Title of Article: Characteristics of Early Development of Ecclesiastical Architecture in Lagos State in Nigeria,
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Abstract: The period between 1854 and 1929AD was classified as the early development of ecclesiastical architecture in Nigeria and this study examined the characteristics of the church buildings during this period. Among the churches that were built during this period five are prominent that are still existing and this study examined two because they all share similar characteristics. As the study was an explorative one it adopted qualitative method of non-participant observation, historical and unstructured interview methods using descriptive analysis. The study found that Churches were dominated by foreign established missions. Gothic style dominated the period characterized by its usual strong focus on verticality, pointed arches, rib vaults, flying buttresses, large stained glass windows, ornaments and pinnacles. Construction works and financing relied on foreign input. Construction materials were imported and the church buildings were more of monuments rather than industrial or make-shift.