

prisoners shall be collected from the stations every morning and kept in the building only as long as may be necessary for trial in Court. Here, also, are the Deputy Chief Constable's room and the room of the Police Court clerk, the Staff Inspector's rooms, and two spare offices, besides a fire-proof

THE FIRST FLOOR

The main entrance to the first floor is in the immediate front of the building. It has been arranged on different principles to those on which the main side entrances have been constructed. Instead of opening on the ground floor, it leads by a flight of steps eighty-five feet long to the first floor through an arched loggia formed of three heavy enriched and carved arches supported on clusters of columns. The floor, walls and roof of the loggia will be of cut stone. From the loggia will open three large doorways, the centre one being twelve feet wide, and the one on either side seven feet wide. These openings will be supplied with handsome oak doors and frames, having bronzed hinges extending round the doorways several feet each way, and large bronze handles and locks. The doorways lead to vestibules which will be connected by arched door openings, and will make a vestibule extending the full width of the entrance. These vestibules will have stone floors and walls will be lined with cut stone. The door openings and arches will be ornamented with enriched cut stone and hand mouldings. The ceiling will be heavily timbered with moulded oak, left exposed and highly polished. Out of the vestibule open three large doors of heavy oak frame work, decorated with hinge furniture similar to that on the front doors. Next to the vestibule is the entrance to the main staircase hall on the first floor in the front part of the building. This entrance will have stone floors and walls and a heavy enriched oak timber ceiling. The side next to the main staircase hall, immediately opposite the entrance, will be enclosed with three large cut stone arches finely timbered and enriched, and supported by clusters of columns with enriched bases and caps. This main entrance will have a rich and solid appearance, as well as a pleasing artistic effect.

From this entrance rises a flight of stone steps, about fifty feet long, ascending to the main staircase hall, which will be about forty feet wide and one hundred and eighty-five feet long. Immediately opposite the entrance rises the grand staircase fifteen feet wide, and turning to the right and then to the left to the County or City buildings. As it rises to the second floor the staircase will show its handsome design, with its marble treads and landings, enriched, grilled, and scrolled wrought-iron balustrades, and brass polished, nickel-plated handrails. The ceiling of the main hall will be elaborately ornamented with enriched plaster beams laid out in panels. The walls will be dadoed up from the floor with highly panelled and moulded oak dadoing to the height of about seven feet. At intervals of about fifteen feet there will be projecting pilasters from the floor to the underside of the frieze of the cornice, near the ceiling line. These pilasters will be of rich design, with moulded bases and carved caps. The whole will be worked out in Keen's cement. Above the caps of these pilasters there will be a handsomely-moulded dentel cornice, with enriched frieze and architrave mouldings. The ceiling of the main hall will be supported by enriched cast-iron columns in keeping with the rest of the work. Leading from the main hall are the corridors on either side of the building, to the north and south, and turning to the east and west at the northern end. These corridors will be fifteen feet wide, and will be finished in keeping with the main hall. The staircases from the City and County entrances will end on the corridors, which will at the point of landing form large halls from which the main staircases for the east and west sides of the building will rise from a width of twelve feet. They will branch off to the right and left in ascending to the other floors. Through the well-holes of these staircases the elevators will ascend to the different floors as before mentioned. There is also one other main staircase of similar description on the north side of the building very conveniently situated in a circular bay projecting into the courtyard. These stairs have been so located for the convenience of Court officials.