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Since A.D. 1501 the earliest date
This is the only City in Great Britain
which retains the walls by which the
many were surrounded in those days
when might gave right, and the
dwellers in the land instead of finding
comfort under their own vine & fig tree
were compelled to seek the protection
of military power for themselves and all
they held dear and therefore Chesterians
turned great Barons & within Walled
protection. These walls have a
circuit of 2 miles with a walk
on top & battlement rising above
it about three feet. Gates entered
at various parts. East gate. North gate
Water Gate &c besides each of
which covered stairs lead from the
street to the walk. As the walk
rises over the Crowns of the Arched
gateways the views are equally
beautiful. Embracing wide
stretches of Country from the Welsh
mountains to the Cheshire hills.
with the valley of the Dee stretching
between. The Cathedral though it
does not boast to great Antiquity as
some being built of soft sandstone was
crumbling to decay. Dean Howson has
exerted himself earnestly to promote the
restoration which is now in progress
Mr Thinks of the Exterior has been
recoated with stone preserving as
many points the old sculpture.
The interior is also being renewed
and improved. At the term on yesterday
the Bishop sat enthroned "in the Rhone
of St Werburgh" high above the heads
not only of the Congregation but of the
Choir & Clergy. There is much
to feed the imagination and
warm the feelings in the various
surroundings: and each Man
here has his part to perform as