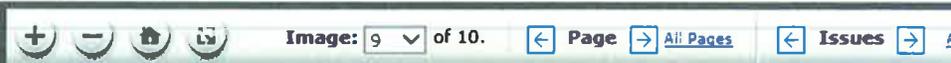


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Architect Gauntt Has Drawn Plans for About the Handsomest Church in State.

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The plans are completed for the new Baptist church. They have already been accepted as a whole by the building committee, and the few slight changes necessary are being made. The new building is to cost about \$30,000, and will be ready for occupancy by Christmas.

The architecture will be of the old Spanish mission type, and the material used will be stone with cut stone trimmings. Some of the special features of this magnificent new building will be the Sunday school room, the arrangement of the auditorium and galleries, and the ventilation.

There will be two main entrances one in each corner of the front, also a small entrance on the side corners, near the main entrances, for the Sunday school. The Sunday school room includes all of the basement floor, and the exercises will be held in common. This will seat in the neighborhood of 800.

In the auditorium the seats are

arranged so as to face the speaker, and the floor slopes forward so that every person is in a direct line with the eye of the speaker. A pipe organ costing \$3000 will be installed under a proscenium arch, throwing all of the sound forward. Seats for a choir of 75 are arranged in front of and below the organ. The gallery will be built on all sides.

The inside supports of the first floor and balcony are four steel pillars, erected in the four corners, which will reach from the first floor to the roof, and are capped with a Grecian capital. They support the arched Howe trusses, forming four complete arches of artistic effect.

The inside decorations are to be unique, consisting of complete relief work in plaster.

Ventilation will be aided by fans so situated as to drive the air forward, carrying the sound with it. Gas and electricity will be used for lighting and heated air for warming.

This church when completed according to the plans made by Architect N. G. [redacted] will be an ornament to the city and one of the handsomest church edifices in the central part of the state.

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