

in the Pointed Gothic style, and forms an attractive feature to the visitor on arriving by the southern entrance to the town. The material is chiefly limestone, from Sheephouse Quarries, Drogheda. The portico and the whole of the facade are finely chiselled. The roof is of open timber work; the pilasters are Galway marble. A moderate quantity of stained glass introduced gives the interior a pleasing effect. The architect was Mr. W. Murray, of Dundalk.

The new organ supplied by Mr. White, of Bishopstreet, to St. Peter's, Phibsborough, was opened on Sunday, the 5th inst. It is considered a good sample of native manufacture, combining brilliancy of tone with softness and power. It has three benches of keys, of ivory, and its mechanical arrangements are well turned out. The following are its details:—Great Organ CC to G Alto—Open diapason, gamba, stopped diapason, clarabella flute, harmonic flute, principal, twelfth, fifteenth, sexquialtra, trumpet. Swell Organ, CC to G—Bourdon, open diapason, stopped diapason, octave, mixture, cornopean. Choir Organ CC to G—Gedack, kerulophon, solo flute, piccolo, clarinet. Pedal Organ, CCC to E, 29 notes—Open diapason, 16 feet, pedals to great, pedals to swell, swell to great, great to choir. The case containing the instrument is well finished, painted in imitation of oak; the flutings are gilt. Until the completion of the new church, the organ will remain in its temporary position in the southern transept.

A new oratory is in course of erection at Mount St. Alphonsus' Convent, Limerick, for the Redemptorist Fathers. Mr. George Goldie, of London, architect; and Mr. Patrick Scanlon, of Limerick, contractor.

A new Roman Catholic Church is to be built at Greystones, Co. Wicklow, from the design of Mr. E. W. O'Kelly, Bray.

GENERAL.

The contract for additions to Friendly Brothers' Club, Sackville-street, has been taken by Messrs. Hall and Son. The additions comprise smoking-room, visitors'-room, and new approach to billiard-room at rear, together with W.C's. Mr. W. G. Murray, architect.

The tender of Mr. Henry Quinn for the erection of sheds to accommodate cholera patients at Kilmaham auxiliary, has been accepted by the Guardians of the South Dublin Union.

Mr. Robert D. Hutchinson, merchant, has taken the extensive premises, 13, Lower Liffey-street, on which he is erecting a tobacco factory on a large scale, according to the plans and under the directions of Mr. Joseph Maguire, architect, of 6, D'Olier-street. Mr. John Thompson, of Grantham-street is the builder.

Three villa houses have recently been erected on the Temple-road, Upper Rathmines, under the directions of the same architect.

Messrs. John Ryan and Sons, of Limerick, have been declared contractors for the new National Bank house at Charleville, Co. Cork. Mr. W. F. Caldbeck, architect.

Mr. Patrick Scanlon, Limerick, has been declared contractor for building new National Bank at Rathkeale, Co. Limerick. Mr. W. F. Caldbeck, architect.

A new Presbyterian Church is to be built at Armagh, from the design of Mr. John M'Nea, Belfast.

A new boat-house is to be built, and other additions and alterations made at Ballymacaw Coast-guard station, Co. Waterford.

A new road, with main sewer, &c., is to be made at Clontarf, on the Earl of Howth's property, under the superintendence of Mr. M'Curdy.

Mr. M'Curdy, architect, is directing the alterations at Knocktopher Abbey, the residence of Sir J. Langrishe, Bart.

Mr. Thomas Ellis has been declared by the Belfast Water Commissioners the contractor for a portion of the Belfast Waterworks. Amount of contract £3,288.

A new flax and tow spinning mill has been erected at Dromlane, near Newry, by Hill Irvine, Esq., J.P.

The directors of the Ulster Banking company have purchased a house in Main-street, Maghera, Co. Derry, from Captain Bruce, where they purpose erecting a banking-house on an extensive scale.

A pair of semi-detached houses on Clyde-road, for Mr. A. H. Robinson. Mr. Armstrong, architect; Mr. George Moyers, builder.

