

# SOME OF SALT LAKE'S NEW BUILDINGS.



THE MINERS' HOME AND HOSPITAL.



THE BIG EMERY-HOLMES APARTMENT HOUSE.

## Business Blocks, Homes, Schools and Churches.

A noticeable feature of the year's building is the wide scope that has been covered. Business blocks have reared their heights all the way from two to eight stories; residences that have cost from \$1,000 to \$30,000 are found in different parts of the city; the handsome school of mines has been built; the Lafayette, grade school, the finest of its kind in the country, is nearing completion and the B. Y. Memorial of the L. D. S. University is finished and in use, while a brief glance at the page devoted to the erection of new church edifices will show how strong, prosperous and cosmopolitan is the Christian sentiment for better houses of worship in Salt Lake. And so it is all along the line of constructive and industrial activity. The future looks bright to all and all are preparing for it. While the year has witnessed a marvelous building growth still greater development is observed in the near future, and the fact is realized that the day of big things is close at hand.



THE M. H. WALKER RESIDENCE ERECTED DURING 1903.



THE NEW WHITE APARTMENT HOUSES ON STATE STREET.

## THE CITY'S BIG BUILDING BOOM.

THAT Salt Lake is enjoying a building growth that closely approaches a boom will be apparent to everyone who sees this section of the Christmas "News," to say nothing of the eloquent story of millions spent, as told in the voluminous parts of the paper that follow. Among the splendid architectural piles that have been or are being reared are structures that would do credit to any city in America. In variety of outline, modern equipment, material and cost, they leave nothing to be desired. Numerically there are so many of them that it is difficult to designate all or compute their cost. Suffice it to say that Salt Lake as well as strangers will be amazed at the number that are herewith reproduced as representative of the city's growth during the current year. These are shown just as they are, completed or in course of construction.

suspended. On the return, President Young inspected closely the foundation, which was finished July 22, 1855, and being dissatisfied therewith he had it taken up and the stones reset according to the plans he furnished. He did not live to see the grand structure completed. But the work was continued under the presidency of his successor, John Taylor and his Counselors, George Q. Cannon and Joseph F. Smith, also by President Wilford Woodruff and the same Counselors. He laid the capstone April 6, 1892, by pressing an electric button, amid shouts of Hosannah from the forty thousand people assembled on the grounds, led by President Lorenzo Snow. It was a scene never to be forgotten, and the enthusiastic simultaneous shouting seemed to shake the earth. A vote was taken then to complete the edifice in one year.

That promise was kept to the letter. The Temple was completed and dedicated April 6, 1893, Presidents Wilford Woodruff, George Q. Cannon and Joseph F. Smith, and the Twelve Apostles officiating, and the great assembly room being filled daily with officers and members of the Church until April 24. The thrilling and solemn ceremonies were repeated until thirty-one meetings were held and about 75,000 Latter-day Saints had participated. Previous to the dedication a number of respectable non-"Mormons" were invited to go through and inspect the building in all its beauty and grandeur. Since its dedication, commencing May 23, 1893 ordinances for the living and the dead have been performed almost continually four days in every week, except during short periods when the building was closed for renovation.

The dimensions of the Temple are as follows: Length 186 1/2 feet; width 99 feet, height of main walls 107 1/2 feet; thickness of granite blocks 9 feet at base and 6 feet at top, the buttresses 7 feet; the footing walls are 16 feet wide and 16 feet deep. The three towers on the east are somewhat higher than the three on the west, the central one on the east is 210 feet to top of the rockwork, and 222 1/2 feet to top of spire; the figure of the angel Moroni at its summit is 12 feet 5 1/2 inches high, is of hammered copper, covered with pure gold leaf, and is surmounted with an incandescent lamp of 100 candle power; the east side spires are each 200 feet high. The height of the central west tower is 219 feet, and of its side towers 194 feet. The cost of the

Temple, including the annex, shaft, etc., reached near to four million dollars, all paid for by the tithes and donations of the Latter-day Saints and most of it paid out for home labor and materials.

An unpleasant reminiscence in the history of the Temple block is the seizure of that square, by the Receiver appointed to take charge of all the property of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, above the total value of \$50,000. This was under court rulings on the confiscation clauses of the Edmunds-Tucker act of 1887. On the last day of that year all the workmen on the block were discharged in consequence of those arbitrary proceedings. But through the representation of disastrous consequences made by Bishop John R. Winder as agent for the Church, who had leased other pieces of its property from the Receiver at high figures, he was permitted to lease the Temple block at the nominal rent of one dollar a year. This opened the way for the return of the workmen and the resumption of labor on the Temple, and subsequently the property reverted to the Church through congressional action.

