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FRIENDS OF ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL

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Lord Lieutenant of Kent

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The Lord Bishop of Rochester

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Retire 1973

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Sir. J. Best-Shaw, Bt.
Mrs. Dedrick
Mr. K. A. Pollock,
F.C.A.
Mrs. P. M. Sharp

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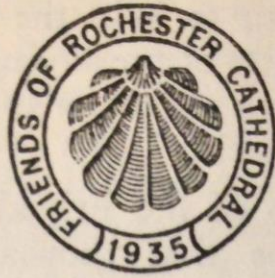
Lady Batterbee
Mr. I. T. Harwood,
J.P.
The Lady Kilmaine
Mr. N. D. Ouvry
Alderman I. J. Phillips
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Dr. D. L. Pugh
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Mr. G. E. Gross,
M.A., A.C.A.
Mr. W. E. Heath
Major L. J. Melhuish
Lady Stern
Mr. H. S. Wharton,
M.A.

Hon. Secretary & Treasurer:

Rev. P. M. Sharp, 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 asked to

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

The membership of the Friends remains at about 1,100. This means that thousands have enrolled through the years but our new membership only just makes up for our losses. We really need a considerable increase in both individual and corporate members. Friends' contributions have helped to carry out work of improvement and maintenance in many ways. The monastic buildings and cloister have been opened up and the garth is increasingly being used in summer months by those who are looking for a place of quiet, not to mention those who like to bring their sandwiches at lunchtime.

The inside of the Norman nave has been cleaned and shows afresh the variety of its decoration. The new stone platform for the nave altar has been built and perhaps its greatest commendation is that it looks as if it has always been there. It has, it is believed, added to the dignity of worship and been an asset for productions of music, drama and ballet. While the work in preparation for this was being carried out remains were discovered confirming the theory that a pre-Conquest Church, subsequent to the original Saxon Church at the west of the nave, lay immediately under the present Norman nave. Contributions have not been confined to the building itself, but have much assisted in the maintenance of the organ. The steady work of maintaining the fabric has gone on and the cleaning and repair of the exterior has revealed still further the beauty of the building, particularly to those seeing it from the High Street. In order to be able to continue the good work funds are urgently needed. Will you become a Friend and help?

The minimum subscription has been fixed at £1 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 £1 per annum, whilst Individual Life Membership is £10, or Joint Life Membership, for husband and wife, £15.75. Boys and girls under 18 years of age, 10p 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 10p (7p for Junior Members) and may be obtained from the Honorary Secretary.

CATHEDRAL FLOWER GUILD

APART from the regular arranging of flowers week by week our chief concern this year has been to prepare for the Flower Festival in June. We are cooperating with thirty flower clubs from the whole of Kent, and the overall planning of the flower arrangements is in the hands of Mrs. K. Wells (chairman of the Kent branch of N.A.F.A.S.), Mrs. J. Ward (of Herne Bay), and Mr. E. T. Dodd (of Sevenoaks). Our own guild is specially responsible for the Lady Chapel, where the theme is the Incarnation of Our Lord, and we are very grateful for the help of Mrs. H. Vander (formerly chairman of N.A.F.A.S.) who is guiding us and also acting as vice-chairman of the organising committee. The Bishop and Mrs. Say are patrons, the Dean is

president; Canon Gripper is chairman and Mrs. S. Tunaley is secretary.

The Festival is open from 8.30 a.m. until 9 p.m. on Friday, June 15th and Saturday, June 16th, and from 11.15 a.m. until 8 p.m. on Sunday, June 17th. Simple refreshments in the form of tea and cake (10p) will be available on the Garth each afternoon; parking arrangements will be in the hands of the police.

The services in the Cathedral during these three days will include Evensong at 3.15 p.m. on the Saturday, which is the Friends' Festival, and seats will be reserved for Friends in the choir; on the Sunday there will be the Eucharist at 10.15 a.m. (preacher: Canon Gripper), Festival Evensong at 3.15 p.m. (preacher: the Bishop) and an Evening Service at 7 p.m. (preacher: Canon Welsby).

The entrance to the Cathedral will be by the small west door, and exit by the south door. The north door will be closed. Please note that the Cathedral will be *closed* to the public (apart from services) on Thursday, June 14th.

A great deal of hard work is being done by a wide range of people, and there are already signs that much interest has been aroused in and beyond the county of Kent. We hope that all Friends will be able to come sometime during the Festival.

