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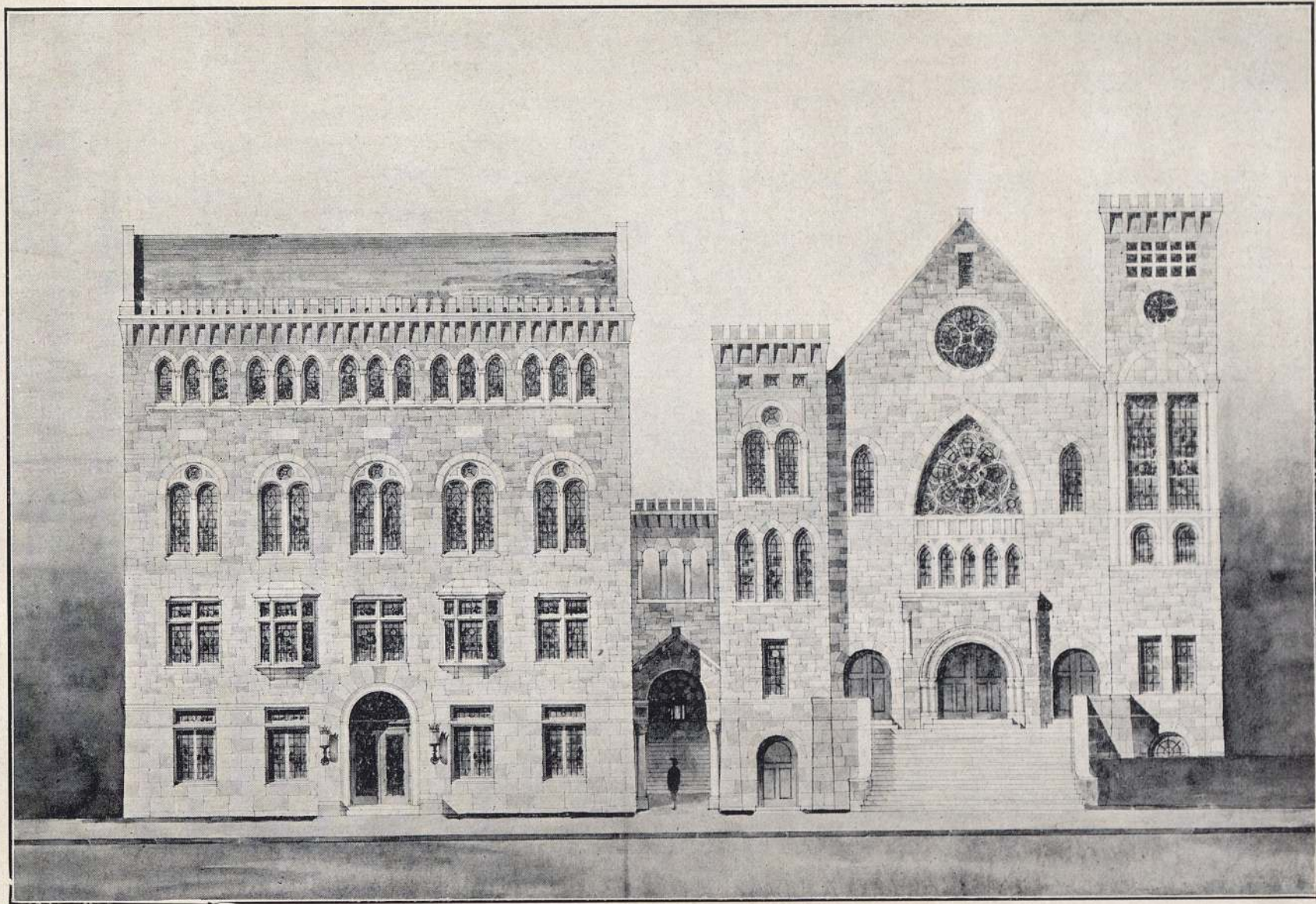
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4. On Superintendence:—Young, Biggs, Laing.
5. On Service Systems:—Biggs, Young, Schurman.

