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The sub-title of this volume by one who was for so many years associated with the American Institute of Architects as its general secretary is an accurate resume of its contents. That title is: “A Winning Crusade to Revive George Washington’s Vision of a Capital City.” In his position as the Institute’s most active official, Mr. Brown was one of the most aggressive participants in the development of Washington under Theodore Roosevelt and William H. Taft. His associations with McKim, Burnham, Saint Gaudens and others who were interested in one phase or another of national art are related here with an abundance of interesting anecdotes.

To Mr. Brown’s persistent endeavors, the nation owes a debt of size. It was he more than anyone else who was responsible for the prominence which was finally accorded the Lincoln Memorial in the Washington plan, and it was he whom McKim depended upon in the fight for the preservation of the Park Commission’s plan. These struggles Mr. Brown relates with good grace and interest.

In one chapter, the author traces the development of the A. I. A. from its inception in 1857, through its early days and its gradual growth to an organization of real power. Mr. Brown became secretary in 1898, and held that office until 1913. He recalls many interesting incidents that occurred during his regime, and gives fine portraits of the men with whom he was associated during that time. The book is not a history of American Architecture, but rather one of American Architects. To those whose interest lies in the personalities which have contributed so much to the high standing of the profession, this book should be appealing.


Frank Forster’s popularity as an Eastern residence architect makes this collection of his recent work of interest and value to anyone engaged in that type of work. The book is made up of 183 plates with a short introduction by Mr. Forster on the general character of his work. Photographs, detail drawings and plans are included.

The houses in general follow the French tradition, the Norman Farmhouse, the French Provincial, and the Domestic Gothic. Of these, Mr. Forster expresses his particular liking for the French Provincial. Perhaps this partiality is due to his enthusiasm for detail which is characteristic of almost all his houses.

The illustration above is a country house by Mr. Forster for Harwood Nelms, Esq., in Houston, Texas. The drawing was made by H. R. Bishop, who has contributed several of this type to the book; some of his details are very interesting.


Professor Wattjes has not attempted anything in this book but a complete presentation of modern church architecture through the medium of photographs and plans. His scope is international, including work from almost every European country, and despite the title, only two from America, one by Roland Coate of California, and the other by Julius Gregory of New York. Whatever one might think of the trend of ecclesiastical buildings, this book is adequate proof that there has been more than a superficial revision of style, or perhaps progression of style.
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The text covers graining and preparation of plates to receive the drawing, making the drawing with crayon or wash, finishing the plate, gumming up, selecting and preparing the paper for printing, preparing the plate and etching it, printing by several methods, protecting the plate after printing, storing plates, the transfer method, and miscellaneous points concerning manipulation. Formulas for the various solutions required and a complete list of required materials are given. There is also appended a list of supply houses and professional printers from whom requisites may be obtained.

The use of the lithographic process as a means of securing multiple copies of original drawings, whether for pictorial prints or for architectural renderings, is not new. Artists and draftsmen have been making lithographs for years and have found that the medium possesses many advantages. Strangely enough, however, most of the available literature on the subject has been addressed to the professional lithographic printer. A recent book has provided admirable data for artists concerning stone lithography, but the volume here described is the first to present the allied subject of metal plate lithography from the standpoint of the artist using this medium.

The process is becoming better known and more widely used for making fine prints and architectural presentation drawings. Each print, properly made, is an exact duplicate of the original drawing, whether that drawing was made on stone, metal, or transfer paper. The possibility of duplicating drawings in this way, readily and inexpensively, makes the process of particular value to the architect.


A SERIES of twenty-five sketches by Vernon Howe Bailey, with a foreword by Colonel Starrett comprises this book on the world's tallest building. It is intended more for the public than for the architectural profession, but the illustrations will appeal to all.

BYRNES INSPECTOR'S POCKET BOOK, by Austin T. Byrne, revised by Samuel T. Goldsmith. Published independently, copyrighted by the author and editor.

This is the fourth edition of the Pocket Book, the last having appeared in 1911. It is a concise manual on the duties of building inspectors, including a discussion of the materials and their defects, construction and fabrication methods, and a general consideration of the particular things which an inspector must be on the watch for. It would be valuable to the supervising department of an architect's office.

CONSTRUCTION COSTS, 1930. Compiled by Engineering News Record. 9 x 12, 109 pages, paper, illustrated with graphs and charts. Published by Engineering News Record, 342 West 43rd Street, New York City, $1.00.

The material gathered together in this survey of construction costs includes prices of materials and labor in various sections of the country. While it is of more interest to those engaged in public works and utilities construction than it is to those engaged in building construction, many of the facts presented are of significance to both branches of the allied construction industries. For comparisons and estimates it should be helpful to architects and general contractors.
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ALLEN H. STEM, prominent railroad building architect, died May 19 in St. Paul, Minnesota, after an illness of about three weeks. Mr. Stem, until 1911 a member of the firm of Reed & Stem, was 75 years old.

Perhaps the greatest single project in which he engaged was the Grand Central Terminal in New York. In association with Warren & Wetmore, the firm of Reed & Stem designed the existing terminal and the Biltmore Hotel. Besides the New York Central, other railroads for which he designed stations were the Great Northern, The Northern Pacific, Great Western, Michigan Central, and Norfolk & Western. In all, the firm completed more than 100 stations.

He was also the architect for many buildings in St. Paul, among them the St. Paul Auditorium, the Metropolitan Opera House, medical buildings at the University of Minnesota, St. Paul Athletic Club, and the Hotel St. Paul.

BRIDGE CONTEST WINNERS

FIVE prizes totaling $1,200 were awarded to architectural and engineering students by the American Institute of Steel Construction for the most aesthetic design of a bridge in steel. The first prize of $500 for the best design by a student of architecture was awarded to R. F. Weber of Atelier Adams Nelson, Chicago. Second prize went to Glenn E. Crippen, Iowa State College, and third to Lester W. Casey of the same school.

The jury decided to withhold first prize in the engineering group, awarding second prize to Jeremiah C. Iandolo, University of Pennsylvania, and third to Covert Robertson, University of Michigan.

CITY PLANNING CONFERENCE

THE twenty-third annual meeting of the National Conference on City Planning is to be held in Rochester, New York, from June 22 to June 24. The sessions are open to all.

Among the topics to be discussed are, “Is City Planning Effectively Controlling City Growth in the United States?” “Civic Centers in Smaller Cities,” “County Planning,” “Zoning Administration.” The list of speakers and leaders of group discussions includes many prominent men in the field of city planning, Harland Bartholomew, Charles H. Cheney, Arthur C. Comey, Robert Whitten, and others.

PRIX DE ROME WINNER

HENRY DUSTIN MIRICK, Washington, was announced winner of the 1931 Prix de Rome, for his sketch and plan of a United States army officers’ club in the tropics. Mr. Mirick studied at the University of Pennsylvania School of Architecture, and is a graduate of Princeton University.

In landscape architecture, Neil Hammill Park of Parkin, Arkansas, was the winner. He is a graduate of Little Rock College, and studied landscaping at Cornell University.

On pp. 296 and 297 of the March issue of The Architectural Forum, credit for the photographs of the T. Worth Jamison, Jr., house, shown above, should have been given to Harry B. Leopold, of Baltimore, Md.
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Frontispiece: Cupola Construction

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The surging preference for walnut office furniture during the last 10 years presented a new challenge to architects.

It was no little problem to find a partition that harmonized with this trend. Stained or painted materials lacked beauty. Plaster walls, unadaptable, inflexible, immovable, were obviously out of the question. Walnut partition itself was too expensive.

