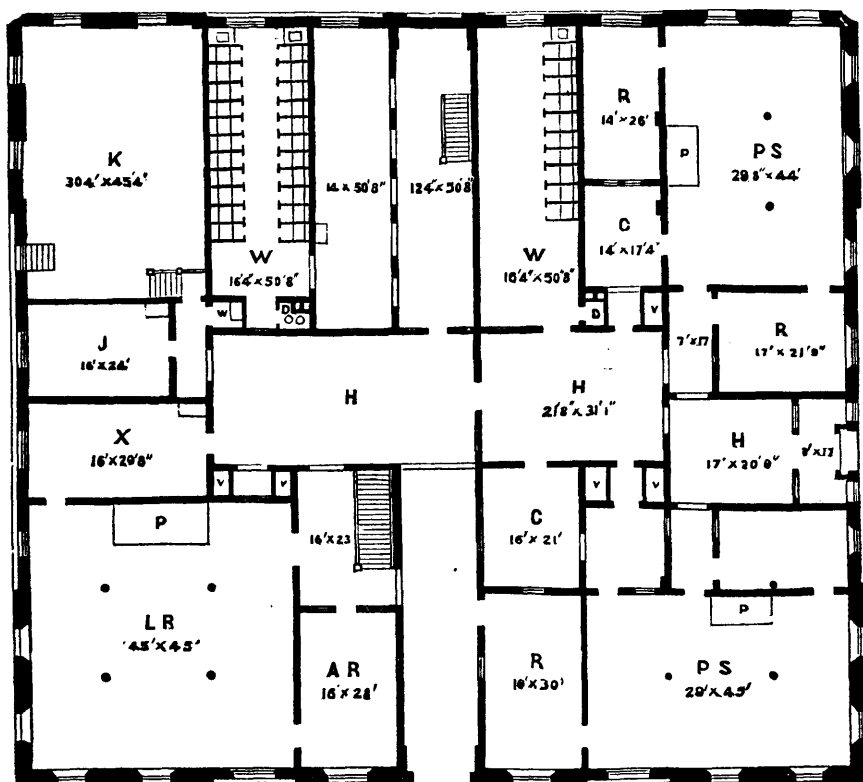
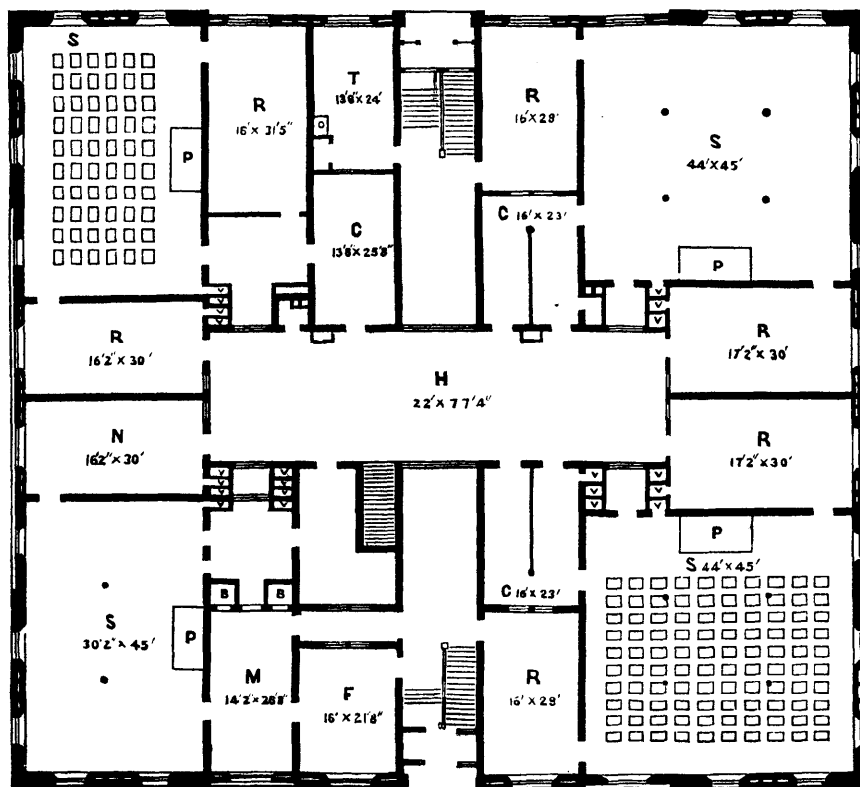




BASEMENT OF GIRLS' HIGH AND NORMAL SCHOOL-HOUSE, BOSTON.



