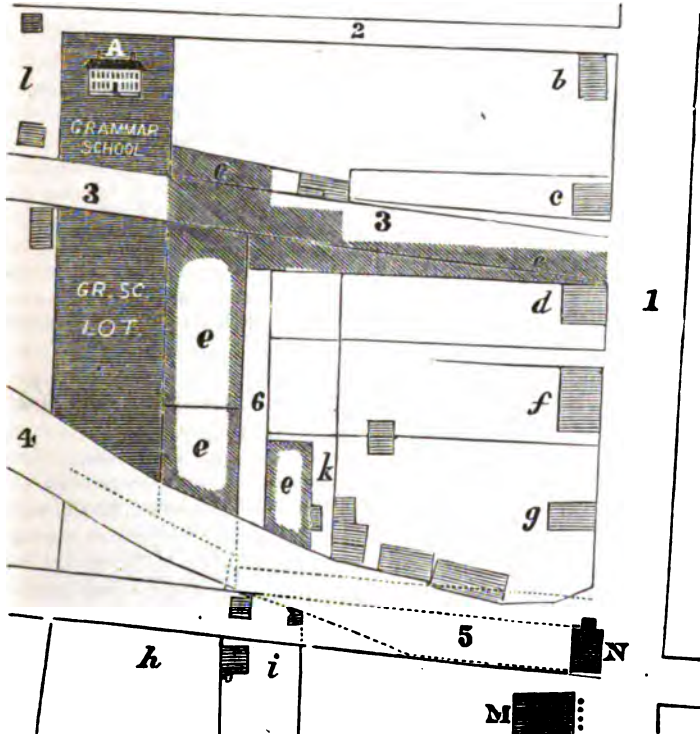


MR. CAPRON: Since sending you my "Contribution to the History of the Public High School" so far as I was personally mixed up with the same, and "with subjects adjacent thereto" from 1838 to 1848, it has occurred to me, in passing the site of the structure erected for its accommodation in 1847, and which it cost so many years of agitation to evoke from the hearts of the tax-payers of the First School Society, and of which not one stone or brick now remains in the solid and orderly proportions in which, with ascriptions of thanksgiving and songs of praise, and invocations of the Divine blessing, they were "dedicated to the cause of good learning and the breeding up of hopeful youth for the public service of the country, and a life of active employment," that you and your associates in the work of instruction, and all the living graduates, might be glad to have some memorial of the building in its external appearance and internal arrangements, as they were engraved for my School Architecture in 1848. Those plates are at your service; and with them I send a wood-cut of a plan drawn in 1828 by I. Spencer Jr. (now in the possession of William Hamersley), of a portion of "South Side," in which may be seen its predecessor erected in 1828 still standing on Linden Place (then Wells Alley), and the spacious lot, on which lawyers, doctors, clergymen, governors, and senators, then boys in their teens, kicked foot-ball with commendable vigor. H. U.



STREETS:—(1) Main; (2) Linden Place, originally a Lane leading to House erected by Thomas Y. Seymour, and afterwards occupied by Doctor Sylvester Wells, and known in his day as *Wells-Alley*; (3) College street as projected after burning of Whitman mansion in 1827; (4) Buckingham street before it was straightened, and the west end made part of College street in 1824; (5) Buckingham after the completion of the new (M) and removal of (N) old South Meeting House; (6) Whitman Court, laid out by I. Spencer, Jr., purchaser of the Whitman estate (see p. 333).

A. GRAMMAR SCHOOL HOUSE (still standing as a double tenement), erected in 1824, just north of its predecessor, which was erected in 1808 (and bought and removed by D. Crowell to lot (k) corner of Whitman Court), in place of school-house which stood on north side of Arch street, midway between Main and Prospect street, bought for this purpose in 1755; (b) John Russ; (c) Enoch Perkins; (d) John M. Niles; (f) Asa Francis, with carriage-shop on lot (g) (house occupied by George Francis); (A) C. Bull; (i) Russ house; (l) Dr. Wells.