

St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle

REPORT OF
THE SOCIETY OF
THE FRIENDS OF ST GEORGE'S
AND
THE DESCENDANTS OF
THE KNIGHTS OF THE GARTER



1987-1988



#### Friends and Descendants Weekend at St George's House Windsor Castle

Friday, 1st September - Sunday 3rd September, 1989

It has again been possible to arrange a Residential Weekend for our members. Similar weekends in the last eight years have proved outstandingly successful, our guests from both the United Kingdom and Overseas have had the rare opportunity to meet and live within the walls of Windsor Castle at St George's House to enjoy a programme of events and talks which are quite unique and impossible to repeat except during this particular weekend.

The problem is, of course, that of numbers. The accommodation at St George's House is limited -16 single rooms and eight rooms which contain twin beds. This means that 32 people can be accommodated in all. Catering costs have, alas, increased since last year, and the total cost for the weekend being now £155.00 per person. This includes all meals, gratuities, pre-dinner drinks and wine with dinner, together with any outside trips arranged. It would be quite impossible to offer such terms if so much skilled voluntary help was not so freely given.

Attached is a *pro forma* application. As it is anticipated that this very special opportunity will be quickly accepted, we shall deal with applications in rotation and as they are received. It is realised that Overseas members will wish to plan their itineraries, and letters of acceptance will be sent as soon as firm bookings are received.

T. W. TAYLOR,

Honorary Secretary.

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To: The Honorary Secretary.

The Friends of St George's and Descendants of the Knights of the Garter,

Curfew Tower,

Windsor Castle,

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#### Friends and Descendants Weekend 1989

I wish to apply for a single/double room for the period of Friday Evening 1st September — Sunday afternoon 3rd September 1989 at a total figure of £155.00 per person.

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My cheque for £..... is enclosed/will be forwarded on acceptance.

Please amend as necessary.

Signed Full name(s) and	
Date	

### THE SOCIETY OF THE FRIENDS OF ST. GEORGE'S AND DESCENDANTS OF THE KNIGHTS OF THE GARTER

February, 1989

Dear Member,

The Rt. Revd. Michael A. Mann

Many of you will already know that our Dean will be retiring in July of this year, after thirteen years service as Dean of Windsor and, of course, Chairman of this Society.

One has only to look back through the Annual Reports during his time here to see what has been achieved under his enthusiastic leadership. Many members have already indicated that we should mark the Dean's period of office by way of a presentation and, we are delighted to organise this effort.

As the Dean and Mrs. Mann will be moving into their new home in Gloucestershire, it is feld that a suitable gift be made as a lasting reminder of their happy days with us. This would surely please them immensely.

We are therefore asking those of you who may wish to subscribe to complete the tear-off part of this form and return it to the Curfew Tower with your donation. We feel sure that you will respond generously.

T.W. Taylor E. P. Carr Hon. Secretary Hon. Treasurer

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## EXHIBITION IN THE DUNGEON CURFEW TOWER, WINDSOR CASTLE

17th July - 26th August, 1989

By kind permission of the Dean and Canons of St. George's Chapel, an Exhibition of

# MANTLES OF THE ORDERS OF CHIVALRY

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GEORGIAN MANTRAP and Others
POISON SNUFF BOX
DEATH MASKS OF THE EMPEROR FREDERICK THE
GREAT and NAPOLEON I

#### THE DUNGEON, CURFEW TOWER, WINDSOR CASTLE

The Curfew Tower itself (formerly called the Clewer Tower) is one of the wall towers erected by King Henry III in 1227 as part of the Castle defences. The earliest references to the basement's use as a Dungeon seem to be in 1310/11 when "2 carpenters and 2 masons made the walls and porch". "Steps for access for keeping prisoners" were made in 1322/23. It seems to have been used for this purpose and for storage, as there is evidence that "honey and marble" were stored there in 1393 and "LE DONGON" was partly used as a kitchen in 1434/5. Mark Fytton, a citizen of Windsor, whose butcher's shop was opposite in Thames Street was hanged in the reign of King Henry VIII. Many legends have become associated with the Dungeon, and there is to be seen, for example, an excavation in the wall through which a poacher, who was to be hanged the next day, almost succeeded in gaining his freedom. The Dungeon was probably last used as a prison during the Civil War when the Cromwellian troops occupied the Castle - this is demonstrated by the graffiti found on the cell walls.



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#### ANNUAL REPORT TO 30 SEPTEMBER 1988

#### THE DEAN'S LETTER

My dear Friends.

September, 1988

Much has happened this year, and most of it has been concerned with the bringing of long laid plans to completion. One of the great occasions was when, on the 20th June, Her Majesty The Oueen opened the extension to St George's Choir School. The new building has been designed to match the Georgian frontage facing the Home Park and it has enable us to do away with a very unsightly lavatory block, and so give the entrance to the School as fine an appearance as the garden side. It has also enabled us to increase the number of boys from eighty to one hundred, which is economically more viable. The School, under its Headmaster, Mr. George Hill, has excelled in other ways: out of seventeen leavers at the end of the summer term, ten won major scholarships. And, as a final thanksgiving for the new School, the cost of £1,000,000 has been fully met. The School Appeal for £250,000 was subscribed within six months, and the fund was given a wonderful start by most generous benefactions from Her Majesty The Queen, His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh, His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales and Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret.

The Dean and Canons have appointed a new architect as Survevor of the Fabric, Mr. Daryl Fowler and, as a result of his survey, a great deal of preservation work is being undertaken with the stonework of the Chapel. This programme will take several years to complete and will be treated as a rolling programme. The stained glass in the north-east clerestory has been removed to Canterbury for restoration. The Friends most generously paid for the cleaning, relettering and restoration of two very badly corroded brasses in the Rutland Chapel, and also pleased the Master of the Music by paying for a small Chamber Organ which greatly enhances the quality of certain anthems. In my report last year, I mentioned that Mr. Andrew Smith won the competition to design and make a wrought iron screen for the Oliver King Chantry Chapel. That work has now been installed and looks very well. This has been a great encouragement to young craftsmen and we are proud to have been able, through the Friends, to sponsor this competition.

Mr. Michael Forman once more presented a most excellent summer exhibition in the Curfew Tower Dungeon, which again broke attendance records with between nine and ten thousand visitors. We are extremely grateful to Michael for all the hard work which he put in to make these exhibitions so popular, and the way in which, each year, he finds a new special object of interest, this year it being a section on Colditz.

On Monday, 13th June, Her Majesty The Queen held the Garter Service and two new Knights were invested and installed; Viscount Leverhulme and Lord Hailsham. Both new Knights have long standing connections with St George's, Lord Hailsham as Lord Chancellor was our Visitor for many years and regularly attended the September Obit Service in his state robes. Lord Leverhulme has been a frequent visitor to St George's House. Sadly we have lost Lord Cobbold during the past year, another great friend of St George's who served on the Council of St George's House and who, before that, was for many years Her Majesty's Lord Chamberlain.

Her Majesty The Queen and other members of The Royal Family attended the Easter Morning and Christmas Morning Services at St George's Chapel, the latter being televised nationally by the B.B.C. Sadly, Her Majesty will no longer be at Windsor for Christmas as the private and state apartments are having to be completely rewired, an exercise which it is said is going to take seven years to

complete.

This past year has not seen so many departures as usual, although those that have taken place are going to leave a large gap. The Governor of the Castle, Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir John Grandy, retired and has been succeeded by Admiral Sir David Hallifax. Sadly Sir David and Lady Hallifax will not be in residence in the Norman Tower until November, again due to rewiring operations. We do wish Sir John and Lady Grandy every happiness in their retirement: both have been wonderful friends and regular worshippers at St George's. Sir John has been Lay Chairman of the Friends and on the Council of St George's House, and Lady Grandy has been on the Management Committee of the Friends and a most regular helper on the Pitkin Table. Our Clerk of Accounts. Mrs. Eileen Nightingale, retires after seventeen years of devoted service. She is being replaced by Mr. John Aubrey. Henry Tomlinson, the Warden of St George's House, is leaving us for personal reasons after only a year and we wish him and Jill every happiness. The new Warden is Dr. Michael Brock, who comes to us from being Warden of Nuffield College at Oxford.

