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Editorial Jottings.

WE give an engraving of the new building about to be erected on Spadina Avenue by the Western Congregational Church. The frontage of the building, which is to be of white brick, is sixty-seven feet, and the full depth eighty-four feet. The distance of twelve feet between the rear of the new and the present building is to be occupied with a low one-story building, giving accommodation for vestry and class rooms. Entering through the front door, the main vestibule, eight feet wide and extending across the whole front of the church, will be reached. At either side are staircases leading to the gallery. The audience room proper is fifty feet wide by sixty-one feet long, exclusive of organ recess at rear or the large recess at front in gallery over entrance vestibule. Four aisles or passages run longitudinally down the church, giving access to the seats, which are on the circular plan, all facing the speaker's desk. Immediately in front of the pulpit platform is the choir platform, which is raised two steps above the floor of the church, while the pulpit is four steps higher. The floor of the church slopes toward the pulpit so that all may have a good view of the speaker. In rear of these platforms is the organ recess. Along both sides

of the church is a three seat gallery, while the portion across the front opposite platform is seven seats deep. The actual ordinary seating accommodation of the church is as follows: ground floor, 452; gallery floor, 293; choir platform, thirty. Total, 775. The ceiling of the church is one clear span formed into a triple barrel arch and divided by plaster ribs and purlins, and the side windows groined up into side arches. The height of the centre of the ceiling from the floor is thirty-seven feet. The interior casings and woodwork of church will be clear pine with varnish finish; the seating will be finished with hardwood. The door into the audience room will be covered with cloth. The building will be heated by two large furnaces. The ventilation will be from gratings in the floor, connected by ducts to two large ventilation shafts, while at the ceiling there will

be ventilation at the open plaster centre bosses, which will be controlled by cords let down to the staircase landings. The space in rear between church and old building is utilized for a vestry and also for two large class rooms which open by folding doors on the old school room.

OUR readers will remember that this church was formed in November, 1875, by an emigra-

