

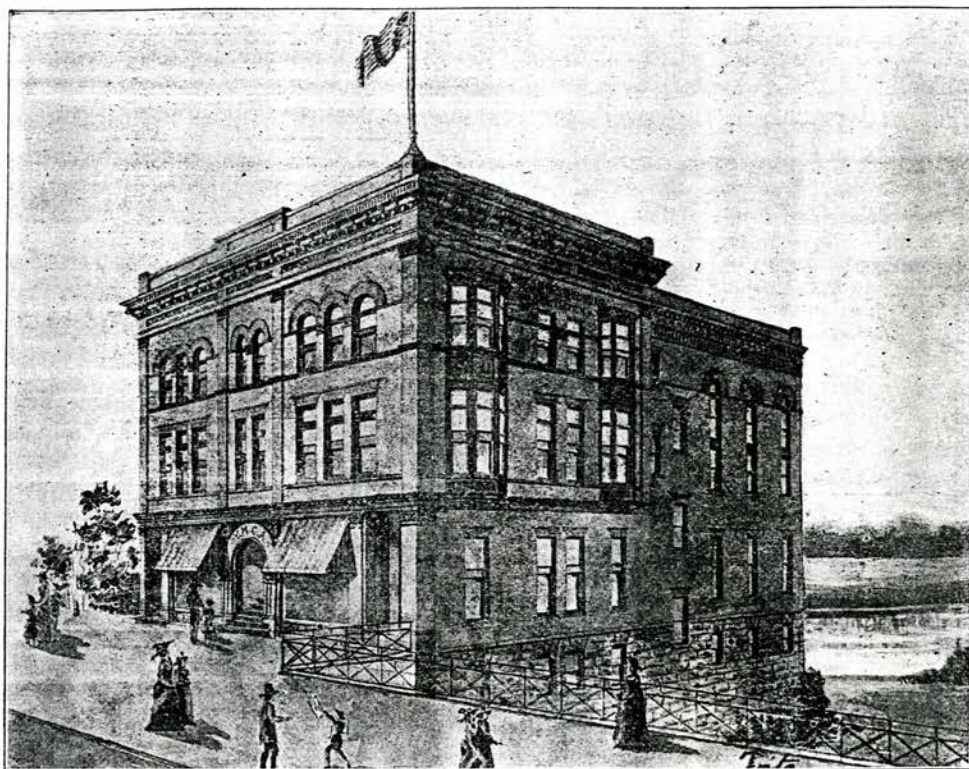
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NEW Y. M. C. A. BUILDING AT WATERLOO.

THE country is moving into the city and life in the city has been revolutionized. We must do something to meet these conditions. The saloon is far more attractive now than forty years ago. Let us be careful to help the young men to stand and withstand these modern temptations.

The Y. M. C. A. was fashioned at the time the modern appliances in business began to come into use and has grown parallel with these commercial agencies. If we as cities are attracting young men, it is our duty to do something for them. We owe it to the young men who come to us to assist them to avoid the temptations that are all about us.

THOS. D. FOSTER, Ottumwa.

 * City And Railroad Associations. *

The following brief word of greeting is at hand from Secretaries at various points:

DAVENPORT.—We covet your prayers for a deeper spirit of service among our membership. Our Junior Department is being well organized for good work, a field well worth careful pushing. Our gospel meeting last Sunday, led by one of our leading attorneys, took on a war-like aspect, but it was not defensive alone but aggressive as well. Our financial canvass is now on. It comes hard, *but it has got to come, for God has promised.*

DUBUQUE.—A course of Commercial Law talks have proved interesting. A number of professional men are being brought to the rooms by a "chess night" once a week. A series of practical talks on photography are being given by a professional photographer. Three Bible classes have been successfully maintained, and the Men's gospel meeting.

CEDAR FALLS.—I have only been in the work four days, and as Steele left before I took charge I have been busy so far in finding where we are at. We meet tonight to plan our membership work for the year. Our year is just beginning. Steele appointed the committees, but it remains for me to get them to work. We start a class in Kodak work this week. Had a good meeting Sunday; four of our business men gave short talks on "How to Serve Christ." Although carrying full work in school we will try and not let the work suffer until Steele returns.

