

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION BUILDINGS.

On entering the modern Y. M. C. A. building the impression is the same as that produced upon one on entering a great athletic club. The appointments of the new Y. M. C. A. buildings about New York City and even in other cities of lesser size are as well considered and as complete as any private club. There is less luxury, and gorgeous decoration and furnishings are not in evidence, but there is no lack of beauty in the simple and wholesomely furnished interiors. Elaborately appointed and extensive dining rooms as well as those more convivial gathering places, the club grille or café, are absent but so also are the consequent high dues and house charges. The opportunities the Y. M. C. A. organization affords its members in its new modern structures are so multitudinous that they beggar description. The newly erected buildings illustrated are much alike in their equipment. The measure of the different institutions is to be taken more in volume than in quality. The quality is of the highest everywhere and the appointments of the buildings the best.

The activities of the Y. M. C. A. organization requires expansion of the scope of the buildings' services beyond that offered in the average club. That which attracts the majority of the members is of course the social opportunities and the

athletic features. In addition, there are the education departments, religious work, employment department and, by no means the least, the boy's division which offers on a minor scale all the opportunities which are afforded to the adult members.

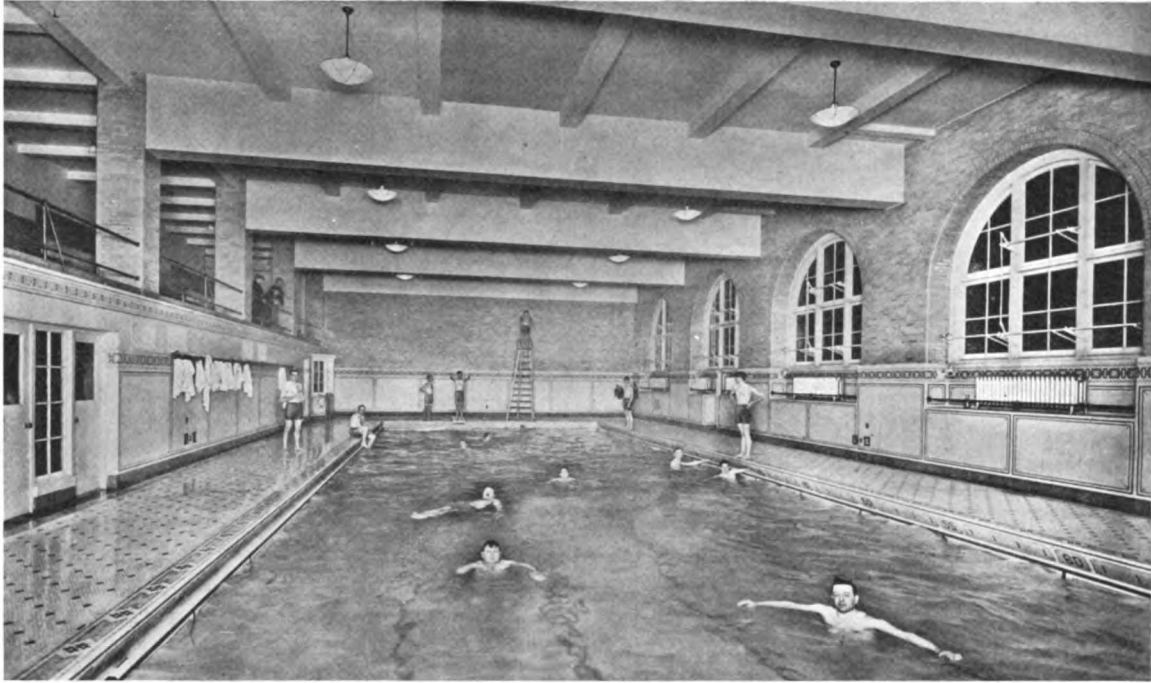
The planning of the present day Y. M. C. A. building offers problems both in design and in the mechanical features which will test the capacity of the architect to the utmost. Given the usual condition of size of lot, with in most cases restrictions as to the amount to be expended, there is an unusual quantity of conditions to be met and room space to be provided to house a Y. M. C. A. organization. The amount of study involved in planning these buildings can only be appreciated by a careful inspection of one of them and it is to the general credit of our architectural designers that so many different individuals have met and solved these problems successfully and economically. The newly erected buildings serve their purposes well and the money expended, provided largely through donations, has given the maximum of return. The exterior designs are simple and the materials of construction durable and lasting. The same statement may be applied to interior construction with the addition that the decorative features show simple lines and color schemes which will wear well both aesthetically and in service.

