be passed, to provide for the
 alternative of the determination of the city govern-
 ment to take no action in the matter. Tricophilus
 Parsons. Wm Brigham. J. H. Barnes. Read and ac-
 cepted; - and thereupon ordered, that the ac-
 companying memorial be adopted & transmitted
 & transmitted by the Chairman to the City Government

Ordered that W. M. Thompson, Sec-
 retary of this Board, be instructed and au-
 thorized, to ascertain by actual examination, through
 persons to be employed by him, the number of per-
 sons belonging to this city between the ages of five
 and sixteen on the first day of May 1855. And
 also all the births which have happened since
 the 1st day of May 1854, and to report on the
 first day of May, to come with the facts concerning
 births required by the first section of the act of the
 Legislature relating to the Registry and returns of
 Births, Marriages, and Deaths, passed March 16th

Secretary to ascertain
 the number of
 1855.

Resolves of the city government do not seem to take any notice of this subject

School return

The committee in the return regarding the streets of this city, required to be made to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, was a member of the school committee, and sworn to, by John S. M. Cleary, a justice of the peace of the County of Suffolk

The meeting was then adjourned.

Attest

J. S. M. Cleary,

Secretary.

At a quarterly meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Tuesday the sixth day of May A. D. 1845.

Present

Mr. Chairman and the whole board except Messrs. [names] and [names].

Quarterly reports

Quarterly reports were made by the sub-committee of the [names] [names] [names]

(His school)

The sub-committee of the [names] reported that the school house was dedicated March 12th. The occasion brought together quite a delegation

from the board the parents of the pupils and many of the friends of education in this city. The exercises were highly interesting and successful. The address from his Honor the Mayor, Hon. H. G. Ellis Esq. was most interesting and original and excellent. Gov. Briggs, and Messrs Grant Esq. were present with singing by the pupils, and terminated by a prayer from the Rev. Mr. Keeler. March 13th. Mr. G. Gamrell Esq. made a donation to the school for a library - giving full authority to the board of trustees authority to select and purchase books, not exceeding the amount of \$500. - about 300 volumes have been purchased, although the selection as yet is not completed.

The Book Committee, to whom was referred the order for considering the expediency of making a change in the present division of studies between the departments in our Grammar and Writing Schools, respectfully report that the studies now ordered to be taught in the Grammar department are spelling, reading, grammar, geography, natural philosophy, astronomy, history, and English composition. In the Writing department the studies are writing, arithmetic, and book-keeping. The voluntary studies are Algebra and Geometry. It seems to your committee that the division now

Book com^e
 Studies

Some of the pupils in the writing department without sufficient variety.
 The time of the pupils in the latter department, in which they spend half of the day, is mostly devoted to arithmetic and the other branches of mathematics. It is true that the pupils in our schools cannot fix their minds closely on mathematical calculations for so long a time, and that the result must be some degree of weariness and inattention. However, we cannot doubt that an equal amount of mathematical knowledge would be acquired and the pupils more fully and agreeably occupied if a part of their time were given to some other studies which would not severely tax their attention. In our own branches of study, it seems to your committee desirable to transfer from the grammar to the writing department. One is natural philosophy. This would afford the pupils of the first class an opportunity of applying their knowledge of arithmetic and geometry, and at the same time of learning new and interesting facts and principles. The other study is geography. This would afford occupation for the same class, especially if it were studied as it will most be among the youngest pupils. The pupils in the fourth class have little to do but write, and that they do not do well, and sitting a great deal, and too often make but little

progress has been made, and found by experience
 that these young children, and a gradually con-
 siderable number of the elements of writing, and
 the manner of teaching in the schools of writing
 and grammar, and the manner of teaching in
 grammar to the writing department, the former
 department would be relieved, and the latter
 would become more interesting. The grammar mas-
 ter would then be able to give more instruction
 than he can at present in the important study
 of civil history and in the principles and prac-
 tice of English composition and declamation. The
 writing room affords one peculiar advantage for the
 study of geography. The plates used to draw
 with the pupils at any moment to draw the out-
 lines of countries which is a very useful exercise to
 students of geography, and a very good test of their
 proficiency. The plates will be a great aid in
 the study of natural philosophy by furnishing the
 means for drawing diagrams. The plates which
 has been afforded of late years to the writing
 the writing department by the substitution of
 metallic pens for quills pens, and the matter to
 the change proposed. In former days the master
 was obliged to spend much of his time in
 writing papers. At present he has little or none of that
 work to do, and he can attend to the more
 important branches which we
 recommend to be transferred. Your committee
 have ascertained from conversation with many

teachers of both departments, that the transfer of
 some studies from the grammar to the writing de-
 partment is generally considered desirable; and
 the studies above mentioned seem to be the ones
 most suitable to be thus transferred. Such a
 change would make the writing room in fact a
 scientific department, including as it then would
 the science of mathematics, natural philosophy
 and geography, while the grammar room would
 be properly a literary department, including the
 study of language and history, and the princi-
 ples and practice of English composition and
 oratory. The change would make the writ-
 ing department more interesting to the teachers,
 the pupils, the committee and the public. We
 know that at present, when the schools are opened
 for the annual exhibition, the grammar master,
 having a monopoly of the branches which the
 public are most able and most willing to attend
 to, throws his colleague into the shade. The change
 proposed would do much towards giving more
 prominence to the writing department. There is
 another consideration which strikes your commit-
 tee with a good deal of force. At present, when
 vacancies occur in the masterships of our schools,
 the applicants for the writing department are
 all too numerous and include many men who
 are entirely unfit to be at the head of our schools.
 There is a very large number of men who are tempt-
 ed to present themselves as candidates, that they

...ing it down to the... to the great injury of
 the school to raise the qualifications required
 in the principal of the writing department
 would tend to diminish the number of such ap-
 plicants for that office. Your committee have
 already alluded to the state of the fourth class.
 It will only add to the... it is desirable to
 introduce as a text-book for that class a small
 primary treatise on geography. Such treatises are
 not uncommon in primary schools in the
 neighbourhood of this city and in the private
 schools for young children with a view to the
 children of seven or eight years of age need more
 variety of occupation than our schools afford to
 them, and your committee have therefore con-
 cluded to recommend the introduction of Mitchell's
 Primary Geography for the use of the fourth class.

To carry into effect the views now presented, your
 committee recommend the passage of the follow-
 ing orders.

1st Ordered, that, immediately
 after the next August election, the study
 of Geography and Natural Philosophy be trans-
 ferred from the Grammar to the Writing depart-
 ment.

That Council shall purchase
 Primary Geography... at the same
 time, as the text-book in Geography for the
 fourth class in the Writing department.

and accepted. Three fourths of the members present
 voting in favour of the same.

Ordered.

Wells School.

Ordered, that Miss. Adeline
 G. Finmore, nominated by the sub-committee of the
 Wells School, assistant teacher in said school
 department of said School, in place of Miss. Hazel
 who resigned to and hereby is confirmed and
 she was appointed accordingly.

Lynn School.

Ordered, that Miss. Mary
 Wiggins, nominated by the sub-committee of the
 Lynn School, assistant teacher in said school -
 to and hereby is confirmed, and she was appointed
 accordingly.

Book Com^{tee}
 Lynn's Historical
 Charts.

The Book Committee to whom
 was referred the petition of Wm. J. Holiday for the
 introduction of Lynn's Historical and Chronological
 charts into our schools, respectfully report,
 that the charts seem to them suited to the wants
 of the Latin School and the English High School
 and they recommend that the sub-committees of
 those schools be allowed to purchase copies for the
 use of the same. For the Book Committee. Ed-
 ward Wigglesworth, read and accepted.

Mayhew
 School

The Sub-committee of the Mayhew
 School, who were directed to investigate a complaint
 against the acting master of that school for un-
 due severity, in the punishment of a boy nine years
 old named Albert Varney, respectfully report,
 that on Thursday, April 24, an examination of the

was made by two of their number, at the school
 house, after the close of the morning exercises. The
 parties present were the boy and his mother, Mr. Capin,
 his usher and female assistant and the grammar
 master. The point of a severe injury to the boy's hand
 arising probably from a bruise or wound was admit-
 ted by all parties. The point for the committee to
 settle was what had occasioned it. Mr. Tarney, the
 mother, stated that on Monday - April 7th the boy's
 hand was found to be sore and swollen; and the boy
 told her that it was because Mr. Capin had whipped
 him on the day before Fast day. She stated also that
 the boy had said on Fast day to a little girl in the
 family that he had been whipped the day before
 by Mr. Capin and that his hand was sore. She sup-
 posed however that he had mistaken the day, be-
 cause it appeared from the witness's own recollection
 that he was not in the writing room but in the gram-
 mar room on the day before Fast, and she thought
 therefore that it was one day earlier viz. on Tuesday.
 When the committee questioned the boy as to the time
 of the punishment he named Tuesday. The com-
 mittee then viewed Mr. Capin's record of punishments
 and were of opinion that the punishment was
 not taken place on either of these days, but on the
 Saturday previous, viz. March 29. The record runs that
 March 29. T. Tarney three blows. The boy's recollection
 of the time of the whipping therefore seems
 not to be clear; and this fact is important as con-
 nected with another fact which will be stated in