ADVISORY

The Pastor, Bench of Elders, Board of Deacons, Officers of the Sunday School, Officers of "The Woman's Auxiliary," Officers of "The Men of the Church."



NORTH FACADE

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

IN OCTOBER, 1925, it will have been thirty years since work was begun on our present church auditorium. Since then from time to time extensive improvements and additions have been made as the membership has increased and the work enlarged and expanded. For the past three years our equipment has been wholly inadequate for our needs. Our present facilities provide for a Sunday School of about five hundred, whereas we now have an average attendance of over seven hundred! Some of our classes are crowded into most uncomfortable rooms, and every department in the School is demanding more room and better equipment. The social and recreational program for our young people calls increasingly for larger and more up-to-date accommodations.

FUTURE LOCATION

THE CHURCH officials have deferred action on our own needs in order that our people might first aid several other worthy causes in the city and in the state, and because they were uncertain as to whether we should remain at the present site. Some months ago, after carefully studying all the questions involved, the officers unanimously decided that we should remain indefinitely where we now are and that steps should be taken at once to add to our buildings. This action was unanimously approved by the congregation when enthusiastic assurance was given the pastor that if he would remain with us the work would be done

during the present year. Thus we are under moral obligation to keep faith with him by making good our promise.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED

A JOINT meeting of the elders and deacons authorized the appointment of the necessary committees to prosecute the work. The personnel of these committees is given elsewhere in this Prospectus.

ARCHITECT

A WRITTEN statement of our needs, our present equipment, and our vacant ground was furnished three different local architects who were requested to submit to our Committee on Plans competitive sketches and plans. This resulted in the Committee on Plans recommending to the church officers the engagement of Mr. Sidney Logan Day. Their recommendation was adopted and Mr. Day and the Committee on plans have worked diligently for weeks in making the plans as near perfect as possible.

THE PROBLEM

AT THE outset the Committee was confronted with the problem of securing the required rooms on the limited space at their disposal. Vain efforts were made to acquire additional ground to the east. To remodel materially the buildings we now have was

seen to be too expensive for what we would get. Thus we were limited to razing the two residences and planning buildings that would practically cover the entire vacant ground from the front side-walk back to the alley. Realizing that eventually a business house would be built up to our east side property line, we had to plan for light and ventilation from the north, south and west. This necessitated building in two units with a twenty foot court between them.

THE PURPOSE

THE PERPLEXING problem to be solved in arriving at the present design was to secure the maximum space and convenience for our rapidly growing work at the minimum cost. Efficiency and economy are the two watchwords that we have constantly had before us. The Committee has aimed to secure an edifice that would be substantial in construction, churchly in appearance, imposing in architectural treatment, modern and complete in equipment, and adequate for years to come. The result of their labors is set forth herein, with the hope and belief that the structure proposed will meet with universal commendation. The Committee realizes, however, that these plans are not perfect in every detail and would appreciate any suggestion looking to their improvement.

CAPACITY

THE TWO new units will cover 7500 square feet of ground and, together with our present buildings, will contain 17 rooms on the ground floor, 42 rooms

