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HANDSOME NEW BRICK SCHOOL HOUSE, SIMCOE, COUNTY OF NORFOLK.

The accompanying drawings illustrate designs made by Messrs. Messer & 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 view above, was chosen.

The building is designed in the Old English style,—the most appropriate for a red brick building,—and is finished with Ohio stone dressings. The overhanging roofs afford protection to the walls. The windows are covered with hoods, which shade them, making the light free from the glare of sunshine and, being glazed in small squares, are less liable to be broken.

An entirely separate entrance is provided for boys and girls: the whole of the ground floor being appropriated to the use of the latter. The cloak room, which is next to the entrance hall, is provided with two doors, so that there may be