The sequel: The evidence up to this point only proves
 the fact of a whipping, which was not spoken of
 by the boy to his mother until some days after the
 incident, and it has been stated that the boy, be-
 ing asked by the committee to state the circum-
 stances after punishment, said that Mr. Capen
 called him out for whispering and gave him
 some blows on the hands. The Committee being de-
 sired to ascertain what the boy's statement was
 manifested by Mr. Capen, asked the boy what was
 said to him when he was called out. He could not
 recollect that any thing was said. We then asked
 him if Mr. Capen said anything to him after the
 whipping. He could not recollect that he did.
 We then asked him if any thing took place at the
 same different from what usually happened when
 the boys were punished. He could not recollect any
 thing different from usual. When asked whether
 his hand felt sore soon after the whipping, he
 said he not till Fast day. The committee then
 questioned the usher, and female assistant as to
 the circumstances of the case, when both of them
 stated that they did not recollect the fact of
 a punishment having taken place. They can-
 not remember any thing of the kind. The committee
 see that Mr. Capen, when the state of the boy's
 hand was first mentioned to him, went to see the
 boy, and on his return stated that he was extremely
 surprised to see an effort was taken for a pun-
 ishment, having furnished him yet that he did not

was satisfied the fact of the punishment having
 been inflicted, and it was only by turning to his
 record that he became sure of it. As the committee
 had been unable to obtain with any degree of
 violence as could be supposed to have produced
 the injury in question, we asked the boy if he had
 met with a hurt in his hand from any other cause
 a short time before the swelling took place. In
 reply, he stated that in the afternoon of Saturday
 before Fast day he had been playing ball with
 some other boys and in running to catch the ball
 he, use his own words "he stubbed his toe" and got
 forward on his hands and that his right hand, and
 is the one in question, struck a rough stone and
 scraped over it, so that a piece of skin was rubbed
 off and the hand bled. He was then asked to show
 what part of his hand the stone had wounded,
 upon which he put his finger upon the place
 where the worst part of the swelling had been, and
 where the pain was most felt. He then stated
 he says this took place was the afternoon of Sat-
 urday March 29, the very day, on the morning of
 which Mr. Cuspen's record states that the punish-
 ment was inflicted. If this be the case, it would
 seem to your committee to be more reasonable to refer
 the injury to the fall than to the whipping. And
 whichever of the two events occurred first, it is im-
 possible to say how much of the injury is to be at-
 tributed to the whipping. If the master struck
 the hand previously hurt, he would be more or less
 culpable

culpable according to the greater or less indication of previous to any which the appearance of the hand afforded. All the circumstances of the case considered, the evidence is not sufficient to prove undue severity. One of the committee called upon Dr. Greene whose letter led to the investigation, and Dr. Greene stated that he had no reason to suppose the punishment to have been more severe than such as occur in the schools every week; but that the unpleasant effects which followed it had taken place in consequence of the nature of the punishment rendered the same peculiarly susceptible of injury from blows. Your committee would remark that Dr. Greene naturally supposed it certain that the fall had taken place because the boy said so. It has been observed that his object in writing the letter was not so much to draw attention to this particular case, as to express the feelings which his professional attendance on this case had received in his mind; respecting the amount of corporal punishment inflicted in our schools, which he had long considered to be excessive. In regard to the boy's hand your committee will only add that it is now well. Your committee feel that it is the duty of the Board to maintain a constant supervision over the use of the rod in our schools, and to do all in their power to prevent its use to any other than its proper purposes. But with so much uncertainty attaching to the cause of the injury in this instance;

we are not prepared to do any thing more than
 to recommend to the Board, which will not be
 over the subject of investigation, and to all the
 teachers in our schools, great caution in regard
 to the infliction of corporal punishment. The rod
 should be the last resort of the School-master,
 and the frequent use of it shows a want of due
 power to govern his pupils, or himself. For the
 sub-committee Edward Wigginworth. Read and
 accepted.

The Committee of the Latin School Latin Sch
 to whom was referred a petition for an increase of the
 time of vacation allowed to the pupils of that school,
 respectfully report, that they found on examin-
 ing the memorial and the accompanying in-
 suments, that the request was urged with an
 earnestness which compelled them to give the
 subject a careful consideration. The memorial
 is signed by seventy six persons, the parents of a ma-
 jority of the children who attend the school. It
 is accompanied by letters from eight gentlemen, in
 substance as follows: and the memorial is signed
 by Dr. James Jackson, Dr. John A. Williams,
 Dr. Jacob Leonard, Dr. William D. Phelps, Dr. John
 Fox and the following the petition. It is the
 part of the paper of the petition, and is of
 earnestness. The amount of study required to be
 performed by the pupils of the school is so great
 that all must be required that they must
 worked

be very conducive to their health to allow them
 a longer period of relaxation during the heat of
 the summer, the season least suited for study.
 Another consideration may be drawn from the fact
 that they must be ready to pass examinations
 in the summer months, and for this purpose
 therefore cannot slacken their exertions even if
 they find them to be injurious. Some of them
 are called upon to study the languages
 the progress of which in school, is not their
 pursuit by engaging in active pursuits, or leaving
 school, and go to colleges, where they continue
 the course of sedentary study in which they had
 been so long engaged. This consideration makes it
 particularly necessary to provide for their health
 while they are under our charge. It may be ad-
 ded, that with the increase of the city, the fa-
 cilities for active exercise in the open air with-
 in its limits are continually diminishing. Those
 of us who have resided here from boyhood will
 remember how the places which used to afford
 open play grounds for children have been grad-
 ually, and of late years, rapidly, covered
 with buildings. There will soon be no vacant
 place in which boys can have free range except
 the common. It has become therefore more im-
 portant to give them opportunity to go for con-
 siderable periods into the country. And it is
 urged, that the parents who ask for a long
 summer

summer vacation at the Latin School, do it with an
 intention of bringing as many of the children into
 the country. It is said also that many boys now
 leave the Latin School from necessity to pursue
 the course of work required of them, and that
 many others are prevented from entering the
 school by an opposition of it from home.
 These are serious considerations, and have weigh-
 ed on the minds of your committee so much,
 that they have concluded in recommending an ex-
 tention to the summer vacation. If the exhibition
 of the Latin School were to be held on the
 fourth Monday in July, the vacation might be
 lengthened so as to include the remainder
 of that week and the five following weeks, which
 would embrace the whole of August, a con-
 siderable month in the year. Your commit-
 tee would recommend this, with the under-
 standing that the same vacation be given
 to the High School, if requested by the parents
 or guardians of a majority of the children at-
 tending that school, and your committee
 thereunto authorized.

Ordered, that the annual
 exhibition of the Latin School take place in Ju-
 ly on the fourth Monday, and that
 the remainder of the week and the five follow-
 ing weeks be a vacation for the teachers and
 pupils of the school. For the sub-committee
 of the Latin School, Robert H. Johnson, Secy.

Latin Scho.
 Exhibitions

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accepted.

Endicott Sch.

Ordered, that the committee of the Board of School Directors, be authorized to make such arrangements as may be deemed expedient of the excess of female pupils in said school, should they deem it expedient.

Primmer Sch.

Petition of the Master of the Primmer School to have the two large halls divided into three rooms each. Referred to the sub-committee of that school.

Wauchoke Sch.

Ordered, that the limits of the Wauchoke School be extended so as to include the territory on the easterly side of Hanover street, between Union & Blackstone streets.

Adams Sch.

Ordered, that the sub-committee of the Adams School be authorized to purchase a set of Holliday's historical charts for said school.

Building Com.

Ordered, that Messrs Emerson, Howe and Palmer be a committee, to confer with the building committee of the City Council, regarding the construction of the new school houses which the council have voted to erect.

Writing Sch.

Ordered, that the annual examining committee of the writing school for the

the present year, be requested to notice particularly the kind, quality and expense of the writing books used in the various schools, and to consider the expediency, after consulting with the writing masters, of recommending some plan for securing books of a good quality and of greater uniformity, for the use of the schools.

Ordered, that the chairmen of the School districts men of the sub-committee of the Bowdoin, Clinton, Franklin, Lincoln, Adams, Popham, and Johnson schools, be a committee to consider the expediency of readjusting the school districts of the southern section of the State, and to report what changes in the present districts - if any - may be expedient to relieve, as far as may be practicable the surplus attendance in the several schools.

Motion for the sub-committee South school to supply the new South School, with maps, as may be accorded necessary was laid on the table.

Ordered, that Messrs. Parsons, Howe and Seal, be a committee to make the annual examination of the several grammar schools and report at the next meeting in August next.

Ordered, that Messrs. Brigham, Coolidge and Travis, be a committee to make the annual examination of the several writing schools.

and report at the quarterly meeting in August.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Attest:

F. M. Cleary,

Secretary.

At a quarterly meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Tuesday, the fifth day of August, A. D. 1845.

Present:

The whole board, except the Chairman & Dr. Thiney.

Chairman

The Chairman being absent Mr. Chandler presided, and called the board to order, and having called Mr. Parsons to the chair, ~~and~~ ^{he} then retired.

Semi annual returns

Semi annual returns were made by the masters of all the schools. The Secretary made an abstract of the returns of the masters of the several grammar and writing schools, containing the number of pupils and instructors in each school; and the number of female teachers each is entitled to have. Filed.

Quarterly reports

Quarterly reports were made by the sub-committees of all the schools, which were read and accepted.

The several committees appointed to
visit the grammar and writing schools, and critically ex-
amine the pupils of the first classes in the several branches
taught in said schools; made their several reports. The
report on the writing schools was read and accepted.

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Annual reports
writing sch.

Ordered, that the report of the com-
mittee for the annual examination of the grammar de-
partment of the public schools be laid upon the table.

Grammar sch.

Ordered, that a Franklin medal be
granted to Francis Gould, in lieu of one awarded to him
the last year, at the Endicott school, and which he un-
fortunately lost.

Gould,

Medal

David B. Tower's books on Algebra in
filled intellectual Algebra or oral exercises in Algebra for
common schools. Ref. to the com. on books.

