

# Extensive Alterations and Additions to St. Stephen's



The above drawing shows St. Stephen's church, Helmsdale avenue, as it will appear when certain alterations and extensions have been completed. This work has already been commenced, and it is expected the reconstructed building will be ready for occupancy the end of September.

The programme of reconstruction involves the raising of the entire present building 4-ft. 6-in., providing an entirely new full basement, with a 10-ft. 6-in. ceiling, and with seating accommodation for a Sunday school of from 350 to 400.

The church building proper will

be enlarged by the addition of 22-ft. at the front, as a result of which 100 additional worshippers may be accommodated. The large bell which has been the property of the congregation for some time will be erected over the vestibule.

The church proper will be carried on steel beams, spanning the entire width of the building, thus eliminating pillars in the basement, and providing a clear span in floor space for mid-week activities. There will be two entrances to the basement. The main entrance to the church will be in the north-west corner of

the completed building, with the entrance to the vestry in the south-east corner.

The general contractor is Mr. W. J. Beetham, while the plumbing and heating contractor is Mr. Frank E. Simmons.

The congregation of St. Stephen's was organized in 1911, and two years later the present church building was erected. The first rector was Rev. J. Harrison, who was succeeded by Rev. J. E. Shirley. Rev. J. Blackburn preceded the present rector, Rev. H. Sherstone. The present rector's warden is Mr. A. J. Taylor, with Mr. J. Buchan, people's warden.