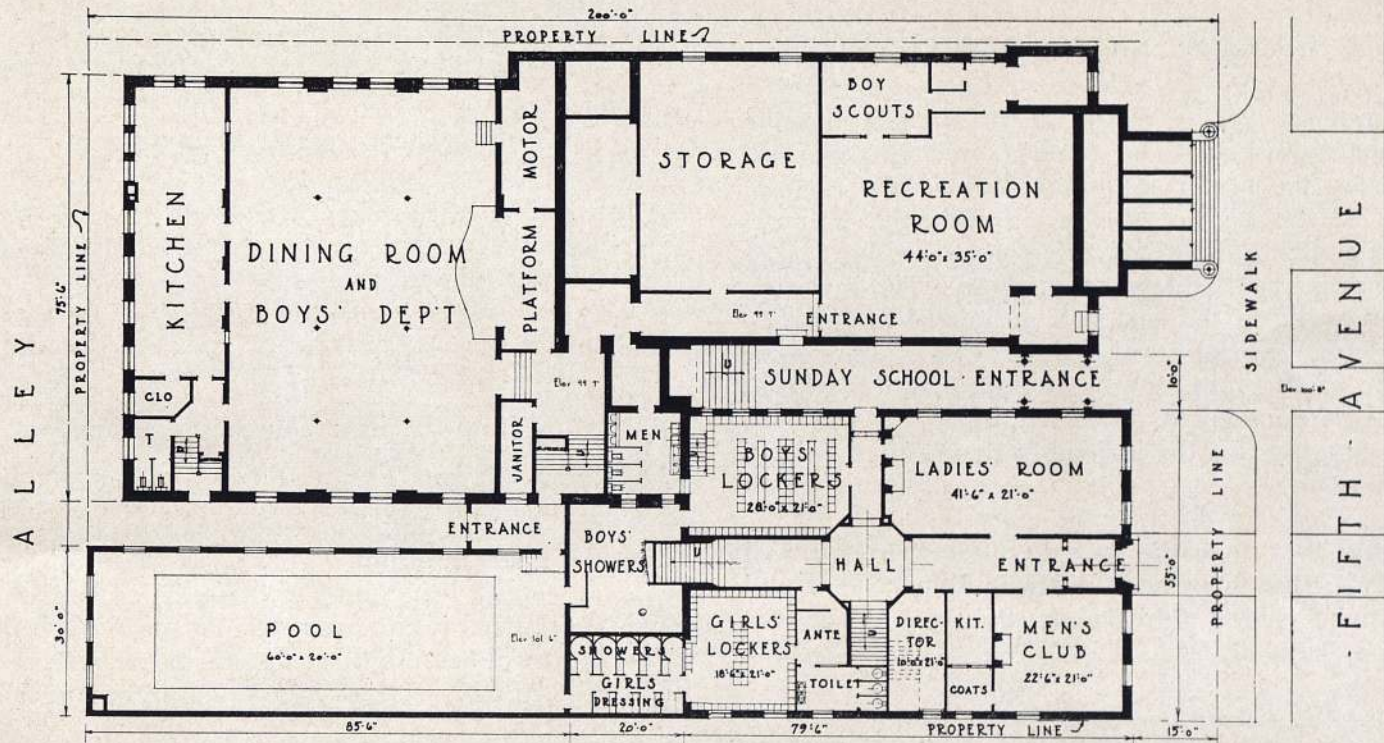
on the first floor, 43 rooms on the second floor, and a gymnasium on the third floor; a total of 107 rooms, besides ample lobbies and halls. The total cubic contents are 989,700 cubic feet.

Each of the nine departments in our school is given its own separate assembly room with a number of small class-rooms. This provision is in the interest of efficiency and is required by modern Sunday School methods.

ARCHITECTURAL TREATMENT

IN STYLE of architecture the front of the building conforms to that of the front of the church auditorium, which is a free treatment of the Gothic order, while at the same time reflecting the educational, social, and athletic purposes for which the building is to be used. The Perspective shows a building dignified, refined and substantial, with a pleasing blending with the church proper. The building measures 55 feet wide by 64 feet high. The front wall is on the building line, which is 15 feet inside the side-walk.

The main front entrance to the buildings located in the rear is along an 11-foot walk through an open archway that binds the new building to the present church. Above this archway and at the south edge of the east church tower is an interesting stone screen. A passageway from the first floor of this building to the church auditorium leads across the top of this archway.



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The inviting doorway in the center of the new building leads into the main hall from which one may enter any of the rooms on the ground floor, ascend stairs to the floors above, or pass back to the buildings in the rear.