Tower's

Algebra

Voted, that Thursday the fourteenth
instant be apigned for the choice of masters.

Masters

A Communication was received
from Benjamin A. Gould, Esq. enclosing a letter to
him from the Hon. Abbott Lawrence, making a
statement of the proposed plan for the establishment of a
Latin School. — Read, and Ordered that the
several communications be entered at large in
the Records of this Board

Lawrence

fund for Latin

School.

as follows

Boston July 26. 1845.

My dear Sir,

I am not ungrateful of the conversation held with you at the exhibition of the Latin School last year, in regard to the great necessity of a liberal and judicious distribution of rewards and prizes among the pupils for scholarship, industry and good conduct.

The ability and fidelity with which you discharged your duties when principal of the Latin School for many years, and the interest you have manifested in its prosperity since you retired from it, have induced me without apology to address you with reference to the subject of our conversation -

I am, as you well know, deeply impressed with the necessity of, not only maintaining the system of popular education as wisely established by our fathers, but of adopting such improvements, as the advancement of science, the arts and literature requires to meet the wants of the age, in which we live.

The Latin School of this city is an Institution, on which our fellow citizens of the present day look with pride and satisfaction, and which has been cherished with affection and confidence for more than two centuries.

Consider this school as the fountain of classical education among us, from which streams of knowledge flow, that enrich the mind and

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and elevate the New England character,

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I have a desire to offer to my fellow-citizens a testimonial of the respect I entertain for classical knowledge and especially for this school, which has been and is now so nobly sustained by them — I beg, therefore, through you to present to the City of Boston, in trust, the sum of two thousand dollars, the interest of which as nearly as may be, shall be expended annually, forever, (under the direction of the subcommittee having charge of Public Latin School of Boston) in prizes for the best performances in the various branches of Literature & Science taught in that institution: and in such other rewards for excellence and industry as may be thought best calculated to promote the object & true interests of education; & to keep alive a spirit of generous emulation & literary ardor through the several departments, and all the different grades of said school.

It is not my wish that the whole of said interest should be expended in prizes for abstract or comparative excellence, which would naturally fall to the most talented & most advanced scholars but that a portion should be appropriated to the reward of those whose industry & diligence in education manifest a desire to improve through the most gifted of nature, and also a general in good conduct in general, embracing moral rectitude & gentleman like deportment.

It is my desire that the subjects for prizes be so arranged & distributed as to operate

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The interest of the fund is to be paid
 to the Chairman of the Sub-committee of the Public
 Latin School for the time being.

I pray you to believe, Dear Sir, I remain
 Dear friend & Obedt Servant

Abbot Lawrence.

Prof. A. Gould Esq.

Boston.

Gould's letter

Boston Aug. 2^d. 1845.

Wth Gth Thomas W. Davis.

Chair^{mn} of School Committee.

Sir,

I have the pleasure of trans-
 mitting to you a communication from the Hon. Abbot
 Lawrence, in which he proposes to give to the City
 of Boston, in Trust, Two Thousand Dollars to con-
 stitute a permanent fund for the encouragement

of learning, good morals & gentlemanlike deportment in
the school. 231.

As the terms of this donation imply the cooperation of
the School Committee to carry the promised side effect
I have deemed it proper to place the communication
in the hands of that Board, to be brought before the
City Government at such time & in such manner as
shall be thought best.

It is with great satisfaction that
I have learned the establishment of this fund with the
wise provisions and explanations connected with it.
I think it will essentially aid the teachers of the
Latin School in imparting an interest to the dry and
disheartening elements of the languages these languages,
& enable them to dispense with the usual
their former pupils in order to help them give a
higher tone to the recitations of the more advanced.

A living interest in their studies is the main
consideration - an interest that shall make the necessary
efforts voluntary, and preserve a willing & happy
temper of mind. It is this, if any thing, that
will make "the yoke easy, and the burden light."

It is hoped that the City will place
this donation on, at least, as favourable terms as

did the last year one of a similar character for
the English High School.

With much respect

Yours very truly

W. S. Green

Filed -

Voted, that the thanks of the Board be returned to the Honorable Abbot Lawrence, for his generous donation of Two Thousand dollars to the City of Boston, as a fund for the establishment of prizes to be awarded to deserving pupils in the Latin School.

Voted, that the fund thus presented be denominated the Lawrence Fund and the prizes the Lawrence Prizes and that these be distributed in conformity with the wishes of Mr Lawrence as expressed in his letter to B. F. South, Esq. which has just been read.

Voted, that a copy of the above votes be sent by the Secretary of this Board to Mr Lawrence.

Syman's chart.

Ordered, that the sub-committees of the Johnson, ^{Brimmer} and Phillips schools, be authorized to purchase a set of Syman's Historical and Chronological charts for each of those schools.

Syman Sch.

Ordered, that the building committee be requested to complete the upper room in the Syman school house, by furnishing the necessary quantity of seats, desks, &c. during the ensuing vacation.

Anna Carter
Eliot scho.

Ordered, that the sum of twenty eight dollars, be paid to Miss Anna Carter, for services rendered in the grammar department of the Eliot school, during the absence by sickness of Miss Skinner.

Ordered, that the Chairman of this board, request the committee on public buildings, to have new tops placed on the forms in the writing room, & the necessary painting done in both rooms of the Adams school house.

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Adams sch.

Ordered, that the committee of the Brimmer school be instructed to consider the expediency of altering the seats in the said school house.

Brimmer sch.

Ordered, that a committee from this board be chosen, to petition the City authorities for the abatement of a nuisance, called the steam planing mill in the vicinity of the Franklin school house. The foregoing order passed, and the sub-committee of that school was appointed as said committee.

Franklin sch.

Steam mill

Ordered, that the rules & regulations of this board Chap. 1. Sect. 24, on page 13 of the printed regulations be amended, so as to read "There shall be an annual exhibition of the Latin and English High schools on the fourth Monday of July; and that the remainder of the week and the five following weeks be a vacation for the teachers & pupils of those schools. There shall be an exhibition of the several grammar and writing schools, two weeks before the last Wednesday in August, at which exhibitions the Franklin medals shall be conferred upon the boys, and the City medals upon the girls. The hours for the exhibition of the several schools shall be arranged by the Chairman of the board. The foregoing alteration of said rule was passed, three fourths of the members present voting for the same.

Rules Reg^{ns}

exh^{ns} & vacations

The sub-committee of the Latin School states that there is a large carpenter's shop in the rear of that school house, exposing it to danger from fire, and as the City does not insure its buildings, it seems desirable that some protection should be afforded, by means of iron shutters or otherwise, to so valuable an edifice, as the one in question.

They therefore recommend the passage of the following order.

Ordered, that the Chairman of this board be requested to call the attention of the committee on public buildings to the expediency of providing additional protection against fire, for the house appropriated to the Latin and English High schools.

They also recommend, that the Chairman be requested to call the attention of the same committee to the state of the floors in the building which have shrunk very much in consequence of the heat of the furnaces.

Read, accepted and the order passed.

Adjourned to Thursday next, three o'clock

P. M.

Attest.

(S. M. Cleary,

Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City Hall of Boston, held at City Hall, on Thursday, the seventh day of August, A. D. 1855.

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Present.

The whole board except the Chairman, Messrs. Chandler, Coolidge and Brigham.

The Chairman, and the President of the Board, *pro tem*. The Common Council being absent, Doctor Palmer was chosen Chairman *pro tempore*.

The report of the committee for the annual examination of the grammar department of the public schools was taken up, read and accepted.

Grammar-dept.
Rep.

Ordered, that a suitable number of the reports of the annual committees be printed for the use of this board.

Annual rep^s

Ordered, that the committee on books be requested to consider the expediency of adopting Roots' writing books, for the use of the schools.

Roots writ^g books

The following order was read and laid upon the table. Ordered, that the members of the two annual committees, constitute a committee, who shall report to this board a specific plan, whereby the change in our school system, recommended in their several reports, can be carried into effect, and that said committee report thereon, at the next meeting of the board.

School system.

alteration of

The following order was read and laid upon the table. Ordered, that the sub-committee of the Smith Sch.

Smith

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Smith school be authorized to distribute medals to the scholars in that school, in the same manner as in the other schools, provided, that in their opinion it is desirable.

Regulations

The following order was read & laid upon the table. Ordered, that the fifth section of the third chapter of the regulations of the public schools, is hereby rescinded.

Adjourned to Thursday next, four o' clock P. M. Attest,

D. M. Cleary, Secretary.

At a meeting of the School Committee in the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Thursday the fourteenth day of August, A.D. 1845-

Present

The whole board, except the Chairman, Messrs Chandler, Plimney & Young.

The Chairman & President of the Common Council being absent, Doctor Palmer was chosen chairman pro tempore.

Parker

Latin school

Petition of George S. Parker, teacher in the Latin School, for an increase of his salary. Referred to the Subcommittee that -

Ordered -

Ordered, That the subject of the
election of masters of the several schools be post-
poned to Thursday the 28th inst.

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Masters

Ordered, That Messrs Brigham New school,
Largent & Parsons be a committee to consider,
and report forthwith, a name for the New
School House, now being built near Blackstone
Square, on Concord St.

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Concord St

Dwight Sch.

The said Committee reported
that said school, now called the New South
School, be hereafter known and called the
Dwight School - Which report was accepted.

Ordered, That Messrs Emerson,
Howe and Graves be a committee to inquire
and report the terms, on which the Journal
of this Board can be regularly published
in three of the Daily Papers.

Journal

The meeting was then adjourned
to Thursday the 28th inst at 4 o'clock P.M.

Attest.

(S. M. Cleary,

Secretary.

