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It so happens, I told him, that that is the sum which we raised 10 years ago for the furnishings of the original building; but the new wing is slightly larger and costs have practically doubled. I wanted, therefore, to check with him and to make sure that the inclusion of \$5,000. in the 1967 budget, as the fourth and final payment of the promised donation still holds good. Mr. Garripy said that, although speaking unofficially, he felt confident that it does and that personally he is all for it. In his opinion, ^{he said,} it is a sure deal. He then went on to eulogize the Library's treasurer, who always knows what he has spent and what it was for, and the Library in general, because, in meeting the need of a growing community, it presents a budget for definitely stated requirements and has produced a public utility whose value has proved itself through its use by the community. By the time he had finished with all this, our library was no longer in Greenville. It was on top of the world. From this vantage point a rosy future seems to lie before us.

Fifth - I spoke of work yet to be done. Some of this is essential and requires immediate action - as, for instance, the installing or wiring of three clocks, which will require electrical work and also carpentry; the installing of gates in the saw stairway, to keep the young people from leaving the building by way of the fire exit door, adjustment of the windows in the lower hall so that picture molding may be installed and a minor area of the ceiling finished off; the finishing of the north side of the foundation at the parking area, which in its present unfinished state gives the effect of the building having had a crew cut; the filling of the area at the base of the north foundation with loam so that we may have at least the suggestion of a garden strip - and so forth and so forth.

The installing of supplementary heat for the auditorium was one of our first stipulations to the architect, and it was a point on which the Building Committee, individually, and collectively, battled with the architect over a period of weeks. But the obdurate young architect, who we subsequently learned was on the brink of a nervous collapse, insisted it could not be done. His senior partner, however, who took over our project in December, said it could easily be done. But in view of the fact that adding this item to the contract would have involved the extra 10% charged by the contractor and a corresponding 8%