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ELLIOT HOUSE AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY

FROM A LITHOGRAPH DRAWING
BY CONSTANTIN A. PERTZOFF

The Architectural Forum
We are in a period of transition and development, rather than of standardization, as far as college buildings are concerned. A generation ago the architect’s problem was much more simple and definite. The requirements and provisions of the buildings were fairly well standardized and not a great deal of thought was given to future development except that space allowances were made for additional units. It is well recognized now that the greatest need in buildings for colleges and universities is flexibility, so that the buildings may be changed to serve the purposes of changing educational methods with the least possible demolition and rebuilding. In the earlier days the curriculum was limited and courses and instruction were quite uniform in method. This allowed of standardized classrooms, for the rule was prescribed courses, class recitations, periodic examinations, final grades,—and the course was passed and forgotten. As the colleges expanded, this formula was still the rule and we had what seemed to be mass production of college graduates. Then the prescribed courses gave way to greater freedom in the choice of the studies to be pursued, and we had a period of eclecticism in which it must be acknowledged the student selected courses which he felt were easiest to pass, rather than those of the greatest cultural value. The methods being adopted now endeavor to allow the student to pursue thoroughly the subjects in which he has the greatest interest and, at the same time, prevent his becoming narrow by requiring that he study a certain number of subjects in other fields. There has been a growing feeling that the passing of courses was no guarantee of cultural attainment nor an indication of the student’s grasp of a subject, or of his ability to correlate the knowledge he had gained. For that reason, a system of “comprehensive examinations” has been developed with considerable success. Under this system the object of the student’s study is the mastery of his subject rather than the gaining of credits for courses passed. The mass methods have, to a large extent, given way to more individual instruction. The lecture courses, of course, still have their place of great usefulness, but there is a decided tendency toward seminar work and independent work under tutors and faculty guidance.

One of the latest innovations in American Colleges is that of “reading periods” designed to aid the student in acquiring knowledge for himself rather than having it predigested and handed to him through lectures without mental effort or stimulus on his part. The reading periods are of several weeks’ duration and are designed to show the undergraduate the meaning of self-education as the real basis of the mental training he gets in college. . . . He must perceive that the mere absorption from his instructors counts for little; that to learn,—and for that matter to graduate,—is an active, not a passive verb. No doubt this is not the idea with which men usually enter college, and to some it is not alluring, but it can be infused and probably to most of them made attractive. For that reason it is well that, after they have become accustomed to college teaching, they should be set to work by themselves for a time without help.” * The general guidance in this work is

*A. Lawrence Lowell, President's Report, 1929-30, Harvard University.
usually through contact with tutors or instructors, and the relationship is much more informal and intimate than is possible in the usual lecture and recitation courses. Changes such as this naturally bring changes in the academic buildings as the old classroom and the usual faculty office are not suited for this type of instruction which seems to demand the breaking up of the student body into comparatively small groups, or "Houses," much as the English universities are made up of small colleges with their residential closes. Both Harvard and Yale, through the generosity of Edward S. Harkness, have been able to develop residential groups where students and tutors are housed together.

There are "house systems" of different kinds being developed in universities where the object is to group together graduate students who are pursuing the same courses, as the breadth and intensity of the work is enhanced by the discussions and contacts among men engaged in similar pursuits. Among undergraduates it is considered much wiser to so select the students for any one group that there will be men from various parts of the country with varying tastes and interests and with differing financial ability, the object being rather to broaden the men through such contacts than to concentrate and intensify the predilections of the student.

In most colleges today the problems of housing the students are an integral part of the educational problems. Educators have come to realize that education involves the entire life and activity of the student while in college, rather than being limited to courses of instruction. It was enough, until recently, to provide buildings where the student might take courses, other buildings in which he might hire a room for sleeping or study, but with the growing appreciation of the effect of environment, living conditions and facilities for social activity, the purposes, designs and plans have changed. The present tendency is to do away with the large commons or large eating hall and to provide the dining facilities in closer relation to the living quarters. Although there have been several large dining halls built recently, most forward-looking institutions are abandoning the mass dining idea as well as mass instruction. The present tendency in the design of dormitories with their dining facilities may of course be superseded, after trial, by some other system. For this reason, flexibility of use is as essential in dormitory planning as in the planning of administrative or academic buildings, for it is impossible to foresee what changes in use may be demanded of the buildings.

The growth of interest in the natural and applied sciences has resulted in increasing the number of laboratories, both for teaching and research. The development in the equipment for these laboratories makes a special study necessary on the part of the architect. Each institution has its own programs and preferences, and close cooperation is necessary between the faculty and the architect in planning not only for the probable expansion and change.

The number of subjects now taught in a university is astounding in comparison with that of twenty-five years ago. New courses seem to be added constantly so that almost any topic, from baby care to balloon navigation, is covered by courses in some university. This is more factual than facetious as the women's colleges have
inaugurated many courses, psychological and sociological as well as physical, for the study of infants; and several buildings have recently been erected, by the Guggenheim Foundation, for further research and study in aeronautics. The latter buildings have very definite special requirements to meet the needs of present paths of research, and it is well understood that the further development of the science of aviation may, in a few years, demand quite different facilities.

Change is not limited to scientific study; it is also taking place in cultural study. Courses in the Arts have brought about the construction of excellent college museums for the study of not only the fine arts but the minor arts as well, and there has been a growth in the demands for studios and shops where the arts may be studied in relation to their particular technique as well as by observation. The museum now is built and used rather for constructive and creative work and study than for the mere preservation of "museum pieces" to be gazed upon with awe.

The athletic activities of the college, which in the previous century were more or less spontaneous, had reached their highest point of concentration and commercialization in the early post-war days. The educational authorities have taken cognizance of the fact that vicarious exercise on the part of the students watching highly trained teams was hardly as beneficial as active play on the part of the individuals. Though "gym classes" and team training still continue, facilities are now provided for exercise and recreational play in connection with the living quarters, rather than wholly at the gymnasium. The planners of the college must now take cognizance of the fact that certain areas in the vicinity of the dormitory groups should be set aside for spontaneous games or for organized intra-mural athletic contests. There is good reason for including in the dormitory groups facilities for handball, squash, bowling and similar games through which the student may keep fit. The object of such planning is to foster the participation of as many students as possible in healthful exercise, rather than to foster the creation of a small body of athletes and super-athletes who are members of teams with rather exclusive rights to the athletic facilities. The "house" systems and dormitory systems provide natural competitive groups and the benefits of the increased athletic facilities are enjoyed by larger numbers of students than ever before. The gymnasium planning problem is no longer one of providing space for the training of a certain number of teams, but rather one of providing for the maximum use by the greatest number of students. This has necessitated a careful study of actual use in existing gymnasiums and collaboration with physical directors in establishing the probable and possible athletic programs in order that the gymnasium, field houses, swimming pool, etc., shall have the most efficient use.

Educational thought at present seems to be more and more directed toward consideration of the individual as an individual, rather than en masse. Uniformity of product is no longer the object sought. The mediocrity of mass production of graduates gives way to developing individuals to realize as fully as possible their potentialities, mental, physical, social and spiritual. The environment atmosphere and facilities provided are considered as important as the subjects in the curriculum. The architecture must be in accord with and contribute to these educational aims.

The "house" library makes reading and study natural and pleasurable. Dunster House, Harvard University. Coolidge, Shepley, Bullfinch & Abbott, Architects
The West Court of Lowell House, at Harvard University: Coolidge, Shepley, Bullfinch & Abbott, Architects. These new Houses are typical of an architecture designed to "... create human environment, stimulate imagination, and ... avoid crudity and monotony." In them modern methods and materials have been used to perpetuate, in mass and detail, the established traditions of the University.
EXPRESSION—AND THE COLLEGIATE STYLE

BY

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THERE is a confused comprehension of the relation of the fine art of architecture to its expression in the necessary physical factors of material, which are the only means it can employ.

The fact that materials and their assemblings are means and not ends, that their combinations are processes and do not produce nor imply ultimate achievement is too often ignored, even if appreciated. Architecture, which is the entirely artificial and intellectual of the Visual Arts, while it is based upon the satisfaction of physical demands in terms of materials, does not reach a state of more than rude adolescence until it transcends those materials. It has "a material body and a celestial body" and while its material body may be dealt with as an exact science, capable of proof like a sum in arithmetic by reversing the process, its inspiring spirit, which enables it as an art, is incapable of being held in bondage, excepting by the law of gravitation.

As in all times, changes in conditions have created changes in expression, and the new broom in every case has raised a great deal of dust, and created a period of low visibility in which even established facts are made dim and are belittled. Such a period the past century has been. The Machine, which is merely a supplementary hand of more than human capacity for speed and for multiplying and enlarging units, has assisted the material factors of architecture, and has presumed to bind the spiritual side; and with childish arrogance it announces that we are living in a Machine Age, implying that other expressions of man being intangible, must be inferior. As the factors in many operations increase in number, an arrangement of these factors assists speed; and standardization, which is merely the auditing of accounts of large undertakings for the purpose of economy in eliminating waste and delay, appears. It implies mass production and the trademark, and has nothing to do with beauty of design; its one affiliation with that is exercised in a preferred selection for imitation of work which has already been deemed beautiful.

