



City of Boston

This is to Certify, that
Henry S. Johnson
has honorably completed the regular course
of instruction in the Vincent
Grammar School

In testimony whereof, this Diploma
is awarded to him by authority of the School
Committee this seventh day of July, A. D. 1871.

Robert Swan
Master

Wm G. Loring Mayor

N. J. Shattuck
Chairman of the School Committee



This is to Certify that
Mary S. Alderson
has honorably completed the regular course
of instruction in the Winthrop
Grammar School
In testimony whereof, this Diploma
is awarded to her by authority of the School
Committee this Seventh day of July, AD 1871.

[signed by]

Robert Swan Wm Gaston
→ Master Mayor

..... H P Shattuck
..... Chairman of the District Committee

WASHINGTON SCHOOL.

Boys.

Harry Franklin Adams,
 Isaac Hull Ayers, Jr.,
 Charles Henry Burr,
 Herbert Norton Carter,
 William Robert Cordingley,
 William Augustus Faxon,
 William Parker Fowle, Jr.,
 Joseph Barnard Holbrook,
 Clarence Jenness Libby,
 John Edward Maloney,
 Michael James Scanlan,
 Charles Brownell Shaw,
 Thacher Sweat,
 Thacher Eliot Trask,
 John Williams.

WELLS SCHOOL.

Girls.

Ella E. Bailey,
 Florence C. Bates,

WINTHROP SCHOOL.

Girls.

Mary S. Alderson,
 Mary E. Ames,
 Annie Barton,
 Mary E. Bradlee,
 Sarah A. Brown,
 Flora I. Cooke,
 Margaret A. Drew,
 Lily A. Ellsworth,
 Mary L. Emerson,
 Ella M. Garvin,
 Florence E. M. Guinness,
 Eva M. Goetz,
 Annie C. Gott,
 Sarah A. Gray,
 Alma J. Guptill,
 Angie M. Hartman,
 Ella M. Kellier,
 Lillie M. Mackie,
 Ellen McGee,
 Annie J. Moore.

Mary H. Murphy
 Katie A. T. Murtagh,
 Fannie G. Patten,
 Abbie F. Pratt,
 Jeannette E. Prescott,
 Celina F. Puffer,

Mary E. Schaffer,
 Mary A. Titcomb,
 Ellen B. Walsh,
 Rachel Warshauer,
 Irene M. White,
 Henrietta O. Whitney.

The following table shows the number of scholars who received the diploma of graduation at the close of the school year, July, 1871, in each Grammar School:—

SCHOOLS.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	SCHOOLS.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
Adams	16	18	34	Lewis	18	21	39
Bigelow.....	34	..	34	Lincoln.....	25	20	45
Bowditch .....	..	13	13	Lyman	15	9	24
Bowdoin .....	..	26	26	Mather	4	5	9
Boylston .....	..	..	..	Mayhew	16	..	16
Brimmer.....	37	..	37	Minot	4	2	6
Chapman.....	14	14	28	Norcross.....	..	31	31
Comins	23	22	45	Phillips	17	..	17
Dearborn	15	16	31	Prescott	17	13	30
Dudley .....	..	23	23	Quincy	13	..	13
Dwight	35	..	35	Rice.....	41	..	41
Eliot.....	19	..	19	Sherwin .....	..	..	..
Everett .....	..	53	53	Shurtleff.....	..	30	30
Everett, Dor...	7	11	18	Stoughton ...	5	7	12
Franklin .....	..	37	37	Tileston	5	5	10
Gibson	2	6	8	Washington ..	15	..	15
Harris	8	5	13	Wells .....	..	24	24
Hancock .....	..	25	25	Winthrop ....	..	32	32
Lawrence	31	..	31	Total.....	436	468	904

Graduating diplomas were first awarded to girls in

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ANNUAL SCHOOL FESTIVAL, 1871.

THE annual School Festival was held in Music Hall, on the afternoon of Wednesday, the twelfth of July, under the direction of the following Special Committee, appointed for the purpose:—

Henry P. Shattuck, John A. Lamson, George D. Ricker, William H. Learnard, Jr., Horatio G. Morse, Richard F. Fennelly, Baylies Sanford, Joseph D. Fallon, Richard M. Ingalls.

