

ST. FINN BARR'S, CORK.

THE works at the new cathedral, now nearly nine months suspended, have been resumed. Soon after the retirement, last year, of Mr. Walker from the contract, the Dean and Chapter advertised for a new builder, and they succeeded in obtaining the services of Mr. Cockburn, of Dublin. The drawing up of the necessary arrangements and legal technicalities attendant on contracts frittered away some time, and it was only within the last month or so he intimated his readiness to proceed with the works. Since then he has been actively engaged in procuring plant, machinery, &c., so requisite for a large building like the new cathedral, and day by day they are being removed to St. Finn Barrs graveyard. The building is to be finished in two years from the present month, and the contract is for £22,300. It is not true, as rumoured, that the works were at first suspended for want of sufficient funds to carry them on, the fact being that Mr. Walker retired of his own accord, the building committee having funds in hand at the time to the amount of £10,000. The building will now be pushed on rapidly, and it is not likely that any further impediment will be offered to its erection.

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