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I. IMPROVEMENT OF SCHOOL HOUSE ARCHITECTURE.

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With a view to aid Trustees in the desire to improve the style of the architecture of their School House, we have procured several new plans, and insert a selection from them in this number of the *Journal of Education*.

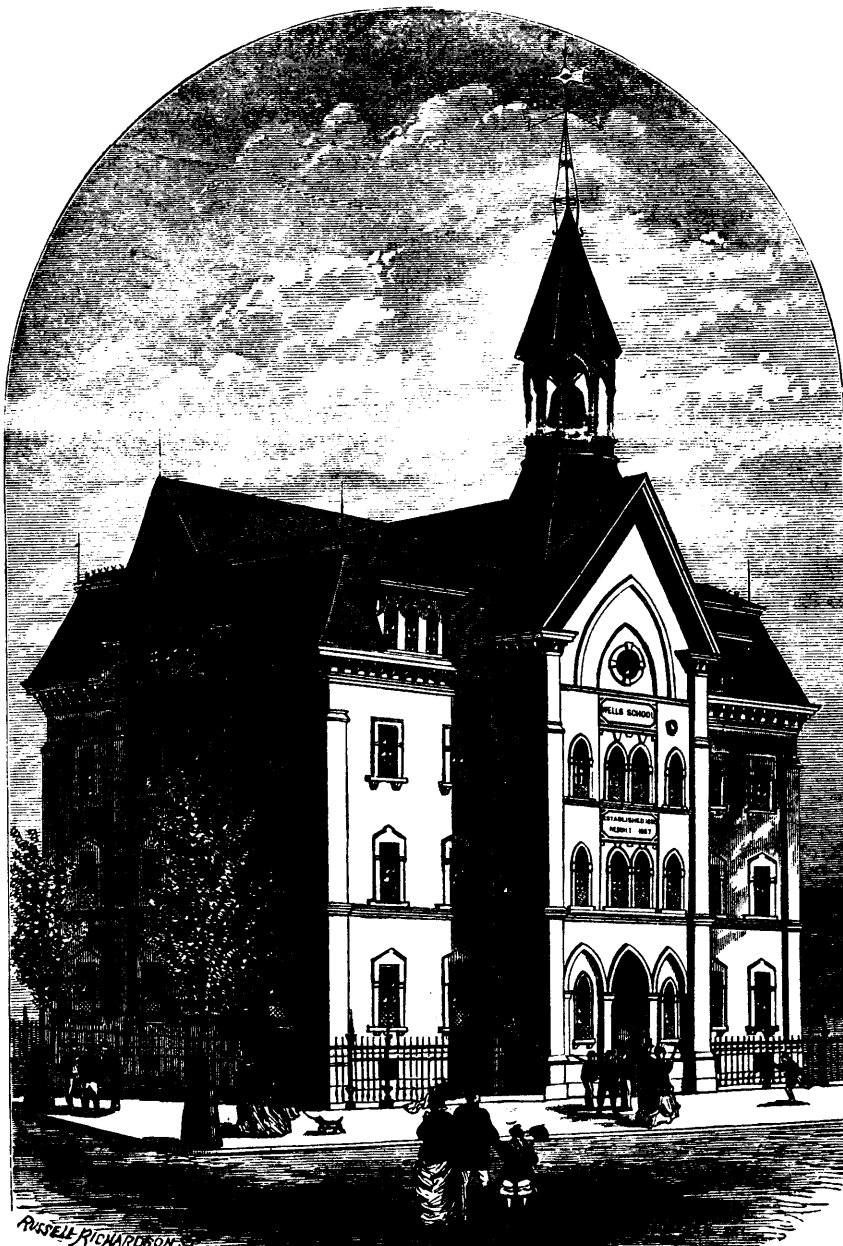
We are the more anxious to insert these plans at this early day, in order that they may be available to the Trustees before they give out contracts in the spring for the erection of the new School Houses. We cannot but be gratified at the laudable desire felt in many places to make the School House more convenient and attractive than formerly. They have, hitherto, in many cases, been unsightly, inconvenient and most incomplete in many essential details. An interior of four bare walls was, in numberless instances, considered sufficient to constitute a School House—a simple room destitute of any accommodation for the teacher—for the pupils' hats, caps or coats—for the books, maps or charts. In fact, in some schools none of the latter were ever to be found, and the teacher was left

to do his work literally without tools or appliances of any sort! Happily, this state of things is fast passing away; and Trustees are now generally not only anxious to be informed of the best methods to be adopted and the most useful suggestion to be acted upon, but are most anxious to avail themselves of both.

In another part of the "Journal" we insert the result of the recent competition for original School House plans by trustees, teachers and inspectors in this Province. The competition, as will be seen, has been highly creditable to the parties concerned. (See p. 16.)

IMPORTANT PRELIMINARY CONSIDERATIONS IN ERECTING SCHOOL HOUSES.

In erecting School Houses, it should be borne in mind that the essential conditions to be observed in their construction are, that they should be convenient, adapted to the purpose to which they are put, and that they should afford abundant facilities for warmth, light, proper ventilation and shelter.



WELLS' GRAMMAR SCHOOL HOUSE, BOSTON.