STUDENT BUILDINGS COVER ONE-HALF OF ENTIRE PLOT

Dormitories and Gymnasium to Be of Latest Type—Walker Memorial Central Motive.

Important as are the educational structures of the New Technology, they by no means comprise the whole of the planning. Just as the educational courses look to it that the mind of the student shall be broadened by literary studies in addition to those purely technical, so the constructions will do to see that the social life of the young men is properly fostered. Till recently this has not been well cared for, owing to the lack of dormitories and social meeting places, but even now the old defect has been to a considerable extent removed by the establishment of the Union. In the Technology-on-the-Charles the grounds have been cut squarely in two, and it is the eastern half that will provide for the out-of-school life and activities of the students.

Fully Half the Lot for Student Life and Activities.

A great grouping of buildings (see the bird's-eye view) will stretch along the Esplanade for more than an eighth of a mile and of considerable depth, behind which will be disposed, the gymnasium and the athletic grounds. It is estiimated that these buildings, when erected, will call for three-quarters of a million. Plans of a fundamental nature have been fully developed by a special committee, and these will form the basis of the final work of the architect. There is to be for the principal feature the Walker Memorial, near at hand the Commons, an enlargement of the student buildings ranging along Ames Street on the eastern boundary of the grounds. They will be of what is known as the "staircase system," where comparatively small groups of men get access to their rooms through the same stairway. This is deemed better than the "hotel" system, where there are long corridors and many men. The stairway dormitories resemble the private house and tend to the closer intimacy of those occupying them. The arrangements are to be the best known to practical men. There will be an abundance of sleeping porches, the best of sanitary appliances and plenty of showers. Technology will look to it that its dormitories conduct first of all to the health of the student.

The fundamental plannings of this great student unit are due in the first place to the work of John R. Fessman, who assembled the information concerning the student buildings in all the latest of the educational constructions. These figures were then placed in the hands of the special Walker Memorial Committee, of which Dr. Harry W. Tyler is chairman, and were carefully considered with reference to this particular site. The architect may be depended upon to erect here buildings as well adapted to their purposes as are the educational buildings. The work will not begin at once, but as at the moment the educational group has the right of way, it is the agent of an undertaking to erect the fifteen acres of construction that will here be needed to house the enormous educational activities of Technology, so that the student buildings may wait a year or two till some of the more urgent of the others are out of the way. And again, while the Walker Memorial fund will perhaps erect the central feature in the group, there will still be needed large sums for the gymnasium and other structures, for which the necessary funds are not yet in hand.

Be patient and don't try to get on too fast. You may be overestimating your own abilities. It takes all runners to ripen the best apples—flakier.

A GENERAL VIEW OF THE SITE AT PRESENT, LOOKING TOWARD THE CHARLES AVENUE.

River Basin from Massachusetts