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OF THE

FRIENDS OF ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL



May 1960

NOTE. The names of all Friends of Rochester Cathedral (at the time of going to print) are recorded in the Membership Roll. The Hon. Secretary will be grateful if any inaccuracies therein are brought to his notice by the Members concerned in order that the necessary amendments may be made to the records of the Association.

FRIENDS OF ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL

Patron:

H.R.H. The Duchess of Kent, G.C.V.O., G.B.E., C.I.

President:

The Lord Bishop of Rochester.

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The Right Hon. The Lord Cornwallis, K.B.E., M.C., J.P. Lord Lieutenant of Kent.

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The Dean of Rochester.

Vice-Chairman:

The Right Hon. The Viscount De L'Isle, v.c., P.C., D.L., J.P.

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The Mayor of Gillingham.

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(Commandant School of Military Engineering.)

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*Dr. E. C. Gross.

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Surg. Rear Admiral

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Read, M.A.

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*Rev. R. J. Stockdale, M.C.,

M.A.

Lady Tallents.

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Hon. Secretary & Treasurer:

Rev. P. M. Sharp, The Precinct, Rochester.

Hon. Assistant Secretary:

Miss B. Neech, The Precinct, Rochester.



Badge of the Friends of Rochester Cathedral

PARTICULARS OF MEMBERSHIP

THE Association of the Friends of Rochester Cathedral was formed in 1935, as it was felt that there were many who would like to be associated with this ancient and interesting church and to have a share in the preservation and upkeep of the fabric.

The Diocese and Cathedral of Rochester go back to the beginning of English Christianity. This is not to be confused with Christianity in what we now speak of as England, for Christianity flourished in Kent soon after the year A.D. 200, and although there is no proof of a Christian Church in Rochester in those early days, there is at least a likelihood that there was one. The Mission sent by Pope Gregory the Great, and welcomed and aided by King Ethelbert, secured the founding of the See of Canterbury about A.D. 597, and those of Rochester and London in A.D. 604. Close to the West Door of the Cathedral the foundations of the apse of the old Saxon Church were discovered—semicircular lines just inside the Cathedral mark the site—and the foundations of its Nave walls were traced running westwards across the cemetery outside. No foundations of a western apse have been discovered. The Cathedral Church as it stands to-day is an interesting epitome of English architecture from early Norman to the present century—the latter represented by restoration work.

All who care for this venerable church are therefore asked to join the Association of Friends of Rochester

Cathedral, and thus to help the Dean and Chapter to bear the responsibility of preserving for future generations a building which stands for so much in the history of our National Church.

Since the inauguration over 2,000 Friends have enrolled themselves, and their contributions have resulted in much valuable work in several ways, Important and necessary repairs to the fabric have been carried out, especially to parapets, roofs, and copings, During the war, funds were supplied by the Friends for defence work against bomb damage, blast, and fire, But it is especially due to their efforts that there has been revealed the interest and beauty of the Monastic Cloisters, its buildings, and its garth. The Chapter House doorway has been opened and the exquisite Romanesque carving of its masonry shown. Within the Chapter House, Priors' burial places have been discovered; the foundations of the pillars which earried a gallery across the west end from the dormitory to the Cathedral have been exposed; the refectory doorway and its adjacent washing-trough have been made objects of interest; and the fine vaulted archway entered from the main road of the Precinct has been opened out, Of the Cellarer's buildings some walls have been shown, and the Tudor buttresses clearly tell what King Henry the Eighth planned for the housing of his retinue, Funds are urgently needed for all this work. Will you become a Friend and help?

The minimum subscription has been fixed at 5s, per annum, which it is hoped will enable all who wish to do so to enrol themselves, but it is also hoped that many will be able to give larger sums. There is also a Corporate Membership for Schools, Colleges, Parochial Church Councils, etc., with a minimum subscription of 10s. per annum, whilst Individual Life Membership is £10, or Joint Life Membership, for husband and wife, £15 15s. Boys and girls under 18 years of age, 2s, per annum. Each Friend receives a Card of Membership

and a copy of the Annual Report is sent to each Member other than Junior Members, when published. A form of application will be found at the end of this Report and should be sent to the Honorary Secretary, The Precinct, Rochester.

Friends who visit the Cathedral and attend Festivals are asked to wear the Badge of Membership, illustrated on the cover. It consists of a gold scallop on a red field with the words "Friends of Rochester Cathedral" round the rim and the date of the inception. Badges are 2s. od. (1s. 6d. for Junior Members) and may be obtained from the Honorary Secretary.