There are three purposes that lie behind this venture and the first is to show the beauty of the Cathedral and the beauty of the world of nature through the many flower arrangements. The second, arising from this, is to point people to the wonder and glory of God, and this is why each group of arrangements is being illustrated by a Bible text, chosen by the Dean. The third is to raise money for the Fabric Fund which will need constant support in the coming years. We have to find £13,000 this year alone, for the cleaning and repair of the South Transept, both inside and out.

Leaflets, brochures and car stickers are available, containing some of the information in this article, if you want them for your friends. Please write to Canon F. H. Gripper, 1 King's Orchard, The Precinct, Rochester for them or for any further information you may require. Souvenir handbooks (10p) will be available in the Cathedral during the Festival, *but not before*.

We look forward to seeing you on this memorable occasion.

BETTY GRIPPER

THE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

WE are delighted and honoured by Lord Astor of Hever's acceptance of the invitation to become our Patron. It was a happy coincidence that the Royal British Legion brought him to the Cathedral and the Deanery at the very beginning of his responsibilities as Lord Lieutenant. We look forward with great pleasure to his association with us in the work of the Friends.

You ought to be able to find peace in a Cathedral and the Lady Chapel is set apart for private prayer. However, the work of cleaners and builders has to go on and we are sorry if we are not always as peaceful as we would hope. Should activities in the nave be disturbing the chapels in the crypt are available for quiet. Here I would like to say how very grateful we are to Messrs. Norman & Burt, our builders, and to their excellent staff for the way in which they carry out their work in the least obtrusive way possible. They have become real colleagues during their long stay with us.

The main work that was done in the summer was the cleaning and repairing of the inside of the north transept and it was the very generous assistance of the Friends that enabled this splendid work to go ahead. Those of you who have seen the result will, I am sure, be delighted with the hitherto unseen beauty that has been revealed by this work. At the same time the cleaning and repairing of the Chapter Room doorway has been taking place. A generous grant from the Pilgrim Trust has enabled this to be done. It has been a painstaking and difficult task, but it has been obviously very worthwhile.

Some of you will be surprised to see in the west wall of the north transept a completely new doorway. This leads into a new store which has been built, very largely underground, in the angle of the transept and the nave. Many of you will realise that a great deal of what one may call scene-shifting has to go on to provide for the different kinds of services and events that take place in the nave. One of the difficulties is that you can get used to clutter if you see it about long enough and for many years now we have hoped to have a place where we could store chairs, stages and desks when they were not in use. It will be a great asset to our staff to have a store entered by a ramp so near to their scene of operations. This store and doorway have been designed by our own architect and we are grateful for the advice and help of the Cathedrals Advisory Council. It is costing a good deal of money, but the Dean and Chapter have undertaken this themselves and feel that the Friends will agree that it is a very worthwhile operation.

The number of visitors to the Cathedral continues to increase. With the Flower Festival in June we hope that many thousands of newcomers will see the beauty, not only of the flowers, but also of the Cathedral in this coming year and this will give a great opportunity for the work of the Friends to be made known to a

wide public. For the first time in recent years, the Cathedral Carol Service took place on a weeknight instead of the Sunday before Christmas. The calendar working out as it did, it seemed convenient to have our service on the Saturday night and this obviously met with approval. The numbers attending were greater than we have had for many years and many messages have been received saying how delighted people who belonged to other congregations were that they could come to the Cathedral service. It has been decided, therefore, that this year we shall pursue the same policy. Another interesting development over Christmas is the increasing number of people who come to Evensong on Christmas Eve and to the Blessing of the Crib, and this year we were joined by three coachloads of Americans in addition to all the hundreds of children. These are only two illustrations of the way in which people are coming to the Cathedral and looking to it for inspiration and help.

This coming year is a very important one in the life of the Rochester Choral Society, and in addition to their regular recitals there will be many other events including a thanksgiving service on May 19th. Other events this year range from a dialogue between Malcolm Muggeridge and Joseph McCulloch to a Diocesan Youth Event throughout one night.

It is with great regret that we record the death of Brigadier Godfrey V. Palmer. He was a valued member of our Council who could always be relied on to stimulate discussion. The beauty of the Garth owes much to his splendid work and his friendly figure there will be greatly missed.

