



CITY OF WORCESTER.

Dedication of the English High School House,

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5th, 1892, AT 3 O'CLOCK P. M.

ORDER OF EXERCISES.

His Honor Mayor Harrington will preside

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN: As Mayor I am glad to congratulate our citizens upon this splendid addition to the educational buildings of the city, and am pleased to note the interest the people take, as shown by the large audience present, and the many that have visited this edifice to during the day. We have gathered here to dedicate this wholly to school purposes, and you will now kindly give attention to the Order of Exercises arranged by the Committee on Dedication.

Freedom of Song . . . . . *Marschness*  
QUARTETTE.

INVOCATION

REV. EDWARD H. HALL, CAMBRIDGE.

Autumn . . . . . *Stainer*  
QUARTETTE.

Delivery of the Building to the Mayor of the City

ALDERMAN WARREN C. JEWETT, CHAIRMAN OF THE  
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

Response by His Honor Mayor Harrington

Acceptance

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HIGH SCHOOL COMMITTEE,  
WM. T. SOUTHER, M. D.

Reception of the Keys

BY THE PRINCIPAL OF THE SCHOOL, JAMES JENKINS, A. M.

(a) Absence . . . . . *Abt*  
(b) At Early Morning . . . . . *Abt*

QUARTETTE.

Address by Col. William S. B. Hopkins.

Night Witchery . . . . . *Storck*  
QUARTETTE.

Presentation of the United States Flag

Short Addresses

Highland War Song . . . . . *Mackenzie*  
QUARTETTE.

Music by Odd Fellows Quartette

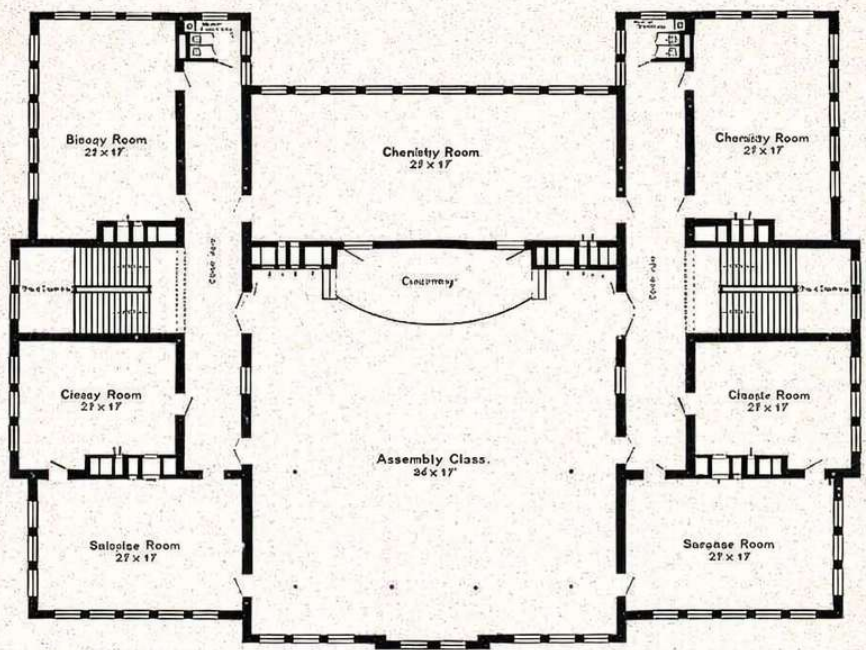
W. J. LITTLE, J. A. BRENNAN, J. H. CAFFERTY, C. I. RICE.

## THE ENGLISH HIGH SCHOOL.

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THE urgent need for larger high school accommodations began to be felt early in the year 1888; and in the fall of that year the Walnut Street house, which had been used for a grammar school since the year 1871, was given up to the use of the High School. Rooms had also been hired in the Burnside building for all the classes in drawing. The school committee, on recommendation of the committee on the High School, petitioned the City Council in December, 1888, to purchase a lot and build a new house. The council first took action in April, 1889, and the lot was purchased that year. The new house was begun in the spring of the year 1890 and completed for occupancy September 6, 1892. The exercises of dedication took place on Labor Day, Monday, September 5th, 1892.

