

NEW COLOSSEUM THEATRE AND CON-
CERT-HALL, GLASGOW.

BAYLIS'S Royal Colosseum Theatre and Concert-hall, now in course of erection in Cowcaddens-street, bids fair in point of size and completeness of accommodation to form a notable addition to the places of public entertainment in Glasgow. The building is of rectangular form, measuring over 150ft. in length (or, including the entrance corridor, 220ft.) by 78ft. in breadth. The height from floor to ceiling is 60ft., or from under floor, below stage, to ridge-pole, 100ft. The part of the house occupied by the audience will measure 100ft. by 72ft., and the stage and scenic department is 48ft. long by 72ft. in width. It is computed to contain an audience of above 4,000 persons; and the arrangements for the comfortable enjoyment of the performances, as regards acoustics, lighting, ventilation, and commanding view of the stage from every point, have received the most careful consideration. Facilities for extinguishing fire have been duly considered. The entrances are numerous and spacious, and four supplementary exits are provided for safety in case of sudden panic. There is an additional staircase, to be used for outlet only from the upper gallery; and a corridor, 8ft. wide and 73ft.

long, forms a communication between this stair and the inlet stair to gallery, both stairs being over 5ft. wide, and free from wheeling steps, so dangerous in places of amusement. All the staircases throughout the building are fireproof. The principal entrance from Cowcaddens-street, flanked with polished granite columns, and surmounted with appropriate sculpture, will lead through a wide and lofty corridor, 70ft. long, into the entrance hall communicating with the stalls and boxes. The proscenium will be in form and decoration original and striking; and the decorations of the auditory will be light, pleasing, and appropriate. In the event of more room being required on the stage from front to back, provision has been made in building the gable, so that the centre portion of it can be easily removed, and nearly 100ft. thereby added to the building. The block of which the concert-hall forms the centre will have a handsome frontage of shops along its north and west façades, measuring altogether 400ft. in length. The whole stands on a foundation of rock; and it is worthy of note that the stone used in the work (which is of durable quality) is quarried from the centre of the building. The building has been designed by Messrs. Clarke and Bell, architects, Glasgow.