

• THE NEW CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

THE SYMBOLIC CRUCIFORM PLAN—ITS DIMENSIONS AND STYLE.

The new church will be of the symbolic cruciform plan, and will consist of a vast nave, with spreading aisles and transepts, apsidal chancel and side chapels, lofty campanile and roomy sacristy. The basement, extending under the whole area of the church proper, will contain a spacious cryptical church, sub-sacristy, efficient steam-heating apparatus, etc. The cryptical church, an important adjunct, will be used for week-day services, for the giving of the religious instruction of the children, and for the meeting of confraternities, etc. The principal facade, a view of which we give above, shows the great nave front with its bold and graceful triplet arcades, the lower arcade being of the Ionic order and the upper of the Corinthian. The aisle fronts, or wings of the facade, correspond in style, and the whole group is supported by the lofty campanile on the left, so truly Italian in character and giving picturesque variety to the classic front, altogether forming a noble architectural composition, the beauties of which will be considerably emphasized by rich and varied marbles. The first, or lower arcade, with its marble pillars and delicately moulded arches, forms the main entrance to the great vestibule, while the upper one frames in the great windows lighting the front portion of the church and the central niche, which will contain a colossal statue of St. Paul, under whose invocation the church will be dedicated to the worship and glory of God. Large statues of our Lord and the Blessed Virgin and some of the saints will crown the pedestals finishing the apex and sides of the gables, except the centre upper pedestal of the front gable, which will finish with a large and beautiful cross, the symbol of man's Redemption.

Entering through the great vestibule, the vast church, with its swelling vaults and arches, will unfold itself; long rows of stately classic columns will be varied by groups of similar pillared arches in the transepts and chapels. The windows will be filled with richly coloured figured and jewelled stained glass. Then, with the rich marble altars of varied hue and design, with communion rail and pulpit in keeping, and with the church frescoed in the highest style of art by noted Italian professors, the whole effect will be of a class unique of its kind on this continent, and will be an education in itself. To add to the greater comfort of the people the church will be heated and ventilated in the most approved modern manner, and the lighting for the evening services, instead of the deleterious gas, will be by the latest improved mode of electric burners, giving a softened, steady and pleasing effect.

The following are the general external dimensions of the church: Total length, 174 feet; width at nave and aisles, 70 feet; width across transepts, 100 feet; height of campanile, 110 feet. The seating accommodation will, in the upper or chief church, be for about 1,250 persons, and for about 900 in the lower, but both churches will, when needed, have capacity for a considerable additional number.

The work of the basement is in progress, but the contract for the main building has not yet been let.

This splendid structure has been designed, and the plans, etc., prepared by Mr. Joseph Connolly, R.C.A., the well-known church architect, under whose superintendence the works are being carried out. Pending the appointment of a clerk of works, His Lordship Bishop O'Mahoney gives every spare moment of his valuable time to the urging of the workmen to rapid progress in the execution of the works.

CARDINAL TASCHEREAU.

GRAND BANQUET TO HIS EMINENCE AT THE ROSSIN HOUSE.

The festivities in connection with the visit to Toronto of his Eminence Cardinal Taschereau were brought to a close on Monday night by a complimentary banquet, which was given by the Catholics of the city at the Rossin

House. The banquet was a brilliant success. The guests included influential and representative citizens, besides many others who came from long distances to do honour to the first Canadian Cardinal. Great enthusiasm prevailed amongst those present, and their interest in the event was very noticeable as they crowded the corridors on their arrival or surrounded the tables at the banquet.

At seven o'clock his Eminence held a reception, at which the guests were presented and kissed the ring. During this ceremony, which lasted about an hour, the Citizens' band discoursed selections of music to entertain the assembled guests. The prelates, clergy and chief guests, headed by Cardinal Taschereau and Hon. Frank Smith, then marched in procession from the reception room to the large dining room, which was tastefully decorated and arranged for the occasion. The British and United States flags were hung from the walls and draped the casements of the doors and windows.

LIST OF THE GUESTS.