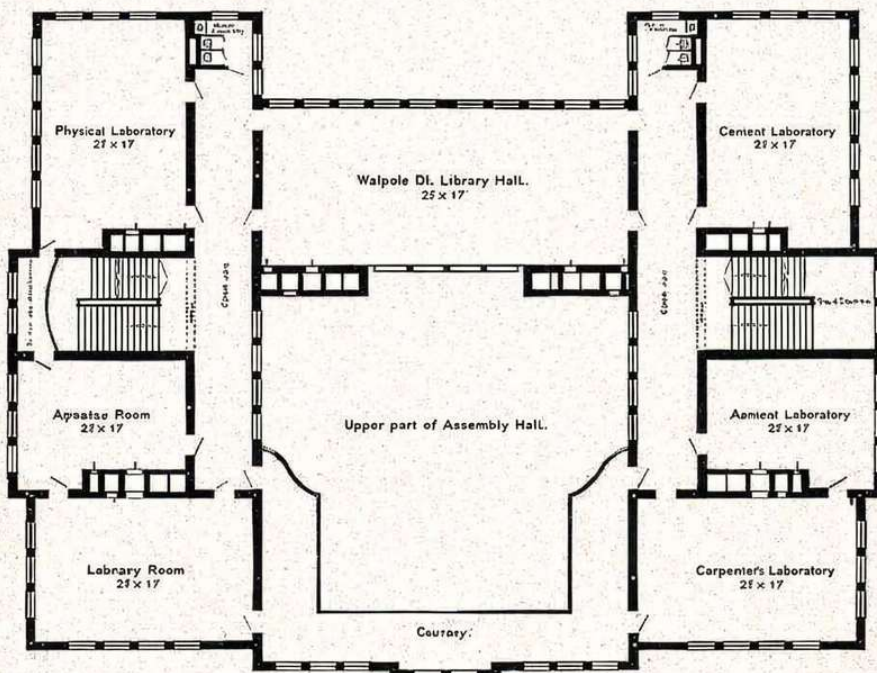
The day was cool and bright, and it seemed made for the occasion. At nine o'clock in the morning the doors were thrown open, and a large number of citizens inspected the building and its furnishings, under the guidance of the committee on Public Buildings and their superintendent, and the principal, the teachers and the janitors of the school. At three o'clock in the afternoon the large hall, the gallery, and all the adjoining rooms and corridors were filled with an attentive audience of ladies and gentlemen. On the platform were seated the ex-mayors, the Committee on Public Buildings, distinguished citizens, and gentlemen from abroad engaged in the work of education. Palms and potted plants adorned the platform and the stair-case landing; and a large national flag was draped behind the stage. After the ceremony of reception this flag was thrown to the breeze for the first time, during the exercises.



ENGLISH HIGH SCHOOL.  
WORCESTER, MASS.

SECOND FLOOR PLAN

BARKER & NOURSE ARCHITECTS,  
WORCESTER, MASS.



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FIRST FLOOR PLAN

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## DELIVERY OF THE BUILDING.

ALDERMAN JEWETT.

As a representative of the city government, I am glad to meet with so many of its citizens on an occasion like this, the dedication of the new English High School building.

The first action of the city government was April 8, 1889, when a communication was received from Dr. A. P. Marble, Secretary of the School Committee, asking for an appropriation of a sufficient sum for the purchase of a suitable lot for a high school-house. This communication was referred to the Committee on Finance. May 20, 1889, a communication was received from the same committee, in relation to a site for a new high school building, which was referred to the Committee on Education. June 3, 1889, the Committee on Education reported, recommending that the city purchase the lot of land on the northwest corner of Chatham and Irving streets, extending 150 feet on Chatham and 201 feet on Irving Street, at an expense of \$49,578. This report was referred to the Committee on Finance. June 10, 1889, the Committee on Public Buildings were authorized to purchase the land.