Y. M. C. A. BUILDING,
YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO.

Jackson, Rosencrans & Waterbury, Architects.

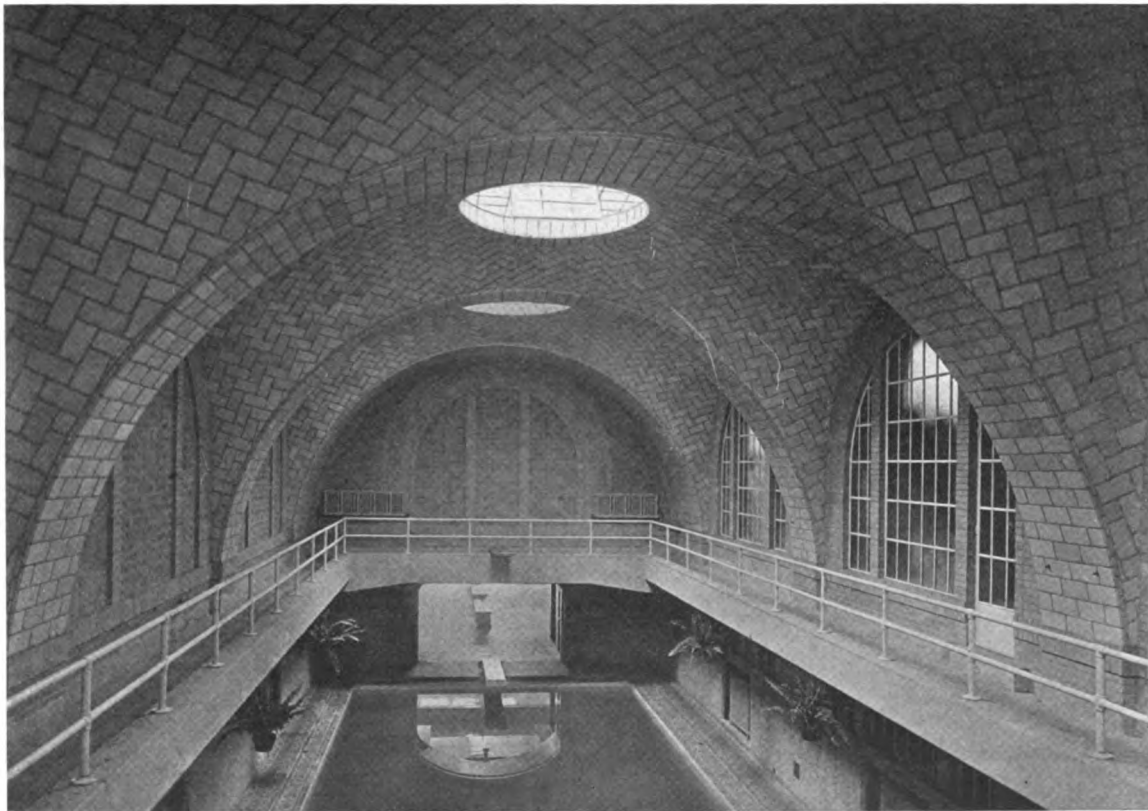
Dining room furniture—Jacob & Josef Kohn, Inc.





Tile work—Wm. H. Jackson Co.

MEN'S NATATORIUM. CENTRAL BRANCH BROOKLYN Y. M. C. A.



Arch construction—R. Guastavino Co.

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