

At the close of the ceremony a collection was taken up towards the erection of the building, which was most liberally supported by all present, several of whom were members of other Churches in the city.

Enclosed in a leaden box, hermetically sealed, was placed the following memorials, viz:—A number of English and Provincial coins, and a fragment of one of the Stone Piers of the Nave of York Cathedral, and a fragment of the English oak roof of the Nave of York Cathedral in England, erected A. D. 1310, and selected by the Architect of this Cathedral, after the lamentable destruction of the Nave of that splendid building by fire; also, a fragment of a Capital of a Column of one of the earliest Roman Temples in England, built before the conversion of the Britons, and overthrow by the converts to Christianity, founded by Mr. Thomas, the Architect at Cirencester, one of the principal Roman stations in England, in 1841.

The designs for the cathedral were competed for by the Architects of Toronto and other places, and the premium for the best design was awarded to Wm. Thomas, Esq., who is appointed by the Committee to carry his design into execution. The second premium was awarded to H. B. Lane, Esq. The style of the building is that of the Early Decorated Gothic Architecture of the 14th century, and in extent is 190 feet in length, exterior dimensions from east to west; and 115 feet in width on the exterior through the Transepts from north to south; the interior dimensions being 182 ft., by 150 ft., exclusive of the Transepts; having a Nave with piers and arches 66 ft. high, and the side aisles 45 ft. in height. The western facade has a centre Tower and Spire, which will be carried to the height of 200 ft.

The work has been carried to its present state with great expedition. The designs were determined on in the beginning of last month, and the Crypt, or undercroft is now nearly completed, and shews a work of imposing strength and dignity.

#### LITTLE ROCK, U. S.

The writer of the following letter was the only man in America whom we knew on our arrival on this Continent. The Providence of God has since selected him as the bearer of the "glad tidings of great joy," to those who dwell in "darkness and the shadow of death" on the far Arkansas. Those who knew his devoted zeal and prudent forecast during his sacerdotal career may easily pronounce upon the apostolic exertions which will make his episcopal ministration a great blessing. HE "who gives the increase" could not possess a better hus-

bandman. The letter will be found deeply interesting to every class of readers; to us it came like the benison of an old and dear friend.

Little Rock, Arkansas, February 10, 1845.

My dear friend—Your favor of the 20th ult. was before me as I returned last week from a missionary visitation in search of my poor scattered flock; and I can say, and that with truth, that I have reason to be grateful. I found in Pope county, ninety miles west of this place, a few zealous Catholics, who emigrated from Kentucky some years ago, and who are truly worthy of the name. Could you, my dear friend, but witness our meeting, you would certainly say that a pastor would be ready to lay down his life for his people. In those good Catholics, who have been for a long time without priest and without altar, I could perceive the advantages and blessings of a sound and early education, which your good and worthy prelate has been long labouring to secure for the many youth entrusted to his care, and whose lot may yet be cast in the midst of some wilderness, like those well-instructed Kentuckians, who never bend the knee in prayer without asking for blessings on the heads of those who have taken an interest in their education. I have secured lots in the town of Russellville for a church, being the most central point for this little colony, and which is situated in one of the most fertile and beautiful prairies of the West, having the Dardanelle mountains looking down upon them from the north, the Magazine on the south, the Ozark, with its lofty peaks, on the west, and the Carrion Crow on the east. I ascended the Dardanelle, which is more than two hundred feet above the level of the prairie, accompanied by my good Kentuckians, and discovered on the very top springs that would challenge your Saratoga. I also discovered on the top of this mountain land of the very best quality, some of which had been cultivated in those days when the red men of the forest occupied the soil, traces of whose huts are yet to be seen in the vicinity of the springs. I rode on another occasion several miles along the prairie, in company with the founder of Russellville, who is an English physician, and who has assured me that he will give every aid in his power to my zealous people in erecting a small church, which will be commenced on the first Monday in March. In this settlement many inducements and advantages are held out to the industrious man, who desires to create a happy home for his family. Thousands of acres of the very best land, with every kind of timber growing thereon, at *Congress price*, and what is called *donation land*, which belongs to the State, can be had at one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre, *with a credit of five years to pay*. But such