

1867. Messrs. Cockburne & Co., new contractors, commenced work 5th August; south and north portals, com. 12th August; Triplet window of Ambulatory, do. 7th September; Bases of nave columns, north side, do. 11th October; 1st strike to 30th October; South-east great pier, com. 30th October; North-east great do., 31st October; North-west and south-west great piers, do. 2nd December.

1868. At a great meeting, held at the Protestant Hall, on behalf of the Cathedral Fund, June 30, it was announced by the Rev. Robert S. Gregg, Secretary, that the princely sum of £2,600 had been presented by Francis Wise, of the City of Cork, Esq., the sum then required to complete the Cathedral for Divine Service.

1868. James C. Marks, Mus. Bac. Oxon., Magdalen Hall, had the degree of Doctor in Music conferred on him by the same University, 11th July. On this occasion, selections from the Oratorio of Gideon, composed by Dr. Marks, were performed in the Sheldonian Theatre.

1868. Bases of nave columns, south side, commenced 27th January; 2nd strike to March 2nd; Arches of the Apse windows, com. 17th March; First string course of great piers, com. 24th March; Lintel of north-west portal, set 26th March; South-west portal, do. 1st April; Centre portal, left side, do. 7th April; Right side, com. 7th April; Limestone columns to side portals, com. 17th April; Bathstone caps on nave columns, com. 23rd April; South transept four light windows, com. 6th May; Tympanum of centre portal, com. 1st June; Cornice and Blocking

south aisle, com. 15th June; Bathstone arches of transept windows, fin. 23rd June; Nave arches, com. 25th July; Small circular lights of transept, com. 8th September; Arches of side portals, fin. 19th August; Gutter course of aisles, com. 8th September; Triforium opes in transept, com. 7th October; Transept rose windows, com. 8th October; Rib arches of aisles, com. 20th October.

1869. Columns and caps to gallery of western Tower.—22nd January. Apex stone over the Bishop's portal, set 28th January; Rose window, west front, com. 18th February; Caps of bowtells in nave, fin. 3rd June; Gutter course and gurgoyles of nave, com. 28th June; Abacus of great piers, com. 16th July; Do. of great arches, com. 3rd August; Strike of Stone Cutters, 6th August; Tie beams in nave, com. 9th August; Gurgoyles in chancel, fin. 1st October; Tie beams in chancel, com. 7th Oct; Western rose window, fin. 10th December.

1869. Dean Magee raised to the See of Peterborough.

1869. Arthur W. Edwards, Dean, installed.

1870. The bell was rung for the last time at the School house, Sunday, October 2nd. The tongue fell out on the last toll.

1870. Bells commenced to be hung in the north-west Tower.—4th October.

1870. Arches of western tower windows, com. 18th January; Eastern great arch, fin. 9th February; Rafters in nave roof, com. 11th April; Ambulatory, com. 18th April; Pinnacles on transept

gables, com. 5th May; Great piers, fin. 11th May; Vaulting of north aisle, fin. 11th June; Pinnacles of transept, fin. 25th June; Lathing chancel roof, 2nd June; Cross set on south transept gable, 20th June; Cross set on north transept gable, 21st June; Cross set up on the gable of south transept, 22nd June; Cross set up on the gable of north transept, 27th June; Labourers' strike, 9th July; Slating of north transept roof, fin. 20th July; Slating north aisle, 4th August; Dwarf walls for floors, com. 12th August; Slating great tower, com. 18th August; Resurrection angel set up on eastern gable, 22nd August; same day, carved tympanum set over north transept door; Boiler house, com. 24th August; Glazing com. 15th September; Chimney shaft, com. 16th September; Chimney shaft, fin. 27th September; Flagging Ambulatory, fin. 3rd October; Organ gallery, com. 4th October; Slating, fin. 17th October; Bishop Lyon's tombstone set in centre of ambulatory, 29th September; Dean Davies' do. opposite to south door, 4th October; Plastering fin. 26th October; Organ arrived from London, 31st October; Marble steps to chancel, com. 1st Nov.

