

**St. Ninian's Church  
CASTLE-DOUGLAS**

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**Monday, September 8th, 1856**

EPISCOPAL PLACE OF WORSHIP IN CASTLE-DOUGLAS.—Sometime back a scheme was entered into for erecting an episcopal place of worship in this town, and the arrangements are now nearly completed for the commencement of the edifice. The foundation stone is, we understand, to be laid by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Glasgow and Galloway, on Wednesday next, the 10<sup>th</sup> inst., at one o'clock.

**Monday, September 15th, 1856**

LAYING OF THE FOUNDATION STONE OF THE EPISCOPALIAN  
CHAPEL, CASTLE-DOUGLAS.

The foundation stone of this place of worship was laid on the 10th instant, by the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Glasgow and Galloway, assisted by the officiating clergyman the Rev. Mr M'Coll, the Rev. Mr M'Ewen of Dumfries, and the Rev. Mr Hutchison, attired in their robes. We observed also present, Col. Johnstone of Carnsalloch, G. W. Lawrence, Esq., Largnean, R. Weems, Esq. of Kirkennan, R. J. Congreve, Esq., Danevale, Wm. Gordon, Esq. of Culvennan, Dr Bell of Hillowton, several gentlemen from London and elsewhere, Provost Martin, Bailies Dobie and Craig, most of the members of the town council, and a goodly proportion of our merchants and bankers. The Bishop stated in a few remarks the importance of having a place of worship of the kind, after which he went through the usual forms as enjoined by the episcopal church, for laying the foundation stone of a church. He placed in a recess cut in the stone for the purpose, the plan, names of the founders, and coins of the present day, on the top of which was lowered a large granite block which we understand is intended for the sill of one of the windows. The Bishop having struck the stone with the mallet two or three times, part of the 133d psalm being read, and prayer offered up, the important work was concluded. The name given to the chapel is SAINT NINIAN.

At two o'clock about 60 gentlemen partook of an elegant and sumptuous luncheon, composed of every delicacy of the season, in the work shop which was fitted up for the occasion, and at 4 o'clock, the workmen to the number of about 30 were entertained to a substantial dinner to which they did ample justice, the whole being provided by Mr Payne of the Douglas' Arms Inn, and, we believe, at the expense of the promoters of the chapel. There was also a sum of money and a quantity of beef and bread distributed among the poor of the town. Such philanthropic acts we rarely have the pleasure of recording.