

tabernacle work is perhaps unrivalled in this island." "The view from the communion steps, towards the body of the Church, is truly magnificent. It is from hence that the harmony of the design of the choir is most conspicuous. The organs contribute to the grandeur of the view, as much as the stalls, and the tabernacle work above them, do to the picturesque."\*

The height of the tower on the outside, including the pinnacles, is 120 feet; the whole length of the building is 132 feet, and the breadth 147 feet.

#### INFIRMARY, DISPENSARY, AND LUNATIC ASYLUM, MANCHESTER.

This threefold establishment had its origin in 1752. Several meetings had been held, to consider of the means by which an Infirmary might be established; but a number of difficulties seemed to threaten the entire failure of the project. Joseph Bancroft, Esq., a philanthropic character, thought, however, that an Infirmary only wanted a beginning, to ensure its ultimate success. He accordingly proposed to defray all the expenses for one year; and Charles White, Esq., a highly talented member of the surgical profession, volunteered his services for the furtherance of his object. A house was therefore engaged in Garden-street, Shude-hill, and, on the 24th of June, 1752, opened for out-patients; and, by the end of July, in-patients were admitted.

In 1754, the advantages of the Institution became so manifest, that the trustees purchased land from Sir Oswald Mosley, Bart., and the foundation of a more suitable building was laid by James Massey, Esq., May 20th, 1754.

The new Infirmary was opened in 1755. The subsequent additions are very considerable, and, at this time, there are not less than one hundred and sixty beds appropriated to the use of patients.

In the year 1765, the Lunatic Hospital and Asylum was founded, and, in the spring of the following year, a suitable erection was completed for the reception of patients.

The establishment was rendered complete in 1792, by the addition of a Dispensary. A structure for the purpose was raised, adjoining the Infirmary, the expenses attending the erection of which were partly defrayed by sermons, preached in all the churches and chapels of the town and neighbourhood. The sums collected on these occasions amounted to £4297. 17s. 6d.

The Infirmary has recently undergone considerable alteration, and it is in contemplation to remove the Lunatic Asylum to some retired situation.

The inside of the buildings is distinguished by cleanliness, and the arrangements are adapted to enhance every comfort of which the patient's case will admit.

\* For an elaborate description of the Collegiate Church of Manchester, see Aston's "Picture of Manchester