During the coming year Major General Sir Peter and Lady Gillett, the Governor of the Military Knights of Windsor, will be retiring and we wish them both every happiness. This also, will be my last letter to the Friends, as Jill and I retire to Gloucestershire next summer, after thirteen of the most wonderful and happy years at St George's. There can only be one Dean of Windsor and so only one person enjoys the wonderful privilege of serving in a post that combines Domestic Chaplain to Her Majesty The Queen and to The Royal Family, Register of the Most Honourable and Noble Order of the Garter, Dean of St George's Chapel, Chairman of St George's House and Chairman of St. George's School, as well as Chairman of the Friends of St George's and Descendants of the

Knights of the Garter. The post of Dean of Windsor has been described as being 'the best job in the Church of England'! Certainly your kindness, courtesy, generosity and wonderful support has proved this to Jill and me beyond all doubt. We have been very, very fortunate people. We now wish you all every blessing for the future and may you continue to support by your prayers, service and gifts, the work that this remarkable and unique College of St George performs in the life of the Nation, and with a much wider influence throughout the world.

God bless and keep you all,

MICHAEL A. MANN Dean

#### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

To: THE HONORARY SECRETARY, CURFEW TOWER, WINDSOR CASTLE, WINDSOR, BERKS SL4 1NJ.

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#### NOTES AND COMMENTS

#### HONORARY SECRETARY'S NOTES

I am, once again, writing these notes in the late summer, in order to give our members another review on what has happened during this past year. Alas, the weather has not been kind — probably the wettest July for many years. Windsor has not had quite the number of tourists as in former years, but, at the time of writing, the numbers seem to have been increasing.

I must, as always, start by expressing the Society's thanks and gratitude to very many people, first of all, to the Voluntary Stewards under the benevolent guidance of Jenny Rolinson. They really do a magnificent job in so many ways, and it would be true to say that it would not be possible to mount such popular events as the Dungeon Exhibition without their willing help. Individual thanks go to the Dean and Canons, with their wives, the Military Knights and their wives, Major General Dixon and his staff, the Virger and Sacristans, Mr. Fred Wilson and his staff, Major and Mrs. Eastwood, and, of course, our good friends at St George's House.

#### The 1988 AGM

This was again a great success and, yet again, we were favoured with a fine day. We had another record attendance — well over 800 — and our tea ladies, organised by Rosemary Menzies, performed their usual miracles. This is a daunting task but, in the event, it

always seems to work out most satisfactorily.

Due to structural work in the vicinity of the Round Tower, it was not possible to have the usual pleasure of walking round the Moat Garden — it would have been most unsafe to attempt this. However, our good friend Ron Hengist (the Dean's Virger) and his staff had prepared a wonderful display of the Plate in the Vestry, and the Copes, etc, in the Sanctuary. This was much appreciated by everyone. After a memorable Festival Evensong, Roger Judd gave a delightful organ recital. Many of our members had travelled long distances to be present, and it was fitting that they could hear such magnificent singing and organ playing before they made their journey home.

Garter Day, 1988

Despite the poor summer, we were favoured with a brilliant hot and sunny day, and many of our members were able to see the procession and listen to Her Majesty The Queen install Lord Hailsham, and Viscount Leverhulme as new Knights of the Most Noble Order. Both these gentlemen have gladly joined the Society as Life Members and Vice Presidents. We were able to enlarge the Stand slightly this year, and we hope to do so again in future years.

#### **Christmas Card**

I am glad to report that the sale of the 1988 Christmas Card has already reached record figures. It has been most popular. The 1989 card, details of which are enclosed on the order form, is a fine picture of the scene on the West steps on Garter Day 1987. It is most colourful and should prove to be very attractive.

#### **Exhibition 1988**

We have again been fortunate in having another Summer Exhibition during the period 11th July -20th August. We owe a great debt to Michael Forman and his wife, Doreen. These good people mounted a splendid and colourful display of the Mantles of the Orders of Chivalry, together with excellent show case displays of medals and Orders of the late German and Austrian empires. It was also possible to display photographs and artefacts of the now famous Colditz prisoner-of-war camp. Mr. Forman was greatly helped by Mr. Fred Wilson, our Clerk of Works and his staff, and we must stress the debt we owe to the Voluntary Stewards as a body, and to Major Jim Cowley, one of the Military Knights, who acted as liaison officer throughout the six weeks life of the Exhibition. The accounts clearly show how successful this was.

#### Concerts

The Society, through the Music Committee chaired by Christopher Robinson, our Organist and Master of Choristers, continues to arrange a full programme of concerts and organ recitals throughout the year. These have been well-supported and, as you will see from the accompanying leaflet, we have another attractive programme arranged for 1989. The standard of both the music and performances remains very high indeed and your support is invited again during 1989.

#### Residential Weekend 1988

Once more this proved a most successful event. Alas, we are very limited in the numbers St George's House can accommodate and we apologise to those members whose applications could not be accepted. We do, as always, give preference to overseas members whose visits to this country are perforce quite rare. The full programme included a splendid illustrated talk by Peter Begent on Windsor Castle and again, by courtesy of Her Majesty The Queen, the party was able to visit both the Mausoleums at Frogmore, and the Royal Dairy. We were again privileged in having Mr. Gordon Franklin, Royal Household Personnel Officer, to take charge of the afternoon proceedings. His descriptions were full of interest and greatly appreciated. The Dean was our speaker on the Friday evening, and the new Warden of St George's House, Dr. Michael Brock C.B.E., was our guest speaker on Saturday, Roger Judd, our

Assistant Organist gave an organ recital on Saturday evening, and as always, we were remarkably well looked after by Mrs. Carswell and her staff at St George's House.

#### Membership

1988 has been another good year in the recruitment of new members — both at home and overseas. Once again, I make my annual plea for further recruitment — death, alas, takes its toll and, during 1988, we lost several longstanding and faithful Friends. May I exhort you once more to try and introduce a new member in 1989.

We are, as always, indebted to our special overseas representatives who are:—

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Will members living in the U.S.A., Australia, New Zealand, and West Germany, please let their local representatives have a note of any change of address, as the non-delivery of a *Report* is always unfortunate and can prove, ultimately, to be expensive when a new *Report* is requested. Indeed, all members, whether overseas or in the United Kingdom, should continue to use the form of change of address printed on page 377.

#### Finance

The audited accounts shown later in this Report, again reflect a very satisfactory position. The net assets of the General Fund have increased by £35,129 and those in the Capital Fund by £3,466. These figures have been achieved after taking into consideration the sum of £23,573 for Restorations, etc, and the decline of the value of our Investment Portfolio as a result of the Stock Exchange crisis in October 1987. Happily, in regard to this, an upward trend is now clearly visible, the bulk of our investments being in Giltedged securities. These figures have been greatly helped by a most generous Bequest under the Will of the late Mr. R.G. Beloe – a staunch supporter of the Chapel, and a former member of the Management Committee. However, we realise that there is much more needed on general maintenance in the Chapel particularly the re-paying of the Crossing, and repairs to the exterior of the east of the Chapel – not visible to the public, but nevertheless vital to the structure. 380

May I remind you once more how much you can help by:-

(a) Perhaps increasing your annual subscription to keep pace with never-ending inflation.

(b) Paying your subscription by Bankers Order — this saves us postal charges in sending our renewal notices and incidentally, saves you postage.

(c) Completing a Deed of Covenant over your subscription — there is a suitable form at the end of this *Report*.

#### General

Elsewhere in this *Report*, you will find a leaflet from the Honorary Treasurer and myself relative to the proposed Retirement Gift to our Chairman, the Dean. I know that many of you will respond generously. Michael and Jill Mann, during their 13 years, have been of the greatest possible help both to the Society generally and to myself personally. One has only to look back over this period to see how the Society has grown, both in numbers and assets. We have never looked in vain to Michael and Jill for help and advice and I know that we all wish them a long, happy and healthy retirement in Gloucestershire.

The Dean, I know, will have mentioned in his letter all the changes that have occurred during this past year, but I would like to pay my own tribute to Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir John and Lady Grandy who have retired. Sir John, as Constable and Governor of the Castle, was our Lay Chairman during the whole of his time in the Castle and Lady Grandy has been a member of the Management Committee on several occasions. Fortunately, his successor Admiral Sir David Hallifax has agreed to take over as Lay Chairman, and Lady Hallifax is a member of the Management Committee. They are assured of a warm welcome by all of us.

