

IT IS FINISHED.

Cooperstown Educational Institute and Public School Building as it Appears Completed.

A Finely Appointed Building Most Substantially and Tastefully Built.

An Honor to the Honorable Builder.

The hope of our great republic is in its educational institutes. Our common school system is the chief glory of the American name, and in this particular Cooperstown has cause to feel especially proud. Without suitable buildings good schools cannot be had is an idea the early settlers and founders of Cooperstown seemed imbued with. At least they have taken care that adequate educational advantages were made sure, and our citizens can now gaze with commingled satisfaction and pleasure at the magnificent structure that graces the north part of the village.

In February the *COURIER* described the plans and specifications of a school house as it was to be, and now it has the pleasant province of telling in its feeble way how it really is. The site chosen by the board constitutes the south half of block 18, and is indeed well selected. The edifice is 40 feet square, and the eaves are 27 feet from the ground, making a two-story building with high ceilings. The school rooms are each 30x40 feet in dimensions, and have small recitation or study rooms in connection; are well ventilated, nicely lighted and exceedingly pleasant rooms, withal. The house is entered by means of double doors which open into a 10x40 hall. The lower room has two entrances from this hall—one for boys and the other for girls. From each side of this hall a platform stairway leads to the halls above. The upper room has also two entrances, one from each side. Both rooms are wainscoted and plastered, being finished in oil and trimmed in walnut colors. The stairways are particularly fine affairs, being adorned with heavy double moulded black walnut railings, three finely carved drop newels to each flight, and scroll balustrades.

The outside of the building is decorated by some very fine work in the way of nicely proportioned cornice, brackets, etc. The edifice is covered with a hip roof from the peak of which arises a mansard roofed tower 18 feet high and adorned by an iron cresting. The tower is trimmed in three colors and shows off in good shape. Over the front door an exceedingly lovely "hood" displays itself to an admiring public. The body of the building is painted a light drab and the trimmings are a few shades darker, while the roof is a Venetian red. The building is surrounded by sidewalks, has a \$700 water-closet, and all in all it reminds one of a much larger town than the one it "does proud." The total cost of the building as far as we can learn has been about \$9000.00, including the surroundings.

In connection with this noble edifice is strongly linked the name of that veteran architect, C. C. Phillippee, who stood by at all times and put none but honest work in the structure. It stands as a monument to Mr. Phillippee's ability and faithfulness to a contract.