

New Barracks at Greater Citadel Ready for Occupancy Next Fall.

Charleston, Aug. 27.—The complete Greater Citadel project is still a far cry from realization, but four buildings of the impressive educational development now going forward at the Hampton park site presented by the city of Charleston are in the final stages of construction and will be turned over to the board of visitors some time next month, representing an expenditure of \$800,000, which leaves the board another \$100,000 approximately; for necessary expenditures, which will fall short, however of making the new plant available this fall, another year having to elapse before the history making removal of the noted military college from Marion square can be accomplished.

The huge barracks building standing at the western border of the 20-acre parade grounds, and the two wings of the proposed administration building at the south side of the main plaza, with the temporary mess hall and kitchen structure at the rear of the barracks building at present with the extensive grounds constitute the Greater Citadel plant. In design these buildings are severely simple, rising in solid array, their plainness being relieved only by turrets and towers. With an exterior finish of dull gray concrete they carry out the military idea admirably. Because of the higness of the Greater Citadel site, which covers 75 acres of high and dry land beyond which stretch 100 acres of marsh to the edge of the Ashley river, even the barracks building fails to impress upon an observer its formidable dimensions until a near approach is had. But the two administration building wings, large, three-story structure, 144 feet by 64 in dimensions, appear puny by comparison, although when the span between them is filled in and built up, an eventual unit of the plant will have been erected of a frontage surpassing that of the main barracks.

While the new Citadel could have been opened to cadets this fall, so far as essential buildings are concerned, the barracks accommodating 414 cadets, the two wings providing class and lecture rooms and laboratory facilities, and the mess hall and kitchen being available for service of meals, lack of proper college equipment was a principal factor in causing a postponement of this opening. Moreover, quarters are needed for the faculty members, the powerhouse is yet to be built, and there is no hospital. By next year, also, it is hoped to have a part of the alumni building at the north end of the parade grounds ready. Its gymnasium will be specially valuable to cadet activities. Ultimately it has been the aim of the alumnae to invest \$250,000 in this building group taking care of the athletic needs of the Citadel, providing recreation halls and a meeting place for former Citadel men. North of the Alumni building are to be laid out ample fields for baseball, football and other sports.

Impressive as are the present principal buildings, they form but the foundation for the completed plant that is the goal of the Citadel in years to come. Other barrack buildings on either side of the present one have a place in the final design, should the demand arise for them, and on the east, or park side of the site, a stately chapel building, additional laboratories, and other structures may some day be erected. All this is of the distant future, however.

Nearly two acres of ground are covered by the main barracks, which spread out along the west side of the parade grounds for 360 feet and extends from east sally port to its western entrance 224 feet. Rising four stories and surmounted at the front by a tower now five stories above the entrance, and later to be made 200 feet high, the great rectangle surrounds an inner quadrangle, or inside court, 220 feet by 132 and upon which all rooms of the upper floors face, looking across a broad gallery. The barracks contain 207 spacious bed rooms providing accommodations for 414 cadets, ample lighting and heating facilities, with running water basins, clothes presses, single beds and other furnishings, will make these rooms comfortable. They are 10 or 12 by 18 feet in size.

With the three upper floors devoted to cadet quarters, the tower and ground floor are put to other uses. Entrance and exit are had by means of a sally port on each side of the building. At the front, on the ground floor, are large reception and recreation rooms, literary society rooms and the guard room.

Storage rooms and the quartermaster's office occupy the south side. At the west are store rooms and the artillery and infantry armories. A barber shop, janitor's rooms, carpenter's rooms and workshop are in the north portion. In the tower the commandant's office will be situated, and in other stories will be artillery and infantry laboratories. A water tank will stand at the top of the tower to furnish required pressure. Throughout the barracks will be adequate sanitary conveniences, shower baths, dressing rooms for cadets. A service elevator will be another feature.

