

BUILDING WORK IN ULSTER.

Features of a Beautiful Belfast Hall.



THE HEYN MEMORIAL HALL, STRANDTOWN, WHICH IS DESIGNED IN TUDOR STYLE.

The Heyn Memorial Hall—which will be formally opened this afternoon for the use of the congregation of St. Mark's Church, Dundela—is one of the most beautiful church halls in Belfast. The architect, Mr. Henry Seaver, B.E., F.R.I.A.I., of 16, Donegall Square South, Belfast, departed from the conventional style of treatment for this class of building, and designed the hall on Tudor lines. The perspective sketch, reproduced above, shows that he has achieved a very happy result.

The walls are of Buckley Junction Jacobean bricks, pointed white, and the roof is covered with Voss Norwegian silver-green slates. This combination of deep red, white, and green makes a delightful colour scheme which sets off the good lines of the building. The roof has an eave which projects 18 inches, and the eave is finished white underneath. In keeping with the scheme are the metal windows, which have leaded lights with exceptionally wide cams. The window frames are of oak. The down spouts have large ornamental trunk heads which add to the general effect.

SUBDUED LIGHTING.

The Tudor style has been followed inside the building, and noticeably pleasant is the subdued lighting in all the rooms. There is not so much an absence of light as an absence of glare, and the general impression given is of dignity and restfulness.

The main entrance, which has a porch laid with heather brown tiles, leads into a central hall, floored with wood blocks, off which open, to the left, a men's room, a ladies' room, and a Scouts' room. To the right are the doors giving

access to the main hall, and adjoining the entrance is a cloakroom with lavatory accommodation.

The main hall measures 60 feet by 30 feet, and it follows the treatment of one of the Oxford College halls. The floor is of pitch pine, stained dark and the walls are wainscotted—as are all the interior walls—to a height of 3ft. 6ins. in Oregon pine. The upper parts of the walls are finished rough with Snowcrete. The ceiling is plastered white, and the roof principles are exposed. The principles are of Oregon pine, and this timber has been used throughout the building, except for window frames, hand rails, &c.

The ladies' room, one of the three smaller rooms on the ground floor, is very beautiful. The walls are panelled to a height of 7ft. 6ins., the panelling being finished with a wide plate rail. Large-sized mock beams are set in a low ceiling, and a feature of the room is a bay window, 8ft. in depth, which has a circular seat. This window looks into the church grounds, which are attractively planted with trees.

UNIQUE PANELLING.

Next to the ladies' room is the Scouts' room, which is unique. The walls are entirely covered with the natural bark of trees, and this lends an atmosphere to the room which should accord with the ideas of Boy Scouts. The bark has been left in its rough state, but the slabs have been carefully selected for size, and the strange panelling, far from being ugly, is curiously attractive. The room is equipped with gymnastic apparatus and fitted with lockers for the boys.

A concrete staircase which leads to the upper floor is lighted by a large octagon window, with a seat 3ft. wide. At the top of the stairs is

a lobby which has the same measurement as the central hall immediately below it—30ft. by 15ft. Off this lobby is the minor hall, which measures 50ft. by 20ft. There is also additional cloak and lavatory accommodation, and a store for Scouts' equipment is placed in the roof-space. The cost of the hall was about £6,000.

Messrs. F. B. M'Kee & Co., Ltd., of Shore Road, Belfast, were the general contractors, and the work of construction has been carried out under the personal supervision of the architect. Messrs. M'Kee have provided a thoroughly satisfactory job in every department of the work.

LOW PRESSURE HEATING.

The heating installation was supplied and fitted by Messrs. Musgrave & Co., Ltd., of St. Ann's Iron Works, Belfast. A low-pressure system is used, with a gas boiler, and the wall radiators are of handsome design.

Messrs. J. P. Corry & Co., Ltd., of Princes Dock, Belfast, supplied the Voss Norwegian silver-green slates. These slates have a remarkably fine appearance and add distinction to any roof, and their other good qualities are in keeping with their looks. They are stocked in various sizes and are easily fitted into their places because of their exceptional uniformity of thickness. Messrs. Corry are the sole agents for Northern Ireland.

The painting work was entrusted to Messrs. Edward Kenmuir & Sons, Belfast, who have carried out their contract in a very efficient manner.

Messrs. Wm. Curran & Son, Ltd., did the plumbing work and gas-fitting.