

100 YEARS AGO
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The ancient Cathedral of Dornoch is at present being thoroughly renovated. The structural alterations have been carried out at the expense of the heritors, the principal proprietor being his Grace the Duke of Sutherland, while the cost of the other work has been met by voluntary contributions.

The organ formerly obscured the magnificent stained glass window erected in memory of Rev. Dr Grant. This has been improved by dividing the instrument into two parts, leaving a larger open space, and the alteration does not interfere in any way with the fine tone of the splendid organ. The statue of the first Duke of Sutherland has been changed from the east to the west end of the building. The Duke's pew has been opened up to form a tracery paneling, the magistrates' pew has been treated as a large square enclosure with open tracing panelling. Skibo pew and the pew adjoining have been renovated in similar fashion. Throughout the whole building, handsome oak pews are to take the place of the straight backed seats formerly in use. The heating apparatus, which had become rather antiquated, is to be set aside to make room for radiators of the most approved pattern. Many other internal improvements are contemplated, and when the work is completed, the historic fabric will be one of the most ornate places of worship in the country.



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