

NEW CEMETERY FOR CORK.

THE new cemetery which the Corporation is providing for the city, near Glasheen, is rapidly progressing, and it is possible may be completed at even an earlier date than was at first contemplated. A great part of the boundary wall has been built, and the works now remaining to be executed are the completion of the chapels, the building of a registry office, the making of roads through the grounds, the finishing of some gateways, and a few other minor details. The first step towards the realisation of one of these was taken on Thursday last when the Mayor attended at the Cemetery, and, in the presence of several members of the Town Council, Corporate officers, and other gentlemen, laid the foundation stone of the registry office. The gentlemen present having gone over the grounds and inspected the various works, assembled at the spot where the stone was to be laid, near the gateway. Here his worship, having been presented with a handsome silver trowel by the builder, Mr. Hunter, laid the stone of the new building. The ceremony was devoid of formality of any sort. The two little mortuary chapels now being erected in the Cemetery are models of neatness and tasteful design. They are counterparts of each other, except that the doorway of one is in the side, and that of the other—the Catholic chapel—at the end adjoining the road which runs through the grounds. The prevalent style is Decorated English, with, however, no particular adherence to any school. The size of each is 40 ft. by 18 ft., without counting the chancel, which is 18 ft. deep in each case. A tower, 65 ft. high, will rise from northwestern angle of each. The material used is of a somewhat novel description, consisting of what are termed Welsh "sets," or rectangular cut blocks of stone, which for small buildings of the kind are peculiarly effective. The dark grey of this stone contrasting with the light grey, almost white, of the ordinary limestone used in the dressings, has a very neat effect; and the little pillars of Cork and Galway coloured marbles used at the porch, and in various parts of the chapels, give considerable richness and variety to the effect. It is proposed to introduce stained glass into the handsome circular windows at end of each chapel. The registry office will include a room in which the cemetery records will be deposited, and open, under certain conditions, for the inspection of the public. There will also be in it apartments for the officer in charge. The general shape of the Cemetery, which includes about fifteen acres for cemetery purposes, is almost rectangular. It has a north-easterly aspect. From the outer road, after passing principal gateway, a walk about 40 ft. broad runs down to near where the chapels stand. Within a gateway opening off this, will be a narrower walk about 22 ft. wide, which leads up to the chapels, and beyond which it divides into two semicircular roads, sweeping through the remainder of the grounds. The grounds will be laid out with shrubberies, &c.; and if this portion of the work is carried out as satisfactorily as that at present proceeding, the effect of the entire will be very pretty. The designs for the chapels were provided by Sir John Benson, and reflect much credit on his taste and architectural ability. They are being carried out by Mr. Hunter in a highly satisfactory manner.—*Communicated.*

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