

For 10,000 Larch Sleepers 9 feet long and 10 inches thick for the Glasgow and Ayr Railway.—December 31.

For the erection of an Organ in the City Hall of Glasgow, cost not to exceed 1,500l.—Mr. G. W. Muir, Glasgow. January 1.

For laying the Pipes required in the Hall New Water Works.—Thomas Thompson, Esq., Town Clerk, Hull, or Mr. Thomas Wickstead, Old Ford, near London. January 6.

For the supply of the following stones for pavements, namely, York Flag of 3 inches and 2½ inches thick, at per yard superficial; Castle Hill Stone, 2½ and 1½ inches thickness, at ditto; Rock-hill of like respective thicknesses, at ditto; Aberdeen Granite, half sovereigns, at per ton; Devonshire Kerb, at per yard run, &c.—Francis Southgate, Clerk to the Paving Commissioners, Milton, next Gravesend. January 7.

For Re-pewing Leverington Church, near Wisbech.—The Rev. Henry Jackson, Leverington, or Mr. W. Adams, Architect, Wisbech. January 7.

For Poor Locomotive Engines and Tenders.—George King, 62, Moorgate-street, January 8.

For a Survey Plan and Valuation of the Township of Kimberworth, in Rotherham Yorkshire.—Mr. George Taylor or Mr. Richard Rhodes, Overseers of the Poor. January 8.

For taking down the present Bridge at Carrick-on-Shannon, and constructing a Stone Bridge of five segmental arches, with its approaches; building quays and harbour, forming wharfs, and deepening the bed of the river.—Edward Hornsby, Secretary, Shannon Commissioners' Office, Custom-house, Dublin. January 8, 1845.

For completing the Railway from Bishopstoke to Salisbury.—Alfred Morgan, Secretary, Nine Elms Station, Vauxhall. January 10.

For the erection of the Railway Works between Leeds and Bradford, including fencing, earthwork, masonry, roads, and permanent way.—William Clarke, Secretary, Hunslet-lane Station, Leeds. January 27, 1845.

For the execution of Works on the Chester and Holyhead Railway.—1st. A distance of eight miles, or thereabouts. 2nd. A distance of twenty-two miles, or thereabouts. 3rd. A Tunnel through the promontory of Penmaen Beck, near Conway.—George King, Secretary, 62, Moorgate-street. January 29, 1845.

For the supply of 11,000 feet of nine-inch cast-iron Pipes for a new line of Aqueduct to be laid in the Island of Malta.—Vin. Carolini, Collector of Land Revenue, Office of Land Revenue and Public Works, Valletta, Malta. March 31, 1845.

COMPETITIONS.

The Committee of the Association recently formed in the Metropolis for the Construction of Baths and Wash-houses for the Labouring Classes, are desirous of obtaining Plans and Estimates for the Erection and Fitting-up of the First Establishment. The general basis of the plan can be seen at the Office, No. 3, Crosby-square. The author of the plan considered the best by the Committee will be selected to execute the work.

Plans for an Agricultural College to be erected at Cirencester, to accommodate 200 pupils and 6 tutors. The style is left to the taste of the architect. A Premium of 10 Guineas to the author of the most approved plan.—Robert J. Brown, Esq., Hon. Sec. Cirencester. January 1.

Plans and estimates are required for a Pauper Lunatic Asylum for the County of Somerset; the building to accommodate 300 patients, and to contain two stories. The Committee of Visiting Magistrates wish it to be of a plain, cheerful character, but will not further fetter the architect by suggesting any particular arrangement as to the interior, its ventilation, warming, or otherwise. The ground selected contains 36 acres.—The Clerk of the Peace, Taunton. A Premium of 100l. will be adjudged for the best plan, and 50l. for the next best. January 22.

