

# UNITY MISSION BUYS CHURCH

Old House of Worship on  
College Street Changes  
Hands

**\$100,000 SUM INVOLVED**

Zion Congregational Church, College street, will shortly pass into the hands of the **Christian Unity Mission**, which has been holding services in the building for some time, under the pastorate of Rev. Mr. Butland. The property has been held in trust by the Missionary Society of the Congregational Church of Canada since it was closed in 1908. An offer of \$100,000 has been made by the present tenants of the building, and this has been accepted on the recommendation of the Toronto Congregational Council. The proceeds of the sale will be used for extension of the work of the Congregational Church in Toronto and district, in accordance with the conditions of the trust.

### Long Negotiation.

Some negotiations were carried on between the Council and Western Congregational Church with a view to later making Zion Church its new home. There was, however, some difficulty in regard to the transfer, and this project was dropped. Western Church decided to unite with Dale Presbyterian Church.

Old Zion Church was established in 1834 by Rev. William Merryfield, the first building being on the north-east corner of Bay and Adelaide streets. The lot for the present building on College street was purchased in 1876, and the church was erected shortly afterward.

### Former Pastors.

Among the pastors who ministered at the church were Rev. Mr. Roaf, Rev. Mr. Ellerby, Rev. S. M. Jackson, Rev. Henry Powis. The last minister was Rev. E. D. Silcox, who is now Editor of The Congregationalist.

The church was closed thirteen years ago, owing to the wholesale depletion of the congregation by the demolition of the residential property in front of the church for the erection of the new General Hospital.