On December 9, 1889, the City Council passed an order requesting the Superintendent of Public Buildings, under the direction of the Committee on Public Buildings, to prepare plans for a new English High School building. The Committee on Public Buildings consisted at this time of Aldermen Whitney and Longley, Councilmen Allen, Jewett and O'Connell.

March 16, 1891, the order to build the school-house was passed by the City Council, and an appropriation of \$75,000 was made. The Committee on Public Buildings at this time

consisted of Aldermen Whitney and Jewett, Councilmen Dyson, O'Connell and Bigelow.

April 4, 1891, the contract for building was awarded to Thomas Barrett, he being the lowest of 17 bidders.

In January, 1892, the Committee on Public Buildings asked for an appropriation of \$70,000 to complete the building, which was given in the annual appropriation bill, making a total of \$145,000. The committee was again changed and now consisted of Aldermen Jewett, Coombs, Councilmen Dyson, O'Connell and Bigelow. The building was accepted from the contractor August 4, 1892.

The following sums have been expended :

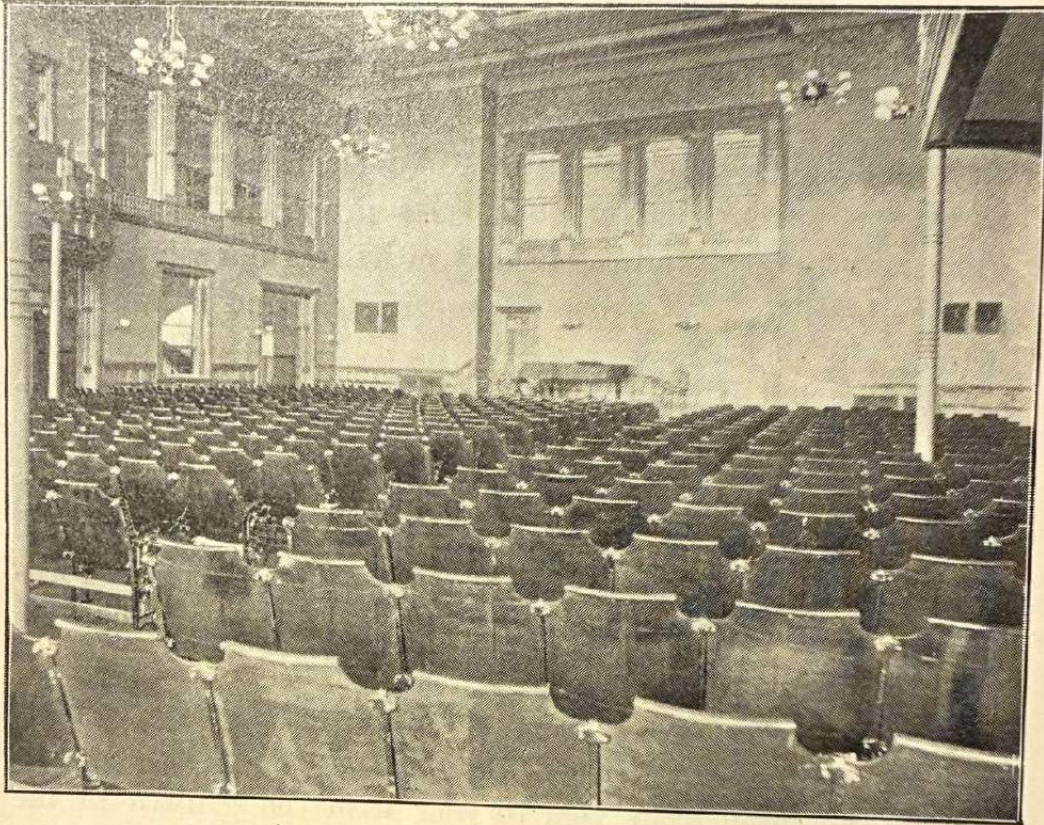
Plans for building, Barker & Nourse, . . . . .	\$2,039 00
Heating and ventilating, Fred P. Smith, . . . . .	800 00
Thomas Barrett, contract, . . . . .	110,699 06
Thomas Barrett, extra, . . . . .	1,060 00
George A. Barnard, extra roofing, . . . . .	470 86
B. W. Stone, extra, . . . . .	558 52

