

TRIBUTE TO NOTED AMERICAN

Memorial Building in Honor of the Late General Francis A. Walker.

SOLDIER, PUBLICIST AND EDUCATOR

Former Students of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Subscribe the Funds—Details of the Building.

BOSTON, Aug. 5.—The sum of \$100,000 out of \$175,000 required has been subscribed by about 1,200 alumni and former students of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology for a memorial building to the late General Francis A. Walker, for fifteen years president of the institute. The last \$5,000 was raised at a 45-minute meeting of this year's graduating class. The objects of the new building, which is practically assured by this contribution of the alumni, are particularly in view of the fact that General Walker's vigorous and alert personality, on the one hand it is meant to provide a social center for the institute and its 1,300 students scattered here and every-where in the midst of a crowded city; and on the other, by virtue of certain unique appointments which it is to contain, it is intended to be a headquarters for a systematic process of physical training which, it is expected, will be in many ways superior to anything as yet attempted on a large scale.

The new building—the Walker Memorial, as it will be called—has a large part of its general interest, of course, from the man whom it is to commemorate. As much as any Bostonian of recent years General Walker belongs to the whole country. Although he will probably be best remembered for his services as the administrator of an important educational institution, he won a national reputation for his work as head of the Indian bureau and as director of the ninth and tenth censuses; a local reputation for his services in connection with the art and park commissions, the Public Library and dozens of other public interests in his native city of Boston; and genuinely international repute by his economic writings.

General Walker's Busy Life.

General Walker occupied, indeed, during his crowded life of 57 years, something like thirty widely differing offices, including the teaching of Latin and Greek at a country academy; lecturing at Johns Hopkins and Harvard universities; the presidency of the Institute of Technology and of the American Statistical Association and the vice presidency of the National Academy of Science, the Military Historical Society of Massachusetts, the American Society for the

Promotion of Profit Sharing and the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers. He was connected with the two great expositions held in this country, acting as chief of the bureau of awards at the Centennial and as chairman of the Massachusetts board of managers at the World's Fair at Chicago. He was an officer of the Legion of Honor and was one of the five recipients of the degree of doctor of laws at the tercentenary of the University of Dublin—an honor which was later duplicated by the University of Edinburgh. In the civil war he enlisted as a private and received his discharge as a brigadier general. He served on the staffs of Warren, Couch and Hancock, was wounded at Chancellorsville, was captured, escaped, swam the Appomattox river, and was retaken and confined for six weeks in Libby prison. His name was mentioned for gallantry in ten different engagements. As an author—and a publisher of his writings and addresses—published by the American Statistical Association covers nearly sixteen pages—he wrote what is often declared to be the best treatise ever issued on the Indian question; a volume entitled "Money" which is an accepted text-book in many foreign universities; three text-books on political economy, the largest of which is said to be the most widely used of all text-books in the subject; and an essay—"Wages and the Wage Fund"—which revised and accepted doctrine in the same science. In addition he prepared the statistical atlas of the United States, which one authority has called "a revelation of the capacity of graphic representation."

Design of the Memorial.

The new memorial building, however, though it will stand as a monument to all these varied activities, naturally commemorates particularly the services of General Walker as president of the institute, a position to which he was elected in 1881 and which he held till his death, in 1887. In a very real way it will be the expression of the respect and affection of a great body of younger men to whom he stood, at one time or another, in the dual relation of teacher and leader. He had been designated for the position, by a happy provision, by William Barton Rogers, the institute's founder and first president. In starting what was then a new departure in the history of education, President Rogers had indeed founded a school of applied science which was to become in less than forty years the largest in this country and one of the most important in the world; but when General Walker first came to it he found the institute in a period of great discouragement. His great talent for organization, already tested by his management of the ninth and tenth censuses—before which it will be remembered, the statistics had no scientific trustworthiness on any adequate scale—was never more needed. The number of students had decreased within six years nearly one-half

and the faculty consisted of thirty-nine teachers, while the whole institution was housed in one building. During the term of his administration the roll of students increased from 360 to more than a thousand and the number of teachers from thirty-nine to 160, while three new buildings were added to the permanent plant. This growth, it is true, coincided with a great growth of population and prosperity in the country at large, but it is safe to say that no man could have found better adapted than General Walker to take advantage of these conditions. But "his title to gratitude," said Senator Hoar at the time of General Walker's death, "is that in his time the institution grew toward the zenith as well as the horizon; it is that, while the number of students grew, the efficiency and fitness for their life's work to which their diplomas certified, grew in like proportion; it is that the personal character of the president exerted an ennobling and enlarging influence on the character and intellect of the pupil."

Devoted to Physical Culture.

The new memorial building is to be an adequate tribute, both in appearance and purpose, to the man it honors. It will be devoted to a large part, at least, to physical culture. But "his title to gratitude," said Senator Hoar at the time of General Walker's death, "is that in his time the institution grew toward the zenith as well as the horizon; it is that, while the number of students grew, the efficiency and fitness for their life's work to which their diplomas certified, grew in like proportion; it is that the personal character of the president exerted an ennobling and enlarging influence on the character and intellect of the pupil."

Swiss Get Big Contract.

LONDON, Aug. 13.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Geneva says that several engineers of Zurich have obtained a contract to supply all the machinery for the new electric installation at Niagara Falls. It will consist of eleven turbines of 55,000 horsepower each. Mexico has also placed an order for an electric station of 100,000 horsepower with the same firm.