The first time I came across a reference to the Friends of Rochester Cathedral I was visiting an art shop in Eastbourne. There on the counter was a box to receive gifts for the Friends. On making inquiries about this phenomenon I discovered that this business belonged to a Miss Wootton who was a great supporter

of the Friends. It was only after coming to Rochester that I came to know her and it is with very great regret that we record her death. She was a member of the Council for many years and the support of the Cathedral was certainly one of her greatest interests. This has been borne out by the fact that she has generously left to the Friends a bequest of some £50,000 about which the Honorary Secretary and Treasurer writes in his report. We would like to record our deep appreciation of her fellowship and care during her life and of this wonderful gift in her will. Perhaps this is not an inappropriate moment to say that we must not let up in our endeavour to obtain new members and to secure further financial help, even though we have been given this wonderful legacy.

The estimate for the south transept has almost doubled since it was given to us nearly two years ago, but in spite of this we believe that it is right to continue the work and particularly as the builders are already on the site. Our hope is that the outside of the south transept may be done in the Spring and that we can go ahead with the inside of the transept later in the year, but this will depend very largely on the generosity of the Friends. The Council has tackled its work with the usual vigour and enthusiasm and we are particularly pleased to welcome as new members Mr. Guy Gross and Major John Melhuish. We are sorry that Brigadier S. E. M. Goodall's tour of duty has come to an end for he has taken a special interest in our needs and we wish him and Mrs. Goodall every happiness as they move to "wilder" life at Slimbridge.

Our splendid honorary helpers seem to have had more than their fair share of ill-health, but we would like to express our deep appreciation of all that they do for us. Miss Black, Miss Hitchen, Mrs. Whittington, Mrs. Rayfield and Mr. Sears put us deeply in their debt. Our special thanks are due to The Rev.

P. M. Sharp who, in spite of many set-backs from the point of view of his health continues to lead the work so splendidly.

Earlier on we were talking about doors, both ancient and modern. The great thing that the association of Friends does is to help us to keep the door of welcome wide open at the Cathedral, so that whether visitors come seeking help in need or just to enjoy the beauty that is available, they may find a warmth of welcome that helps them to find him who says of himself, "I am the door. Anyone who comes into the fold through me shall be safe. He shall go in and out and shall find pasturage."

S. W. BETTS

Dean and Chairman of the Council

LADIES' SEWING GUILD

THE Sewing Guild continues with its useful work of repairing vestments, cassocks and surplices. All the embroidered kneelers are now finished, some having been worked by girl pupils of neighbouring schools.

After the usual sewing session held at the Arch-deaconry on December 13th, 1972 a sumptuous tea was provided. This was followed by Miss White and Mrs. Lloyd who gave most interesting accounts of their impressions of the Holy Land and Mrs. Stewart-Smith showed lantern slides of the same country and also exhibited souvenirs that she had brought back. Mrs. Miskin also showed a magnificent piece of Church embroidery designed and worked by herself, the subject being the Virgin Mary treading Satan under foot.

We are happy to welcome Mrs. Robinson as a new member. As always, our very grateful thanks are due to Mrs. Welsby and Mrs. Stewart-Smith for the warmth of their hospitality extended to us throughout the year.

E.C.

REPORT OF THE HON. SECRETARY AND TREASURER

PERSONAL The Dean in his report has been kind enough to mention sympathetically my health during the past year. The severe Jaundice is now, I hope, over and done with. During 15 years in office I have not missed a single meeting of the Council or Annual General Meeting, but the doctors flatly forbade me to attend in June 1972. My wife deputised for me at very short notice, and everyone seems to agree that she made a very good job of it. The Friends and I are very grateful to her.

OBITUARY The deaths of Brigadier Godfrey Palmer (April 28th, 1972) and Miss Sybil Wootton (June 29th, 1972) have saddened us all. Short tributes to each appear elsewhere in this Report. By agreement with his widow Brigadier Palmer's very distinguished military record is omitted, and only his services to the Friends mentioned.

MISS WOOTTON'S LEGACY Because of the new Chancellor's changes in last year's Budget we have been enabled to receive virtually free of Estate Duty one half of her Residuary Estate amounting to nearly £60,000. The Income from this will be more than double our normal intake.

COUNCIL There is no actual vacancy to be filled as we elected three in 1971 to fill two vacancies thus avoiding the embarrassment of a vote, and two in 1972 to replace the two vacant by death. There are, however, five members due to retire this year, viz: Mr. E. Armitage; Sir John Best-Shaw, Bt; Mrs. Dedrick; Mr. K. A. Pollock and Mrs. P. M. Sharp. They are all eligible for re-election and all wish to stand again.

