



Church of St. Francis of Assisi, Toronto, Ont.

THE new Church of St. Francis of Assisi, situated on the corner of Grace street and Mansfield avenue, Toronto, was built to take the place of the smaller brick church at the corner of Grace and Arthur streets, which was erected fifteen years ago by the present pastor, the Rev. W. McCann.

The new church was completed and dedicated by Archbishop McNeil in October, 1915.

The main entrances, facing west, consisting of three large portals, with double doors, lead into a spacious narthex, having marble mosaic floor and vaulted ceiling. From narthex, lead-

ft. wide. The width of church at transepts is 71 ft., and the total length of the church is 156 ft.

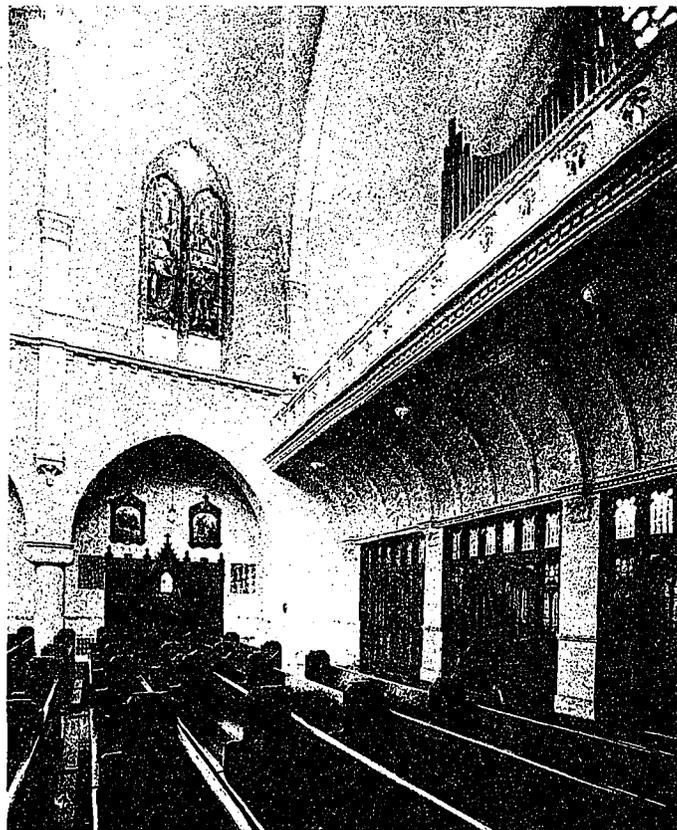
The ceilings are vaulted throughout, and are constructed of steel framework suspended from the steel roof trusses, and covered with metal furring and lath.

The wall and ceiling finish is in rough stucco, and the ornamental shafts, arches and groin ribs, corbels, string courses and niches, etc., of "staff."

The niches in the sanctuary contain statues of the four doctors of the church, and the main



NARTHEX, CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI, TORONTO, ONT.



VIEW OF ENTRANCE FROM NAVE, CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI, TORONTO, ONT.

ing to the nave, are three double swinging doors, corresponding to the main entrance doors. From the narthex is a similar double door, leading into tower, in which are stairways leading to the choir gallery, and also to basement. Two entrances facing Mansfield avenue, and two more on the north, enter on the street level to vestibules, with stairways leading to church, basement and sacristies. The choir gallery is immediately over the narthex.

The nave is 40 ft. wide, with a 6 ft. centre passage; the aisles, used for passages only, are 5

groin ribs at crossing of the transepts are supported by emblems of the four evangelists.

An ambulatory around the sanctuary forms communication between the clergy and boys' sacristies.

The tower is 21 ft. square, and 120 ft. high, with an open belfry.

The accommodation of the church is 900, and that of basement, which is used as a parish hall, is of similar capacity. The portion under the sanctuary is utilized for the heating apparatus.

Credit Valley stone is used throughout, with