

The building which has been designed and planned throughout by the Supreme Chief is striking evidence of his skill and taste.

Fronting on the mainland, it is discernible for a long distance from either east or west. The building is 150 feet in length by 50 feet in width.

The walls are solid concrete, covered without and within by ornamental metallic sheeting.

Those competent to judge say that the building is practically fireproof, and with proper care impervious to the effects of time and weather.

It is surmounted by five battlemented towers, the central one of which is over eighty feet high. The battlements surmounting the tower and roof give the building a very imposing and striking appearance. A splendid porch, supported by massive Corinthian columns, marks the main entrance. Two fine verandahs, 12 feet in width, extend along the front and both ends of the building at the second and third storeys.

The reception hall, 80 feet by 20 feet, is one of the features of the interior of the building. From this hall a fine oaken stairway leads to the upper part of the building.

The internal arrangements are commodious, and will, when finished, be very complete. In the first storey will be the heating appliances, storage rooms and work shops.

On the main floor will be the superintendent's apartments, various offices, a splendid dining-room 70 feet by 20 feet, girls' dormitory, etc. On the third floor will be school-rooms, boys' dormitory, etc. The fourth storey will be laid out and finished as increasing attendance may suggest. Electric lighting is provided throughout.

The interior details and equipment have not yet been completed but the building, as shown in the illustration, has been sufficiently advanced to be dedicated to its beneficent work on 28th Aug., in the presence of a great gathering of the members of the Order, representatives from many of the High Courts and of representative citizens, judges, clergy, members of the Government and Parliament, municipal and educational organizations and of widest business interests.

The work of the Home will be to take charge of, maintain, and prepare for life-work the orphans of deceased members of