STAFF Nearly all of our faithful band have been stricken in one way or another but we have managed to cope. Members owe them a debt of gratitude.

FINANCIAL The sum of £5,000 voted to be paid over two years towards repairs to the North Transept has been paid in full. The audited accounts for 1972 figure in this report. Very little Income from Miss Wootton's legacy has yet been received. This will show more in 1973 accounts.

AUDITORS Messrs. Hoby and Dove have again come to our aid and audited the accounts in an honorary capacity. I hope they don't feel we take this for granted. We are really very grateful.

MEMBERSHIP At 1099 reflects a small decline almost entirely due to death; but new members continue slowly to enrol.

MAURICE SHARP

Hon. Sec. and Treasurer

P.S. As we were about to go to press we have heard, with great regret, of the death of Mrs. Gross—the widow of Dr. Gross, a former member of the Council, and Mother of the present member—Mr. Guy Gross. The Friends are indebted to the late Dr. & Mrs. Gross for their gift in 1957 of the Cathedral Book of Memory.

GRANTS made by the Friends since their inauguration
in 1935.

1936	Grant to Organ repairs	£
	Restoration of Norman Chapter House	25
	Repairs to parapets and copings	72
	Excavations and restoration of Monastery Buildings	157
1937	Ditto Cloisters	48
	Excavations south of Nave	517
	Repair of East Gable	30
	Repairs to roof ventilators	68
	Repairs to roofs and leadwork	92
1938	Further restoration of Cloisters	178
1939	Ditto	100
1939-45	Protection of stonework and Monuments, and general A.R.P. work	143
		1,894
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
	Installation of Amplifying System	913
1960	Completion of Organ rebuilding	758
1961	Light at South Entrance	63
	Tables for Cathedral	121
	Movable Scaffolding	124
	Completion of Amplifying System	253
1962	Table & Faultstools for Missionary Chapel	105
1962-3	Renovation of Cloister Garth	1,940
	Extra Microphone	18
1963	Crypt Arches	250
1964	Cleaning and Re-decoration of Nave	3,080
1965	New Benches for Garth	111
1966	Carpets for Chapels	205
	Contribution towards new copes	50
	Sesquialtera Stop for Organ	205
1967	Restoration of North Front	2,000
1968	Restoration of North Face	1,250
	Nave Altar Platform	1,750
1969	Restoration of North Face	2,500
	Chairs for Nave	250
1970	Grant to Organ Repairs	1,400
1972	Repairs to North Transept	5,000
	Over whole period—Upkeep of Cloister Garth, for which "Friends" have made themselves responsible	2,369
		<u>£31,243</u>

ROCHESTER CHORAL SOCIETY

1873 - 1973

NINETEEN seventy-three is a very important year in the life of Rochester Choral Society as it is exactly one hundred years since its Foundation. In 1871 the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral appointed as their new Minor Canon the Revd. W. H. Nutter. As a distinguished musician, he was greatly concerned to find that there was no Society to which the many gifted singers and instrumentalists of the district could belong, so he set about making plans for the formation of one.

On July 29th, 1873, the Mayor, Mr. C. R. Foord, presided over a meeting held in the Council Chamber, Rochester Guildhall, for the purpose of establishing the new "Rochester, Strood and Chatham Choral Society", and with the intention of raising a fund to enable the committee to carry out the objects for which the Society had been formed.

Each season would run from October to the following April or May, and would consist of three concerts, the first and third containing Choral performances, while the second was to be a Chamber Concert for which outstanding artists would be engaged. All the concerts would take place in the Corn Exchange, the rehearsals being held in Guildhall by kind permission of the Mayor who became the first Chairman.

From the start, there were strong links between the Society and the Cathedral. The Lord Bishop of Rochester became the Patron, the Very Reverend the Dean being the President, and these two offices have been held by successive Bishops and Deans for a hundred years. All the members of the Chapter were Vice-Presidents, as also were the Mayor and Corporation of the City, the Right Hon. The Earl of Darnley, five Members of Parliament—two for Rochester, one for Chatham and two for Mid-Kent—and the

Revd. Robert Whiston, Headmaster of King's School.

Rehearsals started at the beginning of October, 1873, the first Conductor being the Revd. W. H. Nutter, and the first concert—a performance of Mendelssohn's "St. Paul"—took place on December 8th, 1873, when, according to a newspaper report "the Corn Exchange was crowded in every part".

