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Inside Front Cover: The First Building at Bridgewater State College

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“The first building to be erected specifically for normal school work in America was built at Bridgewater in 1846. The years of experiment were successfully passed. A total of ten thousand dollars was raised, one half of that sum by public subscription, and the remainder from state funds. Col. Abram Washburn donated a lot of land one and one-quarter acres and George B. Emerson of Boston provided the furnace for heating the building. It was a small, wooden, two-story structure containing a large schoolroom, and two recitation rooms in the upper story, and a Model School room, a chemical room, and two anterooms on the lower floor.”

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