THE INTERIOR: PRESENT BUILDINGS

FEW CHANGES will be made on the present Sunday School buildings. The furnace will be removed from under the organ chambers and a new furnace installed at the rear of the new buildings. A rearrangement will be made of the storage rooms, locker room, class rooms and boys' club room. The lowering of the sidewalk on the east will permit of larger windows giving more light and ventilation to these rooms under the auditorium. The remainder of the ground floor will be unchanged. The Dining Room will also serve on Sundays for the Assembly Room for the Boys' Department.

On the first floor the present Ladies' Parlor will be divided so as to provide a Music Department and some much needed additional class-rooms for the Junior Department.

On the third floor two class-rooms to the east will be converted into rooms for the Assistant Pastor and the Church Visitor, while the Young Ladies will occupy the room over the Ladies' Parlor so as to permit their present room to be divided into class rooms for the intermediate and senior girls.

Through a door to the right at the south end of the walk leading back to the present Sunday School building, one may enter the Dining Room without climbing any steps.

These changes can all be made at a minor cost and are necessary to the development of the whole scheme for housing a school of fifteen hundred students

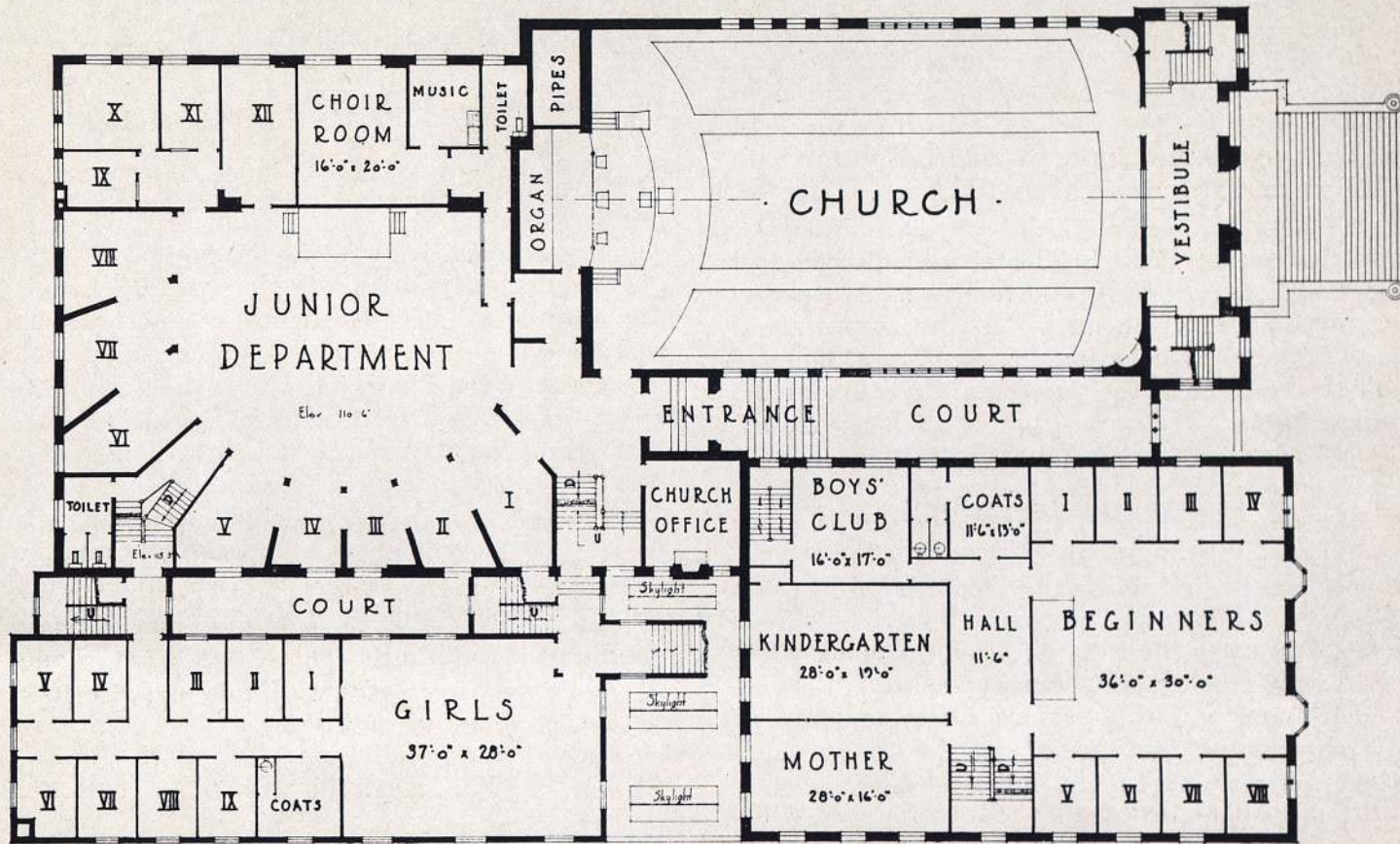
INTERIOR: NEW BUILDINGS

THE GROUND will be excavated to the level of the front sidewalk, putting all floors, except the Swimming Pool proper, above ground.

GROUND FLOOR

ENTERING from the front sidewalk one finds one's self in a corridor 9 feet wide from which one may either turn to the right into the Ladies' Parlor, to the left into the Men's Club, or continue on up stairs or into the rear building. These two front rooms are easy of access, large, and well lighted. A kitchenette and cloak room are conveniently near both rooms. The Ladies' Parlor will seat 160 and the Men's Club will seat 75. For socials the two rooms may be used together.

