

NOTES FROM THE SOUTH.

EXTENSIVE building works are about being commenced at the North Mall Distillery, including re-roofing the greater portion of these premises and erecting a coal depot at Wise's Hill for the Cork Distilleries Company. Mr. Osborne C. Edwards, C.E., is the architect, and the contract has been taken, in a limited competition, by Mr. Barry M'Mullen, builder, of Cork, who has for some time past been engaged in carrying out other extensive works for this firm, both in this city and at Middleton, where he has recently completed a large kiln and malt stores from the design of Sir John Benson, C.E. The same company have also recently had their bonded stores, No. 6, at the Watercourse, Cork, re-roofed and otherwise improved by Mr. Richard Evans, of Union-quay, Cork.

The Cork Hall.—A desideratum has been supplied by the conversion of a portion known as the "supper room"—of the Cork Athenaeum into a most convenient, suitably arranged, and admirably situated Assembly Hall, provided with dressing and retiring apartments, platform, &c. It is certain to be in constant requisition by the caterers to the public amusement and instruction. The works have been executed in an admirable manner, from the designs and under the directions of Mr. Robert Walker, jun., C.E. and architect, who has also recently had works of alteration, improvement, and decoration carried out upon the Athenaeum building, which is now thoroughly renovated and has had its name changed to "The Munster Hall," a much more sensible and satisfactory, though less pretensions, designation. It may, in fact, be considered as an index of the turn in the tide of "exotic snobbishism" which the Corkonians, with all their professions of nationality, are very fond of.

A handsome stone pulpit is in course of construction for St. Finbar's Cathedral, by Mr. Samuel Murphy, of Mary-street, Cork, from the design of Mr. William Burges, of London, the architect for the church. Irish red and green marbles, Bath and Caen stone are the materials employed, the sculpture is being executed in London! Comment on the last-mentioned fact would be superfluous.

The church of Inniscarra, near Cork, is to have new internal fittings, including seats, pulpit, desk, &c. Mr. W. H. Hill, B.E., architect; Mr. Samuel Hill, builder.

The Wesleyan Church, St. Patrick-street, Cork, is in the hands of the builder, undergoing a complete re-arrangement internally. New wainscotting, seats, and fittings of more convenient form than what has heretofore inadequately served the purposes of an ever-increasing congregation. Mr. Charles Wilson Atkins, of Cork, is the contractor. The cost will be about £1,000. Mr. Robert Walker, jun, C.E., is the architect for these works.

Kinsale.—Mr. George Ford, builder, Kin' sale, has been declared the contractor for the new Wesleyan Chapel, for which Mr. Robert Walker, jun., is the architect. The amount is about £800.

The parish church of Rincurran, near Kinsale, is about being re-roofed and otherwise improved. Tenders for this work have been advertised for by the diocesan architect, Mr. W. H. Hill, B.E.

Galley Head.—A new light-house and gas works are to be commenced at once on this headland, for the Board of Irish Lights, from the designs of Mr. John S. Sloane, the engineer to the commissioners. The works are of an extensive and expensive kind; the following is an abstract of the tenders submitted :—

	Light House.	Gas Works.
Robert Walker, Cork..	£10,200	2,000
— Pembton, Clonakilty ..	10,112	1,945
W.H. Hill, Cork	8,101	1,846
W. Murphy, Bantry	7,889	1,725

Mr. Murphy's tenders were accepted; the work to be completed in two years.

Tipperary.—It has been decided upon by the authorities of the War Department, to proceed this year with the building of a military barracks at this town, to accommodate a depot of infantry. Last year tenders were obtained, but all were found to so far exceed the amount voted for the purpose, that the matter was postponed until the present. The competition will now be confined to those who originally tendered, the entire cost is estimated at about £25,000. the expenditure of so large a sum will be a windfall for this portion of "Gallant Tipperary." .

Crosshaven.—The new pier has just been completed by Mr. Joshua Hargrave, of Cork, at a cost under £1,000, according to the plans and under the superintendence of the County Surveyor for the East Riding of the County Cork, who is also having a sea wall in continuation of the pier erected; this will be a great advantage to this rising and favourite watering-place.

The glebe-house has had considerable additions made to it, and the entire building remodelled and out-offices erected, at an expenditure of about £600, from the design and under the directions of Mr. W. H. Hill, the diocesan architect.

New schools, with residence for teachers and for sexton, are proposed to be erected near the new church, the drawings for which are prepared by the diocesan architect.

The new Catholic church, although proceeding slowly for some time past, is now approaching completion, and it is hoped will be opened for divine worship this summer. It is a consummation most devoutly to be wished, as heretofore many people of this, community who would otherwise settle in Crosshaven during the summer have gone elsewhere, on account of the inconvenient distance and limited accommodation of the old chapel. The new building has an imposing look, and in Mr. Pugin's usual style. The workmanship is exceedingly well done, and reflects credit on the clerk of works, Mr M'Aulif.

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