

The want of adequate accommodation for the Sunday School had long been felt. The room in the basement of the church was both too small for the large attendance, and too low to afford proper ventilation. A new building was needed, and this seemed for a long time to be beyond the means of the congregation, especially as the property adjacent to the Church was built upon, and thereby enhanced in value.

In 1903, an opportunity offered itself to purchase lot 48, on the south side of Maria Street (Laurier Avenue West), 66 feet in frontage and running back 99 feet to abut on the church property, and having upon it near the Street, two dwelling houses. With a view to building thereon a Sunday School Hall, connected with the church, the property was purchased for \$6,000.00, of which \$3000.00 was raised by mortgage (to be cared for by the rentals of the dwellings), and the remainder was met by subscriptions.

At the Easter Vestry meeting, 1905, it was resolved to secure subscriptions for the erection of a Sunday School Hall, building operations to begin when \$6,000.00 was subscribed.

The subscriptions having reached this figure, a special Vestry meeting, held on March 5th, 1906, authorized the work at an estimated cost of \$13,000.00, and the mortgaging of the Church property for \$9,000.00 (which includes the former mortgage of \$3,000.00).

At the Easter Vestry meeting a Building Committee was appointed, consisting of Dr. W. F. King (Chairman), Col. W. P. Anderson, Hon. Mr. Justice Burbidge, Messrs. G. B. Greene, C. E. Living, Chas. Magee, Geo. A. Mountain, A. F. Bishop (Treasurer), J. K. Paisley, T. T. Simpson, Col. Fred. White, and the Rector and Wardens.

Arrangements were made with Mr. Geo. Tomlinson, a member of the congregation, to conduct the building operations on the basis of a ten per cent. commission on the cost of material and labor. This arrangement proved satisfactory in every respect. Through Mr. Tomlinson's efficient management the Hall was completed for \$12,900, just within the estimate authorized by the Vestry, though a further amount of \$1,200.00 had to be expended in remodelling the Laurier Avenue houses, the rear part of which it had been necessary to remove, in order to make room for the Hall. This expenditure was, however, recouped by increased rental values of the houses through the improvements.

The Hall was opened in the early part of November, 1906. It has proved a great convenience. It is two stories in height, containing a large hall upstairs, and several good sized rooms below, suitable for Vestry and other meetings.

The Church property extends northward on the Metcalfe Street frontage, about 10 feet from the wall of the Church. A building restriction was also held by the Church (derived from the original purchase), over the adjoining twenty feet of the adjacent lot, whereby the owner of that lot was debarred from building on it within forty feet of Metcalfe Street. An arrangement has been made with the owner of this property, and sanctioned by a special Vestry meeting, held on June 28th, 1909, whereby the northern half of the piece of land in question is