

It is chiefly through the persevering exertions of Mr. E. B. Whitman, formerly of Cambridge, Mass., that the Unitarian Church, with its Lecture room and School room in the basement, was erected, and its fixtures furnished. The entire outfit of the School room, its desks, maps, globes and books, the donation of Northern friends, chiefly in Boston, were procured by him, and to him will be due the credit of instituting the first free school in the Territory, *complete in all its appointments.*

It is proposed to establish in Lawrence, a Model School System, in every particular—on the New England plan—for the purpose of giving a practical application of its superiority. The Teachers proposed for the High School are graduates of the Massachusetts Normal Schools, and prior to emigrating had taught in the Bay State.

TOPEKA.—This is the second place, in time, established as a Free State settlement. The site was selected by the Agents of this Company, and on their recommendation, certain individuals of the Fifth Party here drove down their stakes on the 29th. day of Nov., 1854; they were a few days after joined by "the advance column" of the Sixth Party, and on the 5th. of December, the organization was completed, and the town founded; subsequently further accessions were made to their number, and they rapidly advanced in prosperity; so that it has at length become the third town in the Territory, in point of size and importance. Topeka and its vicinity has a population of about one thousand; mainly from the Northern and Eastern States, and distinguished for intelligence, enterprise, and industry. It lies on the south bank of the Kansas River, about 75 miles from the mouth, 25 miles northwest of Lawrence, and 75 miles east of Fort Riley.

The town is one mile by one and a half miles in extent; the streets are one hundred feet wide, running from Kansas River to Shunganunga or Red Horse Creek; there are three avenues, each 130 feet wide,