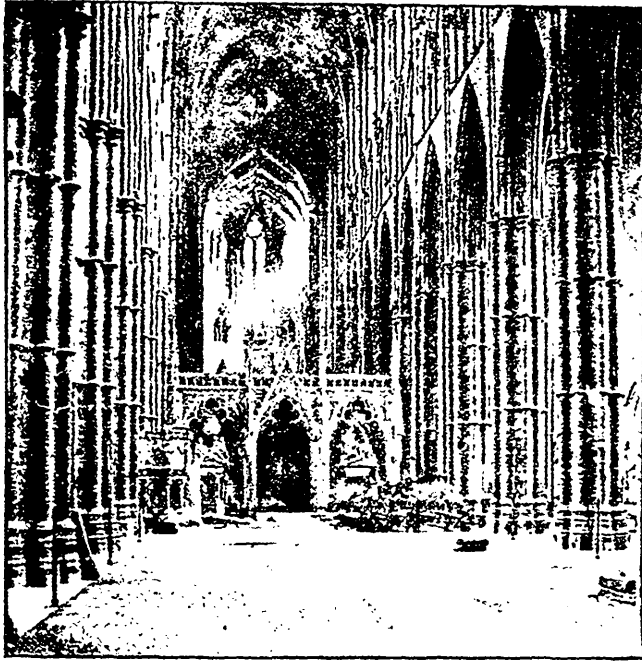


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Before saying anything whatever about the subject in hand, I must make it clear that I am writing solely for those who know less about architecture than I do. Should one who knows much about it persist in reading what I have to say, I cannot prevent his doing so; but I can insist that he should not consider it as being addressed to him, but to quite a different class of people. This class to which I refer is composed of

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those who say that they know nothing of this "first of the arts," though they would much like to understand it. They have always thought it in some way out of reach, either as being difficult, as requiring a great deal of time, or as necessitating a teacher. Now, my dear reader, if you belong to this class, I am speaking to you; for though I admit that to be a practical architect you will require much time, much talent, and