At a meeting of the School Com-
mittee on the 10th of August 1845
on Thursday the twenty eighth day of August
A.D. 1845.

Present.

The Chairman and the whole board except
Messrs Chandler, and Phinney.

Annual reports.

Dr Odin - moved that 10,000 copies
of the annual reports of the committees appointed
to examine and report upon the grammar and
writing schools be printed for distribution
among the citizens:

A motion was made that the
same be laid upon the table: upon this motion
the Yeas and Nays, being required, were taken
as follows - viz - Yeas. Messrs Streeter, Clark,
Cramer, Palmer, Parker, Graves, Emerson,
Allen, Hoag, Young, Higginworth, Lewis,
& Simonds. 13. Nays, Messrs Neale, Dale,
Rastlett, Parsons, Brewer, Goodidge, Odin,
Argent, Brigham & Howe. 10. So the
same was decided in the affirmative and the
motion was laid upon the table.

Annual reports

Resolved, That the Reports of the
committees be printed, under the
supervision of the committee, for the use of the
board, and that the committee be authorized
to correct any errors which may be found in
the

reports and make any alterations or additions which they may deem necessary.

And further ordered that the reports Revised reports received be laid before this board at a adjourned meeting: which meeting shall take place a fortnight from this day.

The Mayor called Mr. Brigham to the chair and then retired.

Voted, To proceed to the choice of Masters & Teachers of Masters & assistant teachers in the several schools, and Messrs. Lewis, Coolidge & Neale were appointed a committee to collect, sort & count the ballots for masters.

Voted, That a majority of all the members present shall be required to effect a choice.

The votes being taken it appeared that the following masters were chosen viz:-

- Latin School " Epes Targent Dixwell. Masters chosen
- English High " Thomas Thomas.
- Lyman " " Albert Bonkitt.
- Chit " John Smith, grammar master.
- " " Levi Court, writing "

and likewise assistant teachers were nominated

Teachers chosen

nominated by the sub-committees of the first three schools above named - viz.

Latin School. Francis Gardner, submaster; George Fisher, and Timothy J. Chamberlin - Ushers, and Nathan Phillips - Backer & Writing.

English High. Luther Robinson, submaster. Francis S. Williams & John J. Philbrick, ushers.

Common. Sarah S. Ordway, Usher, Mary Horton, Eliza C. Pierce & Julia M. Wiggins - assistants.

The board was then adjourned to meet at this place on Saturday next at 10 o'clock A.M. for the purpose of completing the choice of ushers and assistants in the several schools.

Attest,

(J. M. Cleary,

Secretary.)

A meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Saturday the thirtieth day of August A.D. 1845.

Present - Mr. [unclear] Chairman and the whole Committee except Messrs Chandler, Thayer, & Goodridge.

Ordered

Ordered, That Messrs Parker,

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Brigham & Dale be a committee to inquire into all Lyman sch. the circumstances connected with the last annual examination of the grammar department of the Lyman School, and particularly as to the part taken therein by Doctor Howe and any other subject connected with the annual examination which they may see fit to investigate

Ordered, That the subcommittee Hancock set

of the Hancock School be authorized to procure a copy of Lyman's Historical Chart for the use of said school.

The following motion to amend the Rules was made and laid upon the table. viz.
Ordered, That the sixteenth section of the fourth chapter of the rules be amended by adding to the end thereof the following words, to wit: "And all the reports of these Committees shall be printed & distributed among the citizens in sufficient number to give at least one copy to every family."

Resolved, That at the next Masters

time of balloting for each mastership the present incumbent shall be the only candidate eligible to election; and if he shall be shown against him the board shall proceed to ballot for the next mastership on the list: provided all vacancies

was filled after the usual way & master was
 same as usual.

After dinner was appointed on
 the committee to receive, sort, & count the ballots
 or masters in place of Mr Goodidge who was
 absent.

Masters chosen
 &c.

The votes being taken were as fol-
 low - vizt.

Schools.	Names of Masters.	No. of ballots.	Yeas	Nays	
Crocker	Wm. S. Adams. G.M.	23	21	2	chosen
	Wm. Mackintosh. S.M.	23	23	0	"
Endicott	George Allen. S.M.	21	21	0	"
	Samuel Atrop. W.M.	23	23	0	"
Mayhew	Wm. J. Swan. G.M.	22	18	4	"
	Harve J. Capen. W.M.	23	8	15	not chosen
Goodwin	William Adams. G.M.	21	21	0	chosen
	James Robinson. W.M.	22	17	5	not chosen
Epstein	Thomas Baker. G.M.	22	19	3	chosen
	Charles Kimball. W.M.	22	22	0	"
Winn	Samuel Barrett. G.M.	21	19	2	"
	Levi Fairbank. W.M.	23	7	16	not chosen
Franklin	William Field. G.M.	23	15	8	"
	William Merrill. W.M.	20	20	0	chosen
Wells	Cornelius Walker. G.M.	23	23	0	"
	Reuben Tann. S.M.	23	23	0	"
Manuel	Fredrick Crafts. G.M.	22	9	13	not chosen
	John A. Harris. W.M.	23	11	12	"

Schools.	Master.	No of Ballots.	Votes.	Height.
Mather	Josiah A. Stearns, G.M.	22	22	0. chosen
	Jon ^r Battles & W.M.	22	18	4. "
Churton	Rich ^d . G. Parker, G.M.	22	18	4. "
	Joseph Hoar, M.M.	22	16	7. not chosen
Wintrop	Henry Williams, Jr. G.M.	23	23	0. chosen
	Sam ^l . L. Gould, W.M.	22	21	1. "
Whimser	Joshua Bates, G.M.	23	23	0. "
	W ^m . A. Shepard, M.M.	22	22	0. "
Phillips	Sam ^l . S. Green, G.M.	23	23	0. "
	Samuel Snow, W.M.	23	23	0. "
Otis	Isaac T. Shepard, G.M.	23	14	9. not chosen
	Benj. Drew, Jr. W.M.	23	23	0. chosen
Wright	George B. Hoyle, M.	23	21	2. "
Smith	Abner Forbes, "	22	10	12. not chosen

Voted. That the board go into a Com^{tee} of whole
 Committee of the whole for the discussion of the
 merits of candidates who have not had the re-
 quisite number of votes to elect them. Mr
 Emerson was called to the chair.

The Chairman reported to the R^l Com^{tee}
 Committee of the whole and considered the sub-
 ject committed to them & will make some pro-
 gress and report here to all again

Adjourned to Monday next at
 10 o'clock A.M. Attest

J. W. Clary, Secretary

A meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Monday the 11th day of September A.D. 1843.

present

as Chairman & the whole board except
Messrs. [unclear] & [unclear].

Com^{rs} of the whole

Voted, That the board now go into a committee of the whole on the subject of completing the election of masters. Dr. Charles Gordon in the Chair.

W. of com^{rs}

The Committee of the whole were discharged without progress and asked leave to sit again.

Books

Little & Brown - District School reader - S. Munroe & Co - Hassell's Young Ladies' Educational Reader - Referred to the Committee on Books.

Masters chosen

The Board proceeded by ballot to the choice of Writing Master of the Bowdoin School. Table no. 21. James Robinson had 21 & was chosen.

Master transf^d

Voted That Samuel Barnett Master of the Grammar Department of the Adams School be transferred to the Franklin School.

Adams.

The board proceeded by ballot to the choice of Master of the grammar department

partment of the Adams School.

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Whole no. 23. Barnum Field had 14 and was chosen.

The board proceeded by ballot to the choice of master of the grammar department of the Hawes School.

Hawes

Whole No. 23. Frederick Crafts had 18 and was chosen.

Hawes

Also for master of the writing department of the said school,

Whole No. 23. John A. Harris had 18. and was chosen.

The board proceeded by ballot to the choice of master of the writing department of the Johnson School.

Johnson

Whole No. 23. Joseph Hale had 19 and was chosen.

Adjourned to Thursday, next, 4 o'clock P. M.

Attest,

(S. M. Cleary,

Secretary.

At a meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston held at City Hall on Thursday, the 10th day of September A. D. 1845.

Present

The whole board except the Chairman, Messrs. Chandler & Brimmer.

The Chairman and the President of the Common Council being absent Mr. Palmer was chosen Chairman in their place.

Brimmer scho

The Sub-committee of the Brimmer school reported, that, pursuant to an order of this Board in August last, they have considered the subject matter referred to them, - "the expediency of altering the seats in the said school house" - and would respectfully Report, that, in many respects the masters of that school have found the position of those seats inconvenient, and are desirous of a change.

It will readily be admitted that some degree of uniformity even in the external arrangement & organization of our schools is desirable, and this being the only school wherein the sitting posture is with their backs towards the master, the inconvenience thence resulting is greater than it otherwise would be.

Boys coming from other schools and the new scholars generally are seen to be somewhat perplexed by this, to them, novel arrangement, and consequently the discipline of the school is, in some degree, disturbed by the effort to bring them into conformity with it.

It is also

It is also found that when the whole school is to be addressed or their attention called to some one particular subject, the masters must either traverse the whole length of the school room to get a position in front of them, or the boys all made to face round in their desks, either of which alternatives are sufficiently awkward.

The sympathy of master and pupil would seem to lack something when either turns his back upon the other and doubtless, the ambition and docility of the scholar would be quite as well stimulated by the frankest face to face interview with his teacher as by the shuddering consciousness that the teacher is in his rear writing unknown reckonings upon his back. - In consideration, therefore, of the reasons here stated - the inconvenience of the present arrangement as ascertained by experience - the consequent request of the masters - the importance of some uniformity in our plans, the advantages proposed to be gained, and moreover the fact that the expenses incident to the change proposed cannot be material your committee would recommend that the change proposed be adopted and do hereby submit an order to that effect. All which is respectfully submitted for the Sub-Committee of the Perimeter School.

