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On or about the first of April, 1850, the School had greatly increased in number, and in every way prospered beyond the expectations of its most sanguine friends. It had become an ornament to the City, a blessing to the children and youth, then rapidly gathering in from every habitable part of the globe. It was appreciated and referred to with pride and satisfaction by San Franciscans, who had now commenced to feel some interest in her, other than felt for a place only of business and turmoil, the field of adventure; for there were those there, who thought to make here a future home for themselves and for their children; accordingly, the Ayuntamiento or City Council, adopted the School then formed, (by ordinance passed April 10th, 1850), and undertook its support as a free Public School, employing Mr. and Mrs. Pelton, to continue it at a nominal salary of \$500 per month, for the services of both, and by them it was taught till the fall of 1851, (uninterrupted except by occasional fires and short vacations); when, to meet the then greatly increased demands of the youth of the City, a new School ordinance was matured and adopted, (not differing materially from the one now in force), and a new Board of Education and Superintendent elected. Under this new Board of Education, acting under the provisions of the new ordinance, the following Schools were organized, viz.:

No. 1. Washington Street School, now Powell Street.....	established Dec. 1849.
No. 2. Denman Grammar " "	Sept. 1851.
No. 3. Rincon " "	Jan. 1852.
No. 4. Spring Valley " "	Feb. 1852.
No. 5. Union Street " "	June, 1852.

The history of our Public School Department from this period (1853) to the present time is not without great interest; but the facts and circumstances connected therewith being within the recollection of most of our present citizens, no more than a cursory glance will be expected from us to *complete* this sketch, which up to this time has been dwelt upon somewhat in detail.

RESOURCES.

Our Public Schools are supported partly by a special School-tax, and partly by semi-annual appropriations of State School Funds. The School-tax this year is thirty-five cents on each one hundred dollars of assessment. From this source about \$100,000 *should* be realized. The appropriations from State funds now amount an-

nually to about \$10,000. These united sources, therefore, should yield an annual fund of about \$110,000 00. Should this entire sum be realized, it will be no more than sufficient to meet the demands to be made upon it during the coming year, as will be seen from the following statement of ordinary expenditures and debts of the Department:

Monthly Expenditures are—for salaries of twelve male Teachers, whose salaries are from \$125 to \$208 per month, and fifty female Teachers, whose salaries are from \$50 to \$125 per month, about.....	\$6,500
Monthly rents.....	1,000
Janitorial service, water, fuel, etc.....	500

Total expense of Dep't per mo. about \$8,000 or, about \$80,000 per annum for ten months' session.

The following exhibits the cost of education per pupil in the Public Schools of the City:

Cost of tuition per month, for each scholar,	\$2	92
" Rents " " "	"	33
" Incidentals " " "	"	45

Total.....\$3 70

There must also be satisfied from the School funds of the coming year, the unpaid bills on last year's account, amounting to nearly \$15,000; and unless legislation be had during the approaching session of the Legislature, for the relief of the School fund, the further sum of \$4,200 must be drawn therefrom to pay the interest on \$60,000 of School Bonds issued in 1854, for the building of School-houses. We find, therefore, that notwithstanding the liberal provisions which have been made, there are demands to be made upon the School moneys during the coming year, which even though the strictest economy be exercised, will be quite equal to the largest amount that can be expected to be placed to its credit; but, *should* there be a deficiency in the legitimate funds of the Department, we presume our School officers, as heretofore, will be found equal to the emergency. It is gratifying to note, that though payments of Teachers' salaries have sometimes, and too frequently heretofore, been long delayed, they have always been finally provided for.

THE SCHOOLS.

There are now organized in the Department—

Grammar Schools.....	7
Mixed "	3
Intermediate "	7
Primary "	9

Total No. Schools.....26