

the chance of indignity. On the contrary, their affection is shewn in a more rational and becoming manner: all their dead are again brought together, and deposited in ground which promises, from its locality, never again to be disturbed.

12. These general principles and limitations apply to the present state of the parish of St. James. At the more early meetings of the Vestry, after the destruction of the cathedral by fire, it was found that twelve or fifteen thousand pounds would be required to build a new church worthy of the city, and that about five thousand only were in hand.—Now, it is quite true that the difference, viz., nine or ten thousand pounds, could be raised by the congregation; but it is equally true that, in the present times, it could not be raised without much difficulty, for the parishioners have had already to build two churches, both of which have been destroyed, at an expense of not less, I believe, than twenty thousand pounds. This naturally induced the Vestry to look around for help. They saw that by leasing some lots the required sum might be raised, and although every member of the vestry wished to retain the land, they came to the conclusion, though with great reluctance, that there was no other alternative; and as it was doubtful whether a proper title could be given, they were at the trouble of procuring an Act to settle that point.

13. Since then, a plan for rebuilding the church, on another part of the burial-ground, has been adopted by a great majority, the cost of which is estimated at nearly fifteen thousand pounds: but in the meantime a cry of desecration has been got up, as if it were sacrilege to disturb a single grave for any purpose whatever, however necessary and holy, and the parish is threatened with a continuance of the great evil it now suffers, in being without any place of public worship. Now if this cry were well founded, it would be entitled to grave consideration, and, associated as it may be in some sincere hearts, with tender feelings and affections, it deserves kind treatment and full evidence that it is founded in error and misconception. What the Vestry proposes to do has been done through all Christendom in every age, and is at this moment in daily practice. First, respecting the site of the contemplated church, which may, it is believed, be placed to