

sent in by Messrs. J. G. McDonald & Co., being the lowest, was accepted, and a contract was duly entered into with them on November 16, 1878, to erect both Church and School-House for the sum of \$55,985. The Church is to consist of a Nave, North and South Aisle, a Chancel in which provision will be made for a Choir, and on the South side of which will be the Vestry, and Organ Chamber, a Tower and Spire. A Clerestory runs throughout the length of the Building. The seating capacity is for eight hundred adults. The School-House is to consist on the upper floor of a large room capable of holding five hundred adults, and the ground floor of a Lecture Room to seat one hundred and fifty, an Infant class, and other rooms. Both Buildings are to be built of lime-stone, faced with dressed free-stone, and placed on the site in the same position as before. They will be connected with a corridor, which will be so constructed in connection with the School-House, as to afford a covered passage from Charlotte street into the Church.

The cost of the Buildings has necessarily been the subject of much consideration, as well as the best way for raising the necessary amount. It was felt that the Buildings which were to replace those which for many reasons were held in such high estimation must necessarily be not only of a substantial character, and large proportions, but of as much beauty of design as could possibly be attained. It was not easy to see how this could be done, without a larger outlay than the Vestry felt warranted in incurring. I trust that the decision which has been made in the matter will prove to be a wise one, and that it will meet with your hearty approval. From the Annual Statement of last year you will remember that the amount collected from Insurance was \$28,800, and from the Statement of this year you will see that a munificent legacy of \$11,000 has been made to the Parish by the late Charles Merritt, Esquire, one of the most respected members of the congregation. These sums, together with a bond for \$4000, of the Corporation of St. John's Church, and a bond and mortgage for \$2800, of A. C. Fairweather, Esquire, are the only available funds at present in the hands of the Vestry, for paying the cost of the Buildings; by which it will be seen that a further sum of \$9385 is needed to meet the amount of the contract which has been entered into. I trust, however, that not only that sum, but much more that is required to meet necessary expenditure may be raised by voluntary subscriptions. Without being unmind-