On page 405 you will see a list of gifts and legacies so kindly given to the Society. These are the most acceptable and unexpected extras and are thus most greatly appreciated. And, once more, and with diffidence, may I draw your attention to page 422 in regard to possible future Bequests.

Finally, I must record my personal thanks and appreciation to the staff and helpers here in Curfew Tower — Rosemary Menzies, Joan Biggs, Mrs. Higgs, my wife Laura, Brenda Bartovsky and Percy Taylor. Theirs is a continuing effort throughout the year and, as the Society grows, this become all the more important. I am, as always, most grateful.

#### ALAMAYOU, PRINCE OF ABYSSINIA

JANE LANGTON

On the west wall of the north nave aisle of St George's Chapel is a brass tablet bearing the inscription: 'Alamayou, Prince of Abyssinia. Near this spot lies buried Alamayou the son of Theodore, King of Abyssinia, Born 23 April 1861. Died 14 November 1879. This tablet is placed here to his memory by Queen Victoria. "I was

a stranger and ye took me in" '.

Alamayou's father Theodore had risen from comparatively lowly origins to become, in 1855, Emperor of Ethiopia, or Abyssinia as the country was then more generally known. Theodore was a man of education and intelligence who could be both generous and merciful, but he was also proud and subject to violent fits of anger. To begin with all went well: relations with Great Britain were amicable and in 1862 Queen Victoria sent him a rifle and a pair of pistols together with a letter. Unfortunately, however, Theodore's reply to the Queen's letter was put aside at the Foreign Office and never acknowledged, and this proved to be the first of a series of misunderstandings which culminated in 1864 in the arrest of the British Consul and some sixty other Europeans. Attempts to obtain their release failed and in 1867 the British sent in an army under the command of Sir Robert Napier (later created 1st Baron Napier of Magdala) to rescue them. Theodore was defeated and rather than surrender committed suicide having left instructions with his wife. Oueen Terunish, that, in the event of his death, Alamayou, his only legitimate son and heir, should, for his own safety, be handed over to the British to be brought up in England. In accordance with her husband's wishes the Queen delivered Alamayou into Sir Robert Napier's charge but she could not bear to be parted from her son and Sir Robert agreed that she should accompany him wherever he was sent. Terunish was, however, already ill when she and Alamayou reached the British camp and she died on the 400 mile journey to the coast. Sir Robert then placed the orphaned six-year-old Prince in the care of Captain Tristram Charles Speedy. Captain Speedy was a gentle giant of a man with red hair and a beard who had earlier spent some time in Theodore's service and spoke Amharic. He had, he later told Queen Victoria, been asked by Oueen Terunish as she lay dying 'to be a father to her child'.1

Captain Speedy and his charge arrived at Plymouth on 14 July 1868. Queen Victoria at once showed her interest in the little boy and instructions were sent to Sir Robert to bring Alamayou and Captain Speedy to Osborne where the Queen, accompanied by Princess Alice, Princess Helena and other members of the family,



Plate I Brass tablet in the North Nave aisle of St George's Chapel recording the burial of Alamayou, Prince of Abyssinia.



Plate II Captain Speedy and Alamayou in Abyssinian costume 384

received them two days later. 'Little Alamayou is a very pretty, slight graceful boy of 7 with beautiful eyes and a nice nose and mouth, though the lips are slightly thick', the Queen recorded in her Journal on 16 July. 'His skin is a dark bronze. His hair, which has been shaved, is crisp and curly .... I kissed him which he returned. He can say one or two words in English. Captain Speedy, who has brought him, says the poor boy will never leave him for a moment, and always keeps near him. They are an extraordinary contrast, Captain Speedy being 6ft. 6! and having red hair.' The Queen saw them again the following day when she gave the little Prince a peach which he enjoyed eating. On the 29th he came again, this time wearing 'his picturesque Abyssinian dress'. Before he left the Queen presented him with a watch and a chain and Captain Speedy, who was also in Abyssinian costume, with a diamond scarf

pin and a photograph.2

Alamayou, for whose welfare and education the Government had assumed responsibility, and Captain Speedy, settled in the Isle of Wight, first at Alum Bay and then, when the south-west winds there were thought to be too strong for the young Prince, at Freshwater Bay. The question of Alamayou's future exercised both the Government and the Oueen, who was convinced that he should not be separated from Captain Speedy. On 17 July, the day after she met the little Prince, the Queen wrote to Sir Stafford Northcote, Secretary of State for India, who had been charged with making arrangements for the Prince's upbringing, saying that she had asked Lord Napier to impress upon Sir Stafford how important it was 'to the wellbeing of the dear and interesting little son of Theodore upon no account to move him from the kind, judicious and almost maternal care of Captain Speedy .... Captain Speedy is very gentle in his manner, and seems possessed with that true and simple Christianity often, The Queen must say, not to be found in Clergymen who are told to try and enforce their own particular creed. The child is extremely nervous and his reason might be endangered if the poor little helpless orphan were removed from the one person to whom he seems to cling most tenderly'. Sir Stafford and Lord Napier agreed with the Queen and Alamayou remained and thrived in Speedy's care. By August he had found some small companions to play with and was gradually learning English from his games with them. When on his own a locomotive engine which wound up and a small boat which he sailed 'in a puddle' were his greatest amusements.4

In December 1868 Captain Speedy married a Miss Cotton whose family lived at Afton Manor at the eastern end of Freshwater. Fortunately Mrs. Speedy became as attached as her husband to Alamayou and when Captain Speedy received an appointment in the Oude Police Force the following summer the Government

agreed that the eight-year-old Prince should accompany them to India. As Captain Speedy wrote later to Sir John Cowell, Master of the Household to Queen Victoria: 'The child has somehow entwined himself round our hearts, and as we have no family, it seems Providence has given him to us'. The following March Prince Alfred, Duke of Edinburgh, Queen Victoria's second son who was visiting India with his naval squadron, went to see Alamayou and reported to the Queen that he looked well and happy and had very nearly got over his fear and shyness. When the Duke left Alamayou asked

him to give his love to the Queen.6

The Speedys remained in Oude until 1871 when Captain Speedy was appointed Chief of Police in Penang. Alamayou was by then ten years old and his education was beginning to pose a serious problem. Captain Speedy was worried that he was not getting proper schooling. 'I cannot get him to care for his books', he wrote to Sir John Cowell, 'but he is otherwise the best boy in the universe<sup>7</sup>, and he urged that the Government should arrange for a tutor to be sent out from England as he and Mrs. Speedy were both anxious not to part with the boy. The Queen also favoured this course, or alternatively suggested that Captain Speedy should be given some post in England, but since the original arrangements for Alamayou had been made the Government had changed and Mr. Gladstone's Liberal Administration decided that it would be in the boy's best interests for him to be educated in England. Arrangements were therefore made for Alamayou to be placed under the care of the Rev. Dr. Thomas Jex-Blake, headmaster of Cheltenham College, with whose family he would live and who would arrange for a suitable education to be provided for him. On 30 December 1871 Alamayou, accompanied by Captain Speedy, arrived back in England and after much correspondence between the Queen, the Speedys, Mr. Lowe, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and the India Office, the young Prince was handed over to the care of Dr. Jex-Blake in March 1872.

It had been hoped that he would be able to join the lower school at Cheltenham College but both for health reasons and through lack of formal education it was found impossible for him to join even the most junior class of the lower school and so Dr. Jex-Blake arranged for him to be taught privately by a tutor. This was unfortunate as the Jex-Blake family consisted of nine girls and Alamayou missed the companionship of boys of his own age. He also suffered from lack of outdoor exercise to which he had been accustomed, and when Mrs. Speedy saw him in the summer of 1872 she thought him looking paler and thinner, though grown, and 'quieter in spirit

and in manner'.8

Alamayou's summer holidays that year were spent with Mrs. Speedy and her sister's family in St. Andrews. The following



Plate III Alamayou aged eight years in 1869



 $\textbf{Plate IV} \quad A lamayou \ in \ 1873 \ when he was attending Cheltenham Junior School.$ 

summer he was again in Scotland at Abergeldie staying with Sir Thomas Biddulph, the Keeper of the Queen's Privy Purse, and his family. Sir Henry Ponsonby, Queen Victoria's Private Secretary, saw him there and found him intelligent and quiet, longing for a life on the hills. 'A Keeper's life always after the Deer is what he wishes for. None of the tiger spirit of Theodore appears in him now, whatever it may do hereafter'? he told his wife.