It became the custom to hold a final rehearsal on the Saturday evening preceding the Concert on the following Monday evening, the rehearsal being open to the public at reduced prices.

As the final Concert of the second season, a performance of Mendelssohn's "Elijah" was given, and a report in the South Eastern Gazette described it as being "in all probability the best choral concert ever given in the County of Kent". The Chorus numbered two hundred voices, and the orchestra consisted of amateurs of the district augmented by players from Covent Garden, the wind players being drawn from the Regimental Bands of the Royal Marines and the Royal Engineers.

So in two years, the Society had become firmly established under the conductorship of the Revd. W. H. Nutter who continued to hold the position until he left the Cathedral in 1884 to become Vicar of St. Margaret's, Rochester.

In 1882, a newcomer to the chorus Basses was the Revd. A. Thorndike, father of Dame Sybil who is now one of the Society's Hon. Vice-Presidents, and her mother joined the committee in 1888.

Two eminent musicians were connected with the Society during this period. Herr Kappey, Bandmaster of the Royal Marines conducted his own work, "Per Mare, Per Terram", in 1879, and Dr. (afterwards Sir) Frederick Bridge, Organist of Westminster Abbey, conducted first performances of his own works on several occasions. On the resignation of the Revd.

W. H. Nutter in 1884, Herr Kappey became the Society's first paid Conductor, a position he held for six years.

In 1890, Herr Kappey was succeeded as Conductor by the Cathedral Precentor, the Revd. G. M. Livett, and his place was taken in 1895 by his successor as Precentor—the Revd. J. Nash, who had had considerable experience as an orchestral conductor.

In 1900 and again in 1901, the composer Coleridge Taylor conducted performances of his work "Hiawatha", and he thought so highly of the standard of the Chorus that when he was invited to become the Society's conductor in 1902, he had no hesitation in accepting the post, travelling from London to Rochester for the regular weekly rehearsals.

In 1906, his place was taken by the Revd. Canon H. Hickin, Vicar of St. Peter's, Rochester, and he was succeeded in 1908 by Captain Neville Flux, Bandmaster of the Royal Engineers. Two outstanding members of the committee at this time were Miss D. L. Sandford, Headmistress of Rochester Girls' Grammar School, and Mr. Edgar Armitage, a newly-appointed Lay-Clerk, who has vivid memories of the concerts of this period, and who is still a member of the Cathedral Friends Council.

In 1912, Mr. Luard Selby, the Cathedral Organist, is mentioned as being a member of the Committee, and this is the first occasion on which any Cathedral Organist appears to have been associated actively with the Society.

On the outbreak of the Great War in 1914, the Society's activities were suspended, but when Peace was restored, the new Cathedral Organist, Mr. Charles Hylton Stewart, set about reorganisation. Since then, the conductorship has remained in the hands of the Cathedral Organist, though the two positions do not automatically go together.

As the name of Gillingham had now been added to the Society's title, some of the concerts were given in the Cathedral, some in the Corn Exchange, some in Chatham Town Hall and some in St. Mary's Parochial Hall at Gillingham, but in 1933 the names of the various districts were dropped and since then the Society has been known solely as "Rochester Choral Society", its members being drawn from a very wide area.

Under Mr. Hylton Stewart's baton, the Society gave its first performances of several Bach Cantatas, Beethoven's Ninth Symphony (the Choral), Elgar's "Dream of Gerontius" and Brahms's "Requiem".

After twelve years, Mr. Hylton Stewart left to become Organist of Chester Cathedral, and his place as Cathedral Organist and Hon. Conductor of the Choral Society was taken by Mr. H. A. Bennett whose great contributions to the Society's repertoire were the Bach Passions, there being an annual performance of either the St. Matthew or the St. John settings throughout the whole of his conductorship.

On the outbreak of the Second World War in 1939, the resulting black-out regulations and mass evacuation meant a temporary suspension of activities, but through the kindness of the Dean and Chapter at the beginning of 1940, rehearsals were resumed in the Cathedral on Saturday afternoons, enabling the annual Passion performance to be given in March. The enthusiasm of the chorus was so great that the members could no longer be accommodated in the Crypt, and at the invitation of the Mayor, rehearsals were continued in Guildhall, both the rehearsals and the Cathedral concerts taking place during daylight hours on Saturday afternoons. During the six years of War, thirty-nine Recitals were given, in addition to twelve performances of the Christmas and Easter portions of Handel's "Messiah", and although conditions became more and more difficult with air-raids and the advent of

“flying-bombs”, not a single performance planned and rehearsed for had to be abandoned.

