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NATIONAL, INDUSTRIAL, AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST.—WEST VIEW IN JOHN STREET, FITZROY-SQUARE.

ST. JOHN'S SCHOOLS.

THESE magnificent schoolrooms, which the accompanying illustration represents, are situated in one of the most dense and needy localities of this overgrown parish, between Tottenham-court-road and John-street, Fitzroy-square. They are the result of five years' labour on the part of the Rev. Mr. Gill, the incumbent, and a committee of ladies and gentlemen of the district. St. John's has been made one of the separate districts, for ecclesiastical purposes only, of St. Pancras parish; and, as good schools are almost the first essentials for ministerial usefulness, there has been neither lack of money or perseverance to accomplish such an object for the new district. The cost of the site was £3927 3s. 11d.; and that of the schoolrooms and master's house £5418 10s. 1d.; and, all credit due to the promoters of these extensive buildings, no debt whatever remains due on their completion. They occupy the site of four old houses in John-street and four in Kirkman's place, which is an avenue leading out of Tottenham-court-road. Having such an area of ground, the committee were enabled to provide sufficient school accommodation not only for the wants of the present but of future generations. These new buildings comprise classrooms, master's house, industrial department, and schools for 1000 children, with the great convenience of a small playground, and miniature but well-proportioned cloisters, which are entered from the playground beneath a lofty ar-

cade of stone. It would be difficult to define any particular style of architecture in their construction; but the convenience which they afford, the light, lofty, and airy character of the different rooms, and the adaptation of every portion of space to some useful end, reflect upon the architect as much credit as would the most elaborate production of Gothic or Grecian, Norman or Elizabethan, models. The infants' schoolroom, 68 feet by 30, is on the ground floor, and entered by a spacious doorway from John-street, above which is the girls' schoolroom, approached by a broad staircase from the playground, adjoining Kirkman's place. This, as well as the boys' schoolroom, is 70 feet long by 30 wide, each having not only the same proportions in space, but similarly ornamented by a fine open roof, with larger timbers and curved braces of stained deal, resting on stone brackets or corbels. The windows are spacious, with large sashes, so as to give plenty of light, a requisite much neglected in many modern public buildings. Adjoining these rooms are large classrooms, 30 feet by 16 each, attached to which are lavatories on an improved principle, with every personal convenience that can characterise the requirements of the present day. The large rooms are to be employed in the evening for the delivery of lectures, social gatherings, and the promotion of every moral and intellectual faculty among the mechanics and working-men of this important district. The basement of the whole building is devoted to kitchens, washing and ironing rooms, where, when sufficient funds can be raised for providing the somewhat costly materials for furniture, it is proposed to establish an industrial school, wherein female children can learn all the rudiments of domestic cookery and household service.

There is a master's house attached, six stories high, and which is allotted out into sufficiently requisite apartments to accommodate his subordinate staff, so that teachers and assistants can have a permanent residence on the scene of their duties. All the buildings are of brick, with stone dressings and heads to the windows, doors, &c. They are roofed with slate and surrounded by iron railings. The architect of the building is Mr. William Slater, of 4, Carlton Chambers.

The ceremony of inauguration, or opening the schools, took place on the 17th inst., under the presidency of his Grace the Duke of Marlborough, and was attended by a considerable body of the parochial and metropolitan clergy, besides a large assemblage of the ladies and gentlemen of the district. The programme for the day's proceedings was literally fulfilled by attendance at the district church in the morning, and at the



NEW CHURCH IN ST. GILES, OXFORD.

as the District Schools of St. John the Evangelist. In the evening there was a soirée for privileged guests, who were admitted by tickets, and by whom a most agreeable and instructive conversation was maintained. Tea, coffee, and other refreshments were provided, and the centre or girls' schoolroom was most tastefully laid out and decorated with works of art and virtuously lent by different persons to the committee on this auspicious occasion. The walls were covered with beautiful paintings, drawings, engravings, chromolithographs, and all the modern productions of our improving age; while in different parts of the room were ranged, on proportionate tables, scrolls, books, bronzes, models, albums, Indian and other



THE UPPER SCHOOL AND LECTURE ROOM OF THE CHARLOTTE-STREET INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

