

## THE CHURCH-STREET EXTENSION.

**The Work Well Under Way—The Street to be Opened to the Battery by September Next.**

The demolition of the buildings, the removal of which is necessary in order to carry out the widening and extension of Church-street, is going on rapidly. The proposed improvement will extend Church-street from Vesey to Morris streets; the width of the new thoroughfare between these points is to be eighty feet. The first action taken in relation to this extension was in October, 1864, when the Common Council determined to make the improvement. This determination was opposed by property owners on the line of the new street, but the action of the corporation was finally confirmed by the Supreme Court. Commissioners were then appointed to make the awards for property taken by the City, and their report being confirmed the opening was fixed March 1, 1869. The sum total of these awards is \$2,567,504, payment of which is to be made July 1, 1869. On the 17th of April the buildings on the property taken were sold at public auction, thirty days' time being given the purchasers to effect their removal. These buildings are on Fulton, Dey, Courtland, Liberty and Cedar streets—thirty-five in all, and now occupy what is to be the carriage-way of the new thoroughfare. Besides these, however, there are many others in Trinity-alley, including the United States public stores and Public School No. 38, which are to have forty-seven feet taken off them in order to bring the street to an uniform width. The highest award made for property taken is to the heirs of the estate of JAMES BOORMAN, who take \$202,240 under the Commissioners' report. The amount awarded to "unknown owners" is \$173,092. The business of the appraiser's department and the United States public stores in Trinity-alley will be carried on there for the present, although the contracted dimensions of the Government buildings here, consequent on the widening of the new street, will doubtless necessitate a removal of the business, ere long, to some more commodious locality. When the removal of the buildings on the line of the proposed street shall have been effected, the Common Council will advertise for proposals for grading and paving, and the improvement will be speedily pushed forward to completion. It is the intention of the authorities to have the new street ready for travel by the first of September, if possible.

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