The Committee of the Art Union of London offer the sum of 500l. for an Original Picture illustrative of British History. Cartoons, six feet by four feet six inches, are to be sent in (as will be hereafter notified) by the 1st day of January, 1846, and from these the selection will be made. Artists must send specimens of their abilities as painters, if required so to do. The successful candidate must undertake to complete the finished picture, of the same size as the cartoon, by the 1st of January, 1847, and to superintend the engraving. The Committee wish it to be understood that their object in giving so long a period for the preparation of the cartoon is for the purpose of affording artists sufficient time thoroughly to study the various details of their compositions, and to produce in the cartoon a completely finished and well-wrought study for the picture. The Committee reserve to themselves the right of withholding the premium if works of sufficient merit be not submitted.

APPROACHING SALES OF WOOD, &c.

BY AUCTION.

January 7, 1845.—At the Hall of Commerce, Threadneedle-street: 1,225 logs of St. Domingo Mahogany of superior quality and large dimensions; also 3 logs of Satin Wood.—Thomas Edwards, Broker, 1, Pinner's-hall, Great Winchester-street.

January 17, 1845.—At Garraway's Coffee-house, Cornhill: 10,000 Baltic and Swedish Deals and Batten; 10,000 Colonial Yellow Pine and Spruce Deals.—E. D. Warrington, broker, 15, New City Chambers.

BY TENDER.

Pear, Apple, Plum, and Cherry Trees now growing on the site of Victoria-park, being together 683 Trees.—Particulars of each lot may be had at the Office of Woods and Forests, 2, Whitehall-place, and at Mr. John Greig's, Hackney-wick, who will also shew the trees. December 31.

Current Prices of Wood and Metals.

December 24, 1844.

	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
Box, Turkey, bd. per ton..	2	0	0	3	0	0
Cedar, Pencil, per foot ..	0	0	3	0	0	4
Cuba .....	0	0	3	0	0	4
N. S. Wales .....	0	0	3½	0	0	5½
Green, per ton .....	5	5	0	9	0	0
Ebony, Ceylon, large ....	6	0	0	7	0	0
small .....	4	10	0	5	15	0
Madagascar, small ..	5	0	0	6	0	0
LIONN VINA, Jamaica .....	3	0	0	3	0	0
St. Domingo .....	8	0	0	12	0	0
MAHOAGANY, Cuba, per foot	0	0	8	0	1	2
St. Domingo .....	0	0	9	0	1	2
Honduras .....	0	0	5½	0	0	10
TIMBER:—						
Teake, African, per load ..	9	0	0	10	0	0
Oak, Quebec .....	4	5	0	4	10	0
Fir, Riga .....	4	2	0	5	0	0
Dantzic and Memel ..	3	17	6	4	10	0
Swedish .....	3	15	0	3	17	6
Pine, Quebec, red, per load	4	0	0	4	2	6
yellow .....	3	10	0	0	0	0
Miramichi & St. Johns	4	10	0	0	0	0
Wainscot Logs, 18 ft. each	5	5	0	0	0	0
Lathwood, Memel, &c. fm.	9	0	0	0	0	0
Deals, 6ft. 1½ in. by 9 .....	31	0	0	32	0	0
Stockholm .....	27	0	0	28	0	0
Gottaburg, 12ft. 3by9 .....	26	0	0	27	0	0
Christiana, 1st & 2nd .....	28	0	0	30	0	0
St. Petersburg, Memel,						
Dantzic, 12ft. 1½ in.	18	0	0	20	0	0
Quebec yellow Pine,						
first quality .....	17	0	0	18	0	0
second ditto .....	10	0	0	12	0	0
White Spruce, 120 ..	16	10	0	19	0	0
Dantzic Deck, each ..	0	18	0	1	6	0
Plank, Dantzic Oak, load ..	9	0	0	10	0	0
STAVES, Baltic, per 1200 ..	130	0	0	140	0	0
Quebec Pipe, 1200 ..	65	0	0	0	0	0
Pancheon .....	17	0	0	0	0	0
CORRUGATED IRON:—						
Corra—Brit. Cake, p. ton ..	84	0	0	0	0	0
Tilo .....	83	0	0	0	0	0
Sheet, p. lb. ....	0	0	9½	0	0	0
Old .....	0	0	8½	0	0	0
South Amer., ton ..	72	0	0	0	0	0
IRON, British Bars .....	6	5	0	6	10	0
Rods .....	6	15	0	7	0	0
Hoops .....	8	5	0	8	10	0
Sheets .....	8	15	0	0	0	0
Cargo in Wales, Bars	6	0	0	0	0	0
Pigs No. 1, Wales ..	3	10	0	4	0	0
No. 1, Clyde ..	2	17	6	3	0	0
Russian, C.C.N.D. ..	16	10	0	0	0	0
Swedish .....	9	15	0	10	0	0
LEAD—British, Filg, p. ton	16	15	0	17	0	0
Sheet, milled .....	17	5	0	0	0	0
Shot, patent .....	19	15	0	0	0	0
Red or Minium .....	21	10	0	0	0	0
White .....	23	10	0	0	0	0
Litharge .....	20	0	0	0	0	0
Spanish Pig .....	16	0	0	16	5	0
STEEL—Swedish Keg .....	15	15	6	0	0	0
Pigot .....	16	10	0	0	0	0
TIN—In blocks, p. cwt. ....	3	11	0	3	12	0
Ingots .....	3	11	0	3	12	0
In Bars .....	3	13	0	0	0	0
Banco .....	3	5	0	0	0	0
Straits .....	3	2	6	0	0	0
Plates, p. box, 225 shts.—						
No. 1, C. 13½ by 10 in.	1	5	0	1	11	0
I. X. ....	1	11	0	1	17	0
SPELTER—On the spot, ton	22	12	6	22	15	0
Delivery .....	22	5	0	0	0	0
ZINC, English Sheet .....	32	0	0	0	0	0
OSISBOW .....	0	3	0	0	0	0
QUICKSILVER .....	0	4	6	0	0	0