Hence, styles and their uses. It may be reasonably inferred that buildings already in existence in any and all periods, having had similar requirements with those that occur in present problems, will have created and used so-called styles which have in them architectural expression of value at all times for work of the same kind. Their use today is not merely traditional, but results from certain solutions which accord with present conditions.

Such are the cathedral plans, for similar functions in the church today. Have there been in the past, able and adequate solutions for collegiate groups? It is evident that present groups have requirements which existed in the conventual buildings of the Middle Ages, and the palestras, arenas and odeons of religious centres in Greece.
where multitudes congregated, such as at Epidaurus. The precedents are to be found and the immediate problems solved in Classic, Mohammedan and Medieval periods, each producing a distinctive style, in any one of which may be found work of beauty, applicable to similar problems of today. Why, therefore, bind these Protean forms by formulative standardization? Upon the most superficial observation it is obvious that all have common factors, and hence, common divisors. They are few. The first is flexibility of plan and its expression, the second, the universal desire to create results of beauty worthy of all work according to its kind.

Religious buildings of all types were to the glory of God, other monuments to the memory of the work of the living and the dead, whether of triumph or of recognition of merit, and beside these, buildings for moulding successive generations of man. In all cases reverence was shown; and no painstaking study or care was too arduous, no material too precious, no expression of ideals too great to be devoted to the expression by architecture of high ideals. It has been reserved for the mechanical proletariats of today to ignore all attributes excepting those of announcing structure, which is a kindergarten effort of infantile desire.

Philosophies and theories in regard to the quality of beauty are beside the point. All men trained or untrained in observation of visual expression are impressed by two factors—Mass and Detail. A simple geometric solid is never challenged by the layman, who, however, esteem it in relation to its size. A pyramid is the same whether that of Kephen or an ink bottle on a desk; an obelisk may be that of Washington or a small thermometer. The great domes of the world are only inverted bowls, but whether large or small, the geometric solid is universally accepted and uncensored. Great size therefore is constantly sought in large projects. It compels attention and overwhelms carping criticism, and does not foster analytical gymnastics.

The second element that is dear to the untrained man is detail, especially if it indicates skill in mind or hand. The mere amount of work on it, its diversity of statement, its many means and manners of expression seem, and are, marvelous to him; and the more intricate it is the higher he esteems it. All the little pleasant amenities of life are details, interesting, amusing, and destroying drab existence. A prison cell can be made a jewel casket by detail. It is the means of intimate conversation upon so many subjects; the details of painting, literature, and music are always conversational, and welcome for this reason as well as for others.
But between the Mass and Detail is a great realm in design which the layman does not understand because it is a land of adventure, often into previously unknown regions which lie between the mass and the detail. It is a land of experiment, of empirical attempt, of diplomacy, and essentially of wisdom. Men fail or triumph in this land, which is so merciless and so fascinating,—an ogre and a siren; at times it is wise in exploring it to be lashed to the mast of the good ship Tradition which has made the voyage before.

Standardization, if I may be permitted to change the metaphor, cuts its way through this fascinating, intriguing jungle of opportunity in a narrow swath, safe behind a steam roller. Standardization, the mechanism of a paid accountant, sees little of the flowers of the jungle, hears few of its birds, or knows little of its byways.

Art is a Beloved Vagabond, who can be a beggar or a king, but is not regally clothed in tailor-made garments.

Collegiate requirements have become much more complicated and exacting than in the days of Olympia and the Pentathlon, or when the 30,000 monasteries of Europe were sanctuary and were the precursors of universities. The orders of architecture developed upon one story masses, with an occasional second story, and when additional stories were added, the effect was not so dignified. Classicism has struggled for centuries to equal the simple nobility of a Greek temple and has been obliged to be satisfied by porticos and colonnades and domes. But when, as in the University of Virginia, the effect is that of one story masses, classicism leaves little to be desired.

With the serried ranks, one above another, of identical windows, monotony increased, and the classic superposed pattern was called in to combat it, and to give light and shade to the wall. Alberti's triumphal arch motive became a salient and much abused feature, but there is no doubt that the more varied the masses, and the purposes of rooms, the less flexible is classicism; but it has great serenity and dignity, and is a worthy exponent of grand and of even grandiose ideas.

Pavilion treatment at ends of colonnades often higher than the façades was suggested from medieval castles; and the style of Francois I, a blend of Gothic and Renaissance, is indicative of the freedom of action that appears with transitional styles when demands force departure from autocratic academic precedent.

This fact is suggestive and it has been found that work done in these periods of transition has both the virtues of tradition and of flexibility of adaptation to very varied desires. The Francis I style, that of the Tudors, and of Queen Anne in England, all lend themselves to informality and to minor masses, such as orielts, lanterns, grouped windows and traceries, openings proportionate to

The Academic Building, Phillips Exeter Academy; Cram & Ferguson, Architects. Another example of a traditional expression adapted to satisfy modern needs.
the rooms they light, and great latitude in mass, detail and in materials. All this creates an intimate charm woven into and through the entire group—small quadrangles with cloisters threaded on paths of circulation and debouching into great spaces, buildings of small units joining great masses or grouped around them—in fact a multiplicity of parts which can be accommodated at ease, which need never literally repeat themselves, and which are constantly revealing unexpected vistas, each of individual character. There are many types of mind amongst all students; the college buildings which are loved the best as Alma Mater are those which have all the desirable environment of an intellectual life. Classicism when at its apogee may be divine. The tragedies of Euripides voiced the implacable edict of Zeus, but as time went on the Gods themselves became more human, until even Pan and the sylvan denizens were loved. The trees and vines, the gardens and plaisances gather about the transitional styles as the beasts and birds did about Pan.

They are essentially the epitome of the appealing charm of detail suggested by various requirements both recognized by and assimilated to a common purpose. The period of youth, with its enthusiasms and dreams, is best served by imaginative opportunity rather than by coerced conventionalism. Imagination can and does penetrate academic classicism, but it is the life of eclecticism.

This is not an argument, however, for the deliberate abolition of beauty by the crass formalities of crude structure. The recognition, even the reverence of design as influenced by the spirit moulding the physical necessary to its will, and expressing itself in kind, is the ultimate end to be obtained. Educational institutions should in their architecture create human environment, stimulate imagination, and while scholarly, should avoid crudity and monotony. The best solutions will probably be found in suggestion from the flexible transitional styles, tempered by traditions of locality, necessities of economies, and inspirational ideas. All this depends upon basic intention which it is futile to attempt to standardize. A common intention to obtain beauty with freedom of action is a sane and wise method of procedure.

"... great latitude in mass, detail and in materials." A view from within the Harkness Memorial Quadrangle, at Yale; James Gamble Rogers, Architect
HARVARD UNIVERSITY

LOWELL HOUSE
CAMBRIDGE, MASS.
COOLIDGE, SHEPLEY, BULLFINCH & ABBOTT,
ARCHITECTS
The main entrance and tower of Lowell House. Exterior materials consist of brick in varying tones of red with joints of almost white mortar, pine trim painted white, limestone, copper cornices and a slate roof. The exterior sides of the doors were painted a gray-green. Wide white window frames and sash four panes wide by six panes high match those of the old Colonial buildings in the College Yard.
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ARCHITECTS
The Dining Hall of Lowell House. The floor is of marbleized rubber tile in black and white. Walls are of plaster tinted a soft green tone and the ceiling is of acoustic plaster. The trim is pine painted white. The illustration on the opposite page is of the exterior of the Dining Hall and the serving room wing.

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The Lowell House Library has walls of knotty oak, finished a light weathered color. One of the Common Rooms is illustrated below. The paneling and trim is pine, painted white. Some of the walls are covered with scenic wall paper and the floor is of wide oak boards.
The Dunster House Memorial Gateway and a portion of the Charles River facade. The walls of the building are of dark red brick with raked joints of pinkish gray mortar. The wood trim is pine, painted white; the remainder is of limestone. The roof is Welsh slate taken from a building over one hundred years old. The effect is similar to that of Massachusetts Hall in the College Yard or of the buildings at the University of Virginia.

