

recipe for cooking a hare, which begins—"first, *catch him.*" In preparing to build a parsonage, first of all secure

A GOOD SITE.

In regard to a site there are several things that should *not* be done. Don't crowd the parsonage upon the church lot, unless it be a very large lot; don't build in a swamp, nor two miles out of the village, because ground is cheap there. Don't put the parsonage next door to a tavern, nor on the noisiest part of the main street, nor with the front windows looking into somebody's stable yard. Such things have been done, and may be done again, for aught we know. Now, let us state what *should* be done: Get a lot in a healthy situation, sufficiently elevated, if possible, to be easily drained. Let it be large enough to afford a garden spot and a little play-ground for the children. Let it be near enough to the church to be convenient for the minister's family, and yet far enough away to save them from the perpetual visitations of professional beggars, irrepressible book agents, and ubiquitous insurance men. In a word, let it be a spot that you can point out with honest pride to strangers and visitors as the spot you have chosen for your minister's home.

Our next advice is, employ a

COMPETENT ARCHITECT.

Never mind if it costs a little: you will more than save it in the long run, besides the satisfaction of getting a house that you won't be ashamed to look at when finished. When the architect's plans and estimates are complete, give the work into the hands of a responsible contractor. Don't employ some third-rate workman because he's a member of the congregation, nor some irresponsible man because he promises a subscription, nor some botch because he will work cheap. Get a good responsible workman, and then you will be likely to get value for your money.

Our space will not admit of anything further at present save a brief description of the accompanying plans. The *perspective view*, FIG. 1, represents a building suitable for a country circuit, or village, and will be found, we think, to combine the important features of neatness, convenience, comfort and moderate cost.