disadvantages. In these rooms the school is now conducted, and its condition renders it indispensable that proper provision should be made for its accommodation. There are male and female pupils in the school, and they are from necessity, obliged not only to occupy the same room, but to use the same yard. These difficulties of themselves, are sufficient to render the new building of absolute necessity. The location of the Fish Market, is convenient to the Fourth Ward, and the iron bridge now in course of erection, renders it convenient of access to the people residing east of the Falls; under these circumstances, the committee find that they have but little or no discretion in the premises, and act in accordance with the pressure of necessity, which is imperative in this as it is in all other cases.

In connection with this subject, the committee have taken into consideration the resolution of the Commissioners of Public Schools, requesting permission to lease a lot in the neighborhood of Republican and Fayette Streets, for the purpose of erecting thereon a building for the accommodation of male and female grammar schools, and male and female primary schools. A suitable building for the use of such schools is greatly needed in that vicinity, which is so rapidly improving that in a short time it will be impossible to secure a lot, unless at a considerably advanced rate. The nearest grammar school is No. 1, at the corner of Scott and Fayette streets, which is entirely too distant to be attended by the pupils residing in the neighborhood where the school is desired. The importance of the proposed measure may be seen in the fact, that out of nineteen pupils of the primary school who were examined and passed the examination for promotion to the grammar school, fifteen were sent to private schools in consequence of the great distance of the nearest grammar school.

Besides this difficulty, that which is so often complained of in relation to the occupancy of a common yard by male and female pupils, is also necessary here.

The primary school in the neighborhood, is conducted in a rented building, a private dwelling house, most of the inconveniences incident to such arrangement are of necessity endured.

At the present time a lot may be secured for the purpose at a fair price, but if postponed longer it will be impossible to obtain one in a suitable location at any thing like a price beyond the limit of which the city ought not to go in leasing of property. Two years ago when this school was first contemplated, lots might

have been leased at a cost much less than they can at present, and if delayed longer, the difficulty must of necessity be increased in proportion to the delay. By the erection of a substantial building for the use of grammar and primary schools, the city will be saved the additional expense which must arise from the plan of leasing seperate lots for grammar and primary schools. Nor can there be any inconvenience in the arrangement – the departments as contemplated for the respective schools, are entirely seperate, affording seperate yards, &c. for male and female pupils.

The lot which the commissioners propose to lease, is on the east side of Republican Street, north of Fayette street; it is 69 feet front, running back to a narrow street to the depth of about one hundred and sixty feet. The cost of this lot is $4.25 per front foot on Republican Street. The lot on the west side of Republican Street south of Fayette Street, which was offered to the commissioners for $3.50 per front foot on Republican Street, is 63 feet front, running back 90 feet to a 10 foot alley. The depth of this lot is not sufficient, but the lot in the rear, 63 feet by 63 feet, may be had at $2.50 per foot, making the full price of the lot per front foot on Republican Street, $600. This lot, will not, with the addition of the 63 feet, be as deep as the one the commissioners have asked for permission to lease. The proposed lot is the best and the lowest in price, of any that the commissioners as yet have been enabled to secure. The committee of course, under the circumstances, recommend that the Commissioners of Public Schools be authorised to lease the lot they have in view.

The committee have learned that the appropriation of $2.500, authorised by the Council by ordinance No. 82, approved July 6, 1853, for the erection of a Primary School on Franklin Street, west of Fremont Street, is insufficient for the purpose, and that at least $1,000 more will be required to enable the Commissioners to erect the proposed building. The building in that vicinity occupied by Primary School No. 11, is entirely too small to accommodate the pupils now belonging to the school, and there are others applying that cannot be admitted for want of room. In this school also, the inconvenience is borne of the male and female pupils occupying the same room and using the same yard. What is required in this, as in other cases is, that the sexes shall be seperated. In regard to this school, if the commissioners are not enabled