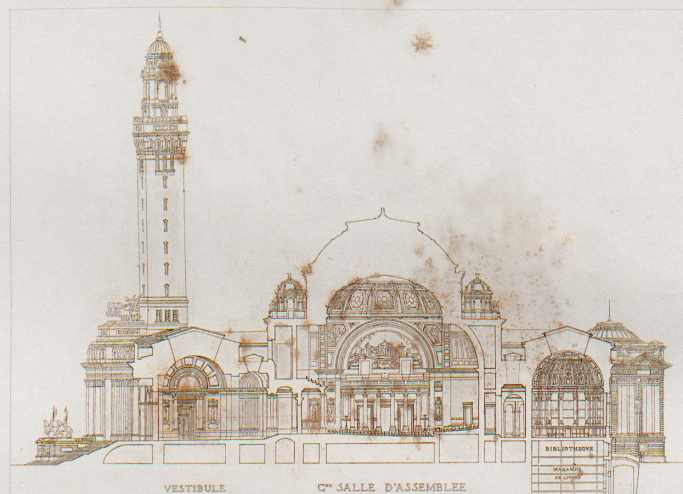


DESCRIPTION OF THE SCIENTIFIC CONGRESS BUILDINGS

These four buildings, of hexagonal shape, form a connected whole. They stand in the four corners of the great International Congress Square, with their imposing front colonnades turned towards the Tower of Progress. Each



SECTION OF ONE OF THE CONGRESS BUILDINGS

is crowned by a dome, and ornamented by a slender tower at either end of the semicircular façade. Owing to the fact that the requirements of all international scientific congresses are necessarily similar, the ground-plans of the four buildings bear a close resemblance to one another. The main entrance facing the Tower leads at once into a vestibule of considerable proportions. To right and left are large, well lighted conference and lecture halls. In the centre of each building, between two inner courts accessible to carriages, is a great International Conference Hall with tribune and tiers of seats capable of holding some 3000 people. These halls, of imposing proportions, crowned by well lighted domes, have been carefully planned as regards acoustics and easy communication. Wide corridors surround the four sides and lead directly from the main vestibule to a very large library and reading-rooms, which occupy the whole rear façade. To right and left, and surrounding spacious courts, are ample and commodious offices for the permanent Executive Committee,