

he is under of studying in some degree the taste of the people, who for the most part have no adequate perception of beauty and fitness in church architecture. The latter evil can be surmounted only by the gradual acquirement of information by the clergy and influential laity; and this must necessarily go on slowly, from the confined means of both, and from the fact that there are extremely few persons of any class who have leisure for voluntary studies. But something might be done, if from any quarter a good collection of practical works could be sent out, and placed in the library of any public institution where they would be open to general inspection. But to be really useful, they must be essentially practical.

This would meet the case of architects, and other persons engaged in the practical part of the business, as well as of the clergy and laity resident on the spot: but it is important that the clergy generally should acquire a more correct taste, and more accurate knowledge, to be a check upon the practical persons, and to guide and temper their views; and that can only be done by the distribution of books on the subject amongst them: but whence such distribution can arise it is difficult to say.