By the autumn of 1872 Alamayou was far enough advanced to be able to enter the junior school at Cheltenham as a boarder. He enjoyed school life and wrote happily to Lady Biddulph to tell her that he was going in for a junior race and was getting on well in class and working hard. In 1874 Dr. Jex-Blake was appointed headmaster of Rugby, and Alamayou went with him, entering the lower school, again as a boarder. He was popular with both boys and masters and his conduct was excellent but his work was still below standard and it was only with difficulty that he attained the middle school.

As he reached adolescence the question of his future became a matter of concern. It was agreed by all that the best course would be for him to enter the army, possibly later joining the Indian cavalry if he showed an inclination in that direction. To prepare him for Sandhurst and a military career he was removed from Rugby and placed with a private tutor, Cyril Ransome, who had taken a first in mathematics and history at Oxford and was second master at a military college there. As in the case of Captain Speedy, Cyril Ransome proved a fortunate choice and a mutual friendship

sprang up between tutor and pupil.

Alamayou entered Sandhurst in the autumn of 1878. Queen Victoria was anxious about his going there and in August of that year instructed Sir Thomas Biddulph to write to the Governor telling him of the interest which she took in Alamayou and saying that she hoped great kindness would be shown to him and that he would not be 'teased or chaffed'. The Queen also asked that reports on the Prince's progress should be sent to her from time to time. 11 In the event the Queen's concern proved well-founded; Alamayou was not happy at Sandhurst, the life there did not suit him, and by July 1879 all concerned were convinced that he should not go back. Whilst his future was once again being considered, Alamayou spent the summer first in Scotland with Captain Speedy who was home, and then with Sir Stafford Northcote and his family in Devonshire. From there it was suggested that he might go to a tutor in Gloucestershire but he refused. 'He had a curious hankering after his own country', Sir Stafford told Lady Biddulph, and when it was explained to him that it was out of the question for him to go back there 'said there was no-one in England who had ever done him so much good as Mr. Ransome, and that he should like to go to him'.12

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It was to be Alamayou's last visit. In October whilst staying at Mr. Ransome's home in Leeds he contracted pleurisy. For some reason he became convinced that he had been poisoned and at first refused all food and medicine and by the end of the month his condition was grave. Queen Victoria was greatly concerned: 'Young Alamayou is dangerously ill with pleurisy', she noted in her Journal on 2 November and on the 6th she sent Sir John Cowell to Leeds to see the Prince and give her a first-hand report. Captain Speedy came down from St. Andrews, and Mrs. Jex-Blake arrived from Rugby to help with the nursing, but despite every care and attention his condition worsened and on the morning of 14 November. with Mr. Ransome and Mrs. Jex-Blake at his bedside, he died. 'Very grieved and shocked to hear by telegram that good Alamayou passed away this morning', the Oueen wrote in her Journal, 'It is too sad! All alone, in a strange country, without a single person or relative belonging to him, so young and so good, but for him one cannot repine. His was no happy life, full of difficulties of every kind, and he was so sensitive, thinking people stared at him on account of his colour, that I fear he would never have been happy. Everyone is sorry.'14

Alamayou's funeral took place in St George's Chapel at noon on 21 November 1879, and he lies buried in the Horseshoe Cloister just outside the west door of the Chapel where a Celtic cross stands today erected by Queen Victoria in 1880 to mark his grave and those of others buried nearby. The Queen, who was at Balmoral, was represented at the service by Sir John Cowell. Her son-in-law, Prince Christian of Schleswig-Holstein, was amongst the congregation, as were those who had been most closely connected with Alamayou during his short life: Captain Speedy, Dr. Jex-Blake, Mr. Ransome and Sir Stafford Northcote. It was a cold and wintry day and as the coffin was carried out of the Chapel for burial snow fell gently on the heads of the clergy and mourners, covering trees and shrubs and whitening the roofs of the Chapel and Castle and

the houses in the Horseshoe Cloister 15

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#### THE RESTORATION OF THE HORSESHOE CLOISTER

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The ceremonial west steps of St George's Chapel face into the Horseshoe Cloister which occupies the space between the Chapel and the Castle wall. Originally built as a 'lodging of the vicars within the Castle' between 1478 and 1481 it was variously shown on early plans and drawings as 'the Kewe' or 'the Petty Canons Houses' and eventually became known as the Horseshoe Cloister because of the shape formed by the buildings round a small green or garth. Since the reduction in the numbers of the vicars - or minor canons - by the nineteenth century, the buildings were occupied by the lay clerks, the organist and choristers of the Chapel. In 1832 the building adjoining the Beaufort Chapel (see Plate V) had been taken down and in 1843 three houses on the opposite side of the Cloister, which had existed between the organists's house and the pump were also taken down to allow for the construction of a cemetery. A stone cross now marks the site of this. A wall dividing the Cloister, just to the west of the two gatehouses, had existed from the 1660s to 1870, cutting the houses off from the thoroughfare between the Castle yard and the Chapter Library, (see Plate VI).

The visitor entering the Cloister today would see no wall but would be confronted with a continuous range of two-storied buildings of half-timbered red brick, fronted by a wooden pentise with traceried openings, presenting a uniformly neat and pleasant appearance. A visitor venturing into the same Cloister in the first half of the last century would have been faced with a very different picture, as may be seen from the watercolour sketch (Plate VIII). The buildings of the Cloister were in an extremely dilapidated condition and covered with flaking plaster. In 1870 when construction had begun on the new west steps from a visitor wrote to the Dean: 'saw your grand new steps from which you can have a fine view of the houses you compel your lay clerks to live in. I am told they are far worse inside than out .... it appears to me on going round the Castle that the horses are more cared for than the people who you should care for .... hoping the next time I come to St

George's to see them felled to the ground'.2

In fact suggestions had been made earlier for the improvement of this area. In 1855 Sir Benjamin Hall the First Commissioner of Works had written to Colonel Phipps (Prince Albert's Private Secretary) 'it would be advisable without much delay to consider all that may be desirable for the Castle in relation to the Chapter property — my impression is that we may arrange for the destruc-

tion of the Horseshoe Cloister and the erection of a row of houses which will harmonize with the general appearance of the Castle — that we may throw down the shabby buildings abutting upon the South West angle of St George's Chapel ....'. In his reply to the Commissioner, Phipps assured him that the Dean was anxious to co-operate in improving the precincts of the Chapel but added a warning note that 'some of the Canons may require a little management. He [the Dean] seems however to have little doubt that he will ultimately be able to lead them "into the way they should go" '3. Considering the attractive appearance of the Horseshoe shape, it is perhaps as well that Sir Benjamin's scheme came to nothing — possibly the Dean found the task of 'leading' the Canons

more difficult than he had anticipated.

In 1867 the Chapter proposed the rebuilding of the Horseshoe Cloister and asked the architect Anthony Salvin to prepare plans. Salvin was a well-known London-based architect favoured by the Prince Consort, who had been employed by the Office of Works in restoring the Curfew Tower and other parts of the Castle. The plans he produced provided for a complete rebuilding of the Cloister with increased accommodation. The Chapter approved his plans but the Office of Works, though sympathetic, were not prepared to ask the Treasury for a grant sufficient, together with what the Chapter could provide from their Fabric Fund\*, to enable the work to be carried out. The following April another architect. George Gilbert Scott, who had already considerable experience of ecclesiastical architecture, came down to Windsor to discuss the building of the west steps to the Chapel, Richard Cope, the Chapter Clerk, noted in his book of General Memoranda: 'the subject of the Cloister was introduced. At his [Scott's] insistence some of the plaster was removed from the walls and it was discovered that the buildings were half timber with herringbone brickwork .... On this Mr. Scott proposed to restore, instead of rebuilding and said the effect would be very good and the expense very much less' 4. Scott then had plans made and removed vet more plaster for a further examination. It was the first time that restoration as opposed to rebuilding had been suggested and the Chapter was anxious for Scott to go ahead with plans and estimates.

