

# FRIENDS OF ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL

## ANNUAL



## REPORT

In view of the many other interests centring in the month of June 1953, it seemed to the Council advisable to postpone the Friends' Festival to the early autumn, and **Saturday, September 19th**, was eventually chosen as the most convenient date. The programme for the day will be as follows:

- 8 a.m. Holy Communion. Celebrant: The Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Rochester.
- 9.30 a.m. Mattins (Plain).
- 10.30 a.m. Conducted Tours of the Cathedral.
- 11.30 a.m. Choral Communion.
- 2.30 p.m. Gathering of the Friends and Annual Meeting of the Association in the Deanery Garden.
- 3.30 p.m. Festival Service of the Friends in the Quire.  
Preacher: The Very Rev. The Dean of Rochester.
- 4.30 p.m. The Dean and Mrs. Crick "At Home" to Friends in the Deanery Garden.
- 6 p.m. A Recital of Music in the Cathedral by The Lydian String Quartet with Eileen Lake, Soprano. Nellie Daniels, Piano-forte.

The Council further deemed it wise to exercise the greatest possible economy in the printing and publishing of this year's Annual Report in view of the urgent appeal for £60,000 to preserve, improve and maintain the Cathedral. The Association has already voted the sum of £600 to the appeal, and it was felt that the money saved by issuing a two-page leaflet instead of the customary Annual Report could be used as further assistance to the appeal.

Next year the usual full report with the names of Officers and all Life, Corporate and Ordinary Members will be resumed in good time for the Festival and Annual General Meeting which will be held on Wednesday, June 2nd. The 1954 Festival will in fact form one of the events in connection with the celebration of the Twenty-seventh Jubilee of the Diocese. On Saturday, May 15th, the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury will arrive at the Cathedral to inaugurate the celebration and to preach, and for the ensuing three weeks the Cathedral will be the centre of the celebration with a series of special services, a play to be staged in the Cathedral, and one or more exhibitions.

**THE COUNCIL.** We desire to express to Colonel Iremonger our sympathy in his prolonged illness and our hope for an eventual good recovery. We are glad to hear that Dr. Clement White is making a good recovery from his accident. This being the year for the Triennial Election of Members of the Council, all present members have been good enough to express their willingness to serve for a further period, and recommend an invitation to Mr.



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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE EIGHTEEN MONTHS ENDED 31ST MARCH 1953

EXPENDITURE	£	s.	d.		INCOME		£	s.	d.
To Assistant Secretary's Honorarium .. .. .	55		0		By Subscriptions:				
„ Printing, etc. .. .. .	40	7	3		Ordinary .. .. .		635	8	6
„ Stationery .. .. .	11	13	0		Life Membership .. .. .		65	15	0
„ Postage .. .. .	18	8	11		„ Donations .. .. .		20	18	2
„ Office Expenses .. .. .	7	8	5		„ Sale of Post Cards .. .. .		33	6	4
„ Festival Expenses .. .. .	28	0	2		„ Sale of Badges .. .. .		2	8	0
„ Subscriptions .. .. .	4	7	0		„ Sale of Annual Reports .. .. .		7		0
„ Post Cards .. .. .	17	13	10		„ Festival Receipts:				
„ Badges .. .. .	1	9	0		Teas .. .. .		16	12	0
„ Upkeep of Cloister Garth .. .. .	134	10	10		„ Collection .. .. .		14	3	2
„ Sundry Expenses .. .. .	3	19	0		„ Interest on Savings Bank Accounts:				
„ Depreciation of Office Equipment .. .. .	1	13	8		Life Membership Account .. .. .		15	13	8
„ „ Mower .. .. .	13	1	11		General Funds .. .. .		26	12	4
„ Cloister Garth Grant .. .. .	568	2	9		„ Income Tax Refunds .. .. .		12	12	11
					„ Excess of Expenditure over Income .. .. .		61	18	8
							<u>£905</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>9</u>

### BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 1953

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Subscriptions paid in advance .. .. .			19 16 0	Office Equipment as at 1st October 1951 ..	6		0
Legacy Account .. .. .			100 0 0	Less Depreciation .. .. .	1	13	8
Income and Expenditure Account:							
Balance as at 1st October 1951 .. .. .	1,024	19	8	Atco Mower at 1st October 1951 .. .. .	46	15	5
Less Excess of Expenditure over Income	61	18	8	Less Depreciation .. .. .	13	1	11
			<u>963 1 0</u>				
				Badges in hand .. .. .	6	13	6
				Post Cards in hand .. .. .	26	2	0
							<u>33 13 6</u>
				Rochester Trustee Savings Bank:			
				Life Membership Account .. .. .	443	0	0
				General Funds Account .. .. .	429	1	3
							<u>872 1 3</u>
				Cash in hand .. .. .			4 17 3
				Cash at Bank .. .. .			<u>135 3 2</u>
							<u>£1,082 17 0</u>

I have audited the books of the Friends of Rochester Cathedral for the eighteen months ended 31st March 1953 and have prepared the above Accounts therefrom and from information supplied. I certify that these Accounts are in accordance therewith and to the best of my belief are correct.

Dated this 4th day of May, 1953.

(Sgd.) LAWRENCE BULL, *Hon. Auditor,*  
*Chartered Accountant.*

62 High Street, Rochester,  
and at London, Bristol, Swansea and Sittingbourne.

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W. E. Dedrick, recently High Sheriff of Kent and a very good friend to the Cathedral, to join the Council.

**THE CATHEDRAL APPEAL.** The great majority of the members of our Association will already be well aware of this appeal but there will be some, particularly in distant places, who will not have heard of it. We are, therefore, issuing a copy of the appeal with this report and offer our apologies to those who have already seen it. Possibly they might care to pass it on to an acquaintance.

The sum of £60,000 is a modest one in comparison with some of the appeals which have recently been put before the public, but it is considered to be the amount of money requisite for the repair and maintenance of the fabric and the effecting of some long overdue improvements in respect to both heating and lighting. The appeal was launched at an impressive service in the Cathedral on April 15th at which the Lord Bishop preached the sermon, and at the time of the writing of this report we can say that a generous response is being made. We ask for the wholehearted support of every member of our Association because if we can reach our target the Cathedral can be preserved and maintained in good condition for very many years to come.

**THE CATHEDRAL.** Since our last report two new Residentiary Canons have been installed. Canon Fison, now Sub-Dean of Truro, has been succeeded by Canon D. R. Vicary, the Diocesan Director of Religious Education, and the vacant Oriel Canonry has been filled by the appointment of the Rev. K. V. J. Ball, Vicar of St. Nicholas, Rochester. To these two members of the Chapter the Friends will no doubt extend a very sincere welcome. We also offer a welcome to three new members of the Greater Chapter, the Rev. W. H. Murray Walton, Rev. R. H. Soar, and the Rev. E. F. Bonhote, who have been installed as Honorary Canons.

On Coronation Day an impressive service was held in the Cathedral attended by the Mayor and Corporation in State, representatives of the fighting and public services, together with a large general congregation. An annual service, held now for many years, is the memorial service of the Corps of Royal Engineers. This service seems if possible to increase in impressiveness with every year that passes. Friends will probably know that memorials to members of the Corps are extremely numerous in the Cathedral, including the magnificent glass in the great west window.

Other outstanding services have been those of the National Farmers' Union, and of the Royal Air Force on the anniversary of the Battle of Britain. We were also very glad to welcome to an excellently arranged service in the Cathedral officers and members of the Guild of the Servants of the Sanctuary.

**THE LADIES' GUILD** have again continued their very valuable activities in maintaining in shining condition the brasswork, in mending and repairing, and especially by a Sale of Work which it was intended to hold in the Deanery garden for the funds of the appeal. Most unfortunately the weather turned out to be quite atrocious, stalls had to be hurriedly transferred within the Deanery and the attendance was inevitably greatly reduced. But even so £150 was made and we are most grateful to the Guild for this splendid effort.

Finally, I express our deep gratitude to all those who in one way or another help to carry on the work of the Association, making of course particular mention of the Hon. Treasurer, the Hon. Secretary and his assistant. Both Captain Pring and Mr. Stockdale have had to contend with bad health, but despite it have contrived to carry on with their accustomed enthusiasm.

THOMAS CRICK,  
*Dean of Rochester and Chairman of the Council.*