B. W. Stone being the sub-contractor doing the entire wood-work of the building.

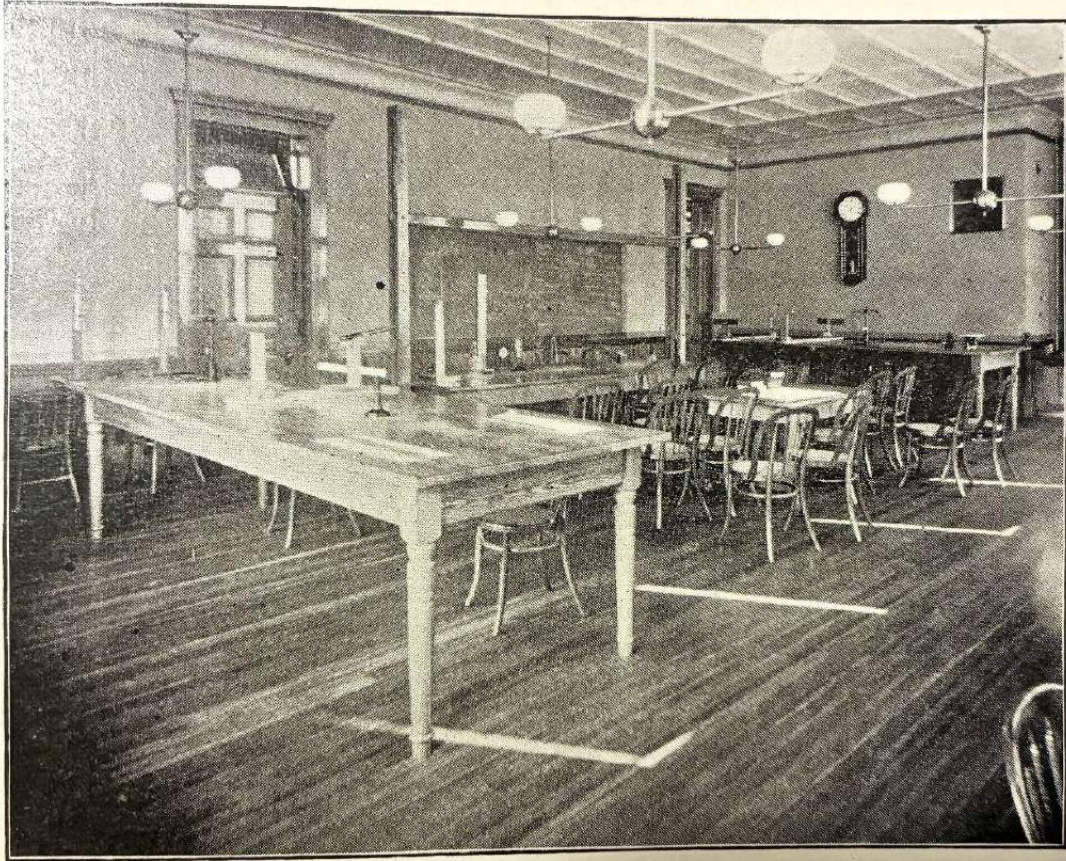
O. S. Kendall & Co., contract for heating, . . . . .	\$16,145 00
O. S. Kendall & Co., extra, . . . . .	95 50
Butler & Stenberg, tinting and decorating, . . . . .	735 80
Continental Grate Co., . . . . .	142 41
Burns & Loughlin, curbing, . . . . .	813 20
Clark-Sawyer Co., gas fixtures, . . . . .	1,018 00
Barnard, Sumner & Putnam Co., curtains, . . . . .	343 00
Fixtures for laboratories, . . . . .	3,907 00
Seats, chairs and furniture, . . . . .	8,927 75
Grading, . . . . .	500 00
Miscellaneous, . . . . .	957 14

