

IN HONOR OF ELLIOTT F. SHEPARD

His Wife Has Built a Presbyterian Church at Scarborough, of Stone Quarried from His Estate.

SING SING, N. Y., May 11.—In the pretty little suburb of this village, Scarborough, about a mile and a half south of the village centre, Mrs. Elliott F. Shepard has erected a handsome Presbyterian Church as a memorial to her late husband. It is to be formally dedicated next Tuesday afternoon, May 14, and a large number of invitations have been sent out to those whom Mrs. Shepard desires especially to be present.

The architects of this new church were Haydel & Shepard. They were instructed to prepare the plans and see that the edifice was properly built, without setting any limit to anything in the way of reasonable expenditure, and the result is the production of a work of art which is an ornament to Westchester County.

The main design of the ground plan is a cross, a porte cochere being one of the short arms of the cross, and the pastor's study the other arm. The church is built of granite rubble, with trimmings of Indiana limestone. The granite is of a pink tinge, which harmonizes pleasantly with the grayish limestone, and the effect is very striking to the visitor.

The height of the tower from the steps to the top of the cross is about 120 feet. The architecture of the exterior is a distinctly American interpretation of the Renaissance idea as it was in the time of Louis XIV. The granite used in the body of the structure was quarried on the estate of Col. Shepard, which is a short distance south of the edifice.

The interior dimensions of the main auditorium are: Width, 42 feet, length, 80 feet. The entire length of the structure, including a large Sunday-school annex in the rear, is 168 feet.

A striking feature in the architecture of the tower is the arrangement of flying buttresses that transmit upward the lines from the main pilasters of Indiana limestone to the observatory. The cross on the observatory is of copper, and the roofs are also covered with copper.

A feature in the designs of the architects is that all ornamentation is focused at critical points in the structure. Steps from the front door lead down to a plaza 75 feet square, and thence broad steps lead to the roadway.

In the three large windows of the main structure each nineteen feet high, are stained glass designs. Strictly classical treatment has been used in the interior of the main building. The main auditorium has a seating capacity of 350, and the Sunday school room of 150 persons. The floors are of mosaic in the church, and the pews are of carved wood. The building is as near as possible fire-proof, as little wood being employed in the construction as circumstances would permit.

The wood-paneled ceiling is secured to the entablature by carved wooden corbals. This ceiling is one of the features of the main room. It is made of California redwood. Its side surfaces are enriched with twenty-eight panels, each 6 feet square, and with carved wooden rosettes in their centres. This design incloses, as in a large frame, a large panel, itself broken up and subdivided into a considerable number of smaller panels. In the centre of the ceiling is a great carved redwood cross. The inner walls are of cement, tinted to harmonize with the ceiling.

The choir dome, under which the pulpit is placed, at the end of the church, is paneled with rosettes, and a large skylight admits light from above. The building is lighted at night with electric lights, and the heating is to be in the Winter season by hot-air appliances from the basement. Perfect ventilation is secured by means of exhaust flues in the side walls, from the floors to the roof. The organ is in the main tower, while the keyboard is under the choir dome.

AGAINST WAR VETERANS

Civil Service Commissioners of Brooklyn Will Hereafter Refuse to Approve Certain Pay Rolls Under Their Jurisdiction.

Lawyer Tormey a week ago began proceedings restraining the Mayor, Controller, and City Auditor of Brooklyn from paying salaries to certain persons appointed since Jan. 1, in alleged violation of the civil service rules.

The matter was brought to the attention of the Civil Service Commissioners, and they have adopted the following resolutions:

Resolved, In view of the recent decision of the Supreme Court construing Section 9 of Article 5 of the new Constitution of this State that,

First—The Secretary of this commission be and he hereby is directed to decline to pass or approve the pay roll as to any veteran of the army or navy or veteran fireman appointed or to be appointed after the first day of January, 1895, to any position included in Schedule B without having first passed a competitive examination according to the civil service regulations;

Second—The said Secretary is hereby directed to decline to pass or approve the pay roll as to any person appointed or to be appointed after the first day of January, 1895, to any position in Schedule A without having first passed a competitive examination according to the civil service regulations, unless the position is one which it is not practicable to fill by examination;

In the opinion of this commission is not practicable to fill the following offices by competitive examination:

1. Elective offices.
2. Heads of departments and their deputies.
3. Members of boards or commissions appointed by the Mayor.
4. Private Secretary to the Mayor and private secretaries to heads of departments.
5. Secretaries to the Civil Service Commission.
6. Persons who by virtue of their office having the personal custody of money or property belonging to the city, for the safe-keeping of which the head of the department is financially responsible.
7. Persons employed to render temporary expert service.

There are about fifty places affected, and the occupants, being Republicans, are greatly interested in the outcome of the matter.

For a Cable Railway Mail Service.

Second Assistant Postmaster General Neilson will within the next two weeks close an agreement with the Broadway surface line for a street railway mail service on Broadway. About six cars will be started July 1 next.

Gen. Neilson will go to New-Orleans this week to confer with street railway officials with a view to establishing a street-car mail service in that city.