

THE CORK EXHIBITION.

PREPARATIONS in connection with this Exhibition go on most satisfactorily, and there can be little doubt that the display will be a most varied, useful, and attractive one.

The following arrangement, approved of by the Executive Committee, at the suggestion of Mr. W. J. Lane, will, it is hoped, prove of advantage to the artisans and mechanics of this country :—

"To encourage artisans, mechanics, and other residents of Ireland of limited means to produce and exhibit on their own account articles of superior design and workmanship, the Executive Committee of the Cork Exhibition propose, by means of an Art Union lottery to purchase a certain number of such exhibits at the close of the Exhibition, to be given away as prizes. No article will be purchased which has not been adjudged an award of merit, and the committee reserve discretionary power as to the selection of what exhibits they will purchase. The committee hope to receive from the larger exhibitors contributions of exhibits as prizes in this lottery. All parties intending to exhibit and compete in connection with this arrangement must notify the full particulars and estimated value of their proposed exhibit before 31st of March to the hon. sec."

Messrs. Combe, Barbour and Combe, Belfast, have offered to lend a 70-horse power engine for the driving of the machinery.

Amongst the prizes to be given in connection with the Exhibition will be one of £50 for labourers' cottages. The money for this prize has been contributed by Mr. William Stuart, M.P., and was thankfully accepted by the Executive Committee.

The designs for the building were prepared by Mr. Robert Walker, C.E., and the work is being carried on by Mr. John Delany, of Great George's-street, Cork.

Mr. M. Mahony has been appointed clerk of works, out of 21 applicants for the office.

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