Mr. George Moyers has been declared contractor for dwelling-house at Bray for E. L. Griffin, Esq. Mr. William Fogerty, architect.

Extensive works are in progress at Markree Castle, Co. Sligo, for Col. Cooper, D.L., M.P. Mr. Wardrop, of Edinburgh, architect.

Sundry works at Dunboden, Co. Westmeath, for Col. Joshua Cooper, Mr. S. Symes, architect; Mr. George Moyers, builder.

ST. MARY'S BRIDGE, DROGHEDA.

THE contractors for this bridge (Messrs. Brennan and Costello) are pushing on the works in a spirited manner. The northern abutment is already up as far as the springing, and the cofferdam for south side will be complete in a few days. The preparations for building centre pier are also in an advanced state. From what we have seen of the structure so far, we may say that the *modus operandi* of the present contractors will bear favorable contrast with that adopted by former one, whose failure in carrying out the work we noticed in our pages some months ago. In a recent number, the *Limerick Southern Chronicle* referred to the works completed and in progress by the above named firm in the following words:—"The firm of Messrs. Brennan and Costello are now established in this country as first-class builders, in whom every confidence may be placed, and we may fairly refer to the works completed by them in a very short space of time, in our own locality, namely—the bridges of Kilmastulla, Cooly, and Cooleen, which we had the pleasure to notice in this journal on a previous occasion. The drainage works at present carried on by them at Kilmastulla, where about three hundred men are daily employed, at remunerative wages, is rapidly progressing. These eminent builders are now finishing the second contract of the Athboy Drainage, and are giving the utmost satisfaction to all parties concerned."

MISCELLANEOUS.

Mr. B. Seemann, in a letter in the *Athenæum*, describes a huge tree which he measured during his travels in Nicaragua.—"I was able to start for Managua, passing Nagarote, where I measured a famous genisaro tree (a Mimosea), of which the villagers are justly proud, and for which 200 dollars have been offered—a high price in a country where timber abounds; and yet they had the public spirit—the rarest of virtues in a Spanish American—to refuse the offer (others say the Government made them refuse). The tree is but 90 feet high; but some of the lower branches, which are quite horizontal, are 92 feet long and 5 feet in diameter. The stem, 4 feet above the base, is 21 feet in circumference; and the crown of the tree describes a circle of 348 feet. A whole regiment of soldiers may seek repose in its dense shade.

The abstract of accounts of the Great Southern and Western Railway Company shew a net surplus revenue of £92,427 16s. 1d., out of which the directors recommend a dividend of 5 per cent., leaving £4,628 6s. 2d. to be carried to next account. The report states that "There has been an increase of about £2,500 from third-class passengers; but a decrease, to a very nearly similar extent, on first and second class. On military, there has been a decrease of about £900. The tonnage of goods has been larger than at any former period. The cattle trade is, we regret to state, still steadily decreasing, being little more than one-half what it was four years ago; but the loss sustained under this head has been rather more than compensated for by the increased number of sheep and pigs. Up to the present time there is every appearance of an abundant harvest, and we believe that the agricultural and commercial interest of the country have seldom been in a more healthy condition; we cannot, however, expect anything like so large an influx of visitors as we had last year, attracted by the Exhibition, and must calculate on a considerable reduction in the receipts from this source in the coming half-year. The bills for the purchase of the Cork, Youghal, and Queenstown Railway, and for the formation of a junction between that line and the Great Southern and Western; and also the bill for enabling the company to subscribe £13,000 to the Parsonstown and Portumna Bridge Railway, have passed through Parliament, and received the Royal assent."

