

with the body of the spire. The tower is to be entirely restored; a chancel and porch added; the present ceilings to be removed, and a clerestory substituted. The estimates amount, in round numbers, to 10,000*l.*, which it is proposed to raise by general subscription. A dissenter, while expressing his good-will to the work in *Aris's Gazette*, proposes also a town subscription of pence among the poor, which might lead, he thinks, not only to a contribution worth having, but to greater kindness of feeling among the too-widely separated sects of the town.—The chief stone of the new church at Wednesfield-beath was laid on Tuesday week. The church is to be in the Decorated English style. It will comprise a nave and side aisles, 85 feet by 55 feet, and a chancel 36 feet by 19 feet. There will be a tower and spire at the south-west angle of the nave, of a total height of 150 feet: of nearly 700 sittings, about 450 will be free. The church will be built by subscription, aided by grants. An endowment of 2,000*l.* has been provided by Mr. Henry Rogers, of Wolverhampton.—A new organ, by Foster and Andrews, of Hull, has been erected in Bingley Church, at a cost of upwards of 200*l.*—The chancel of Milton Church has been undergoing extensive repair. A new open roof has been formed, after a design by Mr. Pugin, and a new east window, in the Decorated style, was presented by the Provost and Fellows of King's College, Cambridge, the patrons, the rector adding some stained glass, prepared by Mr. Bolton. The sedilia and oak stalls are being restored, and a new vestry erected.—An appeal to the public has been made in the *Leicester Journal* for the restoration of the spire, &c., of Norton-by-Galby church, the damage of which by lightning has been estimated by a builder at 1,000*l.* to the spire and 1,000*l.* to tower and nave; and also for the repair of the sister church of Little Stretton, struck by lightning on 23rd ult. (11 days only after the former accident).—A memorial window for St. Stephen's, Siontown, has been executed by Mr. H. Gough, of Nottingham.—The foundation stone of the new church at Swindon was laid end of last week, by the wife of Mr. A. L. Goddard, M.P.—Lloyd-street chapel, Manchester, has been repaired and beautified, at a cost of about 260*l.*—The new church at Heathfield, Moss-side, Manchester, was consecrated last week by the Bishop of Manchester. The church was built six or seven years ago, by Mr. Heath, of Moss-side, at a cost of about 6,000*l.*; but, for want of endowment, could not be consecrated. It has recently been purchased by Mr. Robert Gardner for 2,900*l.*, and, after an expenditure of 300*l.* for repairs, and an investment of 1,000*l.* for endowment, has been recognised by the diocesan.—The restoration of Saint Mary's church, Scarborough, is now nearly completed. The principal works since last season are the rebuilding of the large north aisle, lowering graveyard at east end, and restoration of south porch. Large drains have also been constructed for rendering the building dry and wholesome. The pews on the floor have been erected, and the roofs stained in oak. The parapet of the tower has been taken down and reset. The re-opening will take place in course of next month.

TREATMENT OF BUILDERS.

In reply to an advertisement in your paper, respecting the enlargement of the Independent chapel, Stockwell-green, Mr. Wilson, architect, Bath, we made an estimate. On the 28th the following tenders were sent in:—

Hill	£1,375
Paull	1,273
Gammou	1,260
Walker and Soaper	1,233
Cooper and Davis	1,200
Curtis	1,194
Smith	1,129
Cooper and Bottomley	1,095

When requested to attend in the vestry, we were asked by the architect if we had included in our estimate the painting, graining the interior and exterior of chapel, and staining the whole of the pews; we replied in the negative, stating it was not specified. He then wished to know if we would include it in our amount (for, he stated, that part of the specification had been omitted, and left at his office);

but we objected, as the amount would be considerable. Mr. Smith was then asked, but he likewise refused; it was then agreed by the committee that the three lowest should deliver in a tender for lowering one of the galleries, and the above painting, graining, and staining, the next evening at eight o'clock. We again attended, when, to our astonishment, Messrs. Curtis were stated to be successful, for not a part, but the whole. We naturally inquired the cause, when we were informed Messrs. Curtis's tender was the lowest. Knowing their amount the previous evening, we stated that we could not understand it; when one of the committee replied—Oh, we allowed Messrs. Curtis to withdraw their tender of last night, and send in a fresh one this evening. This act of cruel injustice, nay worse, was allowed and sanctioned by gentlemen who had but a few minutes previously left a prayer meeting in the chapel. Would it not have been much more honest to have told us, at all events on Tuesday evening, they intended the work for Messrs. Curtis. If such a system be pursued, advertisements for tenders will cease to be attended to.

COOPER AND BOTTOMLEY.

Miscellaneous.

