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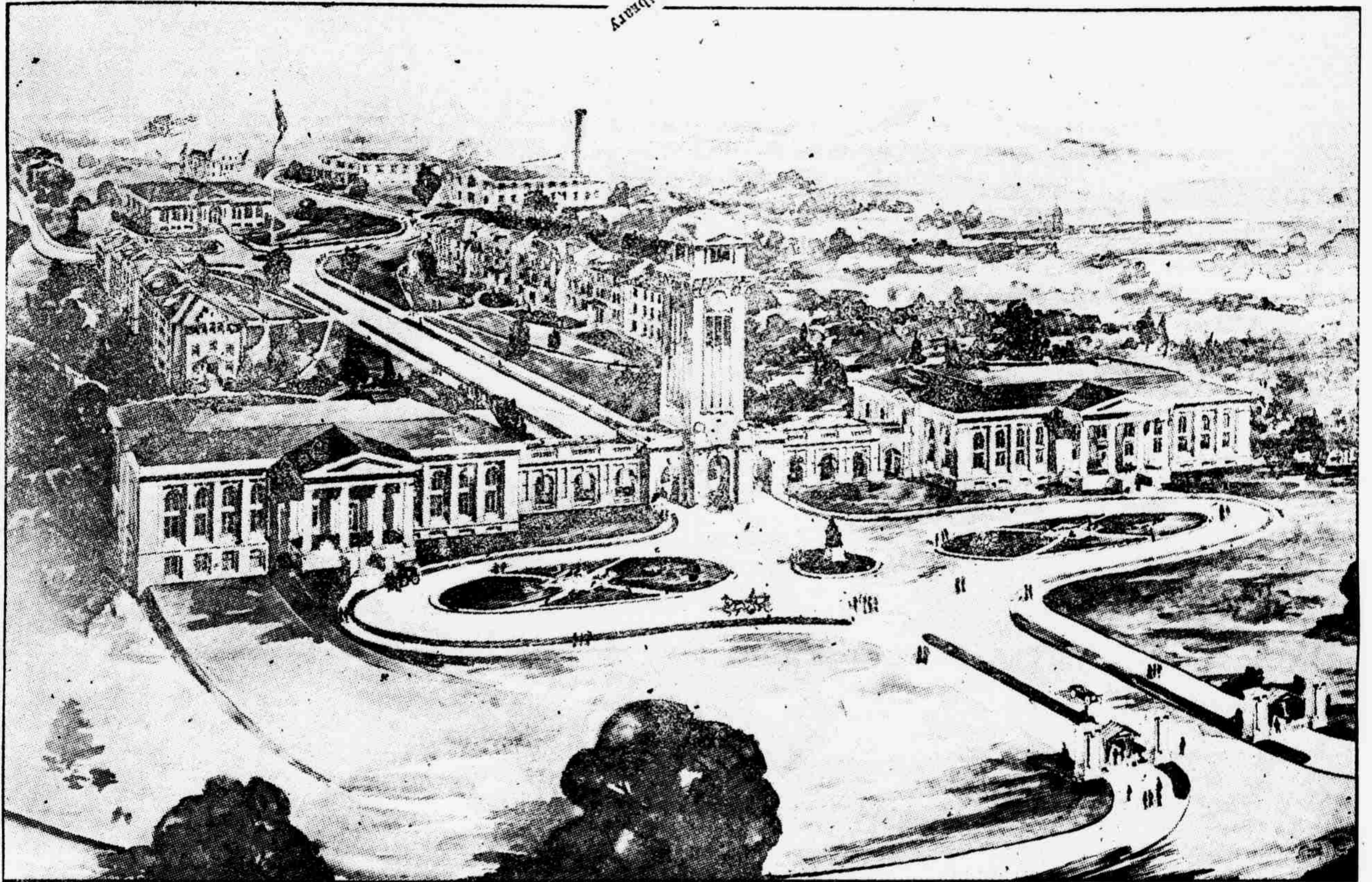
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VIEW SHOWING THE NEW BUILDINGS OF TRINITY COLLEGE.

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PHYSICAL EQUIPMENT AND EDUCATIONAL EFFICIENCY.

By President William P. Few.

THE SAYING attributed to President Garfield that Mark Hopkins on one end of a log and a boy on the other make a university is often quoted to emphasize the personal element in higher education. And with this doctrine I am in full accord; for the greatness of a college is measured by the quality of the men who teach and the quality of the men who learn. Yet the physical equipment of a college is important, in the first place for the reason that Mark Hopkins is not apt to be found on a log but rather at a well equipped college where he has the chance to make the best investment of his life. And in the second place while the man is of first importance yet even a competent man can do better work if he has good tools with which to work. Then, too, physical surroundings affect life everywhere; and a student will develop more rapidly and more symmetrically if his living conditions are wholesome and uplifting.

So while Trinity College, by all the commitments of its origin, its constitution, and its ideals, is set to the essential task of character-building, still it would press into this fundamental work every accessory of fitting outward circumstance and for the soul of the college it would build a beautiful home. The college is now spending a large amount of money in order to make this place, not only in its

ideals and its teachings, but in its every surrounding, fit to breed great men. The handsome structures now going up, with the library, the North dormitory and the Craven Memorial Hall forming an important part of the scheme, will, when completed, make a harmonious set of college buildings that, for simple beauty of design and architectural effectiveness, have rarely been equalled in this country. These buildings are not more notable for their noble beauty than for their utility.

It will, I think, hardly be deemed inappropriate if speaking intimately as I do now through the Advocate to friends and patrons of the college, I tell something of these buildings and their uses. The west wing of the Washington Duke Building has been occupied since last January. It contains comfortable and superbly furnished class-rooms. It was built exclusively for this purpose; but the administrative offices have been this year, and will remain, here until the completion (perhaps by February 1) of the east wing of the building. This latter will contain all the administrative and business offices, the literary society halls, a large hall with adjoining smaller rooms for the religious and social uses of the students, and a number of class-rooms and offices for teachers. Such elegant housing will no doubt put new vigor into the literary societies which for so long have been important adjuncts of the College. And the new home for student religious activities will bring improved opportunities for Christian life and work.

The East Dormitory, now nearing completion, is

made of light brick, covered with green tile, and otherwise built in close architectural conformity to the front buildings. The West Dormitory which it is hoped to have completed by February 1 will in appearance be a precise counterpart and throughout very similar to the twin building. These dormitories will be given appropriate names by the executive committee before the opening of college, as will also the old "new" or North Dormitory. The new dormitories are handsome, but at the same time they are planned with a view to the utmost economy of space so that room rent may be kept as low as is consistent with beautiful and healthful surroundings.

Alongside of the movement to promote, by means of proper housing, the physical, intellectual and moral well-being of the community, goes the undertaking begun some time ago to improve the boarding facilities, and in many other ways to keep student life wholesome and uplifting and at the same time free from luxury and extravagance.

Extensive improvements are being made on the walks, the drives, and the grounds, although the long and excessive drouth makes impossible this summer much that would otherwise be done. When all these additions and improvements in buildings and grounds are completed, this will be a most beautiful spot. Thus the College would build a fitting background for the sweet, rich, and full life which it seeks to provide. And the great

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