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THE FESTIVAL 1959

The Festival last year was honoured by the visit of H.R.H. the Duchess of Kent. After launching the submarine Oberon at Chatham in the morning, she by-passed the Saturday traffic by helicopter and was received in the Paddock where a Guard of Honour was mounted by the King's School. She walked down to the Cathedral and joined in the Festival Service. Later she was carried off to London again by helicopter.

The Annual General Meeting was held in the Deanery Garden and was well attended. In the evening, the London Symphony Orchestra under Mr. Royalton Kisch, gave a concert in the Cathedral. The nave was crowded. Mr. Kisch said he had found the Cathedral quite exceptionally good for the orchestra. It was a prefect ending to the day.

This year's Festival will be on 22nd June. Full

particulars will be found on page 12.

WORK DONE AND TO BE DONE

The Secretary refers in his Report to some of the major operations undertaken by the Council: the loud speaker system, the vote towards completion of Organ. The Friends have also undertaken to pay for a series of new Notices for the Cathedral which the College of Art are kindly making for us; for a curtain at the East end of the Lady Chapel; additional stands for flowers, and the restoration of the large Coat of Arms.

Other big work in the Cathedral has been going on throughout the year. The new bell-frame is complete, the bells re-hung and ringing again in safety. It was one of the biggest jobs that Taylors have ever had to undertake, and very exciting it was to watch the eight steel girders, weighing a ton each, being hoisted up to the tower. Each one took three hours to raise.

The heating system is almost finished. "Punch" heard about it and produced an amusing poem which

was later translated into French by Wansons, the

makers, at their Brussels factory.

All this means that attention to the fabric of the Cathedral is seriously overdue, and we now have to face heavy long-term expenditure to preserve one of the oldest and most precious buildings in England.

GIFTS

We are most grateful to the many Friends who make this work possible. It is encouraging that practically all Covenants are being renewed; very few are reduced or dropped, and several including the largest, have been

increased, and some new ones added.

In particular I wish to acknowledge with gratitude anonymous gifts of £450 and £100 towards the completion of the organ; a Legacy of £100 from Miss H. L. Cooper; and £35 which was received as a Donation in place of flowers after the funeral of A. H. Prior (an old Chorister).

THE CATHEDRAL

The Cathedral is in constant use. There is daily Holy Communion, Mattins and Evensong; it is the Chapel of the newly founded Rochester Theological College. There are many big special Services; Dr. Ashfield gives regular Organ Recitals; the Choral Society have given concerts and Bach's Passion Music. The Choir is now one of the finest in the country. The Special Choir, under Mr. Levett, is also outstanding.

Mrs. Harland and the Ladies' Guild look after our linen and vestments; Mrs. Pentreath and the newly-formed Flower Guild keep the Cathedral beautiful

with flowers. .

The growing number of visitors gives the Cathedral a great opportunity: in fact this side of "Tourism" offers the Cathedral a new sphere of evangelism. Mr. Sharp and the vergers are constantly conducting parties; stewards and others have promised to put in

half-days in the Cathedral to help in this work of showing people interesting things and letting them know what a Cathedral is for.

So, in the fourteenth century of its life, Rochester Cathedral is still a place where God may be found and worshipped in the beauty of Holiness.

R. WILLIAM STANNARD

Dean and Chairman of the Council

REPORT OF THE HON. SECRETARY AND TREASURER

MEMBERSHIP

I AM sorry again to have to report that our losses through death and resignation and lapsed subscriptions have been heavy, for we have lost 64 Members during the year. On the other hand, new Members have been coming forward satisfactorily, and whilst the Membership at this time last year was 1,136, I am glad to say it now stands at 1,139.

FINANCE

From the audited Statement of Accounts it will be seen that at the moment the Association is in a good financial position. Subscriptions, donations, and refund of Income Tax, have all increased, and the profit from the sale of postcards and Christmas cards is also a little better.

The Council authorised the payment of the cost of the installation of the Tannoy Amplifying System in the Cathedral, and at the last Council Meeting undertook to vote £700 towards the completion of the rebuilding programme of the Organ in the Cathedral.

We are most grateful that a donation of £450 has been made anonymously and direct to the Organ Builders, Messrs. J. W. Walker & Sons, by one of our Members, but this does not figure in the Accounts. Also we have to thank a second anonymous donor for the gift of £100 for the same purpose.

The total sum standing to the credit of the Association on the 31st March was:

CHRISTMAS CARDS

The amount of the sales of the Christmas cards in the past year was rather disappointing. It is, however, hoped to issue yet another card in time for Christmas this year, of which notice will be given later. Meantime, last year's card is still available at the price of 6s. a dozen, with 9d. for postage.