The rates contemplated for messages by the Atlantic cable, and for the present to be charged, are the same as those in the scale drawn up for last year's cable. From any telegraphic station in the three kingdoms to any station in the United States or Canada, twenty pounds will be charged for a message not exceeding twenty words, or a hundred letters, including address, date, and signature. Every five letters after the first twenty will cost twenty shillings, and all messages in cipher will be charged double those rates—figures in every instance being written as words. Messages from stations on the Continent of Europe will be charged twenty-one pounds for twenty words, and twenty-one shillings per word after the first twenty. Messages from any station in Africa or India will be charged twenty-five pounds for twenty words, and twenty-five shillings per word of five letters after the first twenty. Important messages requiring special accuracy will be charged double, on account of the necessity of repetition.

SHIP-BUILDING IN THE PORT OF DUBLIN.—An iron screw steamer—the seventeenth vessel

built by the firm of Messrs. Walpole, Webb, and Bewley, since its formation about two years and a-half ago—was launched from their yard at the North Wall, on Saturday last. It is for the United Kingdom Screw Collier Company, of this city, and it is gratifying to find that they can have their vessels built and fitted out by native industry, and in so short a time,—the *Dublin* will have been completed within nine months. The dimensions are:—length between perpendiculars, 175 ft., depth of hold, 14 ft., breadth of beam, 28 ft.; tonnage, builders' measurement, 659 9/16. The engines are by Messrs. Courtney and Stephens. The orders in hands at this yard are equal to its accommodation.

THE DOCK AT HAULBOWLINE, CORK HARBOUR.—Arrangements are being made for the immediate commencement of this work. Buildings and workshops are being fitted up at Haulbowline, and all preliminaries are being arranged. Some workshops have been erected, and in these over sixty convicts are daily employed at the different trades, such as carpentry, smith-work, &c. At present there are about twenty-five skilled mechanics employed for the purpose of instructing the convicts in the various branches of work which may be required. Quarrying stones on the island has been going on extensively, and huge blocks of limestone are daily raised and removed to a place convenient, where they are prepared. Messrs. Perrott and Sons, of Cork, have received the order for supplying tramways and other machinery. About 150 convicts are at present assisting, and every morning they are brought from their Spike, and taken back in the evening after their day's toil. Special apartments are being fitted up in the tank building for their accommodation while at meals, and nothing is to be spared to ensure comfort. It is expected the Lords of the Admiralty will visit the works at the latter end of this month, and that they will give directions for the instant prosecution of the undertaking. The docks are to be constructed by convict labour.

OBITUARY.

We regret to announce the demise during the past week of Hugh Byrne, Esq., City Architect. He succeeded his father, the late Patrick Byrne, R.H.A., in 1864, and has since filled the position (not, we believe, a very remunerative one) It is doubtful whether a successor will be appointed in exactly the same capacity.

TENDERS.

Tenders for Schools and teacher's residence at Monard, near Limerick Junction, for the Right Hon. the Earl of Derby. Mr. W. S. Cox, architect, Limerick.

Joseph M'Namarra, Dublin	..	£1,660	0	0
Patrick Scanlon, Limerick	..	1,200	0	0
John Ryan and Sons, Limerick	..	1,100	0	0
Gerard Mahony, Cork	..	1,011	12	7
Patrick Barry, Tipperary (accepted)		890	0	0

Tenders for Farm Offices at Islamnare, County Limerick, for E. J. Smith, Esq. Mr. W. S. Cox, architect, Limerick.

William Ryan, Limerick	..	£998	0	0
John Ryan and Sons, Limerick	..	1,350	0	0
Patrick Scanlon, Limerick (accepted)		1,345	0	0

BANKRUPTS.

James Molloy, Clare-street, Limerick, Carpenter.
Robert Tomlinson Carlisle, Sixmilebridge, Co. Clare, railway and public works contractor.

INSOLVENTS.

John Brophy, Phibsborough-road, blacksmith.
Patrick Moore, Newrath House, Waterford, railway contractor.
Patrick Heaphy, Castletownroche, Co. Cork, Stonemason.
Thomas M'Inerney (of the Kildimo Flag Quarry Company, limited), Doolough, Co. Clare.
John Bratton, Carrickaloughran, Co. Armagh, road contractor.

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