With the return of Peace, the Society resumed its normal pattern of activities. Its financial position had always been precarious, but with the formation of the National Federation of Music Societies, aid became available first from the Carnegie Trust, then from the Arts Council of Great Britain. There is also an ever-growing body of “Friends of the Choral Society” whose names appear in each concert programme and whose kindly interest and generous support are greatly valued by the Society.

Nineteen fifty-six saw the retirement of Mr. Bennett after twenty-six years of devoted and inspired service, and his place was taken by the present Cathedral Organist, Dr. Robert Ashfield. Under his capable and enthusiastic leadership, the chorus numbers have increased to one hundred and sixty, and the programmes have included most of the greatest works in the choral repertoire. The names of Bach, Haydn, Handel, Mendelssohn, Elgar and Vaughan Williams appear frequently, together with those of the modern composers—Britten, Delius, Kodaly, Poulenc and Stravinsky. All the performances have full orchestral accompaniment and professional soloists are engaged.

During the first half century of the Society's existence there was a constant change of personnel, but the second fifty years have shown that people tend to stay in office for longer periods, thus giving the Society greater stability. The Reverend Canon F. H. Gripper has been Chairman since 1966, Miss E. C. Rowe has been the Hon. Secretary for the last thirteen years, and Mr. James Levett has been the Society's indefatigable accompanist ever since 1930.

The Centenary Celebrations, which will last throughout the whole of the 1973/74 season, will begin on May 19th, when the Members hope that all well-wishers will join them at a Thanksgiving Service in

the Cathedral. During the year, backward looks at the early years will be seen in performances of "Elijah" and "Messiah", modern composers will be represented by Britten, Kodaly and Stravinsky, and the future will be saluted with the first performance at the November Concert of "Cantiones Roffenses"—a new work specially written for the Society by Dr. Ashfield.

In the 1972 Cathedral Friends Report, Canon D. R. Vicary wrote—"From the earliest times Rochester appeared to have fame in the training of singers". The Choral Society is proud to have continued in that tradition for the last hundred years, and is now prepared to face its second century with hope and confidence, and with gratitude for its many links with Rochester Cathedral.

FESTIVAL PROGRAMME 1973

SATURDAY 16TH JUNE

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
- 2.15 p.m. Annual General Meeting of the Association in the King's School Hall
- 3.15 p.m. Festival Service of the Friends in the Quire
Setting: *Stanford in A*
Anthem: I was glad: *Parry*
Hymns: E.H. 393
587 (omit v.5)
- 4.15 p.m. Tea in the King's School Hall

Tea tickets, 30p each, should be obtained in advance from the Hon. Secretary; an application form for these is enclosed with this Report. Friends requiring tickets should send a stamped addressed envelope.

THE BOOK OF MEMORY

THE Book of Memory in which over 100 names have already been inscribed is at the foot of the Nave Altar steps (south side).

This is in alphabetical order; but a second one in calendaric order has now been given and is alongside the former book. Future entries will be inscribed in both. The Council has laid down the rules for entry of names as follows:

1. Anyone can enter a name.
2. Applications 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. A Donation of Five pounds fifty pence to the Funds.
Writing of Inscription—One pound fifty pence.
Total—Seven pounds.

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.

OBITUARIES

BRIGADIER GODFREY V. PALMER, C.B.E., T.D.
A keen and staunch member of the Council for some years, Brigadier Palmer died on April 28th, 1972. He rarely missed a meeting of the Council, and was possessed of a clear brain with quick decision. Many of the motions taken by the Council were taken by his

suggestion, and by his ability to recognize what was important after a longish discussion. His advice will be sadly missed.

He was also very interested in the upkeep of the Garth, and its present neatness owes a lot to him, and especially his care for the small enclosed garden opposite No. 1 Minor Canon Row, which he had turfed at his own expense.

P.M.S.

MISS SYBIL M. W. WOOTTON. By the death on June 29th, 1972 of Miss Sybil Wootton the Friends of Rochester Cathedral have lost one of their most generous and consistent supporters. Even in her Will she did not forget them, and she bequeathed half of her Residuary Estate, which has amounted to over £50,000 to them.