The Dean and Chapter finally approved the restoration according to Scott's design in February 1870 and it was agreed that the work should begin in April of that year and it was estimated that the work would take about fourteen months to complete. Once it had been agreed that the work should be put in hand the first consideration was for the inhabitants of the Horseshoe Cloister to find temporary accommodation in the town while the work was carried

<sup>\*</sup> In 1867 the Ecclesiastical Commissioners took over the estates originally willed to the College by Henry VIII and in exchange gave them a substantial sum as a Fabric Fund.

out. Canon Frederick Anson was Steward at this time, and it fell to his lot to arrange such matters and to correspond with Scott, the Builders — Messrs. Poole and Son of Westminster — the Dean and the Chapter Clerk. As well as being a Canon of Windsor, Anson was also Rector of Sudbury in Derbyshire and it was from his Rectory there that most of his letters were written. It was common practice in the last century for the Canons of St George's to hold a living in addition to their canonry and to spend only their periods of residence at Windsor, as well as attend any necessary Chapter meetings. In one letter to Dean Wellesley, who was permanently in residence and consequently frequently called upon by Queen Victoria for help and advice, Anson commiserates with him 'to you all days are much alike when you are a Royal Prisoner'.<sup>5</sup>

The Dean and Chapter agreed that all those who had to move out of their houses should be given grants towards their rents in the town as well as their rates and help with their moving expenses. Canon Lord Wriothesley Russell, the Precentor, was charged with the task of finding suitable accommodation for the choristers and school-master at 'a rent not to exceed £55' per annum. They were found a house in Osborne Terrace while the organist, Dr. Elvey, obtained a house in Clarence Crescent and later spent a period in Eton before finally returning to his house in the Cloister. At a Chapter meeting of 3rd March 1870 the allowances for the Lay Clerks were fixed at between £36 and £42.6 The latter sum was agreed for two of the Clerks because of the difficulty they had experienced in finding suitable accommodation to rent in Windsor for a short tenancy. Their letters to Anson assure him that 'we have traversed the town over and over again and taken every trouble to get houses at a lower rate', and one points out that he has taken as 'much interest in getting a cheap house as if I had to pay the money myself'. Anson was sympathetic and felt that the Chapter ought to deal 'fairly and liberally with the Lay Clerks' provided of course they 'did not look to make a gain out of us'." The small sum allowed for removal expenses was objected to by the Dean who felt it might establish a precedent when after all the whole exercise was for the ultimate benefit of the Clerks. On this occasion the Dean was not supported by the other members of the Chapter and the Lay Clerks got their 'exceptional expenses'.8 On 20 April 1870 work on the restoration finally began.

In the intervening years since the first attempt to refurbish the Horseshoe Cloister, the Office of Works had acquired a new First Commissioner, the Rt. Hon. Acton Smee Ayrton. A cartoon appearing in *Punch* of November 20 1869 (Fig. 1) illustrates clearly the temper of this new Commissioner. Before any work on the Cloister could be undertaken it had been necessary to submit the plans for the approval of the Office of Works. This had to be done



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Mr. At-t-n (loq.) "I Don't know Nothink about hart, and painters, an' sculpchers, an' harchitex, an' market gardeners, an' such like. My dooty's to take care of the money!"

**Fig. I.** *Punch* cartoon November 1869 of Acton Smee Ayrton, on his appointment as First Commissioner of H.M. Office of Works.

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Fig. 2. Page from Richard Cope, Chapter Clerk's Notebook describing the beginning of the work of restoration in 1870

because, despite the fact the Cloister was the property of the College, many of the windows in the houses had been broken through the west wall of the Castle at an earlier date and the south entry to the Cloister led directly into the Castle yard (or Parade Ground). Both the Castle wall and the Castle yard were very much the concern of the Office of Works. The Chapter hoped also that some financial assistance might be forthcoming since they were after all improving the appearance of the Castle in one part at least. Mr. Ayrton, while happy to approve Scott's plans and offer help of a nebulous nature, firmly declined to give any financial assistance. Anson gloomily told the Dean that he 'had expected Mr. Ayrton would inaugurate his official reign with the most pinching economy' and later even went so far as to complain that Ayrton had 'neither bowels of compassion nor ecclesiastical decorum'. Scott had already warned Anson that the Office of Works was unlikely to prove liberal and the only thing they would do would be to 'sanction our work'. The Chapter however clearly hoped that when their part of the work was done they would shame the Office into at least

repairing the outer wall in due course.9

Richard Cope kept a record of the builders' progress during the initial demolition work, particularly noting down any discovery that might throw light on the original form of the building: 'noticed old stone fireplaces in Adams and other House, flat arch with little or no point, one of these fireplaces very perfect found in an upstairs room in Adams House: another equally perfect in an upstairs room in Mitchell's House.' He goes on to speculate that possibly the upper rooms were originally separated from the lower: 'had not in fact each man a single room allotted him at he first occupation? It is true there are in several instances doors of communication between the upstairs rooms with ancient heads as above and there must have been an approach to the upstairs rooms. If from the leads of the Cloister there must have been doors? Those lately in existence did not appear ancient (except in size) and they had all been made since the first erection as the timbers had been cut'. (see Plate VIII). Rough sketches are included with these notes. Fig. 2 shows one page from Cope's notebook on which his sketch illustrates the window in Dr. Elvey's drawing room which 'proved to be a doorway with a pointed arch'. The same house had 'a little low ceiling room' which appeared 'to have been built over where was once a paved court'... this room floor was from 18 inches to 2 feet *lower* than the pavement outside having been excavated to give height to the room.10

The work on the Cloister was carried out at the same time as that on the West Steps which were not finally completed until 1872. Throughout the years 1870 to 1872 a lengthy and somewhat acrimonious correspondence developed between the Dean

and Chapter on one hand and Ayrton and the Treasury on the other, over the work not only of the restoration of the Horseshoe Cloisters but also other work being done to the Canons' houses abutting the north wall of the Castle. The main bone of contention between the two opposing parties was the necessary work of restoration to be done on the Castle walls, particularly that between the Garter and Curfew Towers. Both Anson and Scott were anxious that the work on the wall should be carried out before the completion of the houses in the Cloister, as it was hoped the houses would be in a completed state for the Lay Clerks' return. As early as January 1870, before any work on the houses had begun, Scott wrote to Anson that he understood that Ayrton was doubtful of the Office of Works restoring the 'external stonework in the Castle wall' even in the following year. However, he concluded that it should be possible to execute the interior of the windows 'so as to be perfect in their uses for the interior leaving the shabby effect of the exterior towards the town as an evesore till the Board of Works please to remedy it'. He drew a sketch in his letter (Fig. 3) to show the effect of this. By February 1871, Ayrton was complaining that Scott's original plan for the restoration, which he had approved, had had alterations made to it. Anson agreed that the Chapter had been at fault in not informing Ayrton of the changes to the original plan but felt that the alterations would meet with Ayrton's approval for 'in every instance they are a sacrifice on the part of the Chapter of room and space in order to prevent any possible eyesore connected with the Castle walls'. He admitted that it had been necessary to lower the level of the ground between the Cloister and Castle Yard to 'bring out the original level of their gateway'. The level had in fact been lowered by two feet six inches and the Office of Works were very annoyed by what they saw as an encroachment into their territory - Castle Yard 12

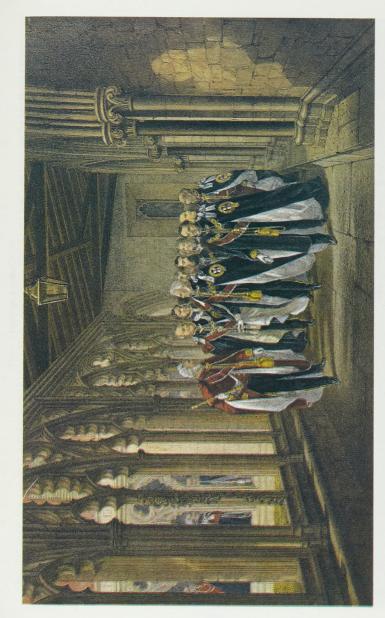
Ayrton then levelled another charge against the Dean and Chapter, namely that in their restorations they had 'pulled down' the walls — for the window openings — and that had they not done so his Office would only have had to spend £953 on them 'in about 5 to 7 years time'. The Dean and Chapter he felt should be charged interest on this amount for six years and arrived at a sum of £200. He then calculated that the work on the wall would cost £1,600 of which his Office would be responsible for £953, less the interest, and the Dean and Chapter the remaining £847; which included a sum for building up the fifteen openings for windows in the west wall. This piece of reasoning naturally pleased the Treasury but infuriated the Dean and Chapter who rejected the idea immediately. Scott pointed out that prior to the restoration the windows in the houses of the Horseshoe Cloister had been



Plate V St George's Chapel and the entrance to the Horseshoe Cloister in 1768 by Thomas Sandby. The house on the right, joining the Cloister to the Beaufort chapel, was pulled down in 1832.