The elegant building just completed near the south gate of the square at a cost of \$8,000, is for the Bureau of Information, which is doing most excellent work, in receiving tourists and visitors from all points who desire to learn something reliable about the people that settled this valley and built the structures on the Temple block. A committee is ready to meet them, answer questions, distribute Church literature, and show the buildings and grounds. For this they will accept no fee or remuneration, but cheerfully contribute their services for the truth's sake.

This brief sketch is necessarily but a summary of descriptions, facts and figures concerning the chief square in the City of Salt Lake. It is a sacred spot to the people who have gathered here from many lands, to learn the ways of God at the sanctuary of the Lord's house "in the tops of the mountains." To them it is the central place in this "land of Zion." And when they assemble in its edifices they rejoice in the blessings that be long to houses dedicated to God and accepted of Him. In the glory of the summer it is pleasant to look upon, and ever it is a source of delight as a consecrated and lovely spot, redeemed from a barren desert, bearing eloquent witness of "Mormon" faith and skill and industry.



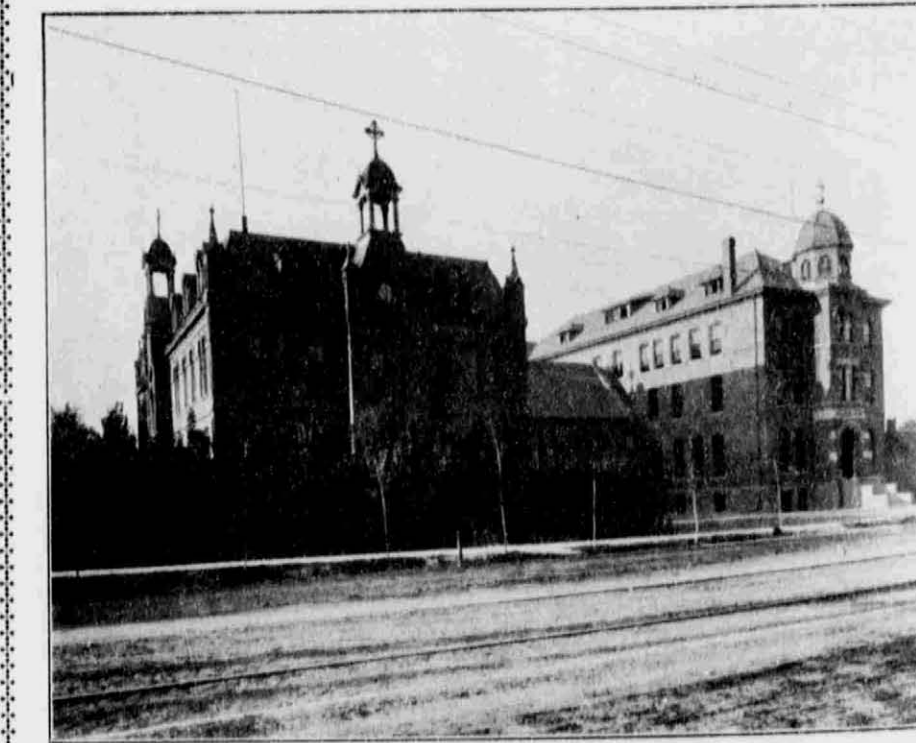
BRIGHAM YOUNG MEMORIAL BUILDING, L. D. S. UNIVERSITY.



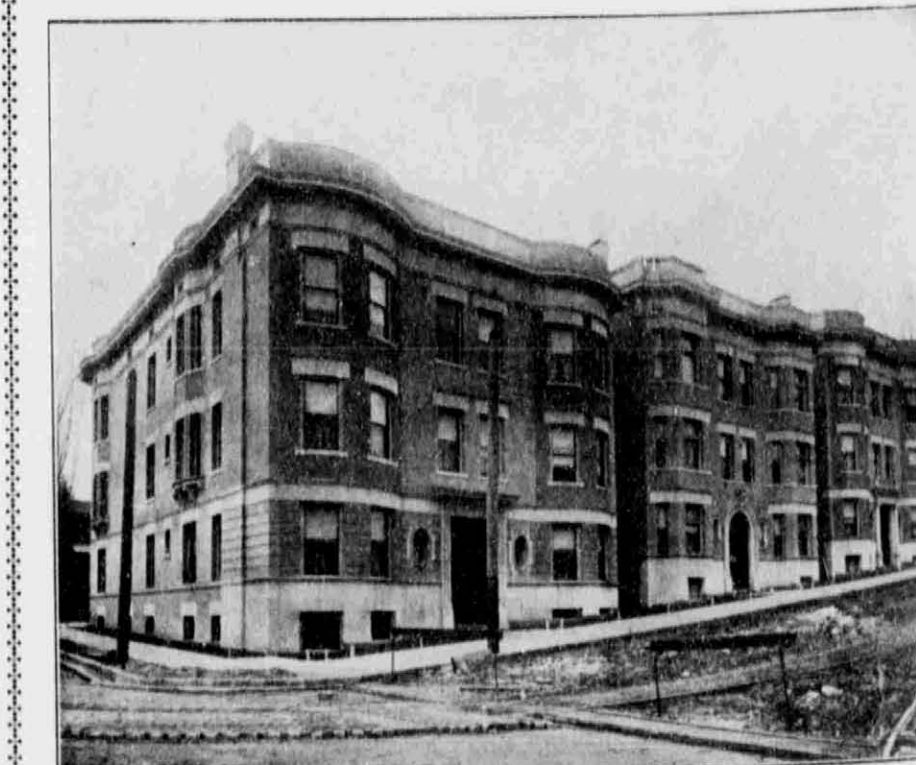
THE UNIVERSITY CLUB'S NEW HOME, JUST FINISHED.