Invitations were extended to the City Council and heads of departments, the School Committee, all the teachers of the public schools, the medal scholars, and all the pupils of the High and Grammar schools who have received the graduating diploma at the recent exhibition. State officials and distinguished citizens were also present as guests.

In the balconies were seated more than a thousand boys and girls, the graduates of the present year of the High and Grammar Schools of the city, and the large floor was well filled by an assemblage of their parents and friends.

The fronts of the balconies were festooned with living green. Large growing plants bordered the stage like a hedge; and in baskets were hundreds of bouquets made from fresh-cut flowers, the perfume

of which pervaded the place, filling the heated air with a delicious sweetness. Gilmore's orchestra, which had a place upon the platform, at the hour named began to render its exquisite music, and thus with the array of fresh and smiling faces, with flowers and melody, the spectator's senses of sight, smell and hearing were favored with a rare and pleasing exhibition.

From half-past two until the beginning of the exercises, shortly before three o'clock, people were continually arriving, until it might almost be said that the place was crowded. Dr. Henry P. Shattuck, chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, called the company to order, and the Rev. A. J. Gordon of the Clarendon-street Baptist Church offered prayer. Dr. Shattuck then spoke briefly of the occasion, saying that it was one of congratulations and rejoicing, — of congratulations, because the year's work was done, and of rejoicing, because it was so well done. He commended the graduating scholars upon their proficiency in their studies, spoke of the fact that with the majority of them the present day was the last of their school life, and offered them his best wishes for success and happiness in their future lives.

After a selection had been played by the orchestra, Dr. Shattuck introduced Dr. Richard Edwards, president of the late Normal University of Illinois. Dr. Edwards said that it struck him as a stranger that the most obvious theme for his remarks would be the greatness and glory of Boston. No doubt it had struck other strangers in the same way, he said,

and no doubt it had often been the privilege of the people of Boston to hear about themselves in the way of praise and congratulation.

He would therefore pass over the great display of the present moment, and he would refrain from commenting upon the thirty-six thousand pupils educated at the expense of the tax-payers, the one thousand faithful and accomplished teachers, and the commodious and architectural school edifices, — although, he added, I confess that I stand profoundly impressed in their presence. Dr. Edwards then spoke of the enterprise of popular education, saying that its contemplation taught a lesson not alone to him and his hearers, but to the whole continent, and to every dweller in the republic. We are all inspired by it, he said, and God grant that we may always continue to be inspired by it. The speaker next referred to universal culture as a means of unifying the nation, and argued that its power was even greater than that of commerce in killing prejudices and creating spontaneous agreement. He then spoke of the influence of New England culture throughout the West, and indeed the whole country. It was a grand and inspiring reality, which reacted favorably and mightily upon the destiny of the great republic. In conclusion he expressed his regret that he had not arrived in this city in season to attend the closing exercises at the schools, and said that he hoped Boston would not be disposed to rest upon her ancient laurels, but that she would continue to press forward in the great work of popular education.

Another selection was rendered by the orchestra,

after which Dr. Shattuck introduced His Honor Mayor Gaston. He began by saying that it was his privilege to congratulate the teachers and pupils upon this, their happy festival day ; and he confessed to no little pride that he was permitted to represent in part a city which could produce a scene like that of to-day. The wealth of Boston was counted by millions, but she could do as the Roman mother long ago did, — point to her children as her chiefest jewels. They give to the future of Boston a surety of prosperity, endorsed by virtue, intelligence and religion. I will not detain you by a long address, he said ; my duty is best performed if briefly performed.

The boys and girls were then filed down from the balconies across the platform, where each received a bouquet from the Mayor. The scholars bowed their thanks as they received the flowers, and marched back to their seats in the balconies. This occupied about three-quarters of an hour, the orchestra playing throughout. The exact number of bouquets distributed was 1,147. When this ceremony was concluded, ice-cream, raspberries and cake were distributed to all present, the children in the balconies being provided for in their seats. At about five o'clock the floor was surrendered to the young people, their elders finding seats in the vacated balconies, and for two hours or thereabouts the former were permitted to indulge in dancing and promenading, while the latter enjoyed the scene from above.



INTERIOR VIEW OF THE NEW MUSIC HALL, BOSTON.

WIGHTSON

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