DUNSTER HOUSE
CAMBRIDGE, MASS.
COOLIDGE, SHEPLEY, BULLFINCH & ABBOTT
ARCHITECTS
A general view of Dunster House from the Charles River
DUNSTER HOUSE
CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

COOLIDGE, SHEPLEY, BULLFINCH & ABBOTT
ARCHITECTS
The Dining Hall in Dunster House. The walls are of pine, most of it being over a hundred years old. The finish was obtained by waxing and polishing the original, unpainted surface. The floor is of rubber tile in a flagstone pattern with light colored joints of the same material.
The exterior is of water struck brick with limestone trim. The roof is of slate; window frames and sash are of wood painted white. The building, of fireproof construction throughout, contains 549,418 cubic feet, and cost $345,624, or approximately 58 cents per cubic foot.
RECREATION BUILDING

PROVIDENCE, R.I.

ANDREW JONES, BISCOE & WHITMORE
ARCHITECTS
SWARTHMORE COLLEGE

THE CLOTHIER MEMORIAL
SWARTHMORE, PA.
KARCHER & SMITH, ARCHITECTS
The exterior walls are built of local stone in varying shades of buff and gray. The entrance, trim, and window tracery are of cut limestone; the roof is slate. The simplicity of the design characterizes the traditions of the Society of Friends, the founders of the college.
THE CLOTHIER MEMORIAL
SWARTHMORE, PA.
KARCHER & SMITH, ARCHITECTS
Bond Memorial Tower and the Women's Fraternity Group. The walls are of solid masonry, faced with variegated gray local stone. Floors throughout are of oak on wood joists. The roof is of slate. The group contains 171,000 cubic feet, and was built for 70 cents per cubic foot.
A detail of the women's dormitories in Worth Quadrangle. The building is similar in construction and materials to the Women's Fraternity Group, and contains 250,000 cubic feet. Its total cost was $175,000.
The Bond Memorial Tower in Worth Quadrangle. At the left is a view of the Women's Fraternity Group, looking from Bond Memorial Tower.

WORTH QUADRANGLE
SWARTHMORE, PA.
KARCHER & SMITH, ARCHITECTS
DAVIDSON COLLEGE

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
DAVIDSON, NORTH CAROLINA
HENRY C. HIBBS, ARCHITECT
CUDAHY MEMORIAL LIBRARY
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
A. N. REBORI, ARCHITECT
LOYOLA UNIVERSITY

CUDAHY MEMORIAL LIBRARY
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
A. N. REBORI, ARCHITECT
COURTYARD, KERCKHOFF HALL
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
ALLISON & ALLISON, ARCHITECTS
GEORGE W. KELHAM, SUPERVISING ARCHITECT
THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
AT LOS ANGELES

KERCKHOFF HALL
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
ALLISON & ALLISON, ARCHITECTS
GEORGE W. KELHAM, SUPERVISING ARCHITECT
ENTRANCE, KERCKHOFF HALL
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
ALLISON & ALLISON, ARCHITECTS
GEORGE W. KELHAM, SUPERVISING ARCHITECT
Royce Hall is of fireproof construction with foundations and floors of concrete, walls of brick and terra cotta and a roof of terra cotta tile. The windows are steel casements.

ROYCE HALL
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
ALLISON & ALLISON, ARCHITECTS
GEORGE W. KELHAM, SUPERVISING ARCHITECT
The construction of the Library is similar to that of Royce Hall. The building contains 2,362,000 cubic feet, and cost 26 cents per cubic foot.

LIBRARY BUILDING
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
GEORGE W. KELHAM, ARCHITECT
YALE UNIVERSITY

STERLING MEMORIAL LIBRARY
NEW HAVEN, CONN.
JAMES GAMBLE ROGERS, ARCHITECT
The Sterling Memorial Library was designed to house over three million volumes and to accommodate some two thousand readers at one time. Its cost was approximately $5,000,000. The University librarian considers the building "as efficient as an up-to-date factory and as beautiful as a cathedral." Much discussion of the merits of the architecture has arisen among the students, one point of view being expressed in the undergraduate magazine, *The Harkness Hoot*, by William Harlan Hale (who subscribes to the philosophy of Wright or Le Corbusier). Mr. Hale has further expressed his ideas in "Old Castles for New Colleges," published on pages 729 through 732. The architect has stated, "We chose an almost modern Gothic . . . because we desired to make this building harmonize with the group of buildings that in the future we hope to see extend from Chapel Street." The question of style is ably discussed by C. Howard Walker, architect, in "Expression, —and The Collegiate Style," pages 653 through 656 of this issue.
STERLING MEMORIAL LIBRARY
NEW HAVEN, CONN.
JAMES GAMBLE ROGERS, ARCHITECT
The room illustrated above is the Linonian and Brother's Library; the one at the left is the Reserve Book Room.
UNLIKE many modern office buildings that are now being erected to last for a certain number of years with quite definite assurance that they will be obsolete, torn down and others designed to take their places, college buildings are usually erected with an eye to permanence. This very permanence must be considered by the architect, for while the physical college is fixed, new needs and new educational methods seem destined to follow each other rapidly.

There are three possibilities in planning and designing college buildings: the first is to erect a permanent monument which will serve the needs of the present; the second is to erect a durable building so constructed as to be flexible in use and easily added to; the third is to erect a modern building of materials having some salvage value with the idea that it may be replaced after a period of fifteen or twenty years. This might be done in frank acknowledgment that there is a possibility that both methods of teaching and materials and methods of construction will have changed so much in that period as to make this the wise course. Building committees in colleges and universities are more apt to adopt the second policy. They are often bound by terms of bequests to use the funds to put up buildings which will not only serve their academic purposes, but will also be memorials to the donors. Temporary memorials are not looked upon with favor.

The growing idea of architectural unity through the adoption of a style of architecture serves as a brake on those who would pursue the third course. The older colleges have passed through periods of styles, each new building being added in the then current architectural fashion,—gems of old Colonial or American Georgian, Richardson Romanesque, Victorian Gothic, and then perhaps a return to adaptations of the styles of the original buildings. Such heterogeneous collections have not been found pleasing even though they have given an historical record, and the tendency at present is to establish definitely a style in the interests of coherence and unity. It does leave an opportunity for the newer colleges to erect thoroughly modern buildings, but few have availed themselves of this opportunity, evidently feeling that the “modern” of to-day is transitional and that the safer course is to follow the venerable style precedent of older institutions.

TO BRING IT BACK

THE building industry is exhorted to get under way with its work so that prosperity may be brought back. We are told that if building would pick up, the suppliers of materials would resume production on a large scale, putting people back to work, giving them purchasing power, new demands for staples and luxuries, more people to supply these and so on, and so on, and the cycle turns upward. The government is doing its best to keep the building industry alive doing federal work while waiting for private projects to be undertaken. States and municipalities likewise. Yet what types of buildings shall the industry concentrate upon to thus bring back prosperity? Certainly the industry itself should know! What means has it of inaugurating projects for its own and the common good? The industry itself is not organized, it does not study the supply of and demand for buildings. It does not, as an industry, plan its work. It depends rather largely on the guess or judgment of the entrepreneur builder (sometimes called “the promoter” or “speculative builder”) and takes it for granted that governmental, institutional, educational and religious buildings will develop about as formerly. The promotional or speculative building activity is controlled by individual initiative in search of quick profit rather than by sound investigation to ascertain a real need and to provide an economic building.

If an office building is successful in a certain section of the city, others will be undertaken nearby in the hope of the same success, until an excess of office space produces abnormal vacancy percentages and lower rentals. Thus a “natural” process of working out of the old law of supply and demand is brought about, with equally “natural” periods of boom and depression in the building industry. The “law of diminishing returns” is relentlessly at work.

