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ally of a very porous nature and highly absorbent. Considerable seepage water was found in various parts of the basement, and he considered it desirable that a seepage water drain should be constructed to carry off the water around the building.

Only a Thin Shell.

In speaking of the general scheme of construction Mr. Cox said that this was a most important item to be considered. The structure as it stood today was merely a thin shell, and was absolutely dangerous unless reinforced. The scheme of construction adopted was the hollow tile system. Built vertically as a general rule for small buildings it gave satisfaction, but for a building of this class it was customary to have beams of reinforced concrete, the tiles being used as walls and partitions.

Mr. Cox considered that if a reinforced steel skeleton construction had been adopted it would have proved satisfactory. The fact remained that only a mere shell existed and unless reinforced a great risk would be run. He considered that considerable reinforcing should be made to the present walls, floors and partitions. The timbers supporting the floors were unsatisfactory and were not safe to carry a load of persons in active movement. The roof rafters had belied out and were consequently pushing the walls outward.

The stairways were of fairly good construction but required reinforcing with timbers as under present conditions they were unsatisfactory where traffic was great. The flashings and metal cornices were leaking, and the faulty nature of the roof was the cause of so much water getting inside. He advocated the remodelling of the cornices, and constructing water spouts to take the rain water away thus preventing the wind from driving the rain against the walls.

Where Attention Needed.

Speaking of the items that needed attention Mr. Cox said the walls should be reinforced and properly anchored. Floor joists of the main floor should be fixed. Stairways should be overhauled and reinforced. Walls and partitions of assembly rooms should be reinforced, being at the present time only mere shells. Support of canopy at main entrance should be made secure. There should also be re-arranging of the anchorage for the machinery in the working room. He said that parts of the walls should be taken down and rebuilt with proper materials and efficient workmanship. The cornices all around the building needed rebuilding. The structure should be shored up from the basement to the roof and the walls thoroughly examined. The outside walls needed to be covered with waterproof cement, enamelled face bricks, or cement stucco, the last mentioned being the cheapest form of covering.

Mr. Cox said that he understood provision had been made for fire escapes but he did not consider that the walls at the present time were strong enough to support the iron stairways. He suggested that the repair work should be undertaken piecemeal because it might be that in some parts of the construction the mortar was set better than in others.

About Foundation.

Alderman Theo. Gollart asked Mr. Cox if the foundation of the school was good, saying that as far as he knew it was built on sloping rocks which might cause the foundations to slide. In re-

plying Mr. Cox said that he had never seen a building before where the tiles were built on edge. It was claimed that when tiles are set vertically they stand greater compression, "but" said Mr. Cox, "when you have compression and nothing to support it you are better without the compression." He had not had time to thoroughly examine the foundation but the rocks should certainly have been made flat to receive the foundation otherwise in such a wet climate they were liable to slip at any time.

Alderman Kelly said that Mr. Cox had in a few days found the main faults of the structure which he (Ald. Kelly) had known to exist for some time. The sand used in the building of the Booth school had been refused for a particular foundation in the city. He thought that Mr. Cox should be asked to go further into the matter.

Mr. Cox said that while he was anxious to return south he wanted to see the school put into shape. To do this it would take all the dry weather throughout the summer. When he came to examine the building he was particularly anxious not to see anybody for always liked to see a building for himself and look for the weak spots in it. He always preferred to get his information direct from the building he was to examine.

Regarding Rebuilding.

A general discussion took place as to the employing of Mr. Cox to draw up plans and specifications to give an idea of what the cost would be to put the building in proper shape. Mr. Cox advised that it would be necessary to have a contractor on the work who would be on the job all the time under the supervision of the City Engineer, Mr. Whittaker.

Mayor Rochester said that he had been out with Mr. Cox and the city engineer several times to look the building over and knowing a little bit about construction work he was certainly in support of the suggestion of Trustee Patmore to have Mr. Cox stay longer and draw up plans and specifications necessary to carry out the work and give them an idea of what the cost of repair would be.

Alderman Montgomery was in favor of ascertaining what the cost would be and what work was necessary. When the estimate came in they would then be in a position to judge whether to repair the old school or build a new one.

Only One Thing to Do.

Trustee Patmore said they had engaged an expert who was satisfactory to the School Board and the City Council, "having heard his report there was only one thing to do and that was to act upon it."

Trustee McMeekin thought that Dr. Kergin, who was absent, should be given an opportunity to read Mr. Cox's report. It was pointed out by Mayor Rochester that Mr. Cox was anxious to get down south to attend to other important matters. Mr. Cox explained that in order to draw up plans and specifications it would be necessary for him to study

the dimension, of the building, but that if the meeting thought it advisable he was prepared to stay over and do the necessary work.

Ald. McLeod, who was late in attending the meeting, said that from what he had heard he gathered the worst had happened and agreed that Mr. Cox be permitted to go ahead and draw up plans and specifications.

Alderman George Kerr expressed himself in a like manner.

Trustee McLennan moved that Mr. Cox be engaged to go ahead and prepare the plans, specifications and estimate for the renovating of the school. This was seconded by Trustee Mrs. S. Y. Ling. The motion upon being put to the meeting was carried.

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CORRECT IMPRESSION.

Editor Daily News:
 In a letter addressed to The Daily News re summer-time, the following statements are contained therein: "And when such conditions are permitted to continue, proof is furnished of the failure of democracy and the hypocrisy of those who preach it." The writer hastens to assure The Daily News and its editor that the reference was made solely to certain politicians and political writers who preach democracy for a purpose. A perusal of the editorial columns of The Daily News for the past two years clearly

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