

## DISCOURSE.

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2 CORINTHIANS iv. 13.

WE HAVING THE SAME SPIRIT OF FAITH, ACCORDING AS IT IS WRITTEN, I BELIEVED AND THEREFORE HAVE I SPOKEN, WE ALSO BELIEVE AND THEREFORE SPEAK.

WE have assembled to dedicate a building to the uses of Christian worship. It is not an unusual occurrence in this city. Yet it can never take place without interesting many hearts, and claiming some attention from a community who wish that good morals and Scriptural piety should prevail among them. Some measure of sympathy even, it might be thought on the naked statement of the purpose for which we have met, would be felt by such as should learn that another edifice would now be added to the number of those which are designed to extend and deepen the influence of religion, in a metropolis abounding with the temptations of secular engagement and worldly pleasure. But there is this peculiarity in our present dedication, that most of the citizens of this place probably look with unkind or