PROVINCIAL.—A plan for the proposed day-schools at St. George's, Bristol, has been furnished by Mr. H. Crisp, who estimates the cost at 400*l.* a site has been procured.—The Cheltenham Training College is now nearly completed.—The bronze statue about to be erected at Carmarthen to the memory of General Nott is being cast, and the foundation of the pedestal is in course of construction on the site of the old cross.—A windmill for grinding clay at a brick kiln has been erected near Hereford Canal Basin, at a cost of some hundreds of pounds, by Mr. R. Pritchard, of Hereford, builder.—The maulers of Rowley Regis are returning to work on their own terms with the masters.—The site of the new workhouse at Birmingham is levelled, and the foundations are being excavated. "The guardians," says *Aris's Gazette*, "have determined to dispense with Fox's fire-proof patent, as its adoption would enhance the expenditure 1,200*l.*" The Public Works Loan Commissioners are to advance the whole cost of erection, 25,000*l.*, if needful, in sums of 500*l.* each.—The aviary of the Liverpool Zoological Gardens was burnt to the ground on Monday night, through some of the fireworks dropping on the thatched roof.—fireworks and thatched roofs under one and the same enlightened management.—The interior of the Manchester Exchange is now in process of decoration. The broad surfaces are painted a bright stone colour, with a slight admixture of red in the moulding; while in other instances a bright red is sparingly introduced, contrasting with pale green in other portions of the ceiling. In the old portion of the building the decoration is hardly yet begun; but nine new gases have been opened in the large dome, and a window has been substituted for the door which formerly occupied this end of the building.—The Sunderland baths and washhouses are now in the hands of the builder, Mr. W. Scott.—A "visitor" to St. Neots complains that the palisading round the obelisk in the centre of the market-square has been removed, merely because "it got a little broken, and the commissioners wouldn't mend it."—Prince Albert has consented, it is said, to lay the foundation-stone of the National Gallery to be erected on the Mound, at Edinburgh, the ceremony to take place about end of July.

BATTERSEA PARK AND BRIDGE FROM CHELSEA.—The inhabitants of the south-western districts of the metropolis have resolved to complain to the Home Secretary of the delay in carrying out the Act for this improvement, and failing him to call a public meeting for an application to Parliament on the subject.

THE LATE SIR JOSEPH BANKS.—The late Sir Joseph Banks lies buried in Heston Church. There is neither inscription, nor monument, nor memorial window to mark the place of his sepulture; even his hatchment has been removed from its place. Surely as President of the Royal Society, a member of so many foreign institutions, as well as a man who had travelled so much, he should have been thought worthy of some slight mark of respect. I believe that Sir Edward Knatchbull's family inherited the bulk of his property. W.

PROJECTED WORKS.—Advertisements have been issued for tenders by 8th July, for the erection of the building for the International Exhibition, in whole, or in part; by 3rd July, for excavating, building and completing a large main trunk sewer and several miles of principal branch sewers at Leeds, including flood-gates, culverts, &c.; by 20th inst., for paving streets, courts, alleys, &c., in St. George-in-the-East parish; by 20th, for the erection of a chapel at St. Mary Cray, Kent; by 1st July, for painting, papering, and repairing stations, cottages, &c., on the London and South Coast Railway (in four contracts); by 27th inst., for the erection of a gentleman's small residence at Frankham, near Tunbridge Wells; by 26th, for the execution of the work of asphalted brick platforms at the London station of the Great Northern Railway; by 26th, for wood paving at same; by 22nd, for the performance of artificers' work for three years at various Ordnance stations; by 25th, for repewing and repairing Catterick Church, Yorkshire; by 27th, for the supply of quantities of tubular stone-ware drain pipes with junctions, closet pans, and syphon traps, for the Taunton Board of Health; by 9th July, for the supply of about 1,000 tons of water service pipes for the Croydon Board of Health; by 1st, for the erection of a rectory-house and offices at Aston Clinton, Bucks; by 29th inst., for alterations and additions to a house at March, Isle of Ely, with new stabling and premises; by 17th, for works connected with carriageways, at Bristol; by a date not specified, for an addition to the Catholic Church of St. Joseph, Southampton; by 25th inst., for the erection of additional offices at the Derby station of the Midland Railway; by 27th, for the erection of a new wing to the County Lunatic Asylum, Gloucester; by 29th, for the erection of a new church at Ogley Hay, near Brownhills station of South Staffordshire Railway; by 1st July, for the construction of 1,900 feet of brick drain, at the Pest-house-fields, Portsea; by 27th inst., for the erection of an engine-stable, and two cast-iron tanks and coking apparatus, and for forming and metalling approaches (separate tenders) at the Newcastle station of the York and Berwick Railway; by 22nd, for lighting and repairing gas-lamps, and supplying lamp-posts, lanterns, brackets, cocks, burners, &c., and other works connected with the lighting of Kennington-lane, &c.; by 17th instant, for the erection and completion of a gas-holder, 100 feet diameter and 22 feet deep, at Rochdale; by 18th, for certain works and alterations at the police-station at Litchington; and by 18th, for the mason, joiner, bricklaying, and other works in erecting the Mechanics' Institution and Temperance Hall at Woodhouse, Leeds. The maps, &c., relating to the tenders for water-works, &c., at Copenhagen, have been received in the city.

METROPOLITAN TUNNELLING AND RIVER EMBANKMENT.—Pending a discussion at the Society of Arts last week on sewerage and water supply, a plan was submitted by Mr. W. H. Smith, comprising a terraced embankment of the Thames (à la Martin), beneath which should be lines of tunnelled railway communicating with the various metropolitan termini of the great trunk railway lines,—water-culverts and pipes,—and large sewer courses. Immediately under the roadway of the embankment, and above the tunnels, Mr. Smith proposed that there should be transverse arches communicating with the Thames, for commerce and traffic on the river. The esplanade would be 60 feet wide, protected by a parapet next the river, and on the other side lined with handsome houses, disposed according to the sweep of the river. With respect to the railway tunnels, descent and ascent would be by inclined plane. The supply of pure water would be taken from a place high up in the Thames above the point of tidal action, and raised by high-pressure to supply the most elevated districts. The termini of the sewer tunnels would be some 20 miles below Blackwall, in the Thames marshes, below the floating power of the tide to carry it back to the metropolis. The embankment should extend from Vauxhall to the West India Docks and Deptford—that was about 10 miles—and the estimate of the cost of construction be fixed at 300,000*l.* per mile, or 3,000,000*l.* altogether. The scheme was illustrated by plans, &c.