Plate VI The west end of St George's Chapel in 1786 by J. C. Schnebellie, showing the wall which divided the Horseshoe Cloister from the Chapel.



Engraving showing the Knights of the Garter, with Garter King of Arms leading the way, walking through the Dean's Cloister to the Chapel for the wedding of the Prince and Princess of Wales in 1863.



Plate VIII The Horseshoe Cloister c. 1870 by A. Y. Nutt (Superintendent of Works at the Castle). To the left may be seen the fencing covering the work on the new west steps. The sketch shows clearly the very dilapidated state of the Cloister with the pentise having to be supported in places with stout wooden props.

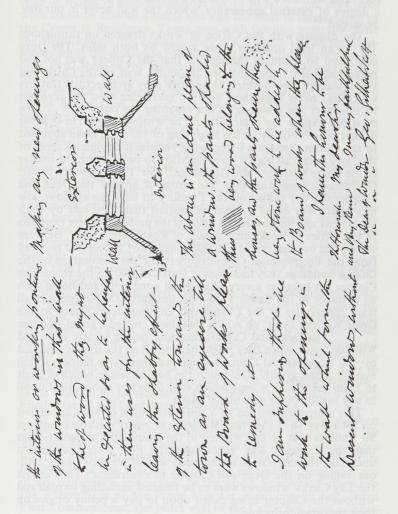


Fig. 3. Page of a letter from Sir George Gilbert Scott to Dean Wellesley describing his idea for the window openings in the west wall of the castle. 398

'mere holes in the wall with no suggestion of thought or architecture' and wondered why St George's should be expected to supply a degree of external appearance 'which the wall never in our day

possessed'.14

The dispute with the Office of Works dragged on throughout 1871 with legal opinions being sought on both sides. The Dean continued to maintain throughout that the College was not and never had been responsible for the outer wall of the Castle and that it was not their business to improve it by architectural features which had never been there before: 'every care must be taken not to surrender the principle of not repairing the outer wall . . . we must not expose the principle . . .' he wrote to Anson in October of that year. Finally, at the beginning of 1872 the Dean appealed to the Queen through a letter to Sir Thomas Biddulph, (Keeper of the Privy Purse) asking for representation to be made on the matter to the Prime Minister, Mr. Gladstone. Sir Thomas wrote to Mr. Gladstone representing that 'the strongest ground the Dean and Chapter had for calling on the Treasury to bear the expense now in dispute was based on their allegation that they had by their alterations and improvements reduced the probable future expenses to the Office of Works on occasion of Royal ceremonies'. He went on to point out that out of £26,000 which the Chapter had received from the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for the restoration of the College buildings, they had spent at least £15,000 on the Horseshoe Cloister, 'it being in a very dilapidated condition, and being with its entrance in the Castle Yard most unsightly. On occasions of all state ceremonies at the Chapel this entrance leads direct to the Great Western Door, up which they have erected a grand staircase . . . . . The Dean and Canons therefore having greatly improved Windsor Castle when they might have spent all the money assigned by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners on their own houses, which needed repair greatly, feel much the hard measure which is dealt to them (even if it is legal which they deny) by being called upon to pay for the outer wall of the Castle . . .

This representation led to a final settlement of the dispute and on 14th May 1872 the Prime Minister's secretary was able to inform Sir Thomas that he had written to the Dean with the good tidings that the Treasury was 'authorising the First Commissioner to undertake the restoration of the outer wall of Windsor Castle without calling on the Dean and Chapter to contribute'. Thus at last the Lay Clerks' windows were to be finished according to plan and without the Chapter being called upon to pay a penny or give up

their cherished 'principle'.18

Meanwhile in August 1871 the Lay Clerks had been invited to make their choice of the newly-restored and much enhanced houses

in the Horseshoe Cloister, which it was hoped would be ready for occupation once the question of the windows and the outer wall had been settled. A table was drawn up giving the numbers and type of rooms in each house from no. 11 to no. 22 and the Clerks were asked to choose a house and sign the table in the presence of the Canon in Residence. Those men with families naturally chose the larger houses, for example only nos. 14 and 18 had four bedrooms while the remaining had three and no. 21, the Porter's Lodge, only two. Most of the houses had kitchens in the basement with the exception of nos. 18 and 19 which had only cellars and coal holes in their basements with kitchens on the ground floor. Two of the houses (nos. 13 and 17) had two sittingrooms and others had closets on both ground and first floors. In other words, no two houses were identical in size or number of rooms and so the question of choice was a real one.<sup>19</sup>

The Lay Clerks were all notified that they would be expected to return to these houses by the end of September 1871, after which no further allowances would be paid towards their living expenses in the town. Anson directed the builder to put in temporary fittings and sashes for the windows to get the Lay Clerks back into their houses and save the 'ruinous expense of house rent'. The argument over the restoration of the west wall meant that despite the directive from the Prime Minister's Office, the work on the wall was delayed for several months and it was not until October 1873 that Cope reported he hoped all would be ready before the

bad weather set in.

Finally all the houses were completed, with permanent windows, and it remained for Anson to agree the builders' accounts for payment. It is no surprise to find that the final cost far exceeded the original estimate, partly due to additional works which had been found necessary and those that had been slipped in without proper notice. 'Every one connected with the building has done wrong' Anson protested but agreed that the bills would have to be paid. However, he bitterly regretted his 'cherished romance', as he called it of leaving at least £10,000 in the Chapter's Fabric Fund after all had been done, was not to be realised.<sup>21</sup>

By 1874 therefore the Horseshoe Cloister and the new West Steps of the Chapel were complete and were to prove, as Sir Thomas Biddulph had claimed, an excellent ceremonial entrance to the Chapel. To have built the steps while omitting to restore the houses of the Cloister would have presented a very odd, not to say ramshackle appearance to the world. In addition, thanks to the intervention of the Prime Minister overruling his tight-fisted First Commissioner, the outer wall of the Castle had been satisfactorily restored with the windows of the Cloister houses given an architectural finish in keeping with the whole.

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- 9. WR XVII.61.13 Sir Geo. G. Scott to Canon Anson 24 January 1870 and Canon Anson to the Dean 5 February 1870.
- 10. Ibid Chapter Clerk's Rough Memoranda 1870.
- 11. Ibid Sir Geo. Scott to the Dean 26 January 1870.
- 12. Ibid Canon Anson to A.S. Ayrton February 1871.
- 13.  $\it Ibid$  Treasury to the Dean 12 August 1871 and estimate for outer wall . . . Thames Street undated.
- 14. Ibid Sir Geo. Scott to the Dean 2 December 1871.
- 15. Ibid The Dean to Scott October 23 1871.
- 16. RA L5/8b Sir Thomas Biddulph to Queen Victoria 8 January 1872.
- 17. RA PP Windsor 786 Sir Thomas Biddulph to Mr. Gladstone 24 January 1872.
- 18. Ibid A. West to Biddulph 14 March 1872.
- 19. WR XVII.61.13 and XVII.61.14(A)
- 20 WR XVII.5.22 R. Cope to Canon Anson 7 October 1873 and Canon Anson to Messrs. Poole 3 October 1873.
- 21. Ibid Canon Anson to the Dean 21 July 1873.