This is, of course, not the whole story or the complete picture, but it does indicate that it is imperative for the industry to organize for its own stabilization and protection, to have its own fact-finding and statistical body to study building needs throughout the country and to formulate a production program based on analysis which would be of permanent benefit to all. Capital would not be lacking to back building projects which were in line with such a program. Capital is now shy about construction loans, for it has suffered the
A PLAN OR A PLOT

ALMOST every city has suffered through the unforeseen developments in transportation and traffic and through the mistakes of unplanned growth. Recognizing these conditions, most cities have studied their plans in relation to future needs, and commissions and boards of city and regional planning have done excellent work. Unfortunately, in the consideration of individual building operations, little thought is given to this broader aspect of the project in relation to the city as a whole. Each plot is thought of as an entity in itself,—as so much land costing so much,—therefore, build so much bulk to bring in so much return on the investment. This attitude is natural, but not enlightened, and tends to produce conditions which defeat its own ends. Traffic congestion and abnormal “percentages of vacancy” have followed as results of this attitude on the part of promoters,—and it may continue to do so. This is especially true in large cities.

Smaller cities are prone to follow the larger ones in their building efforts, even though their physical conditions and opportunities for expansion are entirely different. Forward steps in city planning on the part of the larger cities would be a boon to all other cities.

Much interest centers in New York at this time for there are now under consideration two plans for a building development involving two hundred and fifty million dollars or more,—one plan is for the development of three city blocks,—Radio City; the other takes in those blocks, involves five times that area and is a step toward a better city plan.

This latest development in the Radio City discussion is the proposal sponsored by the Fine Arts Federation of New York. It ignores entirely the Radio City project as proposed by the architects for the Metropolitan Corporation, and attacks the problem with a broader view of city planning. In the new scheme, developed by Benjamin Wistar Morris, instead of treating merely the three blocks as high-priced land on which a maximum rental must be obtained, the entire area, from 42nd Street to Central Park, is considered.

Briefly, the proposal is to cut a new avenue between Fifth and Sixth Avenues from 42nd Street to the Park, thus creating on each side of the avenue increased land valuation which, it is estimated, would cover the cost of the excess condemnation proceedings necessary on the part of the city to acquire the property. The creation of this new avenue, perhaps on two levels, would greatly facilitate traffic, although the new buildings on the proposed avenue would undoubtedly attract additional traffic. Further study would, of course, be necessary to take care of congestion that would arise on 42nd Street, and undoubtedly Bryant Park, behind the Library, would be a factor in this solution. An open square is planned in front of the Cathedral which would provide a vista for a monumental building facing the square.

The plan “has everything to recommend it” in the eyes of the Regional Planning Committee, according to its president, George McAneny, as it fits in with the regional plan as developed and now nearly ready to be turned over to the new city Department of City Planning. Instead of increased building bulk in a small center of three blocks, there would be increased openness, light and air, and traffic facilities, with the enhancement of property values not only around the square, but also throughout the whole length of the new avenue. Whether or not this plan is put into effect, it shows breadth of vision without being visionary, for it is well within the realm of possibility. Its practicability and feasibility should be searchingly and scientifically analyzed. It is time that New York considered the economics and aesthetics of city planning rather than mere growth in bulk.
Colgate University, Hamilton, N. Y., has a plan typical of early American universities, with little interference between activities and vehicular traffic. The scheme suggests limited enrollment.

THE PLANNING OF COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

BY

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It is impossible, within the limits of this article, to discuss in any considerable detail the planning of colleges and universities: the field is too broad and too inclusive. The principles of planning applicable to institutions located in small communities or within a rural setting, with relatively ample site available, hardly apply in a highly congested metropolitan center. Climatic conditions, actual size, differential educational aims, likewise condition arrangement.

To venture a prophecy covering the future trend of educational policy would be to enter the field of controversy. The record of the past is plain: but the present is confused and the future obscure. One embarks, therefore, with no little hesitation upon a discussion of the principles of planning that should guide the organization of an adequate physical environment.

Aside from a few exceptional cases and points of detail, the plans of American universities conform to a general pattern: ofttimes growth has confused, but rarely completely obliterated it. We see through even the most complicated arrangement the trace of a campus surrounded by academic structures with residential elements intermingled or adjacent, recreational features close at hand. These patterns reflect the life habits of educational institutions and constitute a history of change and growth.

CHANGE

Current discussions bearing upon educational policies would seem to indicate that radical changes other than such as have occurred in the past may take place. Such changes would radically modify the pattern of universities yet to be launched. So, in any general discussion of the physical arrangement of educational centers, it should be kept clearly in mind that we are dealing with functions that have been stabilized and are at the moment in a state of flux. This fact suggests, therefore, that the central problem of planning educational centers may be briefly and clearly stated. How may we so envelop evolutionary educational processes as not to retard or thwart development?

PERMANENCY AND FLEXIBILITY

In urban centers, business deals with the changing processes of life by destruction and replacement of buildings. This method of dealing with changing events and values is accepted without question: and the rate at which destruction and replacement takes place constitutes a scale.
The prize design for the University of California, by E. Bernard of Paris in the Phoebe A. Hearst competition of 1899, was never executed, but reflects the then current viewpoint as to composition and design.

General plan for Dennison University, Arnold W. Brunner, Architect. A residential character is obtained by the non-interference of pedestrian and vehicular traffic, and elimination of roads in courts by which we measure "progress." The financial structure of the educational institution, however, not only precludes, but is likely to continue to preclude, the adoption of such a plan of action. Conditions surrounding procurement of funds for plant and endowment give rise to the need for high standards of structural durability, from which it follows that structures should be designed and located with a view to flexibility of operation. Durability and permanence call for an architectural expression more deeply rooted in reason than the extremes of fashion which pass in a day.

Many will take issue with this summary handling of a controversial question and insist that through the erection of relatively temporary structures alone will progress be assured. The position here assumed is that there is no occasion, in the case of such institutions, to regard the physical setting and architectural envelope as a temporary thing. Plans which provide freedom of action are plans for the future. The problem, therefore, involves making a broad assumption as to what aims will retain their validity through the years to come.

While it is probable that experimental projects will be launched which, in respect to educational policy will differ radically from existing institutions, it is probable that experimentation will be confined at first to small units. We will no doubt continue to think in terms of the current functional divisions and categories and group them in structures designated as administrative, academic (containing class and lecture rooms, and laboratories), libraries, unions, residential halls, dormitories, etc.

**THE ENROLLMENT FACTOR**

For the educational unit with definitely limited enrollment, numbered in the hundreds, the characteristic arrangement of an open space surrounded by academic structures with residential units intermingled or adjacent, and recreational features conveniently located, offers what appears to be an entirely satisfactory solution. Under such conditions, the academic structures—that is, buildings containing class rooms, lecture rooms, laboratories, and the like—may be so placed that the time required to traverse the campus will not exceed a few minutes. This arrangement insures a sense of unity and intimacy.
A nearly maximum expansion of the simple, centrally located campus with limited enrollment. It is free of vehicular traffic ways except in the central open space where the plan is cut by roads.

Small, limited enrollment makes it possible, by allowing a reasonable amount of space for the expansion of elements, to adjust from time to time the unequal growth of departments. The utility of structures over a considerable period of time, in a well arranged educational unit of this size, would depend, of course, upon durability, but to a far greater degree upon whether the structures had been designed in the first instance as simple volumes, readily adaptable to changing needs or as highly complex structures designed to accommodate snugly a minutely detailed program of operation.

Institutions of the next higher category in respect to enrollment accommodating, say 2,000 to 5,000 students, present problems many of which do not appear to have been satisfactorily disposed of in plans that conform too rigidly to the general pattern derived from earlier campus schemes. Such institutions ordinarily have many departments or colleges—educational institutions in themselves. They may be co-educational; they may again be subdivided by graduate schools or colleges which bisect the two other sub-divisions.

THE TIME ELEMENT

Within the lower brackets it is possible to group, as to capacity, the structures to house the purely academic functions about a centrally located open space. But so long as hourly periods constitute the dominant time schedule upon which the university operates, difficulties will be found in grouping the academic structures in the larger institutions as to place them definitely within a time-distance diameter of seven or eight minutes. This difficulty, taken in conjunction with the changing demands for increase in physical equipment at certain points, leads one to the conclusion that for the larger institutions of fixed or limited enrollment and for those of unlimited capacity, a radically different type of plan or pattern will be evolved. This will be dealt with later.