She was not born at Rochester but came here at an early age and spent her childhood here. After her parents and younger brother had died, she went to live in Hove where she shared a house with her late brother Carl. They had planned to return to Rochester, and had arranged to acquire a house in the Maidstone Road known as "The Vines", but Mr. Wootton was taken ill and died before they could move in. However, she wished to honour her brother's contract so she came back in 1964. She took his place on the Council and remained a member till her death.

She expressed a strong wish, both to the Chapter Clerk and to me that the capital of the money left to the Friends should be preserved, and the income from it only used. That is what we are trying to do.

P.M.S.

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FRIENDS OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

12 Months to 28.2.72.

£	£		£p
50		To Honoraria—Secretary	37·50
21		„ Printing and Stationery	41·37
78		„ Postage	57·69
14		„ Office Expenses	14·58
173		„ Annual Report	181·00
46		„ Festival Expenses	49·50
382			381·64
258		„ New Hassocks for the Cathedral	80·20
240		„ Upkeep of Cloister Garth	161·33
—		„ Contribution towards Repairs to North Transept	5,000·00
2,211		„ Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year	—

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ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL

YEAR ENDED 28TH FEBRUARY, 1973

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£	£		£P	£P
1,318		By Subscriptions: Annual	1,507.99	
86		Life	25.75	
<hr/>	1,404		<hr/>	1,533.74
191		„ Donations		111.34
112		„ Donations in Memory of Dr. E. C. Gross...		—
27		„ Donations in Memory of Mr. H. G. Cooper		—
—		„ Donations in Memory of Brigadier Palmer		135.20
339		„ Income Tax Recovered 1971/72		345.34
350		„ Profit on Sales of Postcards, Badges and Reports		245.82
29		„ Collection at Festival Service	22.20	
46	75	„ Teas at Festival	46.50	
<hr/>			<hr/>	68.70
		„ Inscriptions in Book of Remembrance, <i>less</i> cost of Inscip- tion therein		31.80
		„ Net Interest:		
63		Central Board of Finance	189.56	
221		Trustee Savings Bank	223.19	
28		Corporation Mortgage	—	
1		Deposit Account	—	
21		Ailsa Investment Trust	21.25	
18		3% British Transport Stock, 1978/88	18.38	
<hr/>	352		<hr/>	452.38
<hr/>	2,891		<hr/>	2,924.32
100		„ Legacies—Miss H. Snowdon-Smith		
100		Miss D. Paine		
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		„ Excess of Expenditure over Income for the year		2,698.85
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BALANCE SHEET

1972				£p	£p
£	£	GENERAL FUND			
		<i>Income & Expenditure Account</i>			
6,227		Balance 1st March 1972		8,439.01	
2,212		<i>Less: Excess of Expenditure over Income for the year</i>		2,698.85	
	8,439				5,740.16

MISS WOOTTON BEQUEST FUND

Legacy from Miss Wootton	58,000.00
Income Account—Deposit Interest	750.44
	<u>58,750.44</u>

£8,439

64,490.60

I have prepared the above Accounts from the books and information supplied and certify the same to be in accordance therewith.

Dated this 13th day of March 1973. H. J. HOBY,
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28TH FEBRUARY 1973

1972		GENERAL FUND						£p	£p
£	£								
		<i>Stocks on Hand</i>							
456		Postcards at Cost	456.96	
3		Badges at Cost	...	...	...	...	...	2.48	
—	459							—	459.44
		<i>Investments at Cost</i>							
2,066		Church of England Central Board of Finance Deposit	...	...	...	...	...	1,255.22	
700		Ailsa Investment Trust Ltd., 750 25p Ordinary Shares	...	...	...	...	...	700.38	
571		£1,000 3% British Transport Stock, 1978/88	...	...	...	...	...	570.83	
28		18 National Savings Certificates, 7th Issue (value 26.11.68)	...	...	...	...	...	27.67	
—	3,365							—	2,554.10
		<i>Cash Balances</i>							
4,090		Trustee Savings Bank	...	...	...	...	...	2,138.95	
522		Westminster Bank, Ltd.	...	...	...	...	...	579.88	
3		In Hand	...	...	...	...	...	7.79	
—	4,615							—	2,726.62
								—	—
	£8,439								£5,740.16

