

The New Pipe Organ For Bethel College.

The contract for the large pipe organ for Bethel college has been awarded to the firm of Hinners & Albertson of Pekin, Ill. After a full and thorough examination of the factory of the aforementioned firm and a careful inspection of several of their organs, it was decided they would build a firmer and more reliable organ for a given price than any other reliable firm. The fact that their establishment is always taxed to its fullest capacity and the service which the 420 organs they have built for various churches and schools throughout the country have given, speak volumes for the excellence of their work.

The organ at Bethel college will be placed in the northeast corner of the chapel and with its artistic groups of display pipes and polished oak casing, will present an exceedingly handsome appearance. Its width will be about fifteen feet, its depth thirteen feet, and the height about seventeen feet. The console or key board will be placed at the corner of the instrument, thus enabling the organist to direct the chorus with equal facility whether it be stationed on the stage or the main floor in front of the organ. A feature of the action is the system of "pneumatic compensating valves" in which compressed air is made to do the work which ordinarily the finger of the player has to do. This renders the touch which otherwise would be very heavy in an organ of this size as light as that of a first class piano.

From the following specifications it will be seen that the organ is unusually complete and will rank among the few largest in the state:

GREAT ORGAN. (COMPASS FIVE OCTAVES)

1. 8 ft. open diapason, metal, 61 pipes.
2. 8 ft. melodia, wood, 61 pipes.
3. 8 ft. viol di gamba, metal, 61 pipes.
4. 8 ft. dulciana, metal, 61 pipes.
5. 8 ft. doppel floete, wood, 61 pipes.
6. 8 ft. trumpet (reeds), metal, 61 pipes.
7. 4 ft. principal, metal, 61 pipes.
8. 4 ft. flute d'amour, wood and metal, 61 pipes.
9. 2 $\frac{2}{3}$ ft. twelfth, metal, 61 pipes.
10. 2 ft. fifteenth, metal, 61 pipes.

SWELL ORGAN.

11. 16 ft. bourdon treble, wood, 46 pipes.
12. 16 ft. bourdon bass, wood, 15 pipes.
13. 8 ft. violin diapason, metal, 61 pipes.
14. 8 ft. lieblich gedackt, wood, 61 pipes.
15. 8 ft. salicional, metal, 61 pipes.
16. 8 ft. aeoline, metal, 61 pipes.
17. 8 ft. voix celeste, metal, 49 pipes.
18. 4 ft. flute traverso, metal, 61 pipes.

19. 2 ft. flautino, metal, 61 pipes.
20. 8 ft. oboe, (reeds) metal, 46 pipes.
21. 8 ft. bassoon (reeds), metal, 15 pipes.

PEDAL ORGAN (COMPASS 30 NOTES).

22. 16 ft. bourdon, wood, 30 pipes.
23. 16 ft. double open diapason, wood, 30 pipes.

MECHANICAL ACCESSORIES.

24. Swell to Great Coupler.
25. Swell to Pedal Coupler.
26. Great to Pedal Coupler.
27. Swell Tremulant.
28. Bellows Signal.
29. Pedal Check.
30. Wind Indicator.

COMBINATION PEDALS.

31. Great Forte Combination.
32. Great Mezzo Combination.
33. Great Piano Combination.
34. Swell Forte Combination.
35. Swell Mezzo Combination.
36. Great to Pedal, reversible.
37. Swell Piano Combination.
38. Balanced Swell Pedal.

Organ bench with music compartment.

Summarizing, the number of speaking stops is twenty-three, of mechanical stops seven, of combination pedals eight, total number of stops thirty-eight. The great organ, with ten stops has 610 pipes, the swell organ with eleven stops has 537 pipes, and the pedal organ with two stops has sixty pipes, the total number of pipes being 1,207. The state university organ at Lawrence has only 1,300 pipes.

Work on the new organ will be commenced soon and will be completed as soon as the facilities of the factory will permit. It will be in place by the first of November.