

1835.

29th June.—Council petition Parliament in favour of the abolition of the Convention of Royal Burghs.

7th August.—Dr. Bell's Public School in Frederick Street opened.

16th September.—Two cannon balls (each weighing 4 lbs.) dug out of a bank at Kincorth, 300 yards south-east of the Bridge of Dee, supposed to have lain there since the "Defence of the Bridge in 1639."

1836.

27th April.—A voluntary assessment for the relief of the poor in St. Nicholas Parish was imposed this year in place of the usual voluntary subscriptions, which had fallen from £1,000 in the year 1818 to £240 in 1835, and were consequently insufficient.

27th May.—Permission given to the masters of the Grammar School to discontinue attending the West Parish Church, "as the necessity for doing so is done away with by reason of the few scholars attending, whom they were supposed to watch."

30th June.—The Council continue their opinion that the Convention of Burghs should be abolished.

27th August.—Foundation stone of the Suspension Bridge erected by Dr. Morrison over the Dee at Cults laid by him.

16th November.—Motion that the Council meetings be held in the day-time, in place of six p.m., negatived.

14th December.—Council resolve by a majority to introduce gaslight into West Parish Church. [This was the first division in the Council since November, 1833, when the reformed Council took office.]

During this year a Bill was promoted by the Council for the erection of Public Schools, but was lost.

1837.

7th May.—New East Parish Church opened—Archibald Simpson, Architect.

24th June.—Proclamation of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, at the Cross.