

**ST. VINCENT'S ORPHANAGE**—One of the handsomest buildings in Cork is fast approaching completion—the new Orphanage and Sanatorium of St. Vincent de Paul, Wellington Road, erected and endowed by Mr. John Nicholas Murphy. The design of the building is most picturesque, and its commanding situation makes it a conspicuous feature in the landscape. The time has not yet come for a description of the institution in detail, but even in its unfinished state one cannot look upon it without being struck by the beauty of its exterior and the admirable economy of its interior, so creditable to the architect, Mr. Ashlin; while the manner in which every part of the work is being executed by Mr. Barry M'Mullen, the builder, is well calculated to enhance that gentleman's already high reputation. The building is faced with brown sandstone, with limestone dressings, and special care and skill have been bestowed upon the preparation of the material. Thus the brown stone is not dressed after the usual fashion, and set on edge, but is cut across the grain, and laid in its natural position, with the laminae horizontal. This arrangement prevents the stone chipping after it has been put into the edifice, while it ensures a neat and compact face to the walls, and prevents damp soaking downward through the stone. The jointing of the blocks is exceptionally close and regular, and thus the building is the most solid and durable of its kind that we have ever seen. The dressings of the handsome bay and other windows are also admirably put out of hand, and the bell turret at the end gives the building a light and pretty appearance. There is a splendid sculptured group, representing St. Vincent de Paul surrounded by little children, placed over the principal entrance, and this at once reveals the object of the institution, and adorns its facade. The spacious grounds in front of the building will be beautifully laid out, and over the cut stone coping of the boundary wall in front will be set a handsome iron railing, with the letters S. V. P. inserted in its design. The institution, our readers will remember, is intended for the reception of the female orphans of persons who once occupied a superior social position, and will be under the care of the Sisters of Mercy; while a portion of it will be set apart as a residence for those of the Sisters who require to recruit their health—a purpose which it will be peculiarly fitted to serve by reason of its extremely healthy and agreeable situation.