A definite problem often arises out of conditions that develop beyond the physical boundaries of the university proper. Within large urban centers, the housing of students and faculty is often disposed of by allowing them to shift for themselves. In some measure this is true in communities of smaller size. But when an institution is located in open country or adjacent to a small community, the housing of students and faculty becomes a part of the problem. Space limits the discussion of this phase of the question to considerations bearing upon the general plan. Experience points to the importance, for social and economic reasons, of setting aside areas sufficient to house adequately both students and faculty. The present outlook indicates the advisability, in co-educational institutions, of providing three segregated areas. This is not to say that the separation of students and faculty must needs be defined by rigid physical boundaries. Segregation should be definitive as between men and women, and areas should be reserved for the faculty; but certain faculty accommodations might advantageously be provided within the boundaries reserved.
for student use. As graduate schools increase in size, housing facilities are needed for a group that occupies a position between faculty and undergraduates.

The distance that should intervene between housing facilities and academic structures cannot be set down as a definite quantity. A walk of fifteen or twenty minutes is not harmful to anyone. However, physical intimacy between housing facilities and recreational features would seem to express a rational aim. Such structures as unions, gymnasias, particularly facilities for casual play, should be convenient to residential groups. This does not apply to stadiums and facilities used primarily for intercollegiate contests, which features may well be placed at a distance and in close relation to ample areas for parking.

In establishing the general plan, the actual size of individual residential units need not concern us. For flexibility with respect to future use would be insured if the arrangement of traffic ways provided sites of sufficient area to accommodate the larger units. It is a relatively simple matter to sub-divide a large site; it is sometimes difficult or impossible to increase the area of sites if the same are bounded by well established traffic ways.

TRAFFIC AND RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Residential areas for both faculty and students might well be designed in accordance with the general principles of planning as applied at Radburn, New Jersey. A system of roads and pedestrian ways should be arranged indepedently of each other. The pedestrian ways should occupy positions of importance and serve as the principal means of intercommunication within the residential areas and the important connecting links to the academic group. The roads would be designed for service and vehicular access and located in a secondary relation with reference to walks.

While the same general principles of planning would hold for areas occupied by faculty and by students, application of the principles would differ in response to differential uses. For the most part, the faculty would require facilities characteristic of zones of residential occupancy. Single and multi-family habitations with garages and with open spaces for play constitute the principal elements of the program. Although multi-family houses and dormitory accommodations would no doubt be demanded within the areas occupied by the faculty, the usual requirements associated with single family occupancy would serve to determine the spacing of roads, walks and plots in this part of the plan. While it is true that “dormitory” (as distinct from “residential”) units do not necessarily require vehicular access, and while such units would be more pleasantly situated in areas undisturbed by roads, it would be unwise to so locate such structures that vehicular access could not be provided in the future, should the occupancy of such structures change.

Except in rare instances, it would hardly be possible, if deemed desirable, to provide within residential groups in intimate relation to each unit, adequate facilities for casual play and recreation. Facilities to meet the rapidly expanding
demand for physical recreation—intramural contests, organized recreation and casual play—should, however, be located adjacent.

**SIZES OF RESIDENTIAL UNITS**

Since this statement deals with the problems of planning, it should not concern itself with the much discussed question as to what should constitute the capacity of residential units or with the social or educational problems involved in their occupancy. It may be pointed out, however, that in residential units housing less than one hundred, the living rooms, dining rooms, etc., which are nicely adjusted in size to meet the requirements of use produce, by reason of their actual dimensions, a definite atmosphere of intimacy. The difference in effect between the common rooms that are properly adjusted to an occupancy of 75 and to an occupancy of 300 or more is suggested by "residential" and "public."

The preference so generally voiced in favor of residential units of moderate capacity cannot, of course, be explained in a few words. Many factors are involved, but one of the most important, particularly in relation to dining rooms and services, is management. Given the same point of view, there is, for example, no valid reason why the character of management, service and food in a unit of a thousand should differ appreciably from that in a unit of one hundred. But in reality, such units differ in atmosphere, as everyone who has observed conditions very well knows. It is assumed that large units must be under the guidance of most efficient management; managers are chosen for their business efficiency rather than for their knowledge of adequate standards of living, which is in no small measure a matter of aesthetics or taste. As it works out, increasing efficiency in the conduct of such units is seemingly had at the expense of qualities which would stimulate interest in the art of living.

The provision of dining facilities is certain to involve no end of discussion. It would be presumptuous at this time to attempt a statement representing a consensus. The most that may be said with any degree of safety is that the current drift of opinion is away from the great commons so popular in the nineties. Certain broad statements may be made, however, that so closely approximate facts that one may venture. Decision as to capacity of kitchen and service units need not concern itself with the economics of the problem when the question involves capacities of more than one hundred. Smaller units are more expensive to operate; but there is little evidence to indicate that very large units are appreciably more economical than those of moderate capacity. If we eliminate from the general planning problem the great centralized commons and distribute dining facilities within the residential areas, all that need concern us in the general plan is vehicular and pedestrian access to all sites. If our sites are adequate for the larger residential units, they will be adequate for dining facilities.

**THE LIBRARY**

A volume could readily be written concerning the many problems of placement and location of the several elements that make up the academic group. We are dealing with the general problems of planning and need make reference, therefore, to only one. The library should occupy a central location, so placed with respect to traffic ways and adjacent structures as to allow ample space for future expansion. It would be located in an ideal way in respect to use and functions were it placed between academic structures and residential groups and not far distant from the structures given over to general social use. These broad statements hold, regardless of the policy adopted in a given case with respect to the decentralization of library facilities. For it may be assumed that there will always be a demand for a central library with facilities for expansion.

**TRAFFIC.—MOTORS AND MEN**

Ordinarily, in dealing with a community planning problem, for such this is, roads and traffic are discussed at the outset. In this case it seemed advisable to consider first the nature of the functions involved in the problem.

Many will insist that architectural design should aim at the fullest utilization of modern inventions and hence that the modern university community should be planned for the use of the automobile. In small institutions the use of the auto by students and faculty does not introduce planning problems of a serious nature. But with an enrollment numbered by thousands its unrestricted use not only introduces difficulties but raises a major question as to the character of the environment. To provide adequate roads and parking facilities for several thousand autos would necessitate such a separation of structures as would be counter to the interests of pedestrian use. Concentration in tall structures served by elevators would probably counteract the effect of horizontal separation. But the introduction of the elevator is counter to the interests of operating economy; and can only be justified in the case of highly restricted sites and excessive land values.

The bundle of functions and activities which makes up the university establishes its character as a restricted residential community in which the movements of students and faculty would normally weave a pattern of pedestrian ways. While vehicular access is necessary to the majority of structures, and while such structures as audi-
The University of Iowa. A scattered arrangement with conflicting traffic ways. Growth would probably involve the use of the central open spaces or an even wider scattering of related structures.

Auditoriums and stadia must be provided with ample traffic ways and parking spaces, it remains true that vehicular traffic is of secondary importance and a disturbing feature. The differential importance of vehicular and pedestrian traffic should be acknowledged throughout the general plan.

To summarize this important point in the planning of universities: only secondary roads should be allowed within the frontiers. These should pass through secondary spaces with a view to providing service to buildings. Pedestrian ways or walks should occupy the important locations and provide the simplest and most direct means of inter-communication. These broad statements must be qualified. Auditoriums and stadia used by the public should be approached by ample traffic ways and provided with parking facilities in relation to their capacity; and all of the features requiring a considerable volume of vehicular traffic should be located near the frontiers.

LARGE INSTITUTIONS

Institutions with an enrollment of 10,000, more or less, the same as those organized with a view to indefinite expansion, present problems of planning that cannot be solved along lines already suggested. The distances involved in such institutions would suggest the abandonment of the pattern with large, centrally located, open space. It would seem that academic units, in order to avoid too great distances between them, must be centrally located in a single structure or in a closely united series of elements. Considerations in respect to ample light, circulation of air and noise interference would determine the minimum size of courts and open spaces which could be used in a closely integrated grouping.

In recognition of this the central campus would completely disappear and the general pattern would be made up of open spaces or a series of campuses arranged in a radial pattern. Intensity of uses and occupancy should diminish toward the boundaries. This general principle would control with equal force, regardless of whether the scheme was based upon fixed enrollment or one in which the future looked to indefinite expansion.

