

OUR PUBLIC SCHOOL



NO SURER CRITERION of the progressiveness of a community can be found than that community's interest in education, and if there is one thing more than another of which Marshfield is proud, it is her excellent public school.

The present school house was erected in

is in each room an ample hat and cloak room, with teacher's private closet attached. The building throughout is fitted with electric bells and speaking tubes, and is wired for electric lights. There is in the upper hall a large "well-hole," which gives a commanding view of the exit to all the rooms, and of the main entrance to the building—a feature of no little value in maintaining order. City water is supplied to stationary wash stands in each of the basements, and

radius is all the personal property of the principal, and was largely made by his own hands.

The course of study includes two years of work in the high school, and the work covers the essentials of the state three-year course, though diplomas are given for only the two-year course. This has been effected by so strengthening the work of the seventh and eighth grades as to permit the addition to the regular two-year course of the important branches, plane geometry and



SCHOOL BUILDING

1896, at a cost of about \$15,000. We give with this an illustration of the exterior of the building. The basement contains, in the center, a large furnace and fuel room, with recreation rooms on either side for boys and girls separately. On the first floor there are four class rooms, two janitor's closets, a large assembly hall in front and rear stairways. The upper floor has a principal's office, four school rooms and ample hallway. The building throughout, excepting the stone basement is constructed of white cedar, all interiors being trimmed in the natural wood with hard oil finish. The walls are finished in brown plaster with white hard-finished ceilings, down to a broad wainscoting of cedar. All the school rooms have hyloplate black boards extending all the way around between doors and windows. There

to two separate ones on each of the floors.

The school is well supplied with furniture and apparatus. All new furniture that has been put in the building is of the single desk type, and is of the latest and most approved design. There is a fine piano, a well selected library of about 500 volumes, and a J. B. Colt's highest grade stereopticon, with slides for the illustration of many of the subjects in the course of study, particularly history and physical geography. In the physical laboratory, there is much valuable apparatus, including among the larger pieces an air-pump, a Toepler Holtz Improved Electric Machine, with attachments for both, a heliostat, gravity balance, galvanometer, electro-scope, pendulum and pulley apparatus, besides many smaller pieces for illustrating the laws of heat, light, etc. The physical appa-

physics, of the three-year course. Thus our school is covering a much broader field than are most of the schools of the state of similar grades.

Following are the teachers now employed in the school:

F. A. Golden, principal, ninth and tenth grades.

Ellen M. Beamis, assistant, seventh and eighth grades.

Emma Howard, sixth grade.

Lulu J. Mann, fifth grade.

Amy Holms, fourth grade.

Clara Vaughn, third grade.

Margaret Anderson, second grade.

Mrs. P. M. Wilbur, first grade.

The enrollment at the close of last month was 396.