KEOKUK.—Many of our boys are at Camp McKinley and we watch with eagerness any move that may affect them. The war wave is so high our building project is but a ripple, but we feel we are safe unless there is something unforeseen in the history, which will be made during the next few months. We hold our first Young Men's Sunday in a neighboring town May 8. Association news is so scarce our bulletin is not quite holding its own with that of the daily press. Viva America! Viva Y. M. C. A.

MANCHESTER.—Work in every department is progressing finely. W. A. Friend is our new and efficient assistant. He enters the work to stay. The General Secretary recently spent ten days with Fred B. Smith in special meetings at Clinton, Ill. Rev. Fahs, of Independence, addressed our men last Sunday. We expect to have a building before snow flies.

CLINTON.—Our entertainment course of five numbers closed April 20, with Geo. R. Wendling. We will clear \$75 on the course. We circulated pledge cards last night (Friday) for next season's course of eight numbers and secured 160 who will take the course tickets at \$1.50. We have organized a bicycle club among our members. Ninety-five men at our men's meeting last Sunday. At our quarterly meeting on the 13th, forty-five men sat down to a table laden with good things provided by the Women's Auxiliary. Ten of our men have enlisted.

WATERLOO.—Getting nicely started in my new field. Have an office, 307 E. Fourth street. Call and see me. Planning to make May 8th Y. M. C. A. day, and dedicate our corner stone. Started Men's meeting April 24th. Foundation almost in, outlook bright. Welcome to the new men in the state. A Railroad Department was organized here among the employees of the Illinois Central R. R. Co. in April. The company gave \$900 toward the first year's work. A new building is being erected for their use.

BURLINGTON.—The membership committee have begun a membership canvass, which they expect to continue until Nov. 1st. Have secured nearly 100 new applications during the past month. Sixteen thousand dollars have been subscribed and expended in the erection of the new addition to the building. It will take about \$5,000 more to finish interior of auditorium, bowling alleys and swimming pool. The Ladies' Auxiliary commenced a canvass in February to raise \$1,000 on building fund from ladies. Over \$900 has been secured and they expect to raise more than the \$1,000.

MASON CITY.—Association work is moving along steadily. We now have a membership of 333. The call for volunteers took 26 of our members, who went with Co. A, Fourth Regiment. While people's minds are mainly filled with war, yet I am trying to wage war myself, with God's help, against sin. I could not help but wish our Company here, and in fact all Companies everywhere, would respond as quickly and willingly to the Master's call as they did to the President's. How many young men are ready to give up their situations and leave their all to fight in the cause of our King?

MUSCATINE.—The outlook for the summer's work is promising. Our lecture course is being adjusted. The committee have provided two strong lectures in place of T. DeWitt Talmage, who very unceremoniously cancelled his date. The mandolin club of eight pieces is doing faithful work. The athletic committee is preparing for interesting work for the summer.

CEDAR RAPIDS.—L. H. Burk, Physical Director, and Lester Williams, Assistant Secretary, have resigned, to take effect May 1st. Juniors are taking bicycle runs and field sports. The pool has been re-opened and is very popular.

INDEPENDENCE.—Our annual meeting was held April 1st, and the retiring directors were re-elected, as were the officers, except treasurer. Plans are being matured for an active summer's work.

DES MOINES.—Work goes on grandly on all sides. Meetings are well attended; interest good. Have arranged to supply Camp McKinley with stationery, headed Camp McKinley, compliments of Y. M. C. A. Will hold a big meeting next Sunday at the camp, and will tell you more about it next number. I like the IOWA YOUNG MEN. It will do good. Star course closed all O. K. Are arranging for big plans for next fall and winter on all lines. Calls are many from fellows all over the state, asking for help. I wish I had a hundred bodies, to give them all aid.

PERRY.—Since the last issue of IOWA YOUNG MEN Perry Association has been doing splendidly. Our entertainment closed March 23 with a neat net resource. This is consider-