FIRST STORY.

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DESCRIPTION.

The site on which the building is erected has a frontage on each of the streets of two hundred feet, with a depth between of about one hundred and fifty-four feet. The building has a street frontage of one hundred and forty-four feet, and a depth of one hundred

and thirty-one feet. The unoccupied space around the building is graded and paved with bricks at a level of about three feet six inches below the sidewalks; the object of which was to utilize the space in the basement story, and have the basement floor above the ground line at the base of the building. The larger portion of the site, unoccupied by the building, extends from street to street, and forms a yard forty feet wide by one hundred and fifty-four feet long, for the Model School department located in the basement story. The outlines of building are broken at the corners by projections eight inches by thirty-two feet on each side or elevation, and a projection fifteen inches by fifty feet in the middle of the Newton-street front. There are two entrances above the basement, one in the centre of each street front, and approached by flights of stone steps fourteen feet broad, which lead up to a vestibule. There are four finished stories including the basement, which is twelve feet high; the first and second stories are each fourteen feet high; the large hall in the third story is eighteen feet six inches high; the balance of the story is fifteen feet high.

In the middle of the building is a central hall twenty-two feet wide by seventy-seven feet long, crossing the corridor at right angles; at each end of the hall are two rooms thirty feet long, which, with the hall, occupy the entire length of the building. It will be observed that the hall and corridor divide the building into four equal sections or quarters, which are subdivided as follows: At the left of the entrance on the Newton-street, or south-westerly side, is a reception room sixteen feet by twenty-two feet; beyond the reception room is a passage leading from the corridor to the master's room, which is fourteen feet by twenty-seven feet, neatly furnished, and the walls lined with bookcases: this room is connected with the reception room, and with a room thirty feet by forty-five feet, for the advanced class occupying the westerly corner of the building. The inner portion of this quarter of the building is occupied by a passage leading from the hall to the advanced class room and master's room; a staircase leading down to the basement story, a cloak room for the advanced class, master's closets, and the ventil ducts for this quarter of the building. At the end of the central hall, and occupying the middle portion of the north-westerly side, are two rooms, each sixteen feet by thirty feet, one of which was designed for a library; the other is a recitation room. In the northerly corner is a class room thirty feet by forty-five feet; at the south-easterly side of the class room is a recitation room sixteen feet by thirty-two feet, between the inner end of which and the central hall is a large, brick foul-air shaft and chimney, and a passage leading to the class room, recitation room, and cloak room in this quarter of the building. At the right of the entrance on the Pembroke-street side is a dressing room fourteen feet by twenty-four feet, for female teachers, at the inner end of which, and occupying the remainder of the space in this quarter, is a cloak room fourteen feet by twenty-five feet. At the left of the Pembroke-street entrance is a recitation room sixteen feet by twenty-eight feet, in the easterly corner a class room forty-four feet by forty-five feet, adjoining which, on the southerly side, and at the end of the central hall, is another recitation room seventeen feet by thirty feet. The remainder of this quarter is occupied by a cloak room sixteen feet by twenty-one feet, occupying the space between the side of the central

hall and inner end of recitation room at the left of entrance, and a space about seven feet by fourteen feet, lying between the class room and hall, and the cloak room and recitation room at the end of the hall. The ends of this space are occupied by the ventil ducts for this quarter of the building; through the middle is a passage leading from the hall to the class room. The southerly quarter of this floor has the same amount of accommodation, and is arranged precisely like the easterly quarter last described;