John T. Gargent, Chair.

Ordered,

That the present position of the seats in the Perimeter school be reversed.

Read, accepted & the order passed.

Adams sch.
Field.

The parents and residents in the Adams school district protesting against the appointment of Mr Barnum Field to be grammar master of the Adams school - said on the table.

Adams & Franklin
sch.

The following order was then submitted:
viz: Ordered, that Mr Barnum Field be removed from the Adams school.

Ordered, that Mr Samuel Barrett be transferred from the Franklin to the Adams school.

The following was offered as a substitute for the above two orders - viz: Ordered, that Mr Field of the Adams school and Mr Barrett of the Franklin School be mutually transferred. On this

Yeas & Nays.

question the yeas and nays being required were taken as follows: viz. Yeas. Messrs Stecker, Graves, Emerson, Gordon, Hague, Young, Wigglesworth, Lewis. 8; Nays. Messrs Clark, Barnes, Palmer, Neale, Parker, Dale, Bartlett, Parsons, Brewer, Cookidge, Odlin, Sargent, Brigham, Edmunds & Howe. 15.

To the same was decided in the negative.

Yeas & Nays.

On the question of passing the first order, the yeas and nays being required were taken as follows viz: Yeas. Messrs. Stecker, Neale, Parker, Graves, Emerson, Dale, Bartlett, Parsons, Gordon, Brewer, Hague, Young, Wigglesworth, Cookidge, Odlin, Sargent, Brigham, Edmunds & Howe. 14.

Messrs Clark, Barnes, Palmer & Lewis. 4.

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To the same was decided in the affirmative. The second order was then adopted without a division.

The following order was then offered Franklin Sch.
viz. Ordered, That the vacancy in the Franklin School be referred to a select committee to consider the fitness of Mr Barnum Field for that situation - And to report to the board the most suitable candidate to fill the vacancy.

On the question of passing the first clause in said order, a division of the question being called for, the yeas and nays being required were taken as follows. viz. Yeas. Messrs Clark, Barnes, Neale, Parker, Graves, Dale, Bartlett, Parsons, Gordon, Brewer, Young, Wigglesworth, Cookidge, Odin, Sargent, Brigham, Simonds, Howe. 18. Nays. Messrs Steeler, Palmer, Emerson, Hoague, Lewis. 5.

Do.

Yeas & Nays

To the same was decided in the affirmative.

The concluding portion of said order being considered, and on the question of adopting the same the yeas and nays being required were taken as follows, viz. Yeas. Messrs Neale, Dale, Bartlett, Parsons, Brewer, Cookidge, Odin, Sargent, Brigham, Howe. 10. Nays. Messrs. Steeler, Clark, Barnes, Palmer, Parker, Graves, Emerson, Gordon, Hoague, Young, Wigglesworth & Lewis, Simonds. 13.

Do.

Yeas & Nays.

To the same was decided in the negative.

On the

Franklin Sch.
Field?

On the question of passing the order as amended, and the committee being appointed, the same passed as follows. viz

Ordered, That Messrs. Under, Brewer, Hogue and J. Fargent be a committee to consider on the vacancy in the Franklin School & the fitness of Mr. Barnum Field for that situation.

Masters hold
their offices.

Ordered, That the Masters who have been elected take office on the first day of October next, and that the present incumbents hold their situations until that time.

Drawing.

The following motion was made and laid upon the table - Ordered, That the art of drawing be introduced as one of the permitted studies to be taught to all of the classes in the writing department of the public schools.

Rules on election
of instructors.

The following was offered as the eighth standing rule of the first chapter of the rules & orders of this board - and laid upon the table. No instructor shall be considered elected unless three-fourths of all the votes thrown, are in his favor.

Adjourned to Thursday next at 10 o'clock. A.M.

Attest,

(S. M. Cleary,

Secretary.

At a meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Thursday the Eleventh day of September A. D. 1845.

Present.

The Chairman and the whole Board.

Voted, to proceed to the choice of Grammar master of the Otis school. And that the present incumbent be the only eligible candidate in the first instant, and that the ballots be as follows. The vote being taken, the committee reported that the whole number of ballots was 20 - 11 yeas and 7 nays, and that the present incumbent Isaac B. Shepard was chosen.

Otis sch.
Master

Voted, to proceed to the choice of Adams school master of the writing department of the Adams school. The committee reported that the whole number of ballots was 25, necessary for a choice 13, no person having had that number there was no choice.

The board again proceeded to ballot for such master, and the votes being taken, it appeared that the whole number was 25, necessary for a choice 13.

Robert W. Wright had 14, and was chosen.

Voted, to proceed to the choice of master of the Smith school: and the votes being taken, the committee reported the whole number to be 26, necessary for a choice 14: no person having had that number, there was no choice. The board again proceeded to ballot for such master

Smith sch.
Master

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and the votes being taken, the committee reported that the whole number was 26, necessary for a choice 14: George Wellington had 14 and he was chosen.

Mayhew sch.
Master

Ordered, to proceed to the choice of master of the writing department of the Mayhew school: and the votes being taken the committee reported the whole number to be 25, necessary for a choice 13: no person having had that number there was no choice. The board again proceeded to ballot for such master, and the votes being taken the committee reported that the whole number was 25, necessary for a choice 13. John D. Philbrick had 14 and he was chosen.

Franklin sch.
Field

Memorials of Wm. W. Tobey and others, Otis Everett Esq. & others, that Barnum Field be removed from the office of master of the grammar department of the Franklin school. Referred to the committee for investigation in relation to that subject.

Teachers No.
of

Ordered, that the number of teachers to be appointed to the several schools when fully organized shall be no greater, than is allowed by the 3^d and 5th sections of the second chapter of the regulations. The foregoing motion was read and laid on the table.

Books

Communication from Charles Taggart publisher of a book called "The Introduction to the American common school reader & Dicaker, by Wm. Russell, & John Goldbury", and asking that it be introduced into

Adjourned to 4 o'clock P.M.

Afternoon.

Met according to adjournment - The Mayor being absent Mr Chandler, President of the Council, took the Chair.

Ordered, that a quarterly salary be allowed to Isaac D. Caper, master of the writing department of the Mayhew school - to Josiah Fairbank, master of the writing department of the Adams school - to Charles B. Sherman, master of the grammar department of the Eliot school, and to Oliver Forbes, master of the Smith school, from the 15th day of the present month. Masters not elected.

Ordered, that the vote which declares that the masters, who have been elected take office on the 15th day of October next and that the present incumbents hold their present situations until that time, be reconsidered, except as related to the Franklin school; and that the newly elected masters take office on the 15th of the present month. Masters - new.

Ordered, that Mr. Oliver Forbes, master of the Smith school, and a committee to examine the condition of the Smith school, make report and if alterations of any kind are required to secure the best results, they be made. Smith Sch. house.

Ordered -

Smith Scho.
apparatus.

Resolved, that the subcommittee of the Board of Education be instructed to examine into the condition of the apparatus, at present in the Smith School, and to report to this board the term on which the same can be secured to the said school.

Masters & teachers
ad. vacations.

Resolved, that each of the Masters (Teachers & Assistants) in the Grammar and Writing Schools, be allowed to be absent twenty five half days in each year from their respective posts, in order that they may have an opportunity of visiting the other schools: provided that they can make arrangements for the continuance of their classes in their studies: (and provided they shall spend the whole of each half day in some other school, ^{or schools} (thus visiting the whole),) and recording the date of their visits.

The foregoing motion was read and laid upon the table.

Annual reports

Resolved, that ten thousand copies of the reports of the annual examining committees be printed for distribution among the citizens.

Annual reports.

Resolved, that in ordering the reports of the Grammar & Writing schools to be printed and distributed, this board are not to be understood as adopting or rejecting the views therein contained, or expressing any opinion respecting them - And that this resolution be printed with the reports.

Adjourned to Thursday next at 4 o'clock P.M.

Attest, (S. M.) Cleary, Secretary.

At a meeting of the School committee of the City of Boston held at City Hall, on Thursday, September 9, 1865.

Present,

The whole board, except the Chairman and Mr. Coolidge. The Mayor being absent Mr. Chandler, President of the Common Council took the Chair.

Ordered, that the Subcommittees of the Smith and Mayhew schools be authorized to procure one or more blackboards of such dimensions as they may deem expedient for the use of said schools.

Smith & Mayhew Schools

Ordered, that the Mayor be requested to draw his order for the quarterly salary of such of the masters, to whom the same had been voted by this board upon application for such order by the respective sub-committees of said schools.

Masters - salary

The committee appointed to consider the subject of the vacancy in the Franklin School, and the fitness of Mr. Barnum Field for that situation have attended to their duty and submit the following report.

Franklin School Field - master.

Our Committee have had four meetings.

At the first meeting held on the 12th ult four members were present - The petitions and Remonstrances referred to your Committee were examined - The former were signed by 65 names - the latter by 113 names.

It was found that these papers were the names of many persons who were not members of the school.

from other circumstances, your Committee thought, could
 have been the subject of more inquiry, and was
 determined to them to ascertain & to invite to be present
 at the subsequent meeting of your Committee only
 such of the petitioners and remonstrants as now have
 names indicated two years, and children or near
 relatives at the Franklin School.

