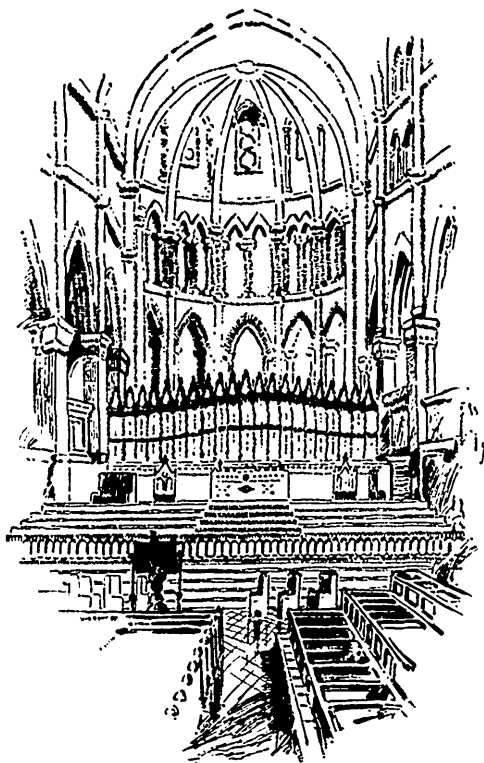


the light. Those priceless gems were soon to be confiscated by the royal emissaries, the glorious shrine to be destroyed, and only the broken pavement and the marks of the pilgrims' feet in the stone floor left to

more recent times, who have given their lives for the spread of an empire on which, it is proudly boasted, the sun never sets. The great west window alone, as the day departs, throws a ray of coloured



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show to future generations the spot hallowed by the worship of ages.

Now the spacious nave* and aisles are bare, save for some monuments affixed to the walls, memorials of statesmen and soldiers of

* The nave is 187 feet in length and 79 in height. The total length of the cathedral interior is 516 feet.

light across the floor, for it is filled with fragments of ancient glass. A lofty flight of steps leads up to the choir, which is shut off from the nave by a stone screen of elaborate Gothic work. Around and behind the choir are chantries and chapels in which are numerous tombs where repose the remains of archbishops,