This note cannot be concerned with the relative merits of limited enrollment as against a policy looking toward indefinite expansion of enrollment and facilities. But it may very properly point out that a program of indefinite expansion imposes what may very properly be referred to as an impossible problem in design. If expansion were merely a matter of adding autonomous or self-contained units, little more would be required in the first instance than the setting aside of a very considerable area for future use. Physical expansion would involve the enlargement of practically every element. A plan that would provide for expansion without limit would impose handicaps upon operation at all stages of development.

These brief notes have purposely avoided a discussion of educational aims and policies; and matters of detail have been ignored. The purpose was, as stated at the outset, to focus attention upon the nature of the problem; dealing with functions and uses that are constantly changing.

THE FINAL OBJECTIVE

The university community is a living organism: unfolding events give rise to new functions; growth may take place without an increase in magnitude. In the degree that the architectural environment provides freedom for action, in that degree would it be truly functional. It would also be functional if its qualities were such as to make it a congenial setting for the development of the larger cultural aims of education. It might be functional in respect to an endless number of purely mechanical operations and yet stand to deny the central cultural purpose which gave rise to institutions of this class. A plan might fulfill every conceivable utilitarian need and the buildings might function perfectly in respect to the mechanical operations involved; but it would not follow that the architectural problem had been solved if the whole failed to illuminate by its intrinsic beauty the purpose of education.
The Women's League Building is typical of a structure planned to fulfill all the social needs of a large collegiate group. It contains a large ball room, a theater, lounge and reading rooms, ample dining facilities, club rooms, and hotel accommodations for guests. The various details of college union requirements are set forth in an article by Irving K. Pond on pages 771 to 778 of this issue.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE BUILDING
ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN
POND & POND, MARTIN & LLOYD, ARCHITECTS
The picture above shows the theater wing and the garden at the rear of the building. The garden is screened from the street by a high brick wall; it was planned in conjunction with the building, and is an important recreational facility. At the left is a detail of an oriel window and one of the wings that flank the main entrance shown on preceding page.
WOMEN'S LEAGUE BUILDING
ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN
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WOMEN'S LEAGUE BUILDING
ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN
POND & POND. MARTIN & LLOYD, ARCHITECTS
DARTMOUTH COLLEGE

BAKER MEMORIAL LIBRARY
HANOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE
JENS FREDRICK LARSON, ARCHITECT
SANBORN HALL
HANOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE
JENS FREDRICK LARSON, ARCHITECT
Sanborn Hall, an English Department house, is unusual among American college buildings in that it includes faculty study rooms, seminars and club rooms which permit a more informal mode of study than is ordinarily the case. The basement and first floor plans indicate its close proximity to Baker Memorial Library.
The library has, at the present time, a stack capacity of 500,000 volumes, but its plan will permit the addition of another large stack room between the two wings of the building which will increase the capacity to 2,000,000 or more volumes. Additional illustrations and a complete description of the building will be found in the Architectural Forum of April, 1929, pages 537 to 564. The lower photograph is another view of Sanborn Hall.

THE BAKER MEMORIAL LIBRARY
HANOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE
JENS FREDICK LARSON, ARCHITECT
THE BAKER MEMORIAL LIBRARY
HANOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE
JENS FREDRICK LARSON, ARCHITECT
The original buildings of Dartmouth College were simple Colonial structures of painted brick. The new buildings, though planned to fulfill the more complex requirements of modern usage, have been designed in the same tradition with materials similar to those used in the old structures.
LYONS HALL
NOTRE DAME, INDIANA
KERVICK & PAGAN, ARCHITECTS
The exterior walls of this group are constructed of grayish-blue Ithaca stone which, when weathered, takes on various tones of red and yellow. The trim is limestone. The roof is slate of graded color, thickness and length, nailed to gypsum slabs which are supported on steel tees. The colors selected were weathering green, sea-green, and shades of purple and gray. The windows are leaded.

THE BALCH HALLS FOR WOMEN
ITHACA, NEW YORK
FREDERICK L. ACKERMAN, ARCHITECT
NOTRE DAME UNIVERSITY

HOWARD HALL
NOTRE DAME, INDIANA
KERVICK & FAGAN, ARCHITECTS

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DINING HALL, NOTRE DAME, IND.  
CRAM & FERGUSON, ARCHITECTS  
KERVICK & FAGAN, ASSOCIATE ARCHITECTS

LYONS HALL  
NOTRE DAME, INDIANA  
KERVICK & FAGAN, ARCHITECTS
THE BALCH HALLS FOR WOMEN
ITHACA, NEW YORK
FREDERICK L. ACKERMAN, ARCHITECT
THE BALCH HALLS FOR WOMEN
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The upper terrace. It overlooks the interior court treated as a garden

A reception room. The floor is covered with cork tile in rectangles about 18 x 32 in. The paneling is of pine, finished with rottenstone and wax, to produce an effect of age. The upper portion of the wall and the ceiling is smooth painted plaster.
PURDUE UNIVERSITY

MEMORIAL UNION BUILDING
EAST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA
POND & POND, MARTIN & LLOYD, ARCHITECTS
View from the southwest. The building was completed in 1930, has a gross volume of 1,729,000 cubic feet and cost $726,580 or approximately 42 cents per cubic foot. The blocks on the entrance piers will eventually be carved with figures symbolic of college life.
A view from the southeast and a detail of the corner bay window. The exterior materials are sawed Indiana limestone, brick in red and purple tones and slate in graduated shades of purple and green. The windows are of the double hung type with 10 in. by 12 in. leaded panes.
MEMORIAL UNION BUILDING
EAST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA
POND & POND, MARTIN & LLOYD, ARCHITECTS
This dining hall will connect through arcades with two dormitories, Harris Hall (shown on the following page) and one to be constructed in the future. The "rood screen" serves as the vestibule dividing the hall into two well proportioned rooms. The space above the screen is used as a special dining room. The ceiling is sound-absorbing and heat-insulating.

DINING HALL
ATLANTA, GEORGIA
HAROLD BUSH-BROWN, ARCHITECT
Two dormitories designed to house students efficiently and economically. Rooms average approximately 150 square feet, each accommodating two students. This area includes two closets approximately three feet square. Furniture consists of double-decker pipe-frame beds, two desk tables and chairs. Large stock casement windows give adequate light and ventilation.

N. E. HARRIS DORMITORY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA
BUSH-BROWN AND STOWELL, ARCHITECTS
WELLESLEY COLLEGE

STONE-DAVIS HALL
WELLESLEY, MASS.
CHARLES Z. KLAUDER, ARCHITECT
Stone-Davis Hall, though in appearance a single building, in reality is composed of two separate dormitories of the study-bedroom type. Each dormitory unit has its own reception room, living room, matron's suite, and dining room, all located on the first floor of the central portion of the building. The dormitory wings form the court shown above. The service areas are also centrally located and one large kitchen serves both of the dining rooms.
Severance Hall is built on the side of a hill, most of the study-bedrooms being on the upper level. The reception room, matron's suite, and the dining and living rooms are centrally located between the dormitory wings on the lower level.
SEVERANCE HALL
WELLESLEY, MASS.
CHARLES Z. KLAUDER, ARCHITECT

The picture above shows one of the entrances to the dining room; the one below shows the east windows of the living room, with the reception room and dormitory wing beyond.
The University of Colorado is one of the few institutions in the country that has been able to plan from the beginning the entire development of its educational plant and has consistently carried on its building program toward a definite goal. The buildings illustrated here are units of a complete scheme, conceived in 1918 and illustrated fully in The Architectural Forum of September, 1919. Most of the exterior materials are common to the locality. The stone for the walls is a sort of shale that slits naturally into long, thin pieces and ranges in color from a pale yellow-brown to a deep brown-red, that in contrast is almost purple. The trim is of cut limestone, and the roof is of variegated, dull red tile, similar in color to the roofs of the old country buildings of northern Italy.

THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO
AT BOULDER, COLORADO
Gymnasium Buildings
Boulder, Colorado
Day & Klauder, Architects
The first floor of the building contains the lounge room, divided by the partition shown in the illustration into separate areas for men and women. The dining and club rooms with all service facilities are in the basement; a large ball room is on the second floor.