From the main corridor, which may be entered also from either the east or the south, one enters the locker rooms for either the girls or the boys, and from them passes through their respective shower rooms



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into the Swimming Pool. To reach the Gymnasium the boys ascend by a private stairway from their locker room, while the girls use the main stairs. Thus the boys and girls are given every safeguard of privacy. The Athletic Director's Room is so situated as to be in close touch with the boys and girls, both in the Pool and in the gymnasium work. Ample toilets for both men and women are provided on this floor.

The Swimming Pool is 20 feet wide by 60 feet long, and varies in depth from 3 to 8 feet. A run-way 4 feet wide encircles the pool. To the rear of, and under, the Pool are located the furnace room, the coal pit, and the equipment for purifying the water of the Swimming Pool.

FIRST FLOOR: FRONT BUILDING

ONE REACHES the first floor of the front building from the main corridor on the ground floor. This floor is devoted largely to the little children up to six years of age. To the right is the Assembly room, 30x36 feet wide. The room will seat 200 and has abundance of window openings. There are also 8 classrooms, each having blackboard, coat-rack, and bookshelf.

Across the hall is the Kindergarten Room, 19x28 feet, the Mothers' Room, 16x28 feet, and the Boy's Room, 16x17 feet. This arrangement permits those mothers and fathers of very small children whom they cannot leave for any length of time or distance to be

in a class of their own near by. The Boys' Room will be another place where boys may meet for committee work or for good fellowship.

