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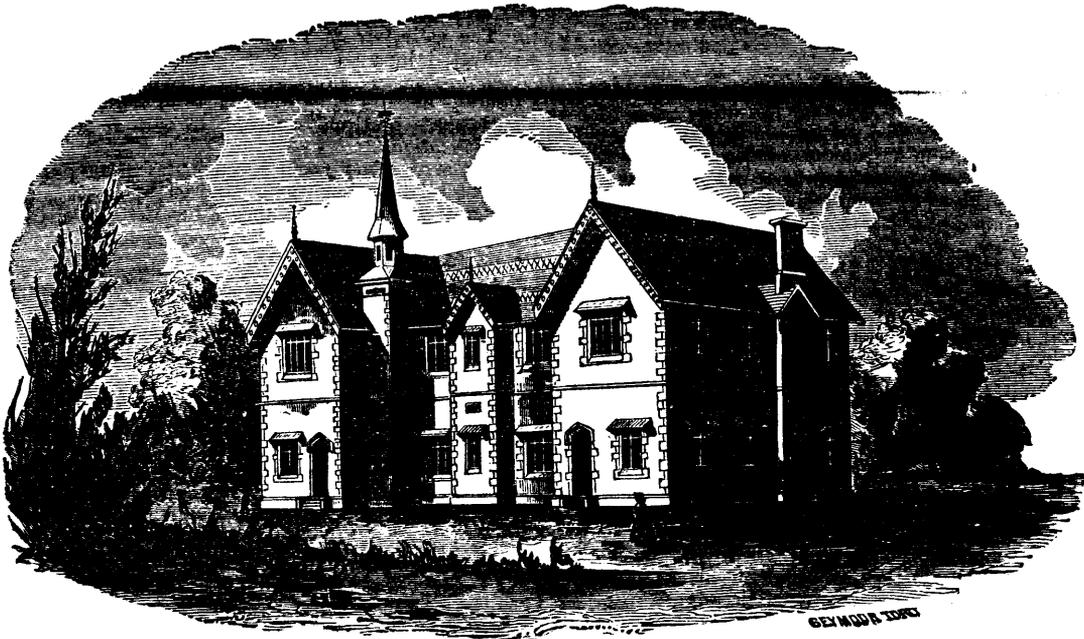


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OPENING OF THE NEW BRICK SCHOOL-HOUSE, SIMCOE, COUNTY OF NORFOLK.

The *Norfolk Messenger* of the 25th ult., contains an account of the opening of this handsome brick school-house on the previous day.

The engravings illustrate designs made by Messrs. Messer and Jones, architects, Toronto, in reply to an advertisement by the School Trustees of the Town of Simcoe, County of Norfolk, for "A two-story brick School-house; cost of the building not to exceed £1,700; accommodation required for 500 or 600 children;" and to be built on a block of ground two acres in extent, near the town.

Thirteen designs were sent in from various parts of Canada

and the United States; from which, Design No. 1, as shewn by ground-plan and perspective above, was chosen.

"The corner-stone of the building," says the *Messenger*, "was laid with Masonic honors, on May 24th, 1858, and was finished by the placing of the cope-stone yesterday, by Col. Wilson, the Provincial Grand Master, with the imposing formalities of that order. The procession formed at the Court House Square, and marched to the grounds of the new school. Passing in under an evergreen arch, surmounted by the crown, the procession halted in front of the beautiful edifice which the liberality and taste of the citizens have erected.