



NEW E.U. CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, ARDROSSAN.

THE above is an illustration of the New E.U. Congregational Church about to be erected in Glasgow Street, Ardrossan, for the congregation of the Rev. George Sharpe.

Since Mr Sharpe's ministry commenced the attendance in the present church has been so large that the old building has proved quite inadequate, and in other ways is very unsuitable for the congregation. It was, therefore, some time ago resolved to purchase the Old School in Glasgow Street. The site had a frontage of 63 feet, and a depth of 155 feet from front to back. The school had been built on the rear portion of the ground, thus enabling the new church to be built on the front playground, and the school connected with it so as to be utilized as a meeting hall and for Sabbath school purposes.

The Church to be erected will seat about 600 on the ground floor inclusive of the space ~~is~~ aside for the choir, and about 170 will be accommodated in the end gallery to be erected at a later date when funds permit. The building is to be 43 feet 6 inches wide inside the walls, and 82 feet 6 inches long, and there will be a Ladies' Room, Managers' Room, Vestry, and other accommodation. The building is to be roofed with arched steel principals, having a height from the floor of 26 feet. The work of the front elevation will be of stone from Ballochmyle Quarry, while the rear part of the structure, being hidden by surrounding tenements, is to be absolutely plain.

The architect of the new building is Mr T. F. Marwick, 53 York Place, Edinburgh, and the following are the successful offerors:—Mason, Quinlan Wilson & Jones, Robert Barbour; plaster, J. Lambert; slates, J. Hogarth & Co.; plasterers, Murray & McDermott; steel roof and standards, F. & W. McNeill; asphalt, Adam Loch; glaziers, G. Lindsay & Co.; seating, Bennett Furnishing Co. The estimated cost exceeds £2000.