#### LADIES OF THE GARTER

by

#### PETER J. BEGENT

Although for some one hundred and fifty years after its foundation ladies were associated with the ceremonies of the Order of the Garter, there is no firm evidence which would suggest that they were members of the Order. Numerous Wardrobe Accounts of the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries provide details of robes provided for ladies, as well as for members and officers of the Order. Those supplied for the ladies resemble the surcoats powdered with Garters issued to Companions and do not include the most important of the ceremonial robes, the Mantle. The issues from the Wardrobe do not follow a regular pattern; a Lady might be provided with robes for use at the Feast in one year, and not in the next.

It is probable that some of the ladies may have worn a Garter on the left arm, for it appears upon the tomb effigies of Margaret Harcourt, d. c. 1470 at Stanton Harcourt, and of Alice, Duchess of Suffolk, d. 1475 at Ewelme. It may be suggested however that these Garters may not have been items of ceremonial regalia, but novelties, for in 1379 Richard II ordered three Garters of silver gilt for ladies, and Henry VI in 1440 gave a Garter of gold decorated with diamonds, rubies and pearls to the Duchess of Gloucester, as a New Year

gift.

Although some of the Wardrobe Accounts refer to 'Ladies of the Society of the Garter' and indeed another talks of Ladies 'recently received into the Society of the Garter'. they were never formally elected to the Order or ceremonially invested, and although they are recorded as having sometimes made formal offerings during masses celebrated at the Feast, they were never allocated stalls in St George's Chapel.

No robes were issued to ladies after the reign of Henry VII, and although ladies attended ceremonies after that time, it was not until the twentieth century that females other than Queens Regent were formally admitted to

the Order.

In 1901, King Edward VII, despite the suggestion of the then Garter King of Arms that it was contrary to precedent, declared Queen Alexandra to be a Lady of the Order and ordered that she be allocated a stall in St George's Chapel over which her banner was to be set up. Since that date six other Ladies have been appointed. They have worn robes and regalia including the Mantle and Collar together with the Garter, which is worn on the left arm above the elbow; have had stalls allocated, and have displayed banners. They do not have stall plates, neither have helmets, crests or swords been affixed above these stalls, but only a crown or coronet as appropriate. Each Lady has been admitted to the Order by virtue of a Special Statute.

In 1987, Her Majesty the Queen decided that ladies should be admitted as Companions both to the Order of the Thistle as well as to the Garter, and a Statute of the Garter was promulgated on 1st October to give effect to that

decision.

Ladies may now be admitted as Companions by the Declaration of a Sovereign in the same manner as Knight Companions. Each will be styled 'Lady Companion of the Most Noble Order of the Garter', and will use the style 'Lady' before her first or Christian Name, and the letters 'L.G.'. A stall will be allocated and the Lady will display both a banner and a stall plate.

#### MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 57th Annual General Meeting of the Society was held at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday, 30th April, 1988.

The Meeting opened with prayer. There being about 800 members present – all being warmly welcomed by the Dean. The Minutes of the A.G.M. held on the 2nd May 1987 having been circulated to all members in the Report, were submitted to the Meeting for acceptance, and signed.

Annual Report and Accounts 1986/87

The Dean presented these to the Meeting, remarking that, as always, the Report was most excellently produced, Elizabeth Cuthbert once again, achieving a remarkably attractive booklet, with very fine colour reproductions.

The accounts yet again revealed a very satisfactory picture. Restoration expenses amounted to £26,461, but despite this, the assets in the General Fund increased by £29,817, and those in the Capital Fund by £16,657.

There being no questions on the Report and Accounts, these were accepted by the Meeting.

Election to the Committee

Under the three year rule, Lady Grandy, Major Eastwood, and Mr. W. Andrews retired and were warmly thanked for their very hard work. The Management Committee's recommendation that Lady Hallifax, Mr. Tim O'Donovan and Mr. Peter Begent be elected for the usual three year period was accepted by the Meeting.

Appointment of Honorary Officers

The four Honorary Officers were thanked for their services by the Dean. As Chairman, he proposed their re-election. This was duly seconded and accepted by the Meeting. They are:-

Mr. T. W. Taylor, L.V.O., O.B.E. Honorary Secretary

Mr. E. P. Carr, A.I.B. Honorary Treasurer -Honorary Solicitor Mr. Hugh Owen, LL.B.

Honorary Auditor Mr. J. D. Spofforth, F.C.A., J.P., A.T.I.I.

Honorary Secretary's Notes

Once again, Mr. Taylor took this annual opportunity of thanking the many people who help the Society throughout the year, - the Secretariat at the Curfew Tower in the first instance (Rosemary Menzies, Joan Biggs, Percy Taylor, Brenda Bartovsky, Laura Taylor, and Mrs. Higgs) and, as always, the Dean and Canons, the Chapter Clerk, the Clerk of Works, and Verger and Sacristans, with their respective staffs, not forgetting the

Voluntary Stewards under the direction of Jenny Rolinson.

The Secretary outlined the day's programme. Regretfully, it was not possible for the Moat Garden to be opened. Although it had been advertised in the green leaflet, the recent serious structural damage had caused great problems and the Department of the Environment has quite properly advised it to be dangerous to visitors. It was hoped that it would be possible for it to be opened in 1989. However, a most attractive display of the Chapel's Plate, etc, was on view in the Vestry, and a most colourful selection of Copes, was to be seen in the Sanctuary. The Dean's Virger and his staff were warmly thanked for their work in arranging these displays. An organ recital to be given by Mr. Roger Judd would take place after the usual Festival Evensong.

Teas, as usual, were being served in the Dean's Cloister, St George's House, and the Chapter Library - The Secretary expressing the Society's warmest thanks to the many

ladies who had provided such a wonderful selection of food.

Once again, Mr. Taylor made his annual plea for existing members to recruit their friends, remarking that the Report showed only too clearly how last year's efforts had paid off.

#### The Dean's Address

In opening his annual address, the Dean welcomed the very large attendance. Again, we had members present from both Australia and the U.S.A. It was really very hearten-

ing to see so much interest shown by so many people.

There was to be a Garter Day this year on June 13th, when the Queen would instal Lord Hailsham and Viscount Leverhulme. The Dean also explained the new statutes which now permitted ladies to be admitted to the Order, with the title 'Lady of the Garter'. The demand for tickets had again been very great and a ballot would have to be held for tickets for the Chapel and the Stand. Fortunately, it had been possible to slightly enlarge the Stand. Both Exhibitions in 1987, organised by Mr. O'Donovan and Mr. Forman respectively, had been most successful, and again, this year, Mr. Forman was mounting the summer exhibition 'Mantles of the Orders of Chivalry', and this to include one or two new items not seen previously.

There had fortunately been few staff changes since the last A.G.M. Major Gordon Mitchell had been installed as a Military Knight, and Mr. Peter Lugar had joined the staff as a Sacristan, taking the place of Mr. Ashton, now Dean's Virger at Hereford Cathedral.

At this point, the Dean said that it was his great pleasure to welcome the new Constable and Governor of Windsor Castle, Admiral Sir David Hallifax and his wife. Earlier in the year, Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir John Grandy had retired from this office, and Sir David had succeeded him. Following custom, Sir David had most kindly agreed to become the Society's Lay Chairman and, as already agreed, Lady Hallifax had joined the Management Committee. It was also timely, said the Dean, that the thanks of the Society should be recorded for the work and attention Sir John and Lady Grandy had given during the years they had been at Norman Tower.

The Dean then welcomed the Society's new Honorary Genealogist, Mr. Hubert Chesshyre, Chester Herald, who had replaced Sir Anthony Wagner in this capacity. Mr. Chessbyre had also been appointed very recently to the office of Secretary to the Most

Noble Order, vice Sir Walter Verco.

Turning now to the finances of the Society, the Dean remarked on the general healthy picture. It was very proper, however, to mention one or two major items paid for since September 30th – £8,000 for the new Bronze Screen in the Oliver King Chantry and £7,210 for the new Chamber Organ – much needed by the Choir.

It was timely, however, that the Society should be aware of the very large amount of money that will be needed during these next few years in the repairs and maintenance of the stonework of the Chapel. This would be an on-going matter and the Chapter's responsibility. The Dean felt that the Society would wish to play its part and, as the present rules fixed a limit of £15,000 for any one project, he asked the meeting if they would agree to lift that sum to £25,000 in any one year, purely and solely for the work on the fabric. The meeting endorsed this suggestion.