Making a total of . . . . .	<u>\$144,212 19</u>
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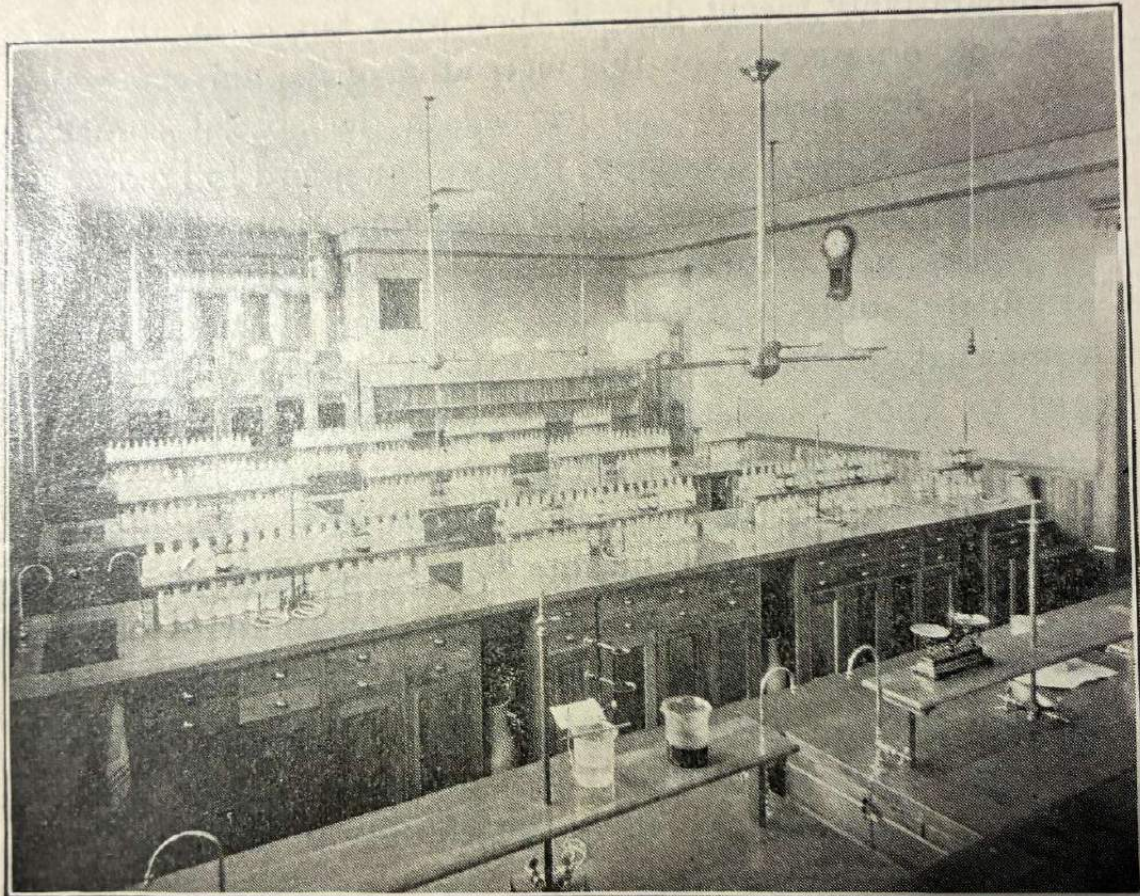
This building, on the northwest corner of Irving and Chatham streets, stands about 20 feet from the sidewalk; it is 40 feet from the north line and about 25 feet from the



ASSEMBLY HALL. [Looking West.]



PHYSICAL LABORATORY.



CHEMICAL LABORATORY.



LIBRARY.



CLASSICAL HIGH SCHOOL,  
WORCESTER, MASS.

Dedicated December 30th, 1871.

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