

confer titles and dignities, in any part of the Empire, so that the authority under which the Dean and Canons hold their positions cannot be impugned. That the establishment of a Dean and Chapter was early contemplated, is evident from the grant by the Crown, in 1813, of certain lands for the use of a Dean and Chapter, which are held in trust by the Bishop. As this is a novelty to many of you, it may not be superfluous to mention that the Cathedral is to be regarded as the Parish Church of the Diocese, to which all have a right to resort. It ought therefore to be spacious, and free for every one who is disposed to worship there from any part of the Province, and to be a pattern for all other Churches, while the Dean and Chapter are to act as a Council, at all times ready to give advice to the Bishop in any difficult matters, upon which he may apply for their opinion.

This building is not indeed what we would desire, and it is little creditable to this Diocese that, although the oldest, it is almost the only one of the eight North American Dioceses, in which there is not a *stone Cathedral*, the only one in which when we were honored by the presence of the Prince of Wales, there was nothing more than an ordinary Parish Church which he could be requested to visit. I hope however that the day will come, although I may not be permitted to see it, when men's minds being enlarged by travelling and seeing the magnificent structures of other lands, and old prejudices being swept away, there will be a general desire to erect *one* fabric, which shall belong not to any one Parish, but equally to the whole Province, which shall bear testimony to the zeal of the members of the Church, and their determination to offer unto the Lord their God of their very best. The contrast between the houses of the present day, and those of fifty years ago, is very striking, the improvement in the Temples of our God ought, *at least*, to keep pace with those in our own dwellings. I am happy to find that the progress, to which I referred in my last Charge, has continued without check, and that there is generally a determination to act upon this principle, of which you will find proofs in the two Churches now nearly completed in this city, which show a great advance upon all previous attempts, although they are neither of them in all respects to be taken as models, the one being of wood, the other necessarily