The Great Northern Brewery.

The grand brick building at the corner of Parry and Wood streets, Hamilton, is now finished, and is the new brewery built by the Messrs. Bennett and Yeomans, architects, by Messrs. Thomas Perry and Rowledge, contractors, of Hopeville-road, Paddington, to the order of the Northern Brewing Wine and Spirit Company Limited. The site on which the buildings are erected is bounded by Parry-street, Wood-street, Hamilton-road, and Upfold-street, and measures about two acres. The site is a most convenient one, and has plenty of ingress and egress. The main building fronts Parry-street, with a very neat side elevation to Wood-street. The ground plan consists of a living room, 100ft x 31ft, with a basement of twelveft, all having cemented floors and extensive drains and sumps. The front verandah is 20ft x 30ft, and has fitted on some offices and entrances. Adjoining, on the right, is the very large machinery shed, 45ft x 45ft, in which is erected the motive power for driving all the machinery, and the base of the large and ornamental chimney stack. This shed is of wood and iron. On the same side, at the rear is a large open shed, 45ft x 15ft, for general work—bottle-washing, storage, &c. This also is constructed of wood and iron. On the first floor is the material and bottling-room, 100ft x 31ft, and adjoining the fermenting room, 25ft x 30ft. On the second floor plan is a storeroom, 60ft x 31ft 8in, and leading into the refrigerating room, 26ft x 31ft. On the third floor plan are storerooms, 70ft x 31ft 8in, leading into the boiler floor, 31ft x 26ft. On the fourth floor plan is the mash-floor, 31ft x 26ft; and on the fifth floor plan is the water-store, 20ft x 24ft, and is covered by the ornamental and circular roof. Easy access is given to each part of the upper floors by means of easy-going ladders and steam lift, which works up and down in one of the corners of the building, and runs as far as the horizon. The three upper floors are trimmed for extensive vats and tubs. The main buildings are constructed of brick, with cement facings, on a concrete foundation, iron roof, the walls in the lower part being 2ft thick. The main building breaks the skyline in three parts. The front, which is the tower, is 62ft high to the top of the brickwork. It is then surmounted by a domed roof, 16ft high, neatly finished off on the top with a lead flat and iron balustrade. Access to this flat is gained by an iron ladder from the centre back circular dormer window in the roof, and one of the finest views of the surrounding district can be seen from here. The part of the building adjoining the tower, and immediately behind it, is three stories high, and is 46ft high to the top of the brickwork, being surmounted by a hipped roof 16ft high, lying on the top a louvre ventilator 13ft long, 8ft high, in keeping with the general style of the roof. The hindmost part of the building is two stories high, and to a height of 21ft in the brickwork and capped, by a similar roof as described above. The chimney stack has a flue 3ft 6in clear inside square, and the altitude of it is 80ft, being square up to within 20ft of the top, when it takes octagon form, and is finished off with neat and bold cemented cornice. Copper rods, as lightning protectors, are fixed up the stack. The out-buildings, consisting of stables for six horses, cart-sheds, cooperage sheds, &c., &c., are chiefly of wood and iron, but are the model of convenience, and well designed for the use intended. The ventilation of the building is remarkable in all its points, and centre pivot-working louvre windows are freely interspersed amongst the glass windows. The building is acknowledged by experts to be a modern brewery, and constructed in the latest and best-known way for the brewing of beer on scientific principles. The contract was let on May 9th, 1888, and the whole of the buildings were handed over to the proprietors, to their entire satisfaction and pleasure, on the 5th November, 1888, so that the contractors deserve great praise for the quick, thorough, and judicious way in which they have carried out their agreement. Praise is also due to our well-known local architects, Messrs. Bennett and Yeomans, for securing the duties of architecs to this large
The duties of architects to this large company, and giving them the satisfaction they have done in this grand and extensive brewery building, the cost of which will be something like £6000, which does not include the large outlay the company is yet expending in fittings and other necessary work required for machinery, &c. The company has evidently faith in the future prosperity of Newcastle.