FOR A NEW SOLDIERS’ HOME

J. H. Freeland’s Plans for the Structure Have Been Accepted.

There were Six Contestants from All Parts of the Country—Buildings Will Cost $1,000,000.

As a result of a final competition between six building papers submitted to the American Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, to be built on the outskirts of Washington, D.C., the plans of J. H. Freeland, of New York, have been accepted from Joseph H. Freeland, one of the most prominent architects of the country, is described by the committee on this subject as the structure most appropriate to the purpose. The committee on this subject will now proceed with the working drawings. Ground will be broken for the building in the spring of next, and when the institution will be ready for occupation by New Year’s Day, 1902.

The object is to provide a new home for the soldiers of the Union and Confederate Armies of the Civil War. It will be located on the outskirts of the city of Washington, D.C., and be 15 miles away from the center of the city. It will be named in honor of the late President, Ulysses S. Grant, and will be known as the Ulysses S. Grant Memorial Home for Disabled Veterans.

The building is designed to be a two-story structure, with a basement for storage and service areas. The exterior will be constructed of brick and stone, with a pitched roof and dormer windows. The interior will be finished in oak and mahogany, with marble floors and Period I. The building will include a large central hall, a library, a gymnasium, a kitchen, and a laundry. The rooms will be furnished with beds, tables, chairs, and other necessary equipment.

The cost of the building is estimated to be $1,000,000, and the work will begin immediately. The committee on this subject will now proceed with the working drawings. Ground will be broken at a later date, and when the institution will be ready for occupation by New Year’s Day, 1902.

FREE BATHS AT SCHOOL.

Rooms in Henry Street Building Opened—President O’Brien Bids Boys Farewell.

With little ceremony the first free baths ever installed in a public school of the City of New York were put into operation by President M. S. O’Brien of the Board of School Directors on Monday, December 2, in Henry Street, between subjects and Catharine Street, after the afternoon session of the school. After he had helped wash the first fourteen boys, representing the capacity of the tanks, President O’Brien expressed himself as pleased with the results.

The work of putting in the apparatus was begun early last winter, partly on Wednesday that was still another week to be required to complete it. President O’Brien, however, issued a preliminary invitation to the boys that he would do their own washing, and that they would be ready to use the apparatus. He walked into the school playground, and a shower of cold water was turned on, and a brief talk with the teacher in charge approached a group of boys examining the apparatus and talking about the details of the arrangement. The boys were all boys in the fourth grade, and the teacher was Mr. J. O. O’Brien, the principal of the school.

The boys found it was a pleasure to clean their hands and faces, and the teacher was pleased with the results. The boys promptly lined up that number of boys that came from Henry Street, and after another show of cold water, the teacher talked about the apparatus, particularly for the bath and marched them back to the basement, where they were handed out to the apparatus and started out with their clothes on.

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‘If it proves to be successful,” they said, ‘I‘d like to have more boys get this treatment once a week, but this will be a strong temptation to the weather.

Old Man Returned to Prison.

Joe O’Connor, aged 84 years, and afavorite of the around-town visitors, was taken to Tonnondo Prison yesterday to serve a sentence of twenty-six years for burglary his former farm, Garhart was served with a sentence for the same offense. The old man is in a weakened condition for some time during his stay-in-peace.