The Committee on Commerce, under the direction of the former, are actively engaged in collecting money, for the purchase of a ship with the necessary appurtenances, and we indulge the hope, that a measure so important to the community, and to our commercial marine, will be speedily carried into effect. The history of the different Floating Schools in Europe authorises the expectation of the most beneficial results from the systematic, literary, and professional education of those who intend to follow the occupation of a sailor.

## NEW SCHOOL HOUSES AND NEW SCHOOLS.

On the 1st day of March, Male and Female Grammar School No. 14, were organized in the new building on the corner of Gough and Stiles streets. Mr. Wm. A. Rippey was elected Principal of the Male, and Miss Margaret E. Borland Principal of the Female department. The Male Grammar School now numbers one hundred and eight scholars. The Female Grammar School numbers one hundred and two.

In the month of June, the Primary School No. 19, located at the Seamens' Bethel, Alice Anna street, was removed to Primary school house, No. 6, and now occupies the second story of that building, and is known by the title of Male Primary, No. 6.

On the 1st of September, the male and female scholars constituting Female Primary, No. 11, occupying the house in Franklin Street, were divided so as to form two Schools, a Male and Female. Miss Catharine C. Kurtz was elected Principal of the Male School, and Miss Adelaide Hall was continued as Principal of the Female School. Both Schools now occupy the new building corner of Schroeder and Paca Streets. The building on Franklin Street, agreeably to ordinance No. 6, of the last session of the City Council, was sold for the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars.

In the month of September, Male Primary School No. 15, was organized in the building located on the corner of Light and Poultney Streets, under Miss Sarah A. Sewall, as Principal. It numbers at present one hundred and forty-nine papils.

A new Primary School has been formed of the Primary Scholars that belonged to Male and Female Grammar, No. 7, and will be known as Female Primary, No. 19. By this division, the Grammar School will contain one hundred and twenty-eight scholars; the Primary, one hundred and thirty-one. Miss Rebecca E. Horton has been elected Principal of the Primary School, which will open on the second day of January.

In the month of July, the Board made a contract with Mr. Wm. H. Harman, for the erection of a building upon the lot on Hollins Street, east of Shroeder. The building is now finished, and will be occupied on the second day of January, by Primary Schools Nos. 10 and 18, under the title of Male and Female Primary School, No. 10. The cost of the building was three thousand four hundred and ninety-one dollars; of the furniture, eight hundred dollars. The ground rent on the lot is two hundred dollars per annum.

In the month of August the Board contracted with Mr. Isaac Bull for the building of a Primary School on the lot on Caroline Street, for three thousand four hundred and fifty dollars. The furniture for the School will cost eight hundred dollars. This building will be ready for occupancy by the latter part of January, and is designed for Primary School, No. 24.

On account of its decayed state, we found it necessary to put a new floor in Male Grammar School, No. 3. We deemed it also advisable to make a different arrangement of the room, by which the building now accommodates not only Male Grammar School, No. 3, but also Male Primary No. 7, thus saving the rent of the latter one school, one hundred and fifty dollars.

By authority of the City Council, the Board purchased the Jefferson Street Chapel, for the accommodation of Male and Female Primary, No. 27. The price paid for the property was one thousand dollars. They purchased also a lot of ten feet, six inches, for an addition to the yard, at a cost of about three hundred and sixty dollars.

During the year, a building was rented at the corner of Bond and Chew Streets, for the accommodation of Primary School, No. 17. It is well adapted to the use of the School.