GENERAL

Our thanks are yet again offered to Mr. H. J. Hoby, A.C.A., for his services in auditing our Accounts for a further year on behalf of his firm, Messrs. Tribe, Clarke, Darton & Pollock. Our thanks are also due to the members of the Ladies' Guild who continue to staff the book stall, and thereby give valuable help in increasing our sale of postcards.

A number of the Friends have agreed to pay their annual subscriptions under Covenant, and several have increased their annual subscription by enclosing a

donation; we are most grateful.

We must not overlook to thank Mrs. H. G. Cooper for so kindly, throughout the year, keeping the office

clean and in good order.

No report of mine would be complete without my saying how much I owe to the faithful work and attendance in the office of Mr. H. G. Cooper. When I rather reluctantly took office a year ago I explained to the Council that my numerous duties as Sacrist and Succentor would necessitate my leaning heavily upon Mr. Cooper, and I only hope I have not tried him too hard.

Miss Neech, as always, has kept everything up to

date, and she is a real help to both of us.

P. M. SHARP 31st March, 1960

THE LADIES' GUILD

THE Ladies' Guild has continued with its work of keeping much of the Cathedral furnishings and vestments in repair. Kneelers have been re-covered, cassocks, surplices and copes mended, and new red

curtains made for the Canons' vestry.

There is now a plan afoot for the making of more tapestry covers for kneelers. In addition to this several ladies devote some of their time to cleaning the brasswork. Members are also staffing the book stall again this summer. This not only affords a friendly welcome to visitors, many of whom come from overseas, but also helps the Vergers and increases the sales of books and postcards.

Meetings are still held at the Archdeaconry, and the Guild is most grateful to Mrs. Harland for her very warm welcome and hospitality on these occasions.

E.C.

THE BOOK OF MEMORY

THE Book of Memory in which 19 names have already been inscribed is in St. John's Chapel.

The Council has laid down the rules for entry of

names as follows:

1. Anyone can enter a name.

2. Application to be made to the Hon. Secretary with Form of Inscription for the approval by the Dean and Chapter.

3. The Inscription to be limited to 30 words.

4. Fee—Five Guineas.
Writing of Inscription—10s. 6d.
Total £5 15s. 6d.

A Remembrance is made at the 8 a.m. Holy Communion Service in the Cathedral, on the dates of death of the Friends entered in the Book.

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I. Notes	s on Wall Paintings, etc.	9
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1936	Grant to Organ repairs	25
	Restoration of Norman Chapter House	14
	Repairs to parapets and copings	157
	Excavations and restoration of Monastery Buildings	48
1937	Ditto Cloisters	517
	Excavations south of Nave	3° 68
	Repair of East Gable	92
	Repairs to roof ventilators Repairs to roofs and leadwork	178
1938	Further restoration of Cloisters	100
1939	Ditto	143
1939-45	Protection of stonework and Monuments, and	
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1948	Repairs to Clock	100
1951-53	Further restoration of Cloisters	1,068
1954-55	Grant to Appeal Fund	1,000
1957-58	Restoration of Quire Vaulting	1,000
1959	Stand and Case for Book of Memory	36
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	"Friends" have made themselves responsible	1,055
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FESTIVAL PROGRAMME 1960

WEDNESDAY, 22nd JUNE

7.45 a.m.

Holy Communion.

8.15 a.m.

Mattins (Plain).

10.30-11.15 a.m.

Conducted tours of the Cathedral.

11.30 a.m.

Choral Communion.

Introit, "Bread of heaven" (Wadeley).

Service, Ashfield in C. Hymns (E.H.), 319, 329.

2.15 p.m.

Gathering of the Friends and Annual Meeting of the Association in the Deanery Garden. If wet,

in King's School Hall.

Members wishing to bring forward at this meeting any proposals or suggestions for the welfare of the Association, are asked to submit the same in writing

to the Hon. Secretary as soon as possible.

3.15 p.m.

Festival Service of the Friends in the Quire.

Service: Luard Selby in F.

Anthem: Blessed City (Bairstow).

Hymn (E.H.), 466.

Organ Voluntary: Prelude in C (Bairstow).

4.15 p.m.

The Dean and Mrs. Stannard "At Home" to Friends in the Deanery Garden. If wet, in King's School Hall. Tea tickets should be obtained from the Hon. Secretary in advance; an application form for these is enclosed with this Report. It is hoped that all Friends will make a special

effort to attend this social gathering.

6.30 p.m.

Concert by the Royal Engineers Orchestra:

Director of Music: Maj, B. H. Brown, M.B.E., A.R.C.M., R.E.

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