

OSBORN HALL.

The Memorial Recitation Building.
Beautiful Effect in Stone Work.

Like the old Fence, whose place it took, Osborn Hall is the most conspicuous sight amid all the buildings of new Yale. Like that institution whose site it occupies it is remarkable not only for its location but for its construction. The latter was famed for its primitive simplicity of form, and for many a peculiarity of tradition and use. The beautiful Osborn Hall is notable for the uniqueness of its construction. At that point, the similarity ends. There is a richness and variety in form and material in nearly as striking a contrast as anything could be, with the time-worn, student-worn round rails of the old Fence.

In place of the bare ground of that historic corner, are seen by every visitor to New Haven as he comes first within sight of the Campus, the broad sweeping steps and splendid portico of this memorial recitation hall. On these broad steps, as on the old Fence, gather the graduates of earlier years as they are rounded up for the Commencement season, and on these steps and the broad expanse of pavement before, are formed the weird and altogether original triumphal processions of re-union classes as they start for the homes of their favorite professors and for their dining hall. Here again in the unquiet hours of the lively dead of night they complete the procession of gaiety, and discharge their last supply of enthusiasm and fire-works.

Osborn Hall will ever be by its construction one of the most remarkable sights of Yale. It is unnecessary to go into any detail of description of this building, an illustration of which is here given. In this history it is only necessary to say that it was donated by Mrs. Miriam A. Osborn of New York City in memory of her husband, the late Charles J. Osborn.

The name of the donor of the building, it will be remembered, was a secret for a long time. When it was announced at Commencement Dr. Depew spoke very feelingly of the interest of Mr. Osborn in young men, and showed how it was in accordance with such an interest as this that his widow had made such use of this money. In order to make a memorial for him, the building, in accordance with the wish of Mrs. Osborn, was named Osborn Hall.

Aside from the quite unique design of the building and the richness of its handsome carvings and general finish, the structure is remarkable from a builder's standpoint for the quality of the material used and the effects obtained from it. Its material, that is



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Architect—Bruce Price.

Builders—Norcross Brothers.

for the exterior, is Branford red granite, which is quarried at Stony Creek. Its trimmings are of Long Meadow brown stone.

In this hall is found place for no less than twenty-four rooms. Twenty of these are regular recitation rooms and two are committee rooms. The other two are large lecture rooms, having a capacity of 250 each. The seating capacity of the entire building is, approximately, 1900. It was feared that recitations would be difficult in a building on such a noisy corner, but the builders have succeeded in obviating any serious difficulty on this score.

The fourteen columns supporting the portico are especially conspicuous and noticeable, and distinguished for their beautiful markings in granite. They are only excelled in this case by the most precious marbles.

This building is one of the many unusual pieces of work which have been carried out by Messrs. Norcross Brothers. It is interesting in this connection to reproduce a partial list of the buildings which this firm has erected in all parts of the country. Such a partial list here follows with the approximate cost of each building given in order to indicate more clearly its extent and intrinsic value:

Hampden Co. C. H., Springfield, Mass.	\$175,000	Durfee High School, Fall River, Mass.	\$200,000
Woburn Library	80,000	Crouse Memorial Coll., Syracuse, N. Y.	220,000
Albany City Hall, Albany, N. Y.	205,000	Osborn Memorial Hall, Yale University	150,000
Allegheny Co. C. H. & Jail, Pittsbg., Pa.	2,500,000	Crompton's Block, Worcester	75,000
Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce	570,000	Cheney Block, Hartford, Conn.	337,000
Howard Memorial Library, N. Orleans	98,000	Ames Warehouse, Boston	133,000
Malden Library	90,000	Turner Building, St. Louis, Mo.	208,000
Union R. R. Station, Hartford, Conn.	220,000	Marshall Field Building, Chicago	900,000
B. & A. R.R. Station, Springfield, Mass.	420,000	N. Y. Life Insurance Building, Omaha	750,000
Stone R. R. Bridge, Springfield, Mass.	120,000	N. Y. Life Ins. Building, Kansas City	850,000
Stations for N. Y. C. & H.R. R.R. Co. at Irvington, Riverdale & Dobbs Ferry, N. Y.	40,000	Burnside Building, Worcester	92,000
Exchange Building, Boston	1,600,000	Lionberger Building, St. Louis, Mo.	275,000
Ames Washington St. Building, Boston	625,000	Youth's Companion Building, Boston	450,000
Ames Lincoln St. Building, Boston	280,000	Bloomington In. Asy. W. Plains, N. Y.	1,400,000
Public Library, New London, Conn.	60,000	Holy Trinity Church, New York City	188,000
Springfield, O., Warder Public Library	60,000	St. John's Episcopal Church, N. Y. City	412,000
Union League Club House, N. Y. City	255,000	South Cong. Church, Springfield, Mass.	150,000
Boston Art Club House	54,000	Trinity Church, Boston	390,000
Algonquin Club House, Boston	220,000	Norwich Congregational Church	90,000
Boston, Residence of Oliver Ames	68,000	All Saints' Church, Worcester	95,000
Boston, Residence of C. A. Whittier	107,000	Presbyterian Church, Albany, N. Y.	80,000
Block for Union Theologi'l Sem., N. Y.	60,000	First Spiritual Temple, Boston	120,000
Brownlow Hall, Wellesley, Mass.	60,000	St. James' Episcopal Church, N. Y. City	130,000
Agassiz Laboratory, Harvard College.	95,000	Ames Mem'l Monum't, Sherman, Wyo.	62,000
Residence of B. H. Warder, Wash., D.C.	112,000	College for Teachers, New York City	409,000
Great Barrington, "Kellogg Terrace,"	600,000	Bank Building, for Norwich Sav. Soc., Norwich, Conn.	80,000
Boston, John F. Andrew's Residence	140,000	Hartford Society for Savings Building, Hartford, Conn.	120,000
C. C. Converse, Boston, Residence	55,000	Industrial Building, Providence, R. I.	350,000
Residence of John Thayer, S. Lancaster	85,000	Telephone Building, Providence, R. I.	100,000
Residence of J. J. Glessner, Chicago	85,000	Dormitory Bldg, Princeton University	88,000
Dedham, Mass., Res. of A. W. Nickerson	175,000	Stack Building, Princeton University	500,000
Springfield, O., Res. of A. S. Bushnell	90,000	Commencement Hall at Princeton Univ	227,000
Cambridge, Mass., Res. of E. H. Abbott	100,000	Massachusetts State House Extension	2,000,000
Worcester High School	120,000	Rhode Island State House	1,700,000
Latin High School, Boston	170,000	Tremont Building, Boston	1,200,000
Harvard University Gymnasium	91,000	Library Bldg, Columbia Univ'sty, N. Y.	1,000,000
Harvard University Law School	136,000	Schermerhorn Hall, Columbia Univ'sty	450,000
Harvard University, Sever Hall	104,000	Physics Building, Columbia University	275,000
Harvard University, Perkins Hall	180,000	University Hall, Columbia University	300,000
Harvard University, Conant Hall	120,000	Equitable Building, Baltimore	1,200,000
Harvard University, Fogg Art Museum	150,000	State Mutual Building, Worcester	900,000
Union Theological Seminary, N. Y. City	286,000	Banigan Building, Providence, R. I.	900,000
Vermont University, Burlington, Vt.	92,000	New England Building, Cleveland	700,000
Lawrenceville School, New Jersey	320,000	City Hall, Worcester, Mass.	600,000
		Corcoran Gallery of Art, Wash., D. C.	400,000