ST. Patriok's Hall
In a late number we mentioned that the ground was broten on the 24 th ult, for Saint urned up in tie presence of Mr. Derlin and everal other gentlemen. Since then the wor bas piogressed rapidy, the excavation is far ad be building. The contractors, $\boldsymbol{\text { me understand }}$ re pushog formard the work with energy, and will hare the foundation well in, and secured this
The worte will be resumed early in the spring oil the corner stone laid with due ceremony on St. Patrick's Day next. 'The inauguratioc will alase place or St . Patrick's Day twelre months, We have much pleasure in laging before our eaders the following discription of the Hall, bich we hare In the basement of the buiding, there are, be boiler room for heating the Hall by steam, eight eillars that can be rented separately from the bops above, if found adrantageous to do so.a convenieat entrance leads to the whole from on lane in the rear
One the fight first clas shopt, rarying from 40 to 9 leet ia depth; six Street-(two of these shops can be subdivided o adratage). T'he shops are to be furasbel

On the second flat, Sbow Rooms, and a farge Bulliard Room, all rontiog on Victoria Square. In the rear of the building a large Library and Reading Room bas been provicu-d ; and also a Hall 56 by 40 feet for the he of tre varous It:sh Surieties;-coauecied with it and the Liorary are ino Commettee ther regalia ol the Societles rentog the Hall. On the thrd flat, noweres, the crowning fea ire of the buidiog is placed-nemelf, the Grand at feet wide, within the walls, and 46 feet high ; the stage is 52 feet wide $\mathrm{t}_{\mathrm{F}} 25$ foer deep the opposite end of the Hall a gallery is plazed e prorided at each side of the stage, and tis cloakiog rooms at the othar end of the Hall.Some tuea may be formed of this magnificent room from the fact that it contarns about 3,000 quare feet mere than tue city Coacert -13! low for its width). The "Grand Hall" will ac mmodate, comiortably sitting, two thousan efsons, and wheo used for public meetiogs, \&s. oble Haill, (winch is one of the rery largest in aple room for therr Chartable Bazaars, ther Grand Soiress, their Promenade Concerts, Ganser Metines, and their Aniversary Cela rations. The Socien ar, is counected with tie Grand Hall overhead by a private faluable arrangement, as on occasions such s the above, the Societies' Hall can be thrown Grand Hall.
These advantages must commend its Grand Concert Hall to our Sellow-cittzens of other na tionalities on occasson of their Promenade Con certs, and other gatherings: and we feel sure drantages which it offers. The unfitaess of the Cisp Concert Hall and the Crystal Palac or speaking or suging is too well known and felt orequire any extended remarks Irom us.
The flall is to be built in the most sold and substantial mazner of our Montreal limestone, by Messrs Howleg a shenda, contions
The stgle of architecture of the Hall is purel trsh, copied from Cormacks Clapel on the hock of Castel-this Clapel was erected one housand years ago, riz. A.D. 880, by the illus and Archbishop of Cashel.
History informs us that this style of arcbitec. Hure was in use in Ireland long before it was reat perfection in Irelind in the 8,9 , and (b) centuries, as the wany remains of be ings so well attest. History informs us also that his "Irisb st le" mas introduced inco Normand and other parts of Europe by the many boly an marned men wha ment out from Ireland, as mis oraris, in the "Midule Ages," and who car ed ath the in Europe a tnowledge of Irish cobitecture as well es the Gospel, and in their zeal for relagion planned and built many of th

The graod or prinicipal entrance to the Hall , on Victoria Square, the plllars, captrals and arch of which, as well as the carrings on he arches and mosiliags on the, work in the Grand Hall, are exact copue from that truly national structure-a alio of which
has been admirably treated and adapted to the
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and abstanence from offensive personalites. Still,
dit is aiso due to Mr. Hopinns for the rery
as with all Protestant writers, our Blackwood udicious aad profitable manaer in which be has laid out the ipterior of the bulding. Besides grand entrance on Vietoria Square, there is bandsome entrance on Craig Street, and one
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We had almost forgotten to Grand Hall was specially designed for that the inging, as well as speaking, the Arcbitect haring aid particular attention to its adaptation in that respect ; we therefore trust thalit will atract first
class artustes to our Citt, as it is well known that he want of such a Concert Hall prevented Jenny Lind and
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In conclusion, we bare no bestation in sesing that we look upon St. Patrick's Hall as a great success from every point of view. Its com-
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