MISS WOOTTON BEQUEST FUND

Investments at Cost

Edinburgh & Dundee Investment Co. Limited, 1,455 Ordinary 25p Shares	...	...	...	...	...	2,492.69
Scottish Eastern Investment Trust Limited, 1,690 Ordinary 25p Shares	...	...	...	...	...	2,497.68
Scottish Mortgage & Trust Co. Limited, 2,000 Ordinary 25p Shares	...	...	...	...	...	2,679.85
Marks & Spencer Limited, 1,000 Ordinary 25p Shares	2,628.73
Mercantile Investment Trust Limited, 3,700 Ordinary 25p Shares	2,346.28

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Cash Balances

Westminster Bank Ltd.—Current Bank	...	397.81
Deposit Account	...	45,707.40

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 Lamorbey, Holy Trinity P.C.C.
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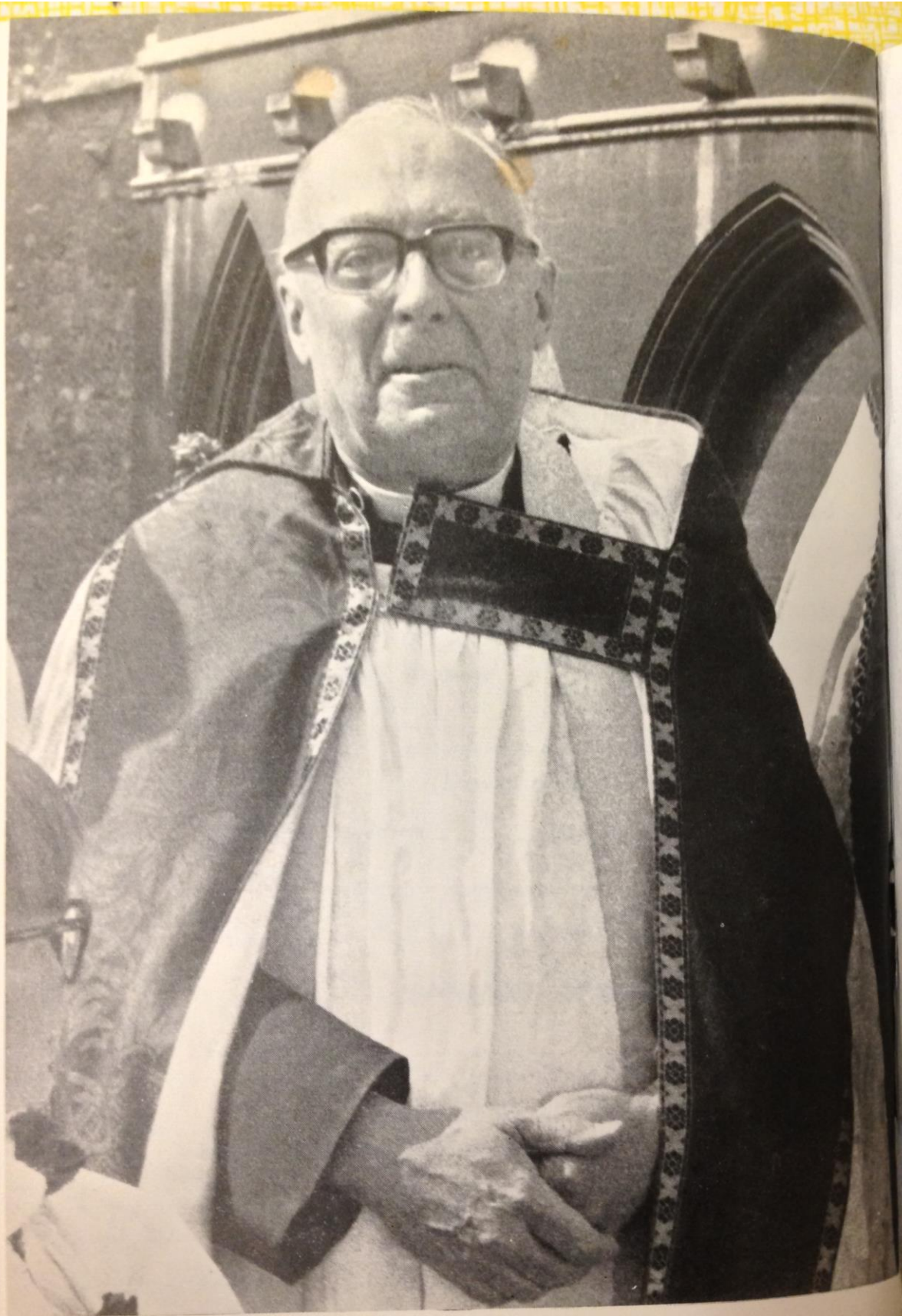
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