APPOINTMENT.

The Commissioners of Sewers for Westminster and part of Middlesex are about to appoint a Fourth Clerk of the Works at a salary of 120l. per annum. The appointment in the first instance will be for one year only, and take place at the Office, No. 1, Greek-street, Soho-square, on Tuesday, January 14.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

We perceive from a prospectus just sent to us that the author of the papers which have appeared from time to time in our pages headed "Glances at the Interior of the Churches in the Deanery of Sparham, in Norfolk," intends republishing the same with very considerable additions, under the title of "Sketches for an Ecclesiology of the Deaneries of Sparham and Taverham, in Norfolk." The work will be published in post 8vo. monthly numbers, each containing descriptive accounts of from seven to ten churches, and will be rendered at the lowest possible rate consistent with a bare return of the charges incurred, that is, at certainly not more than 8d. per No. The deaneries of Sparham and Taverham comprise forty-six churches, among them several of very high architectural interest. The work will be published by subscription.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

"H. E. Kendall, jun."—We are obliged for the suggestion; it will be acted upon in our next number.

"φ."—We received several communications on the subject referred to in our correspondents' postscript, and selected that one for insertion which apparently contained all the leading points of the remainder.

"F. Richardson."—We have answered his note by post.

"A Subscriber."—Perforated plates of zinc are chargeable to the window-duty "if so perforated as to afford light, but not if so as to serve the purpose of ventilation only." For additional information on this subject, we refer our correspondent to No. 97 of THE BUILDER.

"T. H. Cash."—The rate of duty on Crown Glass is 7s. 6d. per cwt. The quantity charged with duty in 1829 was 114,862 cwt.; in 1830, 96,565 cwt.; in 1831, 100,086 cwt.; and in 1832, 103,902 cwt. It is difficult to form any precise estimate of the value of the glass annually produced in Great Britain: we believe, however, that it cannot amount to less than 2,000,000l., nor employ less than 50,000 workmen.

"A Constant Reader."—We have not seen either the names or the amounts of the parties willing to contract for the erection of the Bristol Barracks.

Communications have been received from "Dartford" on Architectural Competition; and from "George Snowball" on Flooring Dogs, with a model. Both are under consideration.

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