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Com. of Dr. F. S.
Palmer Health
Office in regards
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DEPARTMENT OF SANITATION.

SAMUEL J. HOLMES, M. D.
GEORGE M. HORTON, M. D.
Health Officer and Secretary of Board:
F. S. PALMER, M. D.

Northwest Corner Yesler Way and Fifth Avenue.

Seattle, Washington, March 21 1896.

Hon Mayor and City Council
City of Seattle.

Gentlemen:

I desire to call your attention to the importance of having a sewer built immediately in order to enable the Mercer School to be connected to public sewer.

The Mercer school building is situated in what is naturally a swamp. Stagnant water surrounds the premises. The waste water from the sinks and roof runs into an open drain on the SW corner of the lot and there lies stagnant and a menace to the health of the children who approach the school from that direction. Part of the basement of the school house is always damp and the closets and cesspool are unsanitary.

The health of a large number of children is constantly threatened by the unsanitary condition of these premises and I must therefore to urge the early passage of an ordinance compelling the property owner to build at least the three blocks of sewer necessary in order to permit the premises occupied by the Mercer School to be properly drained.

Respectfully
F. S. Palmer, M. D.
Health Officer.

MR. PRESIDENT:

Your Committee on Sanitation

to whom was referred Health-Officer's report, Compelling property owners to build a sewer, to enable Mercer-School to connect with the same, found the cess-pool with swampy surroundings, in a very unfit condition and dangerous to the health of the 500 Children that daily attend school, and whereas a petition of nearly a majority of the property owners having been circulated asking for a sewer - therefore we would recommend that the Board of Public works, immediately take steps in examining the grounds and streets for said sewer, and if in their judgement a sewer is practical, to recommend at an early day that an Ordinance be passed to that effect.

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