

Gibson Mausoleum, Kensal Green

A romantic tower-like mausoleum designed in a muscular Gothic style. If it looks old fashioned for its date, that is probably because Gibson was at the height of his powers in the High Victorian period when Continental Gothic styles and structural polychromy were all the rage.

Kensal Green Cemetery
Harrow Road
London
W10 4RA
England

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Architects

John Gibson

Year Built

1890

Style

Gothic Revival

Listing

Grade II (England and Wales)

Condition

Fair/poor. The stone is spalling badly and some columns have gone (2002).

History

John Gibson (1817-1892), the sole occupant of this mausoleum, was an architect who specialized in the design of banks and offices. Trained by Sir Charles Barry, Gibson employed the Italian Palazzo style, previously used in the design of country mansions and gentlemen's clubs, to lend grandeur to the buildings of the commercial world. He is best known as the architect of the National Provincial Bank in Threadneedle Street which, with its giant Corinthian columns and skyline bristling with statues, is one of the finest buildings in the City.

Sources

Dictionary of National Biography;

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J S Curl, The Victorian Celebration of Death (2000), 62.

Online Links

Friends of Kensal Green Cemetery website

Photos



Location

SatNav Co-ordinates: 51.5279149803, -0.2210809768