

operations, the Chapter would probably have been content to rest there, had not a strong inducement been held out to them to make a commencement of building.

The St. Alban's Park Syndicate, who most generously donated to the Chapter one-half of the purchase money of the site, made a further offer of \$2,000 on the condition that the Choir and Chancel of the Church were commenced before the 23rd of August last, and roofed in before the end of the present year. The Chapter considered that they were not justified in throwing away this valuable offer, by failing to comply with the first part of the conditions: accordingly, on the 20th of August last, I had the pleasure of turning the first sod of the excavation for the Cathedral building; and the walls of the crypt of the Choir and Chancel have been since built.

Whilst this work was in progress, the Chapter received an urgent request from a congregation, who have for some time past been meeting in a room over the driving-shed of a tavern at the corner of St. Alban's Park, for leave to use this crypt for worship; and the syndicate, having expressed themselves satisfied with the *bona fides* of the Chapter and made over to them the equivalent of their promised contribution, it was determined to finish the crypt in a plain way, suitable for the conduct of worship, and roof it in. An unfortunate accident, however, to the contractor for the roof has prevented this from being carried out so soon as had been arranged, and