Gibson Mausoleum, Kensal Green

A romantic tower-like mausoleum designed in a muscular Gothic style. If it looks old fashioned for its date, that is probably because Gibson was at the height of his powers in the High Victorian period when Continental Gothic styles and structural polychromy were all the rage.

Architect(s)
John Gibson

Listing
Grade II (England and Wales)

Year Created
1890

Style
Gothic Revival

History
John Gibson (1817-1892), the sole occupant of this mausoleum, was an architect who specialized in the design of banks and offices. Trained by Sir Charles Barry, Gibson employed the Italian Palazzo style, previously used in the design of country mansions and gentlemen’s clubs, to lend grandeur to the buildings of the commercial world. He is best known as the architect of the National Provincial Bank in Threadneedle Street which, with its giant Corinthian columns and skyline bristling with statues, is one of the finest buildings in the City.

Condition
Fair/poor. The stone is spalling badly and some columns have gone (2002).

Sources
Dictionary of National Biography;
Builder (1890) 448-9;

Links
Friends of Kensal Green Cemetery website

Location
Kensal Green Cemetery (Plot No 65),
Harrow Road,
London
W10 4RA