

## St. Stephen's Cathedral.

### ENLARGING THE EDIFICE.

St. Stephen's Roman Catholic Cathedral is to be enlarged. It is proposed to complete the building in accordance with the original plans. The foundation stone of the extension was blessed and laid yesterday afternoon in the presence of a large gathering. The extension will provide additional accommodation for 400 persons.

Archbishop Duhig said that for many years the accommodation in St. Stephen's was inadequate. Although the number of services had been increased from time to time, the later masses every Sunday morning were overcrowded. The completion of old St. Stephen's would give pleasure to them all, as it was the mother church of the Catholics of Queensland. St. Stephen's was not the first cathedral building to be erected in Brisbane, for there was that little gem of a building (old St. Stephen's schoolroom) near by. He hoped that steps would be taken to preserve this beautiful ancient relic, which was falling into decay. The foundation stone of St. Stephen's was laid by Archbishop Vaughan in 1874, at which time the population of Queensland was only about one-fifth of the present population. The foundation stone now being blessed and laid was a memorial to the late venerable Archbishop Dunne, first Archbishop of Brisbane.

The archbishop referred to the progress and beauty of Brisbane, and suggested that the city should be controlled by commissioners instead of by a municipal council. He expressed the opinion that instead of building the city from the river to Spring Hill, it should have been built out towards East Brisbane and the undulating country beyond. It was not too late to improve the city according to the most modern town-planning ideas.

The archbishop paid a tribute to the memory of Mr. W. Naughton, a generous benefactor, whose death occurred that morning.

Rev. M. Lane (administrator) read a list of contributions previously received, totalling £2,514.

A collection was taken up.

Monsignor Byrne, V.G., referred to the fact that Archbishop Duhig proposed to visit the Pope next year.

Archbishop Duhig, in acknowledging a vote of thanks, said that he hoped to be back in Brisbane for the opening of the cathedral extensions. The result of the collection that afternoon was roughly £3,500, which, with previous contributions, and £5,000 bequeathed for the purpose by the late Archbishop Dunne gave to the fund a start of about £10,000. The late Mr. W. Naughton had donated £1,000, and Monsignor Fouhy £1,000; the Mayne family £100, and himself (Archbishop Duhig) £100.