

## NEW ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH AT QUORN.

The Roman Catholic Church at Quorn, the building of which was commenced in March last, is now rapidly approaching completion. In addition to the other magnificent buildings that are springing up in this flourishing township the one under review must take a foremost place among the ornamental edifices of which Quorn can proudly boast. To a stranger it seems very curious that a little place like Quorn should be so rich in handsome churches and splendid buildings shops, but the cause of his astonishment will increase when he beholds this latest addition to Gothic architecture standing upon the somewhat inhospitable plain lying to the west of the township and overlooking the delightful landscapes and forest scenery with which nature has favored "our next door neighbor." The dimensions of the building are 42ft. by 22ft., and the main wall shows a height of 19ft, while the distance from the floor to the ceiling, which is a coved one is 27ft. 6in. The interior presents a very comfortable appearance indeed, and the admirable manner in which the wood work has been executed must attract the attention of the intelligent visitor. There is one noteworthy fact connected with the ventilation, which is excellent. The lights are topped with new patent reflectors, and the air shafts and ventilation tubes brought into requisition in the present instance, are the first of the kind used in Quorn, and are a very great improvement on the old ones. That part of the structure which shelters the worshipers from the "biting blast," is plastered with Paris cornice, which gives a very good effect to the ceiling. The three Gothic windows on each side of the church display much skill on the part of the artisan. The walls have been finished with stucco, jointed and finished in an ornamental manner. The stone used in the construction of the building has been procured from the Government Quarry. The contractors speak in high terms of its quality and certainty; judging from its appearance one is led to believe that it is a valuable kind of building material. In the porch is a stained glass window of a very good design. It contributes to the beauty of the structure in no small degree, and the architect could not have selected a better position in which to place it. The front is of gable construction with a canopy 5 x 2, in which it is intended to place a statute, and which is surmounted

place a statute, and which is surmounted by stone crosses. Buttresses have been dispensed with and the question of economy has been fully considered. The new edifice will be called the Church of the Immaculate Conception, and 250 persons can be comfortably seated. Without doubt the manner in which the church has been built reflects great credit on Mr. T. Burgoyne, who designed it. The contractor, Mr. Beadnall, also deserves a word of praise for the expedition that has characterised the construction of the building. Mr. J. Pimlott was manager for the contractors.