

ITS NEW BUILDING DEDICATED.

**Historic Grammar School No. 7 in a Home
to be Proud Of.**

The new building of Grammar School No. 7, at Chrystie and Hester Streets, in the Tenth Ward, which was erected at a cost of \$500,000, was formally dedicated yesterday afternoon, the orchestral music being provided by the school's own band, under the leadership of Michael Brown of the class of '90. The opening prayer was pronounced by the Rev. Dr. Maynard. Israel Walowitz of the fifth grade delivered the valedictory. Addresses were made by Adolph L. Sanger, President of the Board of Education; ex-Assistant Superintendent Jones, nearly eighty years old, the oldest living graduate of Grammar School No. 7; Charles Cohen of the class of '81, Abraham Sarasohn, '84, L. E. Pendergast, '76, and Orestes Cleveland, ex-Mayor of Jersey City. Principal J. Frank Wright gave a most interesting historical account of Public School No. 7.

A gold badge was presented by Principal Wright to Sergt. Charles L. Kelly, Company C, Sixty-ninth Regiment, who drilled the boys of School No. 7 for the schoolboy parade on Columbus Day. Medals for good work were also presented to Samuel Orange, Joseph Rosenberg, and Joseph Mauss, sixth grade, and Isaac Fry and Jacob Orange of the seventh grade.

Among those on the platform were Charles B. Stover, Chairman of the School Trustees of the Tenth Ward; his colleagues, Dr. Louis Haupt, Patrick Carroll, John Hogan, and Henry Henschel; Joseph J. Little, William Lummis, Charles Bulkley Hubbell, Miles M. O'Brien, James W. McBarron, Robert Maclay, John J. Burke, Timothy Hayes, Philip Heipershausen, M. J. Mahoney, D. F. Mahoney, C. B. J. Snyder, Charles Cohen, Louis Jarmulowsky, Henry Gottheimer, John Ficken, Maximilian L. Adler, Frederick C. Dierking, Solomon Lichtenstein, Abraham Lubelsky, Maximilian Seideman, Moses Fisher, William Homan, and George Ficken.

The new building is one of the most magnificent schoolhouse buildings in the city. It was authorized Oct. 21, 1891, and was finished and occupied Sept. 21 last.

The modest two-story building, costing in all, with site included, but \$15,000, from which the present structure is the outgrowth, was erected in 1826, when New-York had but 140,000 inhabitants. It was the seventh public-school building erected. Its first Principal, Dr. Stephen R. Kirby, in 1827 opened under its roof the first evening school of New-York City.

In 1857 the scholars of the Tenth Ward had become so numerous that a third story was added to the building. In 1876 the building was thoroughly renovated and its capacity increased to 1,500 pupils, at a cost of \$50,000. Still the tide of school population grew apace, and in 1891 the building which had seen service for so long was condemned and abandoned, 13,500 additional square feet of land being purchased, at a cost of \$150,000, for the new site.

The present building has forty-five classrooms, and, with capacity for 3,000 pupils, has already a list of 2,500.

After the dedicatory exercises, a meeting of old graduates and members of the George T. Trimble Association, which is composed of graduates of the ninth class from 1843, when Dr. Kirby was Principal, to 1846, when John W. Kelchum resigned that position, met to arrange for a reunion dinner, to be given at Adelphi Hall, Saturday evening, Nov. 4.