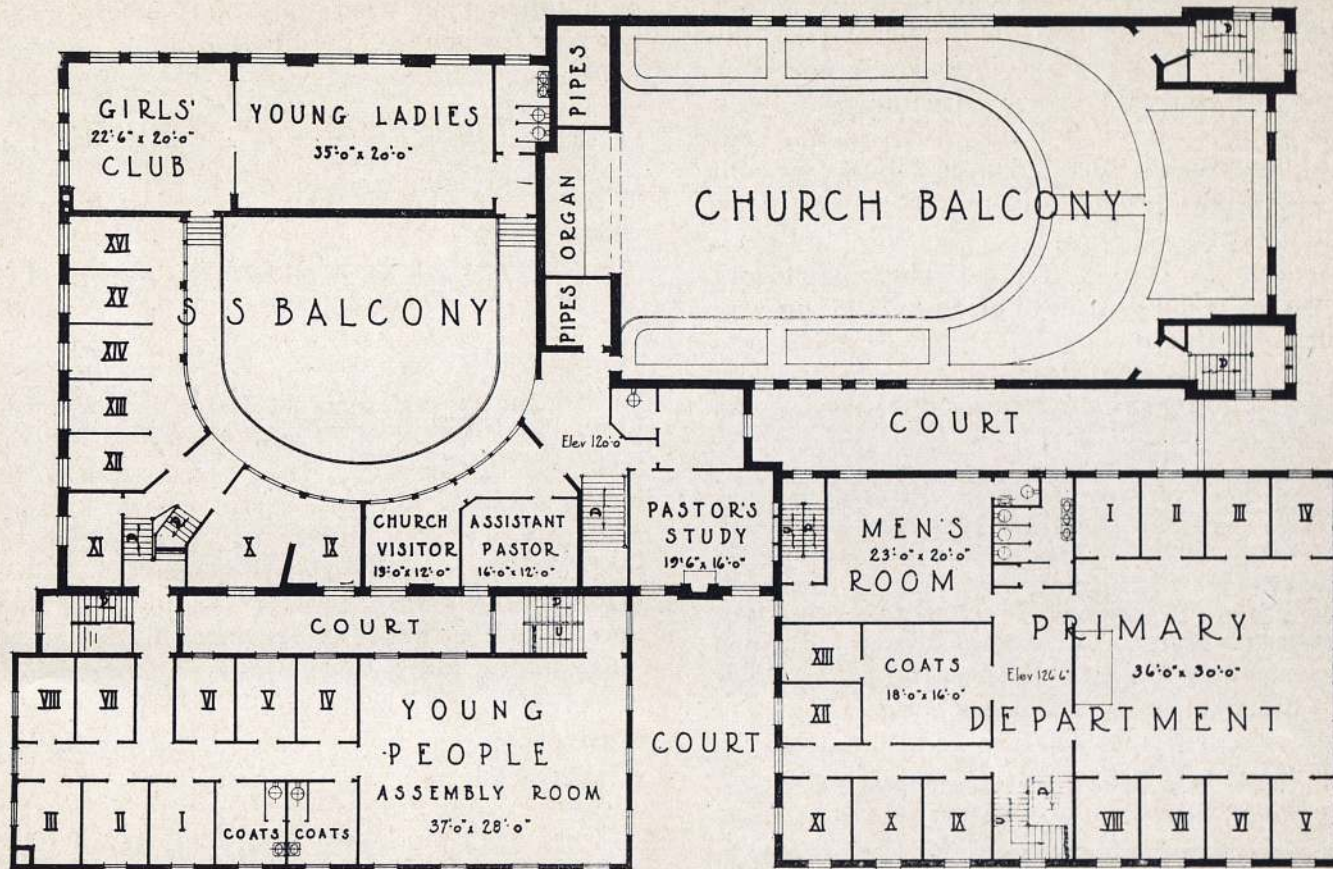
FIRST FLOOR: REAR BUILDING

THE REAR BUILDING may be entered from the main corridor on the Ground Floor of the Front Building, from any one of two ways leading out of the present Sunday School building on the west, and from the alley.

On the First Floor, just above the Swimming Pool, is the Girls' Department with an assembly room, 28x37 feet, and 9 classrooms. Here will be housed the Intermediate and Senior girls. The rooms are ample, conveniently arranged and well lighted. From this floor, by two stairways, one near the north end and the other near the south end, one may pass to either the present Sunday School building or to the floors above.

SECOND FLOOR: FRONT BUILDING

ASCENDING the main stairway from the floors below, one reaches the second floor which will be devoted almost entirely to the Primary Department. To the right of the hall is an arrangement like that of the Beginners' Department on the floor below. To the left and to one's front are additional classrooms. This department will accommodate 250 children. In the southwest corner is the Men's Club Room, 20x23 feet,



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which may be reached either from the hall of this floor or from the stairway leading from the Boys' Locker Room on the Ground Floor to the Gymnasium.

