

HANDSOME NEW HOTEL FOR CHARLESTON.

Plans by Architect Wood for One of the Finest in the South.

J. A. Wood, architect, of 153 Broadway, who drew the plans of the Tampa Bay (Florida) Hotel, has returned to New-York from Charleston, S. C., where plans are approaching completion for one of the largest and finest hotels in the country. It will rival the new Winter palaces in Florida in size, splendor, and elegance. The plans for the hotel have been drawn by Architect Wood, and they were accepted a few days ago at a representative meeting of public men and capitalists in Charleston. The idea of the enterprise had its inception last Winter, and it has since been steadily developed. An option has been obtained on the block on which the present Charleston Hotel stands. The block is bounded by Meeting, Hayne, Church, and Pinckney Streets, and is a very eligible location. The block is 545 feet long and 150 feet deep, and will cost \$136,000. There are a number of brick buildings on the land, but they will be torn down. Ex-Gov. Chamberlain of South Carolina is one of those interested in the scheme. Mr. Wood furnishes the following description of the hotel:

"The hotel is to be in the form of the roman letter E. The garden front will be on Hayne Street. The rotunda—60x80 feet—will be in the centre of the hotel, and will have two rows of coupled polished red granite columns, supporting a gallery at the second story. The veranda will be 230 feet long, 27 feet high, and 17 to 24 feet wide. From this, extending in either direction around the garden front, will be an arcade more than 400 feet long.

"There will be two grand staircases and two passenger elevators, one in each wing. The dining room will be 50 by 150 feet, with a ceiling 30 feet high. The gallery around the rotunda will accommodate 150 people. There will be chambers and suites for 350 persons. The entire hotel will be finished in mahogany and cypress. The exterior of the building will be of red brick with light stone ornaments. The beams are to be of steel, and the structure will be fire-proof throughout. There will be two towers, each 160 feet high, and from them there will be obtained a splendid view of the city and surrounding country."

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