The Memorial Building.

The serious question not yet settled, whether the Institute of Technology shall move to land less expensive than that which it now occupies, has delayed the making of working drawings for the Walker Memorial, so that we are unable to present the perfected diagram in this number of The Tech, as we had hoped.

The sketches which we reproduce are those made by Professor Despradelle, and upon these the finished drawings will be based.

The building will cover about ten thousand square feet of land. The first floor will be occupied by the large Memorial Room, a library, and administration offices. The entrance hall and staircase will make effective features, and only on this floor will there be any attempt at decorative design; elsewhere the actual construction will serve for finish. Even in the Memorial Hall it is proposed to have the brick construction of the walls show above a high oak dado. Not only is the greatest economy needed on the score of a limited subscription, but it is also felt that every condition calls for the utmost simplicity of detail. In the basement a swimming-tank will be planned for, though it is doubtful if it can be built at the present time. In connection with the tank, which will occupy the space under the Memorial Hall, shower-baths will be provided, and lockers for the convenience of those using the tank and also for men engaged in outdoor work.

The feature of the second story is the small gymnasium and its lockers and baths. This is designed for systematic work in classes made up of the younger students. On this floor is an instructors' room for regular physical examination of the students. The height of the small gymnasium allows for two intermediate adjoining stories, both of which will be occupied by lockers and baths, the upper one to be used particularly in connection with the large gymnasium, which occupies the greater part of the fourth story. On this upper story is a kitchen, and on each story there are serving-rooms connected with it in order that it may serve for small entertainments, alumni dinners, and the like.

There will be found rooms also for hand-ball, fencing and boxing, squash courts, and the like, as well as for the administration offices needed.