

HIGH SCHOOL.

The high school has experienced a steady growth in numbers and influence. When it is remembered that this department is but a little more than one year old at the present time, and that in the city there are about ten other schools doing, in part, the same work, the present enrolment of 103 in the public high school is certainly a creditable showing.

The value to the school system of a strong, efficient high school cannot be over-estimated. In furnishing an incentive to good work in lower grades, it is invaluable. In affording a reasonable complete elementary education in the department of English and foreign languages, history and sciences, it is the necessary consummation of the work of the grammar schools. In fitting the young people of the community for intelligent business life, or for the higher studies of the college and university, it is the crowning feature, the capstone of our municipal educational system, without which the whole would be shapeless and incomplete.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

Before concluding this report I beg to offer certain recommendations, the adoption of which will, I am convinced, enhance the interests of the schools.

First—That at the earliest practicable date, physical culture be introduced into our curriculum as a regular class exercise. In some rooms where sufficient space can be had for it teachers are already doing some work in this direction; but under present conditions very little can be accomplished, and that in an unsystematic way. That the importance of the subject is great should need no further proof than that seen a hundred times a day in the round-shouldered, narrow-chested, near-sighted boys and girls who walk the streets to and from school, without grace of carriage or elasticity of movement. In growing youth injurious results which arise from attitudes more or less constrained and from enforced quiet can be prevented only by exercises carefully adapted to this end. Many of the so-called calisthenic drills seen in schools are worse than profitless. I have therefore no hesitation in saying that I believe the importance of this subject to warrant the special attention of the board as soon as needed space can be had.

Second—I desire to recommend the purchase of small reference libraries for use in the various schools. At comparatively small expense it is possible to beget in our pupils the habit of searching good books for information and entertainment and to arouse in them an interest in literature which will prove to be one of the most valuable acquisitions made during their school career.

Third—Before the day appointed for the planting of trees under the designation of Arbor day, I hope that our new buildings and grounds will have been placed in such condition as to make possible the observance of this custom.

Fourth—In view of the rapid growth of the high school and the great demand on the part of the grades now located in the Fourteenth building for all the space that can possibly be used for class room, I should consider it wise

to begin soon the planning of a permanent building for the high school. Our enrolment next year in that department will unquestionably reach 250; a number large enough to rightfully claim a building of its own. The continued prosperity of the high school demands therefore that this subject be given careful consideration and that action be taken promptly.

The school system is new and it would be unwise to proceed with undue haste in the matter of engraving upon it too large a number of new features, excellent in themselves. Under this class belong such enterprises as public kindergartens, manual training departments, commercial schools and so forth. These additions to the work of the schools must be delayed until matters of more immediate importance can be given opportunity for more complete development.

CONCLUSION.

In closing my second annual report of the schools, I wish to again express my thanks to the members of the board of education for their unfailing courtesy and generous encouragement; to the principals and teachers for their cordial co-operation in all efforts to promote the welfare of the schools; and to the friends of education in general for the interest shown in all the enterprises which have been undertaken and the work which has been done.

The report was placed on file without reading.

HEATING AND VENTILATING.

The committee on sites and buildings reported that they recommended the Hendey & Myers Engineering Company be given contracts for heating and ventilating of the following buildings: Addition to Bryant school, \$2,320; Lincoln school, \$2,400; Jackson school, \$3,225; Washington school, \$3,200; Lowell school, \$3,200. The company asks no compensation for their work until it is proved to be satisfactory. The lowest bidders were James Spencer-Bateman company, but want one-half the price as the work progresses.

Mr. Pike moved to postpone for one week for the following reasons:

First—That said Hendey & Myer Engineering company had not furnished plans and specifications as required by the committee.

Second—That the proposals of said company are indefinite and unsatisfactory.

Third—That the purported plans remained with the board only a few days and are now in the hands of the agent and not in the custody of the board.

Fourth—That the committee had no opportunity to discuss which of the two competitive systems is the best.

Fifth—That the difference in cost is more imaginary than real.

Sixth—That the cost of operating one system will more than outbalance any additional cost of first construction.

Seventh—That the plans submitted propose to bring the air into the Ninth and Twentieth buildings through the stone steps and solid rock wall which I do not deem practicable.

Eighth—That where the main air ducts are conducted into the basement there will not be sufficient head room left.

Ninth—That the plant will take up

without providing any means for the escape of foul air.

Pike's motion was voted down.

Mr. Young then moved that the Lowell building be accepted, and Mr. Pike moved to also to accept the Sixteenth and Nineteenth ward school buildings.

Mr. Pike's amendment was lost.

Mr. Young's motion was adopted by a vote of 5 to 4.

The adoption of the report as amended was then voted down, 7 to 2.

The committee also recommended that the contract for the erection and completion of the Washington school be awarded to F. M. Wright, whose bid was \$6,500.

Three other recommendations were that the old house on the Isaacs site be sold for \$60; that the Hooper building be rented at \$100 per month, provided no charge be made for July and August; that the request of the committee of the county court, asking for the use of the school house on August 15th, for the purpose of holding an election, be denied.

These recommendations were concurred in.

The committee also reported on bids received for the erection of the Jackson school building. The following were the bids:

A. Hensgen.....	\$43,975
William Lister.....	44,690
F. M. Wright.....	48,000
W. H. Jay.....	48,500
H. E. Redfield.....	49,978
Salt Lake Building and Manufac- turing company.....	50,038

The committee asked for one week's further time.

Mr. Newman moved that the bid be awarded to Mr. Lister.

Mr. Baldwin moved the contract be let to the lowest bidder, provided the committee found the bondsmen reliable. This motion was carried.

The committee on sites and buildings made its report for the year ending June 30. It shows:

Sites purchased and buildings.....	\$ 71,944 21
Funds available.....	689,181 65
Out of which has been paid.....	140,745 01
Leaving a balance of.....	438,446 64
Of this amount the following sums have been expended.....	77,154 54
Contracts entered into.....	479,192 48

This is \$33,745.84 more money than is available.

The financial committee's report was read and placed on file. It showed:

Total receipts.....	\$106,644 83
Disbursements.....	165,210 09
Estimated revenue.....	\$345,538 84
Estimated expenditures.....	230,000 00
Leaving a balance of.....	\$ 6,598 84

The clerk was ordered to ask the county clerk and the city auditor for totals of the assessment rolls of 1890 and 1891, in order that the board may have data essential to the correct checking up of the accounts.

The committee on school work reported the number of pupils in the city of school age, 10,039, and 7718 of these were enrolled, with an average attendance of 4985. There are forty-one school buildings, of which twenty-three are rented; 27 teachers, 21 principals and two instructors in the night schools.

APPROPRIATIONS.

J. F. Mellsbaugh, exhibit expenses, etc.....	59 07
H. T. Duke, treasurer, in crest on bonds.....	11,250 00
H. T. Duke, treasurer, tax refund from May 31st to July 10th, 1892.....	6,163 46

Adjourned for one week.