1870. 30th November, St. Andrew's Day. The long-expected morning at length arrived, and the weather was singularly favourable to the accomplishment of one of the greatest events that has ever been recorded in the annals of the Church of Ireland. At an early hour, every approach to the Cathedral presented a continuous stream of people, and long before the time for opening the gates, the precincts were crowded. At half-past Ten, those who were favoured with tickets, were



admitted through the different entrances, and in a few moments the Cathedral began to fill. At Eleven, the great central doors were opened, when the Freemasons passed in, and occupied the places assigned them in the transept. Immediately after, Alderman Casey, who represented the Mayor, with other members of the Corporation, attended by the Sword and Mace Bearers, proceeded up the aisle and took their position contiguous to the great north-west pier, when the sword and mace were placed on a table before Alderman Casey, who sat in the chair used by the Mayor in the assemblies of the Council. The Aldermen were habited in crimson gowns, trimmed with sable. The Treasurer, City Engineer, Mace and Sword Bearers, &c., wore the different robes of office. The bells were now ringing out merry peals. Expectation was at its highest pitch amongst the great multitudes that occupied every available place. The Archbishops and Bishops, who had robed at the Palace, were now met at half-past Eleven o'clock, at the western gate, by the Dean, Prebendaries, Canons, and Choir of the Cathedral, when the Dean presented the Petition for Consecration to the Bishop of Cork. The procession now commenced to move, and those congregated in the Cathedral could occasionally hear the music, as it were of many voices, falling softly on the ear. At length the procession having arrived at the western door, the Choir advanced up the aisle, chanting the 24th Psalm. On reaching the steps leading to the stalls, the Choir and Canons divided to let the remainder of the procession pass; and on reaching the steps opposite

the throne, the Dignitaries and Prebendaries likewise divided to let the Dean and Bishop pass. The Dean then ushered the Archbishops and Bishops to their places within the rails, and the Bishop of Cork to his throne. Meanwhile, Dr. Marks played a voluntary on the great organ, which has been put up by Hill & Co., of London, at a cost of £1,500. The Service was then proceeded with. The Lord Primate preached from Psalm cxxxiii. 1. Evening Service at 7 o'clock; the proceedings commenced as in the morning, with a procession from the western door, the Choir chanting the lxviii Psalm, (8th tone, 2nd ending). The Bishop of Peterborough preached from Ezekiel, xiv., 22nd and 23rd verses.

1870. The Archbishop of Dublin preached from John, i., 51st verse. In the evening the Bishop of Derry preached from Luke, i., 67th and 68th verses.—1st December.

1870. The Dean of Ferns preached at evening service.—2nd December.

1870. The Bishop preached in the morning, the Dean in the afternoon.—4th December.

1870. The Dean of the Cathedral preached.—11th December.

1870. An Ordination. The Chanter preached.—18th December.

1870. At a meeting, held at the School House, St. Finbarre, the Dean invested Dr. Marks with a gold medal, pendant from a rich silk crimson ribbon. Inscription on the obverse: "Presented to J. C. Marks, Mus. Doc. Oxon., in commemoration of the Consecration of St. Finbarre Cathe-

dral, November 30th, 1870." On the reverse, the arms of the See of Cork, with the legend. "Founded Circa, DCXXIII." The Dean then presented silver medals, suspended from blue silk ribbons, to the following six choristers: Andrew W. Noble, Head Chorister; Thomas Wiseman, George D. Phair, E. J. Young, G. F. Carr, and W. Creag. The medals bore inscriptions to the effect that they were in commemoration of the consecration of the Cathedral. At a special service for Christmas Eve, at 7½ p.m., the Rev. H. J. O'Brien, LL.D., preached.—24th December.

1870. 25th December. The Dean preached in the morning, and the Bishop in the afternoon. The Feast of the Nativity falling on the Lord's Day, these may be said to have been the last sermons preached on a Sunday in the Cathedral of St. Finbarre, previous to the disestablishment of the Irish Church, upon which, after taking a prominent part in the religious and civil history of Ireland for considerably more than three centuries, the curtain dropped on 31st December, and separated her from the patronage of the State for ever.

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