

## **CHAPTER FOUR – August, 2010**

### 1887-1888 Onward and Upward

In case you've ever wondered, the new Main Building was 45 by 63 feet, with a wing on the south 45 by 100 feet, and a wing on the north 40 by 90 feet, all three stories high.

While we have all seen and know the story of the two stained glass windows in Lincoln Hall, many of us may not be aware of another fine depiction. When work on rebuilding the Main Building began, a large tablet was placed on its west front façade. The tablet is symbolic of The Union and the Civil War. If you've never noticed this tablet, take time to do so when next you visit the campus. It is a well-designed, well-executed work of art which proudly depicts the philosophical origins of our Home's existence. You will note that the star in the depiction is inverted-with the point on the bottom, as in our ISSCH logo, above and to the right of this story. Throughout much of our world's history, earth-centered religions have used the five-pointed star to represent the four primal elements-earth, air, fire and water, and traditionally a fifth, called spirit. The circle surrounding the star represents the circle of life. In Christianity the inverted star is for banishing; for many of us alumni this meant banishment of hunger, poverty, loneliness and despair; a most fitting and lasting symbol of a noble beginning.