

THE CANON AND HIS ARCHITECT.

ON another page we give a condensed report of the trial of the Crosshaven Building Case, *Evans v. M'Swiney*, tried at the recent Cork Assizes. A letter from the architect to plaintiff's attorney, and which was read by the learned judge, contained the following disclosures. We hope the architect and builder will in the end each receive his proper remuneration. Mr. Pugin writes:—

From my past experience I can only say that Canon M'Swiney is the most extraordinary client I ever came across in my life. In various ways myself and Mr. Ashlin have had to expend, or are owed, upwards of £250 on Canon M'Swiney's church, five sets of plans having been prepared, besides which there are all the expenses, which cannot be less than £100. Up to the present time neither myself nor Mr. Ashlin have received one single shilling; you will, therefore, not be surprised that when the Canon was over here the other day I asked him for an immediate payment of £100, or a promise to pay that sum in a month; this he refused, and offered £50; as this would hardly pay for materials and paper, I laughed at him, and refused. From this you will see I am not treated as Canon M'Swiney's architect, who expects a fair return for his labour, but as one who had done nothing, and had no position. This being the case, if I am sent for I must charge my usual terms, namely fifteen guineas a day and expenses. I would very much rather be out of the matter altogether. (Signed),

E. WELBY PUGIN.

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