At the second meeting of your Committee held
 on the 5th ult. your members were present, and quite
 a large number of the persons notified to attend were
 present also - Seven of the remonstrants personally ap-
 peared, and stated their reasons for signing to have
 Mr Field removed from the school and three others
 furnished letters to the same effect. Fourteen of the
 petitioners also appeared & gave their reasons for signing
 to have Mr Field continue in the school.

In this meeting another remonstrance signed by
 18 persons was put into the hands of your committee -
 In order to give to such of these remonstrants an opportuni-
 ty to be heard, according to the rule adopted at the previous,
 and also as it was made known to your committee, that
 some persons of high respectability and influence who signed
 the petition and remonstrances desired to be heard, it was
 determined to hold another meeting on the following day
 and to notify as many as possible of these persons to
 be present.

At the third meeting, held on the 16th ult. all the
 members of the Committee were present. Four of the
 remonstrants appeared before the Committee, and from
 three others letters were received. Fourteen persons in-
 cluding

And some of the petitioners and others, who had been signed
 the paper of many of them parents with others and mothers
 appeared and gave their testimony in favor of Mr Field.

At the fourth meeting of the Committee, held on
 the 17th inst. three members were present - this
 meeting was held to give Mr Field an opportunity to
 furnish such evidence, as he might be in his power to
 do, on the facts, which had been made known to your
 Committee at their previous sittings, so that they could
 ascertain, as nearly as possible, their truth. Mr Field
 himself was present, and Mr Merrill the writing master
 of the school, and all the female teachers of the Gram-
 mar department were present.

Your Committee confined their inquiries in this in-
 vestigation to the subjects of the instruction and of the disci-
 pline of Mr Field, to his manners & deportment and to
 his personal habits in the School.

In regard to the subject of instruction, with a single
 exception, the remonstrants & the petitioners universally
 and strongly expressed their satisfaction with the in-
 struction of Mr Field, and they said that they
 should regret to lose the services of so faithful &
 so efficient a teacher. It appeared that in one
 instance a gentleman of eminence in the community,
 sent two daughters, one of them 12 years of age & the
 other 14, the distance is four miles to attend the Man-
 tin School, on account of the excellent instruction of
 Mr Field and also it appeared that one of the
 remonstrants has a son now in the school and re-
 sides out of the town - and that another, a gentleman

The Committee on account of her desire to
 record to the subject of the discipline of
 Mr. Field the evidence was somewhat contradictory -
 The evidence of the complainants as to severe punishments
 inflicted by Mr. Field, was based in every well attested
 instance on occurrences that took place at least
 two years since & even in these cases the discipline
 which was not proved to your Committee to have
 been unjust or unduly severe. On the contrary from
 the records of the school & from the testimony of the female
 teachers, & also from that of one of the Sub-Committee
 the Rev. Mr. Skinner, who investigated the circumstances
 and the grounds of complaints in two cases, the most
 remarkable, your Committee are of the opinion, that
 Mr. Field was not shown to have been blameable in either
 case: and furthermore, it appeared, from the testimony
 of the gentleman above alluded to, furnished in writing,
 that, at the time of the investigation of these cases, the
 complainants themselves expressed their satisfaction
 with the conduct of Mr. Field.

As to the manners and deportment of Mr. Field
 in the school, some evidence was furnished to prove them
 to have been rough and unkind - and that some child-
 ren were unwilling to attend the school on this account.
 This evidence also however was drawn from circumstances
 that occurred about or more than two years ago, and
 no insinuations were made to your Committee to
 show that any complaints had been made against
 the manners and deportment of Mr. Field in the school
 since the period.

From quite a large number of parents and
the female teachers of the school your committee will find
nothing to excuse them from the punishment and from what
of Mr Field was not new, and that they may have been
flamboyant.

As to the personal habits of Mr Field in the school,
the inquiries of your committee met with expressions of sur-
prise at their being made & both the contractors and the
petitioners & the female teachers in the school & also Mr
Merrill, the Writing Master stated, that they had never
had any knowledge of any improprieties, or negligence even,
on the part of Mr Field.

Your committee received a memorial signed by 53
mothers of daughters, now attending the Franklin School,
earnestly praying that Mr Field may be retained, &
also a memorial signed by 60 pupils of the St. John's
of the school to the same effect. In answer to the
latter memorial, your committee would state that it
appeared, from the testimony of one of the contractors,
that his daughter said she was occasioned to sign this
memorial by one of the female teachers under a general
request to the class to do so; and that she regretted it.

In this point the teacher declared that the prepara-
tion of the paper was made without her knowledge, &
the signing of it, without any interference or suggestions
from her except such as were necessary to keep order while
the names were written.

In the course of the investigation, some persons
to your committee have been named, who reside in
the district, & the Committee would, in answering you
in the

on the part of some parents to send their children to Mr. Field. There has been nothing shown to induce your Committee to believe that any good grounds exist for this course. It is very desirable, on many accounts, that this prejudice should be removed, & your Committee are of the opinion that it may readily be done, if the sub-committees of the Franklin School & the Johnson School will so far relax from a strict adherence to their school limits as may be consistent with a judicious & conciliatory desire to promote a good feeling among the parents.

Your Committee feel it to be due to Mr. Field, to say that he has not practised corporal punishment for nearly 25 years, and that his efforts to give satisfaction to all interested in the school are in the highest degree commendable.

The conclusion to which your Committee have unanimously come from the investigation is, that nothing has appeared to show Mr. Field to be unfit for the office of Grammar Master of the Franklin School.

Charles Gordon
 Wm. Brewster
 Wm. C. Bague
 Winslow Lewis, Jr.
 Wm. D. Ferguson
 Committee.

Read and accepted.

Filed

Voted to proceed to the choice of master
of the grammar department of the Franklin School.

Messrs Loring, Barnes & Brewer were appointed a com-
mittee to receive, sort & count the votes - Said com-
mittee reported, that the whole number was 23, ne-
cessary for a choice 12. No person having had that
number, there was no choice. The board again pro-
ceeded to such election. Said committee reported, the
whole number of votes to be 23, necessary for a choice
12. No person having had that number there was no
choice. The board again proceeded to the choice of
such master, & the votes being taken sorted & counted,
said committee reported, that the whole number was 23
necessary for a choice 12. Barnum Field had 12;
and he was chosen.

Ordered that the several Sub-
committees report at the quarterly meeting in
November next the town or city in which the masters
and assistants of each school reside.

Ordered that the provisions of Sec. 3^d
Chap. 2^d relating to the organization of the schools for
boys be so far suspended as to allow the sub-committee
of the Eliot School to nominate female assistants in
place of the Elders in that school.

Resolved that the sub-committee of
the Wells school have the special leave of this board
to retain the usher in that school.

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Franklin Sch.

Master

Masters & assist.

residence of

Eliot School.

Ushers

Wells sch.

Usher

Smith School
apparatus.

The Subcommittee in the Smith School
was were directed to ascertain the ownership and on
what terms the philosophical apparatus now in said
school can be purchased. Report -

That the said apparatus is both extensive and
valuable and originally cost about \$1000. This
was obtained by donations from individuals and by a
sum advanced by the late master of said school
amounting to about \$600. The articles bought of
Mr Forbes have been examined by competent judges
and considered to be worth \$426.25; and he is willing
to sell them to the City for \$300 & the committee re-
commend that that sum be paid to Mr Forbes in
full for his claims.

For the Committee

W. Lewis. Esq

Forbes.

Read & accepted and thereupon
Resolved, that there be paid to Amos Forbes, late
master of the Smith School three hundred dollars
in full for his claims upon said apparatus.

Salaries of masters

& teachers.

Resolved that the salaries of the several
grammar and writing masters for the ensuing year be
fifteen hundred dollars each - the salaries of the several
masters; six hundred dollars each and of the several fe-
male teachers three hundred dollars each.

Latin & Eng. High

Schools

Resolved that the salaries of the
teachers in Latin & English High schools be the same for
the present year as they were during the last year.

W. Lewis

Primary Sch.
Teachers

Ordered, that the Board recom-
mend that the city Council increase the salaries of the
Primary school teachers to the sum of three hundred dol-
lars each.

When Appoi-
Teachers.

The Board committed to the several
schools made the following nominations of Ushers and
Assistant teachers in the several schools hereafter named, &
the board confirmed the same, and they were appointed ac-
cordingly, 1827.

Hancock. Female assistants. Adeline Howe, Brunetta G.
Pierce, Catherine W. Shelton, Celia L. Hale, Sarah
A. Dyke, Sarah C. White - Mayhew. Winslow Battles,
Usher, Mary J. Walker, female Assistant - Bowdoin. Mary
A. Murdock, Rebecca Lincoln, Caroline C. Andrews, Harriet
French, Mary G. Robinson, Sarah D. Adams & Mary C.
Fisk, Assistants - Boylston. Henry Weaver, usher; Margaret
L. Emery, Clarinda R. G. Peabody, Matilda River, Susan
J. M. Jones & Catherine H. Grover, assistants - Adams,
William H. Richards & Joel Brown, ushers; Mary G.
Brigham & Mary C. Beck, assistants - Franklin,
Hannah S. Tirrell, Sarah Ann Hale, Catherine T.
Emonds, Lucy Maria Beck & S. A. M. Cushing, assistants.
Well. Matilda A. Gory, Hannah C. Woodman, Caroline
T. Housley & Ellen T. Harletine, assistants - Cowley. Charles
A. Morrill, usher; Julia M. Baxter, Mary C. Clark, &
Mary Ann Burnham, assistants - Nathan. Levi Dodge, usher
Margaret A. Moody, Lucy Floyd, Rebecca A. Chipman &
Anna J. Drake, assistant. Johnson. Rebecca P. Barry,
Martha C. Foss, Susan S. French, Mary M. Weston,
Helen C. Fair & Mary Jane Sanborn, assistants -

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Trustees: Harriet D. Williams, C. W. Shelton, Olive E.
 Reynolds, Chas. E. Huntington & Helen C. Hall, assistants.
 Treasurer: Hosea W. Lincoln & Percival W. Bartlett, assessors.
 Mrs. S. Goodridge & Mary S. Collier, assistants - Otis
 C. B. Metcalf, auditor: S. M. S. Woodland, Harriet N. Decker
 Louisa French & Mary C. Palmer, assistants. Freight
 Charles C. Tyler & Caroline S. Green, assistants. Smith
 Isaac H. Lee & Susan Jones, assistants.