SECOND FLOOR: REAR BUILDING

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT on the second floor of the Rear Building is a duplicate of the Girls' Department on the floor below. A connecting stairway permits some of the classes of this department to use also the classrooms around the balcony of the present Sunday School building.

THIRD FLOOR: FRONT BUILDING

THE GYMNASIUM occupies the whole third floor. The boys enter it from their Locker Room by a stairway in the southwest corner. The girls come from their Locker Room by the public stairway. The Gymnasium is 53x78 feet, and 20 feet high. It has a basket ball court 41x70 feet, regulation size, with room for 200 spectators. Off the Gymnasium at the southwest corner and immediately over the Pastor's Study is a storage room, 15x18 feet, for the gymnasium equipment, and also a lavatory. The Gymnasium is so located as always to have plenty of light and air; it can be used at any time without disturbing meetings in other parts of the buildings. The building of this Gymnasium releases the present Gymnasium for dining room and Sunday School purposes, thereby avoiding the necessity of constantly having the gymnasium schedule broken in upon by dinner gatherings.

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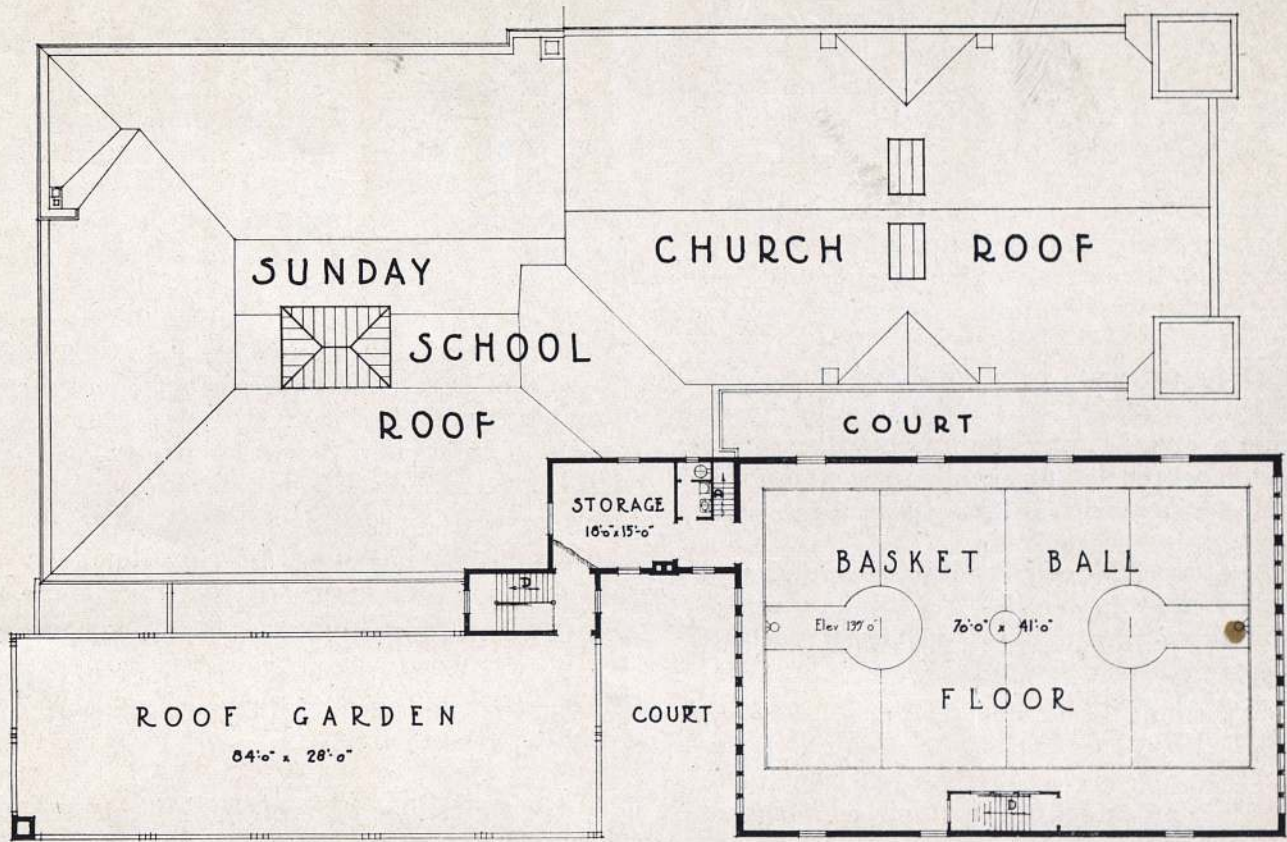
A ROOF GARDEN will cover the entire Rear Building. Here church parties for the young people and vesper services may be held during the open months of the year. It is believed that this unique feature will prove a valuable asset to our work.

