

of monuments are kept in stock, and this work, being imported direct, is sold at rates extremely favorable.

In a conversation with Mr. Hope, we learn that the tendencies of the times are for a better grade of work, and to that end the firm employs the best workmen and purchases the best material it can secure, and it is gratifying to us to be enabled to state that the business now reaches about \$80,000 per annum, with every prospect of a substantial increase during the present year.

Not marble monuments and slabs alone constitute the entire business. During a recent visit to the Works we were shown into one department wholly devoted to marbles and marbleized mantels. More beautiful work cannot be found anywhere, and the firm is prepared to give customers extraordinary bargains in this class of goods. Indeed, in the entire establishment nothing is omitted that would render it complete.

Mr. Wm. Hope, the senior member of the firm, is a young man—a native of Glasgow, Scotland, and one of the wholesale marble firm of Hurd, Hope & Roberts. His time is largely occupied with his duties in the last named house, still he exercises general supervisory management of the business, and its rapid and substantial development is owing, in no small degree, to the business-like energy he has infused into it. We can certainly extend our congratulations to the firm for what it is accomplishing, and hope its prosperity may never be less than now.