Wells 502.

Grant to female teacher

Ordered, that two months salary of a
 female teacher be allowed to Sarah French for services
 in the Wells School as a substitute for a teacher indisposed.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Attest,

(S. M. Cleary)

Secretary

School comm.

To

His Honor the Mayor

The subscribers members
 of the School committee respectfully request that a
 special meeting of the board be called for Wednesday
 next.

Saml. G. Howe

E. Palmer, Jr.

Wm. Brigham.

Boston, Oct. 6. 1845.

At a special meeting of the school committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Wednesday, the eighth day of October, A. D. 1845.

Present.

Mr. Chandler, President of the Common Council, Chairman, and the rest of the board except Messrs. Phinney, Parsons, Mague, Young, and Howe.

Doctor Palmer read a communication from Mr. Lowell Mason, complaining of his "unexpected & unjust dismissal from the office of master of music of the grammar schools, by the committee on music" and asking that measures be taken to cause such an investigation of the circumstances as will place the matter in a proper light before the public, & to enable him to meet the charges, if there are any, and save his professional character from special injury. Doctor Palmer moved, that the communication and documents accompanying it, be referred to a special committee. This motion was laid upon the table.

Ordered, that section 17th Chap. 4th of the rules of this board be amended, so as to read as follows:—"In the month of August, the committee on music shall nominate to this board, a master of music, to provide Teachers of singing, and superintend the same, in the several grammar and writing schools, for one year, unless sooner removed, by vote of the board. The expense shall not exceed one hundred and thirty dollars, per school, including the use of instruments and apparatus."

This order passed, three fourths of the members present voting for the same.

206.

The following order which was laid on the Rules amended table, on the 30th day of August, last, was called up & passed as follows, viz. "Ordered, That the 16th section of the fourth chapter of the rules be amended, by adding to the end thereof, the following words, viz. "And all the reports of these committees, after they shall ^{have} been accepted, shall be printed and distributed among the citizens in sufficient number to give at least one copy to every family.

Smiths sch.

Miss Julia A. Smith, as instr^{ess} in the Smith School, in place of Miss Downes, resigned. Amphion Gates & John M. Colcord, Ashers; Ellen M. Coolidge, & Mary Nichols, as assistant teachers, in the Phillips school, were nominated by the respective sub committees of those schools, which nominations were confirmed, and they were appointed accordingly.

Downes

Ordered, that the salary of Miss Downes be paid until the termination of the present quarter.

Birds

Books.

Communication of J. V. N. Bird, offering for the consideration of this board, "The Singers first books. Referred to the committee on ~~singing~~ music.

Music

The following order was read and laid upon the table viz. "Ordered, that at a future period hereafter to be fixed upon, all the lessons in music shall be given in the last hour of the schools on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Mus

Resolved, That the sentiments expressive of confidence in the integrity and competency of the late master of music,

M?

Mr. Lowell Mason contained in the note from the Chairman of the committee on music, dated September 13. 1845, to that gentleman, are hereby fully endorsed by this board.

Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Mr. Mason by the Secretary.

The following is the letter referred to, viz.
Boston, Sept. 13.th 1845.

Lowell Mason, Esq.

Dear Sir,

In answer to your inquiry why you were not continued in the office of Superintendent of music in the grammar schools of Boston. I have to say, that the only reason given at the meeting of the committee was, that, as you had held the office for several years, and had enjoyed its benefits so long, it was proper to give to Mr. Baker who was represented to be a distinguished and successful teacher of music, the incumagements of the ~~music~~ office. The committee do not charge you with any want of ability, or fidelity, or with ungentlemanly conduct towards the committee or the teachers or with any unkindness towards the pupils. The committee are fully satisfied with the manner in which you have always discharged your duties. There was no charge made against you, affecting your professional, or moral character. Respectfully yours. Chas. Gordon, Chairman of com. on music.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Attest:

(S. M. Cleary, Secretary.

At a quarterly meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston held in City Hall on Thursday the 14th day of March in A.D. 1835.

Present.

The President of the Common Council (Chairman) and the whole board except Messrs Phinney, Bartlett, Under, Lewis, & Brigham.

Quarterly reports.

Quarterly reports were made by the subcommittees of all the schools, which were read and accepted. The said committees reported the residences of the several instructors.

Black boards

Ordered, that the several subcommittees of the Mather, Mather & Hoare's schools be and they hereby are authorized to procure black boards for said schools.

Masters of Schools

Ordered, that each of the masters in the grammar & writing schools, be allowed to be absent twelve half days in each year from their respective posts, in order that they may have an opportunity of visiting the other schools; provided they can make arrangements for the continuance of their classes in their studies; and provided they shall send the whole or some part of the same to school, or should, that visiting the other schools shall be done in their visits.

The Committee appointed to consider the expediency of purchasing a lot of land and building a new schoolhouse for the use of the Hancock School, & the repairing of the old house, reported,

That the building now occupied by the Hancock School, was erected more than twenty years ago. Its accommodations are rather scanty for 18 pupils, the whole number now belonging to the school being 550. The second and third stories are well adapted to the use of a high school. The first or lower story is used as a room for the school & by two Primary Schools.

There are numerous objections to the building as a school house among which are the following. 1st It is insecure. Such is its construction that a paper cannot pass across the room occupied by the grammar department without producing a sensible vibration or jar which may be perceived from one extremity of the room to the other. The annual exhibition of the school is never held in this room, because, as your Committee are informed, the architect by whom the house was built, has expressed the opinion that it would be unsafe. 2^d The house is wholly unprovided with recitation rooms which your Committee believe to be absolutely indispensable to the prosperity of the school.

These cannot be provided in the present building without reducing the number of seats or enlarging the dimensions of the house. It is not necessary to supply the present & prospective demands in this

and the building cannot be enlarged unless more and adjoining lots be obtained by the city for the use of the school and that your Committee believe can only be done if indeed it can be done at all at very exorbitant prices.

3^d The location of the building is in many respects very unsuitable for a school house. It is upon one of the principal thoroughfares in the city, and the noise is exposed to constant annoyance from noise in the street, and to a degree which often for several minutes in the course of almost every day renders it necessary in both departments to suspend the recitations. 4th The land now appurtenant to the school house is altogether insufficient to supply the wants of the school for yard room & outhouses, wants, upon which both teachers and pupils have already expended, and are constantly exposed to, the most serious inconvenience.

These objections to this house as at present constructed & located appear to your Committee to be decisive and insurmountable and they therefore deem it unnecessary to mention others, which nevertheless exist.

Your committee have ascertained that a lot of land containing at least double the quantity belonging to the present house may be obtained for a sum not in an exceedingly favorable situation. It lies nearly opposite the Church of the Rev. Mr Robbins (between William & Cannon & Salem streets) - It is more central in as regards the District of the Ward than the present school house.

As the land slopes gently on either side, the house can be kept at all times perfectly dry and neat and will afford ample room for exercise & recreation to the pupils. Its distance from any noisy street is such that no inconvenience need be experienced from noise or the vicinity and the elevation of the land and the distance from other buildings now built or which may hereafter be built in its neighborhood are such as to afford all desirable advantages in respect to air and light - In a word your Committee do not hesitate to express their belief that there is not another site for a school house combining so many advantages as this to be found in the westerly part of the city. The lot which your Committee have in view or different portions of it is now owned by a large number of proprietors, but a member of the ward (not one of the committee) has succeeded at a great expense of time and labor in obtaining bids from all of them for the sale of his interest in it.

It is believed that the proprietors find themselves to sell at a high price at this price your committee believe that the lot may be purchased for a less sum than can be realized from the sale of the present house & lot. The whole expense to the city therefore in erecting a new & suitable house on the "Barnack" lot would be only the cost of the house itself. Indeed if the present house is standing the work is necessary & expensd in repairs and alterations which are absolutely indispensable about one third the cost of a new house. Your Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following order.

272.

Order -

Approved in substance.

S. S. Parker, Chairman.

Warrcock Scho.

Ordered, that the City Council be recommended to make immediate provision for a new school room for the use of the Warrcock School. Head, recitation & the other classes.

Otis school

Ordered, that the City Council be requested through the Chairman of this board to take such measures as will secure to the Otis school, the entire use of the Well and Pump situated upon the premises attached to the Otis School house.

Winthrop Scho.

Ordered, that in the opinion of the school committee it is desirable that recitation rooms be built for the use of the Winthrop school. That the Chairman of this board be requested to communicate this vote to the local government and that the subcommittee on the Winthrop school be authorized to confer with any persons charged with this subject on the local government.

Sydney Scho.

The committee appointed, with instructions connected with the last annual examination of the Sydney school be reported.

Has within several important attempts to proceed with the investigation required of them which failed in consequence of the unavoidable engagements of some

one of your committee on the subject supposed to be more immediately interested in the proposed inquiries they held a meeting on the 20th inst. at which Dr. Howe the Master of the Grammar School Mr. Bowker, were present and after a preliminary & rather desultory conversation of nearly two hours between these gentlemen & your committee a number of resolutions were adopted that your committee have a more important & more defined object in view than the investigation of which was originally spoken of in the charter they came to the conclusion that a committee was thought to bring into the matter referred to them was impracticable and if practicable would be inadvisable.

