

DEDICATORY EXERCISES.

New State Normal School to be Formally Opened Next Wednesday.

The building committee of the new State Normal School, of which Hon. John E. Kendrick is Chairman, will hand over the keys of the building to the Governor Wednesday of next week. This event will mark the finish of the handsome structure on Capitol Hill, the work of which was begun in the spring of 1894. The school will be open for the beginning of the regular fall term Monday, Sept. 12, and by that time it is expected that everything will be in readiness for the reception of the students.

Wednesday noon there will be formal dedicatory exercises, to which prominent State and city officials and leading educational lights from outside Rhode Island will be invited. The programme for the occasion is not yet complete, but it will include an interesting series of speechmaking and music pertinent to such an occasion. The chief speaker will be Hon. William T. Harris, Commissioner of Education, Washington, D. C. Others who will deliver addresses are Hon. Henry Barnard of Hartford, Gov. Dyer and Commissioner of Education Stockwell.

The exercises will take place in the large study hall, which is one of the finest apartments of the big Normal School. At the proper moment, Mr. Kendrick, on behalf of the committee, will hand over the keys of the building to Gov. Dyer, punctuating this ceremony with fitting remarks relative to the work now completed. Reeves's Band will render a musical programme incidental to the dedicatory exercises.

From 11 o'clock next Wednesday until Friday the building will be open for public inspection, this being the first occasion the citizens will have had to view the interior of the structure in its almost complete form. Of late it has been found necessary to restrict admittance to only those who have business inside. At present a large force of contractors' men, janitors, engineers and other employes is at work putting the finishing touches to the interior fitting. This force has been engaged nights and Sundays, as well as during the hours of daylight.

Many of the departments are as yet unfurnished, but the furnishings have arrived and are now available to be placed in position.