THE CHURCH A WORKING PLANT

THE PROPOSED additions, together with the changes in the present buildings, will provide adequately for every department of our work and will permit of large expansion.

To the Social Life of the congregation this will open greatly enlarged possibilities. The arrangements throughout the buildings are exceptionally convenient and attractive for afternoon meetings, evening gatherings, smaller fellowship groups, and general or formal receptions. The visitor will be sensible of a home atmosphere and will realize that ours is, indeed, "a friendly church".

The Educational Interests are cared for by providing rooms for an up-to-date Sunday School. With these buildings we can efficiently care for a school of over fifteen hundred. The arrangements are along the lines of the most approved methods of modern school work.



GYMNASIUM FLOOR PLAN

The Recreational Side has been given special attention. The Swimming Pool, Gymnasium, Shower Rooms, Locker Rooms, Recreational Room, etc. will meet a long felt and growing need in our congregation and in the city. With this equipment we hope to care for the athletic demands under the most wholesome influences and, through this service, to win many of the youth to the higher things of life.

The Men and Boys are given facilities unequalled by any other organization in this section of the country. The boys have their own rooms for work and play. The men also are given social rooms, committee rooms, and rooms for at least four Bible classes. We purpose making it impossible for the men and boys of the city to truthfully say they spend their spare time in places of questionable repute because there is no other place for them to go. Their social, physical and mental needs will be looked after as well as their spiritual interests.

The Women and Girls of our church have always been most important factors in its life. Our new equipment cares for them in a manner widely in contrast with the meager facilities they now have. The Committee takes special pride in the rooms and conveniences made for them.

FINANCES

THE ESTIMATED cost of the new buildings and the improvements, complete and furnished throughout, is about \$175,000.00. This estimate is not the result of competitive bids.

With the splendid loyalty and consecration of our people, and the inexhaustible riches of our God for Whose glory we seek to do this laudable thing, success is assured.

The Finance Committee have decided to ask for subscriptions from all our people to be paid one-fourth cash, and one-fourth in one, two, and three years respectively. The Committee very earnestly desires to impress upon every member of the congregation the absolute necessity of their heartiest co-operation if this work is to be done. Let us remember that the whole effort is to be undertaken in the sacrificial spirit; that what we seek is an adequate instrument for the use of the Master and of His people; and that what we now build will, for years to come, be the source and center of influences the most wholesome, beneficent, and Christian.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

CERTAIN parts of the edifice lend themselves kindly to those desiring to have memorials to loved ones. Those interested in such things are requested to confer with the Pastor about it.

The Officers and Committee submit this Prospectus to our congregation with the searching question of Haggai: "Is it time for you yourselves to dwell in your ceiled houses, while this house lieth waste?" Let us one and all rise up and build this house for the glory of our God and the good of men.

