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# Letter to Sarah Marble from Susan C. B. Tillinghast

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My dear Miss Marble, -

Though unable to be in the old Normal School building at this time, I am glad to feel that I am at least one of that great "choir invisible" who composed the school in former years, and whose thoughts and best wishes I am sure must especially be with it as it leaves its present abode.

The school was occupying a few hired rooms during my connection with it, so that I can appreciate the difference between past and present conditions. It has always been "set upon a hill," but how different in every sense from the others will be the prospect from its new elevation. For it will be something to remember, that the school removed to its spacious quarters in this year when our nation was brought into new



and enlarged relations with the world. And though the value and necessity of the Normal School has no doubt been realized during its existence, it cannot be but that all who are or have been connected with it must feel in this time of national change a deeper sense of its opportunities and duties in affecting national character.

Rhode Island does well to provide for it—"more stately mansions," "as the swift seasons roll"; and while the present members of the school work directly for its increased usefulness, may they be sustained so far as heart and thought can have power, by those who have been before them, to the end that in spiritual as well as <sup>in</sup> material structure "Each new temple, nobler than the last," rise nearer heaven "with a dome more vast."

Very sincerely yours

Susan C. B. Tillinghast.

June 22, 1898.

3 Pleasant St., Medford, Mass.



When the Rhode Island Normal  
School was opened in 1871, Susan  
C. Bancroft was one of the first  
teachers, including the Principal,  
James C. Greenough; Miss Bancroft  
was my teacher and was one of the  
ablest training teachers I have ever  
known. Sarah Marble (Sheed)  
class '72.  
April 10, 1921.