Hon Frank Smith presided, and was supported on the right by his Eminence, the guest of the evening; his Grace Archbishop Lynch, Hon. O. Mowat, Hon. G. W. Allan, Hon. G. W. Ross, J. Beverley Robinson, ex-Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, and Dr. Daniel Wilson, President of Toronto University. On the chairman's left were seated his Honour Sir Alexander Campbell, Lieutenant-Governor; Hon. J. S. D. Thompson, Minister of Justice; Hon. J. B. Plumb, Speaker of the Senate; Hon. T. W. Anglin, Wm. Mulock, M.P., Vice-Chancellor of Toronto University; Lieut.-Col. G. T. Denison, Dr. D. A. O'Sullivan, Lieut.-Col. F. C. Denison, M.P. The vice chairs were filled by Bishops Walsh, London; and O'Mahony, Toronto; Mgrs. O'Bryen, Papal Alegate, and Marois, Secretary to his Eminence; Vicar-General Rooney, and Vicar-General Laurent. Over 225 guests attended, among whom were:—Rev. Fathers McCann, Egan (Thornhill), Bergin (Newmarket), Minihan (Brockton), Lynch, St. Paul's (Toronto), Rev. Dr. Funkin (Berlin), Rev. Father McMahan (Smithville), Rev. Father O'Reilly, Rev. Dean Harris (St. Catharines), Rev. Father Brennan and Rev. Principal Cushing (St. Michael's College), Rev. Father Hand, Rev. Father Lamarche, Rev. Dean O'Connor (Barrie), Rev. Fathers Lawlor, Guinane, McBride, Henning, Dumouchelle, DaFance, Rev. Brothers Tobias and Odo; John Leys, M.P.P., Dr. W. T. Aikins, Hugh McMahon, Q.C., W. T. Keily, J. J. Foy, Q.C., William A. Lee, L. O. Byrne, E. McKeown, A. Foy, Hugh Ryan, John A. McGee, M. E. Spilling, Patrick Purcell, M.P., J. F. Cassidy, John Fraser, Mayor of Petrolia, Fred. Nicholls, Dr. Cassidy, Dr. Geikie, Thomas Long (Collingwood), Eugene O'Keefe, Sheriff Dawson (St. Catharines), John McKeown, Q.C., (Crown Attorney, St. Catharines), Chas. Burns, P. Bonner, Wm. Harty (Kingston), A. Piric, John Herbert, Bailey O'Keefe, M. O'Donnell, M. J. Hynes, O. Dubruille, J. Sailer (Montreal), Austin Smith, J. Mahony, James Mason, John Mason, Peter Small, James Haverson, D. A. O'Sullivan, J. T. Hynes, J. S. Spilling, B. B. Hughes, P. Boyle, J. H. Lemaitre, organist St. Michael's Cathedral, Alexander Robertson, E. J. Robertson, E. S. Cox, F. D. Lawrence, W. McBrady, M.A., C. Roesler, H. Holmes, M. O'Connor, W. H. Ryan, Sheriff Fred. Mowat, W. H. B. Aikins, Wm. Burns, J. A. Macdonell, Dr. MacDonagh, A. W. Holmes, J. A. Gorman, J. W. Fitzgerald, John Mallon, W. C. Downey, W. T. Murray, W. A. Murray, M. Keily, H. F. G. Marriott, J. H. Cruise, Gerald Fitzgerald.

After a sumptuous repast had been partaken of the chairman called upon the secretary, who read apologies for absence from the following:—Lord Bishop Sweatman, Sir John Macdonald, Sir Hector Langevin, Sir Adolphe Caron, Hon. Thomas White, Hon. John Carling, Hon. W. J. Ritchie, Chief Justice of Supreme Court; Chief Justice of Ontario, Chief Justice of Queen's Bench, Ontario, Hon. Chancellor Boyd, Sir David Macpherson, Hon. Alex. Morris, Hon. Edward Blake, Hon. Wilfrid Laurier, Hon. Speaker Ouimet, Hon. Justice Taschereau, Justices Osler, Burton, Patterson, O'Connor, Galt and Rose, G. R. R. Cockburn, M. P., Hon. T. B. Pardee,