They have no wish to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject submitted to them or to be reported.

Boston Nov. 25 1845.

J. C. Parker.

Read and accepted.

Resolved, that the sub-committee of the Adams School be directed to inquire on what authority the rooms of that school were so used on Monday in person having no connection with the school and a report upon the expediency thereon.

Adams Sch.

Resolved that the secretary of the Board furnish a copy of the annual reports of the visiting committee, lately printed by the Board, to each of the masters, teachers and assistants of the grammar & writing schools not otherwise supplied.

Annual Rep.

Done,

274.
Cupm
Mayhew Sch.

Ordered, that a quarter's salary of
\$100.00 be allowed to Francis
L. Mayhew in the Printing Department of the
Mayhew School.

Edist Sch.
Ashors

Ordered that a quarter's salary be
paid to the Edist School in ad-
dition to their salary up to the end of their term
of service.

Mitchell's geography

Ordered that Mitchell's Primary
geography be studied by the third class in the
writing schools.

Primmer Sch.

The Report of the Committee on
the subject of partitions in the rooms of the Prim-
mer Schoolhouse. Read & laid upon the table.

Rules - motion to
amend.

The following motion to amend
the rules was read & laid upon the table, viz:
Resolved that the 1st section of the Record Chap.
of the regulations of the public schools be amended
by striking out the words "such as the four classes,"
and inserting in the third line after the word
numbers the words "as follows: the first second
classes, the third & fourth classes."

Wells Sch.
Wishes

Francis G. Collins was nominated
and appointed teacher in the Wells School, salary
to commence from the beginning of the current
month - 1st.

Resolved that Thomas H. Smith's 273.

Instruction in Greek composition be allowed Latin Sch.
to be used in the Latin School.

Resolved that the subcommittee of Latin Sch.
the Latin School be allowed to procure cases for
the Minerals belonging to the school.

Resolved that the sum of thirty Smith
dollars be paid to Miss M. J. Smith for services Lyman Sch.
as substitute teacher in the Lyman School.

Resolved, that the subcommittee Boylston Sch.
of the Boylston School be authorized to furnish the
desks belonging to the lower divisions of the writing
department, with shelves like those belonging to the
our higher divisions of the school.

Miss E. Palmer was nominated Otis Sch.
and appointed assistant teacher in the Otis School
in place of Miss M. S. Palmer, resigned.

Harvey Jewell was nominated & Mayhew Sch.
appointed usher in the Writing Department and Mrs
Elizabeth West assistant teacher in the Mayhew School.

Miss Mary A. Torrin, Angelina Endicott Sch.
& F. Brigham, Ann M. Wright, Valonia A. Brigham & Caroline
M. Keith were nominated and appointed assistant teachers
in the Endicott School.

The meeting was then ad-
journed.

Attest, (S) Cleary, Secretary.

276.

Meeting called, P. W. Chandler, Secy.

The undersigned respectfully request
you to call a meeting of the School Com-
mittee at your earliest convenience. Very respectfully,
E. Dale - Great Garden.

At a meeting of the School Committee
of the City of Boston, held at City Hall on Tues-
day, the twenty-fifth day of November A.D. 1845.

Present -

Mr Chandler, Chairman pro tempore, and the whole
board except Messrs Phinney, Graves & Hoague.

Baker's music
book.

Application of Wm. Braden & Co
to have Baker's American school music book adopted
and used in the schools. Ref'd to the Committee on Music.

Willson's history of
M. S.

Ordered that Marcus Willson's History
of the United States, & Chart be referred to the Com-
mittee on books.

Sup^t of schools.

Resolved, that it is expedient to have
a Superintendent of the public schools of the City.

Resolved, That the City Council be
advised and requested to adopt such measures relating
to the appointment of such Superintendent as they
may deem expedient.

Resolved, that the above resolutions

Resolved, the sixteenth day of December next at four o'clock P.M.

Attest,

(D. M. Cleary,

Secretary.)

At a meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston, held at City Hall, on Tuesday, the sixteenth day of December, A. D. 1845.

Chairman -

The Hon^{ble} Josiah Quincy, Junior, Mayor of the City of Boston, who is ex officio Chairman of this Board, appeared, & took his seat. Also the whole Board of School Committee, except Mess^{rs} Thimney, Palmer, Gordon, Hague, & Lewis.

Mr. Emerson, offered the following preamble and resolve.

Chairman former

Thanks to:

Whereas, in the providence of God, the late highly esteemed Mayor of the City, has been called from the Chair of this Board, and from all the scenes and duties of this life, - Therefore -

Resolved, That a sense of the value of his character is deeply impreed on our minds; & while we regret the loss, which the community must suffer in his death, we contemplate with pleasure, the bright example he has left, of moral purity and active benevolence.

The foregoing preamble and resolution were passed by a unanimous vote, and ordered to be recorded in the records of this Board.

The sub-committee of the English High School, nominated Samuel Martin Weston, to be an usher in that school, his salary to commence on the 22nd of September last, being the day on which he entered on his office. Which nomination was confirmed, and he was appointed accordingly.

279.
Eng. High Sch.

The sub-committee of the Endicott School have nominated Miss Maria Colesworthy as assistant teacher in said school, which nomination was confirmed & she was appointed accordingly.

Endicott Sch.

Ordered, That the masters of the several writing schools, at their own expense, be authorized to introduce Colburn's first lessons, into the schools, for the use of the younger classes, if they shall deem it expedient.

Colburn's first
lessons

The following order was read and postponed to the next board—

Baker's singing
book.

Ordered, That the American school singing book, by B. F. Baker, be introduced into the grammar schools of the City, in place of the one now in use;— Provided an arrangement, satisfactory to the committee on music can be made for exchanging the books now in use for those proposed to be introduced.

Ordered, That there be paid to the Secretary of this board, two hundred and fifty dollars, for his services the current year.

Secretary.

Ordered,

Messenger

Ordered, That there be paid to the Messenger of this board, one hundred and fifty dollars, for his services, during the current year.

Chandler

Thanks to?

On motion of Mr. Barnes, the following order was passed by a unanimous vote.

Ordered, That the thanks of this board be presented to Peleg W. Chandler, Esq. for the faithful, impartial and dignified manner, in which he has discharged the duties of Chairman of this board, during a portion of the past year. To which Mr. Chandler, made a suitable address in reply to the same.

The board was then adjourned without day.

Attest,

E. M. Cleary,

Secretary.

Medals awarded 1845.

Boys

<u>Eng. High</u>	<u>Latin</u>
Jerome Lincoln	J. C. Dunn Jr.
Chas. H. Isburgh	W. G. Shaw
Frederick J. Williams	W. H. Winslow
Leander S. Oliver	L. J. Craigie Jr.
Thomas Melton	L. B. Adams Jr.
Calvin G. Paige	<u>Mather</u>
<u>Logan</u>	Nathl. Ring
Edwin M. Pierce	Ben. Franklin Bragg
Enoch W. Perry Jr.	Henry Pike Smith

Mayhew

Joel P. Wheelwright
 Henry C. Starbird
 George B. Little
 George Daniels
 Joseph N. Bradford
 John S. Green

Adams

Chas. F. Bliss
 Edw. C. Brodhead
 Francis H. Emery
 Benj. J. Manning
 George W. Page
 George W. Smith

Boylston

J. H. Keegan
 Stephen Jones
 J. W. Carlin

Hawes

Andrew Nickerson
 William Fernald
 Fred Hale

Phillips

David P. Kimball
 Henry J. Poor
 Benj. J. Beal

Brimmer

George T. Stoddard
 Charles H. Hoovey
 Frederick A. Tuttle
 Miss J. Harwood
 Horace W. Barry
 Franklin Smith

Clint

Micah Dyer, Jr.
 Alexander M. Higgins
 Thomas C. Marsh
 Edw. P. Thwing
 Wm. H. C. Copeland
 Wm. H. Hutchinson

Cudicott

Benj. F. Knapp
 Sam. Hobbs, Jr.
 George W. Daniels

Winthrop

Sam. Hayes
 William F. Richardson
 Charles F. Bowker

GirlsYoung

Hannah M. Perry

Lucy M. K. Hall

Franklin

Martina J. Blodgett
Harris M. Faxon
Anna M. McFarland
Catherine Winslow
Elizabeth Merritt
Ann C. Rogers

Dunbar

Hannah L. Finksbury
Emily C. Finott
Maria N. Mills
Sarah L. Breed
Lydia C. Randall
Arletta Hayes

Hathorn

Sarah Smith Dunham
Susan Ann McCarthy
Alice Cooper

Endicott

Amira W. Damon
Mary C. Robbins
Olivia A. Wiggins

Hancock

Harnet J. N. Harding
Georgianna K. Harding
Harnet M. Cutter
Louisa C. Palmer
Julia A. Olney
Mary A. Coale

Hills

E. B. Cunningham
Sarah C. Lewis
F. W. Gardner
C. A. Cortwell
M. C. Cortwell
M. C. Sitchfield

Politzer

Abby N. Hobbs
Maria A. Grover
L. V. Merriam

Hawes

Frances A. Lathrop
Ann G. Langdon
Mary Ann Crane

Bowdoin

Katharine C. Frost. Abigail Hawes
Ann C. F. Henselman. Nancy J. Knowlton
Helen M. Robinson Elizabeth G. Underhill

Winterop

Rhoda Rogers
Maria M. Langdon
Elizabeth M. Bosworth.



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