



auditorium has a capacity for seating approximately eight thousand people, with wide aisles and ample space between the seats. Numerous exits make it possible to empty the great building in a few moments and every safeguard against accidents has been provided.

In the centre of the auditorium is an elliptical arena ninety feet wide and one hundred and fifty feet long.

This is surrounded by an amphitheatre, or dress circle, which rises on all sides, while above this, on the north and south, are two balconies so arranged as to command an excellent view of the stage, and easily reached, not by stairways but by gentle inclines.

At the eastern end of the building is an organ loft, designed to accommodate a magnificent fifty thousand dollar organ which, it is hoped, will soon be installed there. It will be one of the largest organs ever built in the United States.

Under the organ loft dressing rooms have been provided for the accommodation of the performers, and these have been found ample even for so extraordinary an occasion as the present Music Festival.

There is a large movable stage, so constructed that it may be placed at the ends or at the sides of the auditorium, as occasion may require. During the present Music Festival it is to be placed directly under the organ loft and so extended that it will accommodate a chorus of five hundred voices.

The smaller convention hall, which will accommodate the largest average convention, has a seating capacity of about nine hundred. It is seventy-five by seventy-eight feet in size, with a ceiling twenty-nine feet high, supported on four great columns. It is especially adapted for use as a banquet hall, and as such was christened by the celebrated "Possum banquet" given in honor of President Taft on January 15, 1909, when a notable audience, gathered from many surrounding states, assembled there.

The armory feature of the building, where the citizen soldiers of Atlanta have their quarters, is especially adapted to the purpose for which it has been provided. The drill room, lockers, and officers quarters leave nothing in this respect to be desired.