

CHRIST CHURCH

PJ 4 Jan 1879

A CHURCH AT PORTSMOUTH PLAINS.—By the will of Geo. M. Marsh, recently deceased, he bequeaths some fifty thousand dollars for the building of a second Episcopal Church, and the gathering of a society to occupy it and worship therein, to be erected in the western portion of this city. Suitable lots of land can be found all over this section: three have already been suggested: two of which are in the upper part of Islington Creek, in the vicinity of the Breweries, for the reason that a large majority of the inhabitants there are Englishmen of Episcopal proclivities or inclinations, who would aid and support the object. But a third claim emanates from the Plains; that inasmuch as a church and society once flourished and was enjoyed there, a little over a century ago, occupying the site of Branscom Hill, which is on the north.easterh border of that locality,—this is the most desirable spot for a church; and a void has been felt in that neighborhood and adjoining district ever since the same was discontinued and removed from that locality.

M. T. M.

PJ 24 Jan 1880 --Trustees of March estate have chosen a lot on Madison street for erection of Christ's Church. The unoccupied portion of the lot will be public park. A chime of nine bells, in English style, with a man at each rope, is contemplated.

PJ 9 oct 80 -- The design of the new church which is to be erected on Madison street, has so far progressed as to call for proposals for building, as will be seen by the advertisement in another column. The edifice will be unique, antique and tasteful in style, and will attract much attention. The energetic rector of St. John's church has had it hand for some time.

Proposals for Building.

PROPOSALS are invited for the erection of a stone church, to be called Christ Church, on Madison street, Portsmouth, N. H. Bids will be received for the whole or part of the work and materials. Plans and specifications may be examined at the office of John Hatch, No. 18 Pleasant street, where further information can be obtained. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids.

Portsmouth, 9th October, 1880.

JOHN HATCH, for Trustees.

PJ 9 April 81 -- First load of stone for new Episcopal church hauled to the grounds on Monday morning. All the stone came from Leach's Island.