The Normal School is the child of the State. It is a child of promise, and has already proved itself by its work and results. Situated in a city of over 10,000 inhabitants, and in an inconvenienl and unsuitable room on High street, the old building is in a state of repair, small, and poorly arranged apartments. The old High School building, on Benefit street, is hereafter the Normal School. It was purchased in 1868, however, the old High School House. Little of the old building remains, but a few and slight rooms, if fect, has been built, partitions have been changed, and the building, when properly furnished, will be extensively used. Under the new conditions, the old building will be put to use.

The steps toward the obtaining of a suitable Normal School building were taken early in 1859, when a Select Special Committee of the General Assembly appointed Mr. A. W. Westerly, and Mr. J. Adams, on the committee, with Messrs. J. A. Woodbury, of Providence, Albert C. Driftick, of Warwick, and J. C. L. of Woonsocket, on the committee. In the present location, there is one suitable place for a Normal School, and the cost of the present building is too high. The old building, however, is not intended for a Normal School, and the new building will be far better suited for the purpose.

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