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Philadelphia, Pa., November 17, 1924.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON IMPROVEMENTS

Your Committee appointed at a Meeting of the Official Board, held March 19, 1923, and by virtue of authority vested in them by direction of the Church at a Meeting held May 7, 1924, copy of which authority we give herewith; (See sheet marked "Exhibit 'A'" attached hereto) beg leave to submit their full and final report of the completion and cost of the improvements, repairs, furnishing, etc., as follows:

The plan submitted to you as a basis for the improvements was carried out as nearly as was possible, an exception being a connection to the East gallery from the new Primary Department similar to the one on the West side, the reason being a mechanical difficulty which the Committee felt did not warrant the expense.

A number of things were also found necessary as the work proceeded, and as they were imperative, or it was considered wise to have them done, while the alterations were being made; among these items we mention:

The building of an entire new brick pier under the South end of the West rafter, and reinforcing supports under the South end of the two center rafters over the Chapel.

New ventilating skylight almost the entire length of the kitchen to replace the two old ones that were found to be rusted out and would have had to be replaced in a short time at considerable expense; the increased length also giving additional light and ventilation.

The substitution of copper metal flashings in all new work where tin metal had previously been used.

A large coal storage space of about twenty five tons capacity was excavated under the floor at the west end of Chapel.

Repairs to the present church building were also made which were not part of the plan of improvements.

New copper valleys and gutters on the northeast side of the roof of building from belfry to gables.

New copper valley about one half way up on the northwest side of the roof of building.

Repairs to slate roof and tin metal work on the southeast side, replacing old tin gutters where necessary over the auditorium.

Repairing plaster and painting in main auditorium due to leaks from above sources.

Pointing of large stone gable back of the organ.

Pointing of large gable on 18th Street side and base of tower; also repairs to chimney on this gable at ridge.

Room. The painting of the ceiling of Chapel and side walls of Sunday School

The painting of the iron fence.

The four new electric lights on the 18th Street entrances.

board. The entire electric lighting system controlled from a single switch

Furnishings were also done by your Committee.

The entire auditorium and Chapel were house cleaned, including the cushions.

The new leather opera chairs on the reconstructed platform, together with the brass railings and velvet curtains, which were ordered done as per action of the church taken at meeting held September 17, 1924.

The carpets were cleaned and relaid in the Chapel and elsewhere, and plastic linoleum floors laid in kitchen and vestry and Miss Haeseler's Class Room.

Three large new rugs were provided for the infant school room.

A fireproof storage vault was also provided, and a number of minor improvements.

The total cost of all work done this year amounted to \$21,658.00; to which should be added the amount of \$1,600.00, spent for painting of the exterior of the church and the repairs to the belfry last year; making a grand total of \$23,258.00 for the two years, for all improvements, the additional work found imperative, all repairs as enumerated, furnishings, etc. Of this amount there has been subscribed and paid in the sum of \$7,600.00, and there are subscriptions in sight, to increase this amount to about \$9,600. Deducting this from the total amount spent in the two years leaves a balance due of \$13,600.00, and to be provided for.

To arrange for this indebtedness, your Committee suggests

1st That it be so arranged, that the entire amount due be raised by freewill offerings of the church members and friends in a manner as to be no burden to anyone, by extending it over a period of years.

2nd That of the \$13,600.00 due, we raise \$3,600.00 through cash and subscriptions as promptly as possible, and for the remaining \$10,000.00, the Church issue notes extending over a period of years, the interest on these notes to be paid out of the interest now received from the Endowment Funds, by giving to the Finance Committee authority to place all interest received from the Endowment Funds in a sinking fund to pay the interest on the indebtedness and apply balance of interest to reduce the debt; and when the twenty five (25) shares of Building and Loan Stock owned by the church and now pledged for the payment of the increased fire insurance are redeemed, these shares are then also to be applied to the payment of any debt then

remaining.

In this manner the entire debt would be paid in from six to seven years.

Respectfully submitted:

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This Report adopted by the Official Board of the Fifth Baptist Church at Meeting held Monday Evening, November 17, 1924.

Attested:

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Secretary of the Board for
Meeting of November 17, 1924.