

cathedral. Now this may not only be true, but proper, when the people are poor and unable to build any thing better, but it involves a great error when sought to be applied to a community like this. The uniform practice of Christians through the whole period of Ecclesiastical history, has not only been to build according to their ability, but not unfrequently according to their faith. And that this is their duty is manifest from Scriptural example and the annals of the Church. Solomon's Temple was built exceedingly rich and magnificent, at the immediate command of God, and Christians having this all-prevailing authority before them, have frequently in their churches and cathedrals surpassed the Temple itself as far in size, beauty, and costliness, as their endowments of divine gifts and privileges in spirit and in truth, go beyond those of the Jewish people. Often have they built God's holy sanctuary like high places, not merely from their own resources, but from faith in their children. Hence many of the most renowned churches were more than one hundred years in building, and exhausted the means of several generations. The first promoters had little regard to cost, they gave freely what God had given them, and expected their successors to do the same, till the building was completed. If this be seldom done in the present age, it is because our faith has waxed feeble.

16. In regard to the restoration of the Church of St. James, it will not do to make it of less dimensions, because in that case it would not accommodate and reunite the congregation,—nor ought it to be so plain and destitute of architectural beauty as the one we have lost. If our means are at present insufficient for its completion, why not build a portion of the magnificent plan that has been adopted, and in a few years do something more, and trust in faith as our Fathers did, that our children will finish, what we have begun?

17. The writer of these remarks is entitled to a hearing, and therefore to recommend them to the serious perusal of every one of the parishioners of the parish of St. James. He was against devoting the ground along King-street, to rebuild the church or cathedral, and offered to be one of thirty or forty to erect it, but was not supported. He was then compelled to yield to the conviction, that in the present circum-