

In the following January Mr. Fairweather submitted his plans and an estimate of \$5000 for the cost of the work proposed. These plans were adopted, and a Committee appointed to attend to the necessary work until completion.

The repairs and improvements executed under the direction of the Committee, and to the entire satisfaction of the Board, comprise the following:—

The staircases at the sides of the principal hall were removed, and their place supplied by a central flight leading directly from the corridor doors to the street, leaving a ticket office on one side and entrances to the library etc. on the other. As the distance from these doors to the front of the building is too short to admit of the required number of steps in this flight, the lower ones are continued outside the building and covered by a porch 10 feet wide and 7 feet deep, and, in order to decrease the length of this staircase, the grade of the street has been slightly raised in front of the building. The side-walk in front of the property has been covered with asphalt pavement, and the areas formed between the street line and the building are protected by an ornamental cast iron railing. The corridor communicating from head of main flight of stairs to auditorium has been widened and its floor made level. The staircase formerly leading to the gallery from second floor has been retained for access to front rooms on third floor, but the door-way communicating with gallery from third floor hall has been filled in with an iron grating, which, while confining the occupants of the gallery to their own staircase, affords an inlet of fresh air from the window opposite.

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