

CLAREMONT SOLDIERS' MEMORIAL.

The Accepted Design.

It was originally proposed that the memorial to the Claremont soldiers who fell in the war should take the form of a triumphal arch, but, as some doubt existed as to whether sufficient money could be raised for carrying out the scheme on an imposing scale, the matter was referred to the subscribers. As the result of mature consideration by a committee, consisting of Messrs. Summerhayes, Cox and Cameron, all well-known architects and subscribers to the fund, a neat and graceful tower of Donnybrook stone on a granite base, has been designed, on which the names of the fallen heroes will be inscribed on marble tablets. The tower is flanked by four lighter towers attached to the main structure with flying buttresses, the general effect being extremely pleasing. The height of the main tower is 29ft. and the others are about 10ft. less, all surmounted by finials. The memorial, which is to be erected at the entrance to the park, and adjoining the Municipal Chambers, will cost £672, but it is intended to also erect wing walls of stone, with a gateway of wrought iron and a chain fence, at an additional cost of £170. The tender of Wales and Gillies, Returned Soldiers' Monumental Masons, has been accepted and they have undertaken to complete their share of the work by December 31.