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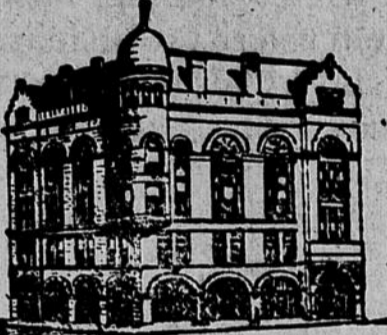
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THE ATLANTA Y. M. C. A.

Their New Building, which will be one of the best equipped in America.

The Atlanta association to-day is the most flourishing organization of the kind in the South. Organized in the summer of 1885, a quiet and successful work was carried on until the spring of 1888, when the twenty-fifth international convention of the Young Men's Christian associations of the United States and British provinces convened in Atlanta. With this convention began a new era in the history of the Atlanta association. At the close of the convention a movement was put on foot to secure funds for a building. The amount required was first placed at \$40,000. A meeting of business men was called the next night after the convention adjourned at the home of one of the leading capitalists, at which time \$30,000 was subscribed voluntarily. In two days the amount required was raised to \$60,000, in four days to \$75,000. In less than three weeks nearly \$80,000 were subscribed for this noble project without the circulation of a single subscription list. The pledging of the money and the manner of doing so was phenomenal, and without parallel in the history of association work. The cry of the city was, "A home for our young men." Men, women and children would meet members and friends of the association on the streets and offer their subscriptions. The average daily increase was nearly \$5,000, until the grand total was reached, when it was found that there were over 1,600 names on the list of subscribers. A lot was secured on one of the principal streets, plans selected, and a magnificent structure is now in process of erection.



Y. M. C. A. BUILDING, ATLANTA, GA.

The building will comprise four stories besides basement, and is being built of North Carolina sandstone, terra cotta and pressed brick. Situated on a corner, with a front of 80 feet on one side and 110 feet on the other, with an alley at the rear, it has perpetual light and air on three sides. The basement will contain a gymnasium, which extends into the first story, 49 feet wide by 60 feet deep and 23 feet high. A gallery is placed midway at the sides which will be used as a running track. In addition to the gymnasium the basement will contain a room with 500 lockers, bath rooms with shower and stationary baths, a bowling alley 80 feet long, storage and engine room. The entrance to the building is broad and imposing, of solid and massive masonry. The first story will contain five stores in addition to gymnasium. The corner stone was laid with imposing ceremonies on Oct. 20. The governor, chief justice of the state, mayor of the city and other prominent citizens made addresses. The second story will contain a reception room, which is the key to the whole building, offices for secretaries, large reading room, parlor, library and chapel, with a seating capacity of 250. On the third story will be located the main floor of the auditorium, which, together with gallery, will have a seating capacity of 800. There will also be five rooms on this floor for class rooms. On the fourth and last floor there will be three studios, a conservatory and kitchen, with dumb waiter running to second story. The building, when completed, will be one of the finest in the country, furnished and equipped with all the most approved appliances, an ornament to the city and a lasting monument to the enterprise, morality and Christian liberality of the people. The success of the effort was largely due to the local press.

THE MONTREAL CARNIVAL.

Preparations for the Festival--Castle of Ice.

On Feb. 7 next the Montreal carnival will begin. The programme of sports is already announced, and the design for the usual ice structure has been decided on. It is a "castle" this time; heretofore it has been a "palace." The castle is to be erected as usual on Dominion square, almost under the windows of the Windsor hotel, and will be larger and more picturesque than any previous similar structure. The accompanying cut shows how it will look.



THE ICE CASTLE.

Instead of following the designs of former winters at Montreal and St. Paul, the architects have placed the principal tower at the northwestern angle rather than at the center, the whole design being intended to give greater variety of view as an observer makes the circuit of the structure. The plan is an irregular square, inclosing an area of some 14,000 feet, entirely clear, open to the sky. From each angle of the square a tower rises, that on the southwestern corner being a reduced copy of the great tower at Windsor castle. It is to be provided with a circular staircase in ice, leading to a parapet commanding a fine view. A height of 102 feet will be attained by the principal tower, shown in the foreground of the sketch. The tower on the eastern angle will rise to a height of 80 feet, and be placed diagonally to the wall. At the northerly angle will be a fourth tower, 32 feet square and 50 feet high. Curtain walls with loopholes and battlements connect towers and turrets together. Special provision has been made in the design for effective aid to electric illumination and pyrotechnics.

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