

3. Location on the Plot

The building should be so located on the plot as to give the maximum space for playgrounds, gardens, etc., and with due regard for their accessibility. Generally, if the plot is rectangular, it is best to locate the schoolhouse near one corner at a distance of sixty to seventy-five feet from the front road, and about forty feet from one side of the lot, depending on which side is the most desirable from the standpoint of drainage and convenience. This location will furnish a maximum proportion for ball grounds and other major games in the rear, and for minor games at one side of the building. THE BUILDING SHOULD ALWAYS BE SET WITH THE POINTS OF THE COMPASS, AND THE PLAN SO DESIGNED THAT EVERY CLASS ROOM WILL RECEIVE EAST OR WEST LIGHT. A PLAN DRAWN TO FACE EAST OR WEST COULD NOT PROPERLY BE USED TO FACE NORTH OR SOUTH, AND VICE VERSA. In the larger buildings it is generally best to employ a competent school architect, to adapt the plan to the location and particular needs of the community. (See elsewhere in this bulletin a "bird's eye" view of the lay-out for a two acre plot and also the article on beautifying the school grounds.)