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A. & M. College.

Already the swallows have begun building their nests amid the eaves and grand arches of our new Agricultural & Mechanical College.

The college building is a beautiful edifice, four stories in height, and surmounted by a magnificent tower one hundred and thirty feet high, upon which blazes an illuminated clock. In the base of the tower is an observatory fully furnished with astronomical instruments, and presided over by Prof. White, a gentleman fully competent to fill the position. The building contains sixteen recitation rooms, twenty-five feet in width and thirty feet in length; five rooms for the officers, twenty-five feet in length and twenty feet in

width; a splendid room fifty-eight feet long and twenty feet wide, to be used as a chemical room, and for the benefit of the chemistry class in trying practical experiments with chemicals. The observatory is eighteen feet square, with a ceiling thirty feet in height. In the basement is the machinery hall, for the benefit of the class in mechanics, and presided over by the very efficient Prof. D. A. King, who is perfectly "at home" in the midst of the whirling wheels, and reigns supreme over the flying belts. Last but not least comes the beautiful "chapel," situated on the third floor, fifty-two feet in width by sixty-eight feet in length, with a seating capacity of five hundred. The pulpit is situated at one side of the room, with the seats arranged in a semicircle in front, which adds greatly to the convenience of all in hearing. The ceiling is arched and uniquely finished in wood, and the whole is lighted by four elegant gasaliers. A magnificent broad stairway leads up in front, and there is also a stairway upon each side of the building. The entire building is heated by steam, furnished by two large boilers eighty feet from the college building, and is lighted with gas. There are also waterworks throughout the building and every modern improvement for con-

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There is one other building within the college grounds, the President's residence, situated some distance in the rear of the college. It is a beautiful little building, complete in every particular, containing eight rooms, a pantry, store-room, and bath-room.

Two million brick were used in the construction of these buildings, and the contract was taken by James Hale, of Louisville, who manufactured the brick upon the grounds; James & Patrick Sharkley had the contract for plastering; F. Bush & Son, of this city, did the carpenter work; only native wood was used upon the inside work, which is a model of neatness and strength. The painting, done by Foushee & Berry, speaks well for their knowledge of the decorative art. The architects were McDonald & Bro., of Louisville, and the completeness of every particular testifies to their ability.

The grounds were donated by the city and contain fifty-seven acres. In one corner is a beautiful natural lake, fed by three springs, and covering about three acres. It is the intention of the Faculty to stock this lake with fish, and put several boats upon it. The parade grounds are upon the right of the college building.

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