

5th block

EDUCATION

- Normal School- Also known as a teachers college and teachers in training college.
- In 1829 Gridley was sent to Europe to get special blind teachers for the school.
- Ashmun Institute was one of the first African American colleges in the US.African Americans
- **Horace** Mann had an idea for a "common school", a school where regular kids could get an education.
- Mann believed that education was key in socializing, being involved in the government, and being a good citizen.

Mental Health Reform

- In 1841, Dorothea Dix, a school teacher at the time, was asked to be a teacher at Cambridge Jail.
- Mentally ill were confined with common criminals.
- Dix and many others had changed the way people thought of the mentally ill and that it is a serious problem.
- The movement gave the insane a human way of life.
- Dix established a mental hospital relocating the ill from prison.

Prison Reform Facts

- People were sick and insane
- **Prisoners** were chained and beaten with rods
- Dorothea Dix came in
- She helped remove **children** from jails
- America enjoy a decade of real reform

Temperance Movement

- By 1830, the average American over 15 years old drank 7 gallons of alcohol a year – 3x as much as we drink today
- Abolitionists fighting to rid the country of slavery came to see drink as an equally great evil
- They demanded that local, state, and national governments prohibit alcohol completely
- Women's Christian Temperance Union (WCTU), became a force to be reckoned with
- It had lobbied for local laws restricting alcohol and created an anti-alcohol educational campaign that reached into nearly every schoolroom in the nation