MEMORIAL STUDENT UNION
BOULDER, COLORADO
DAY & KLAUDER, ARCHITECTS

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CRAVEN DORMITORY
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA
HORACE TRUMBauer, ARCHITECT
A portion of Kilgo dormitory with the tower of Crowell dormitory in the background. The photographs on the opposite page are of the Craven dormitory group, the lower one being of the interior courtyard.

DUKE UNIVERSITY

KILGO AND CROWELL DORMITORIES
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA
HORACE TRUMBAUER, ARCHITECT
The development of Duke University has been planned fully from the beginning and building has been consistently carried on toward a definite goal. Though actually a coeducational institution, the difference in architectural style between the men's buildings and those of the women serves as a sharp line of distinction between the two types of students.

WOMEN'S AUDITORIUM, EAST CAMPUS
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA
HORACE TRUMBAUER, ARCHITECT
OLD CASTLES FOR NEW COLLEGES

BY WILLIAM HARLAN HALE

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AMERICA'S Coming of Age implies not only a bigger navy, a closer railroad net, and a larger population total per square mile, but also a new consciousness of cultural aims. Men who made hundreds of millions out of America's physical growth now donate tens of millions to establish America's mental maturity. It has become a sign of enlightenment to provide funds for the erecting of a college library, a dormitory, or a monumental tower which exalts the estate of learning and advertises the assets of the favored institution.

Wealthy donors have turned American colleges from provincial organizations; their contribution to America's educational life has been immeasurable. One must keep this fact in mind when one presumes to doubt the excellence of many endowments, or the good judgment of many philanthropists.

Intentions have been of the best; while taste, however, has frequently been of the worst. The overwealthy retired magnate, conceiving a sudden passion for culture, is less likely to turn over a million dollars to be used simply and efficiently than to devote that million to the erection of a magnificent edifice, luxuriously furnished and gorgeously decorated, as a memorial to his generosity. His tendency is to get as much personal glory as possible out of his million dollars.

Thus our colleges are likely to become nuisances if gilt and glory rather than workplaces of simplicity and directness. Thus we do not get a library built with plain materials and designed for a maximum of light and air and freedom. We get a ponderous palace instead, heavily Gothic, or deadly Classical, equipped with fortunes of useless ornament and inefficient detail. We get libraries with cathedral windows so ornate that they can never be opened; with cornices and columns so deep that light cannot enter; with interiors so theatrical and luxurious that they divert the mind from all serious concentration.

In the house plans of Yale and Harvard lay great opportunities for the construction of the best fitted types of residential structures. Almost limitless funds were at hand, and the plans were so extensive that a unity of many buildings was envisaged. Some observers dreamed of modern designs—of bold clear shapes as suggested by the Dessau Bauhaus, the Weissenhof settlement, or the other European communal developments. Rash visionaries fondly hoped that here the trappings of antiquity might be dropped, and a bold path be struck toward the formulation of a new style. They thought that academic leadership might mean artistic or cultural leadership.

Hundreds of institutional buildings hide their proper life and function under a garment stolen from the past. Intended to exhibit the wealth of donor and university, such buildings cry out in poverty. Built to appear matchless in their glory and timeless in their splendor, they actually display the tawdriness of the age and the timidity...
Connecticut Hall at Yale University. The building, one of the oldest on the college campus, is a masterpiece of Colonial simplicity and thoroughly honest construction.

The Sterling Law Buildings at Yale University, a modern group, that in contrast with the picture above, or with that on the opposite page, shows the elaborate mediaeval forms applied to buildings of modern construction.

of its educational leaders. Although millions have been sunk into them, they have few treasures to give the young. They are copies, imitations, veritable thefts. They are not habitations of young life, and they can father no new spirit.

What, then, should the college building be? Our first requirement is a simple one: it must be honest. It cannot be built of faked materials, in a fraudulent manner (such as hiding steel girders under enormous buttresses), on a basis of untruth. During some of the most impressionable years of his life, a young man must live among college buildings. And if that environment is one of falsity, he soon will breathe that same spirit. The infection may be unconscious, but it will be real.

College buildings must not be wasteful. The rampant or egotistic desires of a benefactor have no right to determine the century-long character of a college structure. Better no buildings at all than a collection of gilded monstrosities. Better no developments at all than developments in the channel of show-off and exhibitionism. It is difficult and often apparently impossible for a university to reject an offer of some million dollars' building endowment; but a rigid censor-
The Bauhaus School in Dessau, Germany, though unapt perhaps for an American college, embodies excellent ideas of light, air, cleanliness, and clarity of construction.

ship must be exerted, so the university will betray its own first principles. Perhaps, indeed, government or expert commissions should be established to investigate every endowment offer, and over a period of some years test its sanity.

College buildings must not, by reviving dead styles of architecture, exalt the past. A twentieth-century Gothic building can revive only the form of the old style, never the substance. The unreality of using antiqued effects and dead methods cannot be escaped. In the course of his life in such a building the student may win some familiarity with Gothic ornaments or Classical orders or Colonial woodwork; but how false is such acquaintance ship compared with a true one in Chartres, Athens, or the houses of Salem!

Life is possible only in a living style. Reconstructions of the past are doomed at the start. They remain just as dead as the copies of Rembrandts by those resigned old lady painters who haunt our museum halls. If the college building hopes to infect its inhabitants with a sense of the living force of the university, and of its meaning to the current world, such a building must be born of a living spirit. Yale has one great building: Connecticut Hall, built in 1750, a masterpiece of Colonial symmetry and harmony of every detail. Today, another Connecticut Hall might be built: light and airy, simple in material and economical in construction, designed with a view to health and openness. It could have all the spontaneous beauty of the 1750 building; we need not be ashamed of modern architecture, nor make apologies for the use of new design. A great tradition of emancipated building is in the making. Universities in joining that tradition would not be playing with the experimental; they would rather be completing the transformation of the experimental into the classic.

The college building must have originality and independence from the "artistic" cult. While necessarily built by men who feel the full current of a living style, it must avoid the pitfalls of self-conscious tendency and momentary mannerism. To detect the difference between a genuine artist and a maker of pseudo-modern confections is not as easy as it might seem; it requires the utmost in taste and constant alertness.

This would imply that a certain conservatism is bound to linger in college buildings. Such a tendency seems inevitable. Academic removal and scholarly seriousness will express themselves in a desire to avoid the insurgent or spectacular or unprecedented. This un-radical position is fully justified; it is not justified, however, when it prescribes Gothic as the college style, and the thirteenth century as the source of all inspiration.

The student needs the influence and environment of ideas of integrity, economy, liberalism, and good judgment. If his buildings are deceitful, extravagant, antiquarian, and tasteless, the influences upon him will be altered in accordance. Nobody would ask for skyscrapers as dormitories, factories as recitation buildings, or grain elevators as recreation halls; but one must demand the universal employment of modern conceptions of simplicity, light, air, and therefore freedom. A race of men who are sound and fearless can be reared only with difficulty in a world of buildings that are false and cowardly.
"... The student needs the influence and environment of ideas of integrity, economy, liberalism, and good judgment. If his buildings are deceitful, extravagant, antiquarian, and tasteless, the influences upon him will be altered in accordance"
AN ENTRANCE TO THE HARKNESS MEMORIAL
AT YALE UNIVERSITY
JAMES GAMBLE ROGERS, ARCHITECT

SOME ENTRANCES TO COLLEGE BUILDINGS
The picture at the top of the page is of the main entrance to the Armory, located at the Champaign branch of the University of Illinois. The one at the left is the entrance to the Chemistry Building, in Urbana.
BROWN UNIVERSITY
PROVIDENCE, R. I.
DAY & KLAUDER, ARCHITECTS
A general view of The Quadrangle, one of the men’s dormitories, and a detail of one of the entrances.
The entrance to this building is entirely of concrete. Plaster moulds of the ornament were set in the wood forms and the regular concrete mix was used throughout.

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
URBANA, ILLINOIS
JAMES M. WHITE, ARCHITECT
ANTIOCH COLLEGE
ANTIOCH, OHIO
EASTMAN & BUDKE AND HERBERT BÀUMER
ASSOCIATED ARCHITECTS

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
URBANA, ILLINOIS
JAMES M. WHITE, ARCHITECT
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