## Some of the Largest Structures of the Year.

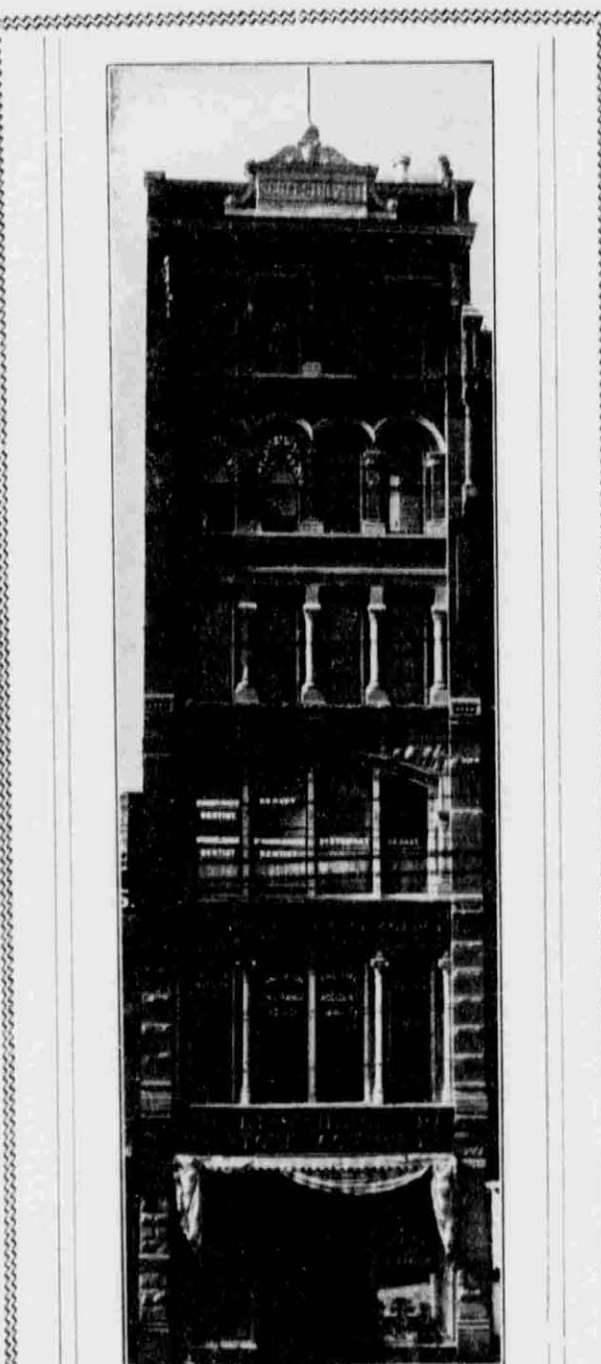
NOTABLE among the largest structures completed or in course of construction during the year is the eight story Deseret News Annex; the Eagle Gate Emery-Holmes Apartment House; the University Club; the State School of Mines, the L. D. S. Hospital; the six story Atlas Block; the Lafayette School; the Brigham Young Memorial Building; the big additions to the Holy Cross Hospital and All Hallows College; the David Keith block; the Greenwald Furniture store; the addition to the Strevell-Paterson block; Temple of Labor Hall; the Utah Independent Telephone block; the Utah Ice and Cold Storage block; the Utah Light & Power Transforming station; the Miners' Home and Hospital; the American Wire and Steel Warehouse; the Roberts' livery barn; the City jail; the White, Miller and other flats; and finally it should be stated that marked progress has been made on the city's new Federal and other buildings.



ALL HALLOW'S COLLEGE, SHOWING NEW ADDITION ON RIGHT.



THE EMERY-HOLMES FIRST STREET FLATS.



SCOTT-STREVELL BLOCK.  
(Two Stories Added This Year.)