In the administration wings will be located engineering and electrical laboratories, physics and chemistry, and numerous class rooms. In the west wing the drafting rooms will be prominent. These two wings will, some day, flank the main part of the building, now represented by intervening vacant space. Here will stand a memorial hall, linked to the wings by general offices and more laboratories, class rooms and libraries. Back of the memorial hall will loom up an auditorium, seating in its main floor and gallery 1,675 persons. Completion of the administration building will mean the expenditure of an impressive sum of money not yet provided for.

It is estimated that the barracks building cost \$650,000 as it stands now. The administration wings and the temporary mess hall will account for a balance reaching nearly \$800,000. Of this balance comparatively little went into the construction of the one story mess hall and kitchen, which are entered from the west or rear sally port of the barracks, the mess hall being large enough to take care of 400 cadets. Faculty quarters, probably to consist of a group of apartments, will be situated in the southwestern part of the grounds, facing the river from a bluff well wooded. The hospital will also be located in this section, remote from other buildings. A park will be laid out between the parade grounds and the faculty quarters, and a mile long driveway will circle the area. When the whole design is filled in, the grounds properly landscaped and the maximum cadet enrollment secured, South Carolina will have a military college that the whole south may well proclaim as an asset. A splendid beginning has been made, and along broad gauged lines.

Slow Marketing of Cotton Urged.

"If as much as four million bales of the 1921 crop of cotton is sold by the farmers during September, October and November, middling cotton will sell for from seven to ten cents, before December 1," stated T. B. Stackhouse, prominent Columbia warehouse operator in quoting here today a man who he said is one of the largest cotton dealers of the South.

"Others engaged in the cotton business," Mr. Stackhouse said, "and familiar with existing conditions of both the domestic and foreign demand, concur in the opinion of this large dealer. The Federal Reserve Banks at Richmond, Atlanta, Dallas, St. Louis and Kansas City have recently sent out letters to member banks indicating that said reserve banks will go as far as the law permits in aiding the South to market the 1921 crop and to carry over from previous years in an orderly manner. These banks have practically put cotton on the same footing as they have heretofore put U. S. bonds in that they will take from member banks the notes of non member banks only secured by 1921 and 1921 cotton is eligible for rediscount by these reserve banks. In addition to this, action on the part of the reserve banks, the war finance corporation is employed under a bill recently passed by the U. S. senate to lend as much as one billion dollars on staple agricultural products to individuals, firms or corporations engaged in dealing or marketing such products, and the feeling in Washington is that the house will also pass the bill and the president approve same."

"The government, through the Federal Reserve Banks and the war finance corporation," said Mr. Stackhouse, "has made every possible provision that any reasonable man can expect, to aid the South in the orderly marketing of the cotton now held in the South, and securing a price for the staple. Domestic and foreign mills are now buying cotton only as they need it, and they will probably continue to do so until the size of the 1921 crop is really known. Under these conditions, merchants buying actual cotton can protect themselves by selling futures, which

depresses the price.

"If half the crop be sold, as gathered," Mr. Stackhouse said further, "together with the leakage from the previous crops, a price from seven to ten cents seems certain, while if all cotton is marketed slowly or as the spinning world is forced to have it, fifteen to twenty cents seems equally certain."

Regarding credit, Mr. Stackhouse stated that if the facts are as he believes them to be, creditors will assist in the orderly marketing of cotton, thus enabling debtors to pay up when the cotton is sold.

"The 1921 crop has been made without the expenditure of much actual cash," Mr. Stackhouse said. "It can be held by the farmer without much cash; if the creditor agrees that he hold and sell gradually, thus enabling both the producer and the creditor to liquidate their indebtedness. With conditions as they are today this seems the only sensible course to pursue."—Columbia Record.

Mrs. Smith's Thoughtful Hospitality.

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It not infrequently occurs that people are estranged and look askance at each other simply because they fail to avail themselves of the opportunity of knowing and associating with each other. Mrs. Smith has set residents of other streets in town a good example. And, too, why would it not be well for the men folk to "break the ice" in a social way and know each other better?

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