Social Features.

Its social side will perhaps be no less important. The institute, situated as it

is in the midst of a large city, has had neither dormitories nor "common rooms" although a dormitory for students is now about to be erected as a private enterprise, and the Technology club, which is the only place where students can mingle except for purposes of study, is open only to students of some years' standing—not to the undergraduates as a whole. The life of the institute, therefore, has lacked much of the attraction of college life, and the students have had little opportunity, except by groups, for the intimate associations so generally connected with undergraduate existence. Quite apart from its usefulness in the directions just indicated, the Walker memorial is intended to meet this want, and in meeting it suggests comparison with the Houston club of the University of Pennsylvania recently erected with practically the same object; that is, "to draw together students, officers and alumni of all departments of the university in a wholesome social life and to provide for them suitable amusements and recreation." The Walker memorial will be, in short, a great club of which every "Tech" student is ex-officio a member and in which every student will have daily opportunity to meet and know his companions.

The building itself has been designed by the institute department of architecture. It will stand in Trinity Place, a few steps from the Boston museum of fine arts and in the center of what might now well be called the Technology district of Boston—that is, the district in the immediate neighborhood of Copley square. It will cover something over 10,000 square feet of land and will include a basement with a large swimming tank, a great memorial room with a serving room adjoining and a library and other rooms for social purposes. The gymnasium will occupy nearly the entire fourth floor and there will also be a smaller gymnasium for systematic work for classes of fifty men, probably in connection with the regular first-year work of the institute and enough lockers to accommodate every undergraduate. It is expected that the larger gymnasium will be used for alumni dinners and a kitchen and serving room are accordingly planned in connection with it. In the top of the building will be the hand ball court and the fencing and boxing room. Altogether, after looking over the architect's plans, one feels that here is a building which General Walker himself would have liked to see—a building, therefore, which everyone must feel is the best possible memorial of his generous and devoted life.

Hard, Slow Work.

It was slow work all around and very hard. At all night Alabama got its gun into position and ready to fire soon after 10 o'clock and Kearsarge followed half an hour later. Then there was the magazine to finish and all the protective work about the batteries. Four thousand bags were filled with sand, and the guns and the batteries of the magazine, which were constructed with sand planks and well covered with sand on the inside beach in rear of the big guns. Trenches were opened clear across the strip from beach to beach on each side of the camp and pitfalls were dug at various places. Both sides were also protected by rows of sharp stakes and the wires were stretched outside these. The signal service wire leading from the lighthouse to the town was tapped and connections made by telephone with Nantucket. It is not until 10 o'clock in the morning that the work was finished and the tired jacksies went back to their ships. All the guns had been fired and it was proved that the mountings were secure.

Breaking Camp.

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Table and Kitchen

Practical Suggestions About Food and the Preparations of It.

THURSDAY. BREAKFAST. Fruit. Cereal. Cream. Fried Egg Plant. Crisp Bacon. Sliced Tomatoes. Rolls. Coffee.

LUNCH. Cold Lettuce. Pepper Hash. Shredded Pineapple. Cake. Cereal. Coffee. DINNER. Vegetable Soup. Veal Cutlets. Brown Gravy. Stewed Tomatoes. Mashed Potatoes. Water-Cress Salad. Custard Souffle. Creamy Sauce.

FRIDAY. BREAKFAST. Fruit. Cereal. Cream. Broiled Spiced Fish. Creamed Potatoes. Sally Lunns. Coffee.

LUNCH. Hot Canned Salmon. Tomato Sauce. Green Peas. Wafers. DINNER. Bisque Soup. Broiled White Fish. Cucumber Sauce. Baked New Potatoes. Beets. Fried Potatoes. Coffee.

SATURDAY. BREAKFAST. Fruit. Scrambled Eggs. Sautéed Potatoes. Toast. Coffee. LUNCH. Green Sardines. Cream. Baked Apples. Butter Cakes. Tea.

DINNER. Cream of Onion Soup. Broiled Steak. Mashed Potatoes. Baked Ham. Tomato and Cucumber Salad. Fruit. Coffee.

SUNDAY. BREAKFAST. Fruit. Fried Brook Trout. Cream of Potatoes. Waffles. Maple Syrup. DINNER. Chilled Cantaloup. Broiled Chicken. Peas. New Potatoes. Cream Sauce. Tomato Mayonnaise. Coffee.

SUPPER. Mock Crab. Thin Slices Bread and Butter. Fruit. Cereal. Coffee.

BUTTERS AND SAUCES. Much of Helpful Hints for Housekeepers.

Experience joined with common sense. To mortals is a providence. It is the unexpected in housekeeping that puts even the most skillful manager to the test and often causes the most useless worry and distress. The housekeeper who has passed through one or two nerve-racking experiences of being called upon to provide an elegant emergency meal from a hopeless larder will endeavor to guard against a recurrence of such a contingency, if she values her reputation as a model hostess and housekeeper. The most extensive volumes on cooking cannot give more than general hints on the great diversity of subjects even the most skillful manager to the test and often causes the most useless worry and distress. The housekeeper who has passed through one or two nerve-racking experiences of being called upon to provide an elegant emergency meal from a hopeless larder will endeavor to guard against a recurrence of such a contingency, if she values her reputation as a model hostess and housekeeper. 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