The Society's overseas representatives had again done a good year's work — Mrs. Lane in America, Mr. Lawrence in New Zealand and Commander Grenfell in Germany. In particular the Dean mentioned the work of Mrs. Wade, the Australian representative, who, during the years, had raised all the money necessary to buy the new Dean's Blue Cope, illustrated in the Report. Indeed, more than the cost had been found, and the balance had been used towards the cost of the new Blue Copes for the Canons. Mrs. Wade had hoped to be present at this meeting, but health had prohibited this. She had, however, sent a copy of what she had intended to say, and the Dean read extracts from it. The Dean also mentioned the benefit the Society was slowly receiving by reason of American Revenue Service granting Charitable status to the Society.

It was very timely, said the Dean, to mention the music in the Chapel. He said that we now had probably the finest Choir of its type in the country. The Society had much to do with this aspect and members would have seen that no fewer than nine concerts and seven organ recitals had been arranged for 1988. He asked that members should support these efforts, and particularly for the event on the 14th July, when the Choir was

giving a special concert in aid of the St George's School Appeal.

The Dean then praised the efforts of the Voluntary Stewards, under the direction of Jenny Rolinson. It would be difficult for the Chapel to function without this most reliable help. Miss Rolinson was still looking for volunteers and, later in the day, would be glad to speak to anyone interested.

Finally, the Dean said that the Society continues to be grateful for the work of the Secretariat at Curfew Tower, as last year, increasing membership means much more work,

but this was, as always, done most cheerfully and efficiently.

Any other business

There being no further official business, the Dean closed the Meeting at 3.30 p.m.

#### GIFTS AND LEGACIES

(£20.00 and over)

To 30th September, 1988

The Society records with gratitude the receipt of the following.

- £20.000 Legacy from the late Mr. R.G. Beloe.
- £6,000 Gift from Mr. Ellice McDonald U.S.A. \$2,500
- Gift from Mr. Ernest Fletcher U.S.A. (for School Appeal)
- \$5,000 Gift from Mr. Ross Sidney U.S.A. (For School Appeal)
- £ 600 Gift from the Graham Wood Charitable Trust
- \$ 100 Gift from Mr. J.G. Hollifield U.S.A.
- \$ 500 \$ 100 Anonymous Gift
- Gift from Mr. D. Wells U.S.A.
- \$ 100 Gift from The Rev. T.J. Neuhaus U.S.A.
- \$ 100 Gift from Mrs. N. Woodruff U.S.A.
- £ 170 Gift from Mr. George Hill, in memory of his mother £ 140 Mrs. J. Hill
- Gift from Miss Rose Gall £ 100 Gift from Mr. Andrew Rutherford.
- £ 100 Gift from Miss S. St. Claire Smith in memory of her
- Parents £ 100 Gift from Mr. J. Kirkland Greaves in memory of his wife
- £ 100 Gift from Miss L. West Russell
- £ 100 Anonymous Gift
- £ 50 Gift from Mrs. M. Averyt U.S.A.
- £ 50 Gift from Lady Priscilla Aird
- £ 50 Gift from Mr. J.F. Berio
- Gift from Mrs. C. Dunn in memory of her husband 50 Rev. H.W. Dunn
- Gift from Mrs. E.H. Fisher in memory of her husband £ 50
- £ 50 W.H.T. Fisher Gift from Mrs. C. Koester U.S.A.
- £ 50 Gift from Mrs. F.N. Topp Canada
- 50 Gift from The Rt. Revd. Robin Woods K.C.V.O.
- 50 Gift from Mr. Robert Clark Jr. U.S.A.
- 35 Gift from Miss M. Stoddard U.S.A.
- 30 Gift from Miss C.G. White
- 25 Gift from Mrs. M. Bromley in memory of Mr. F.
  - Lumsden Bermuda
- £ 25 Gift from Mr. David James South Africa
- 25 £ Gift from Miss F.A. Peak
- 25 £ Gift from Miss B.M. Goode
- £ 25 Gift from Miss J. Haws in memory of her Parents
- £ 21 Gift from Mr. R.M. Roxburgh Jarvis
- £ 20 Gift from Mr. & Mrs. D. Andrew
- £ Gift from Commander W.E. Grenfell 20
- £ 20 Gift from Mr. Ian Dodd.
- 20 Gift from Mr. W. Robbins.

#### **OBITUARY**

The Duke of Northumberland K.G., G.C.V.O., T.D.

The death of the Duke of Northumberland on October 11th marks the end of a long association with the Society — the Duke was the senior Knight of the Garter and had been a Vice President for 29 years. He was certainly the best known man in the County of Northumberland — and, indeed, in the north east of England. His interests were manifold — agriculture, forestry, wild life, historical research, and the Territorial Army. He was a close friend of the Royal Family and carried the Sword of Mercy in the Coronation procession in 1953. He was given the Garter at the unusually early age of 45 and has been a Vice President of the Society since that time. The Society offers its deep sympathy to his widow and family.

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

The following publications, issued by the Society, are on sale either at the Curfew Tower or on the Information Desk in the Chapel.

A Book of Photographs: by Maurice Bond, with 17 colour plates and 74 black and white photographs, provides a splendid souvenir of a visit to the Chapel. Price: £3.50 plus 55p postage and packing.

The Romance of St George's: the 14th edition of this popular book has been revised and edited by Peter J. Begent, F.S.A. It gives a history of the Chapel and of the Order of the Garter, as well as information on the treasures of the Chapel, its music and daily life. While it is scholarly in content it is also extremely readable and is clearly and concisely laid out. It contains many new illustrations in both colour and black and white. This new edition of the Romance is one which all those with a real interest in the Chapel and its history will want to have on their bookshelves.

Price: £2.00 plus 50 p for postage and packing.

A Pocket Companion: a booklet by Major General R. L. C. Dixon, C.B., M.C., (Chapter Clerk). Aimed primarily at the guides, stewards, etc. it could be useful as a working guide for visitors to the Chapel. Price; £1.00 plus 30p for postage and packing.

#### LIST OF NEW MEMBERS

#### 1st October 1987 – 30th September 1988

Allen, Mrs. C.I.
Arkless, A.J.
Armstrong, Dr. D.L.
Armstrong, Miss J.C.
Arnold, Miss M.K.
Ashby, P.G.
Baldwin, The Rev. W

† Baldwin, The Rev. W † Barnes, R.H. Baskwill, Mrs. V. † Bassett, Miss E.F. † Bell, Mrs. M.

† Bench, Major, D.J. Bettley, Mrs. M. Bettley, G.

† Betts, Miss B.G.
† Bevan, C.A.L.
† Birchley, C.P.
Birkenshaw, Mrs. T.
† Bishop, Mrs. M.K.
Blackburn, Mrs. L.D.
Blackburn, T.
Blackburn, Mrs. B.
Blackburn, P.

† Boden, N. † Bointon, Mrs. F. Boundy, Miss A. † Bowman, B.

† Bray, Miss, O.J. \* Bridger, Mrs. I. † Brock, Mrs. E.

† Brock, Dr. M., C.B.E.

† Brooks, D.J.
Brougham, Miss A.
Brown, Mrs. J.I.
Brown, Mrs. M.
Burgess, Mrs. A.
Burgess, K.H.
† Butcher, Mrs. P.E.
Butler, R.

Butler, Mrs. M.
Calvert, H.
Cannon, Mrs. P.C.
Cannon, P.C.
Capon M/s S.

† Carr, Mrs. J.F. Carroll, Miss K. Chenery, R.A. Clark, R. Clark, Mrs. Z.M.

† Clarke, K.S.

Clayton, Mrs. M.
Clayton, M.
Cliff, Mrs. E.M.
Cockman, Miss A.J.
Cocksworth, S.J.
† Cody, Mrs. M.C.
† Cody, C.C.

† Cody, C.C. † Colton, J. Couch, Mrs. S. Couch, R.T. † Cox, Mrs. D.M.

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Cross, Mrs. M.J.
Cross, R.C.
† Crowson, Mrs. J.M.

† Cryer, Mrs. J.M.
† Cryer, A.D.W.
† Cullingham, Mrs. M.
Cullingham, G.
† Curtis, Miss E.H.

† Curtis, Miss E.H.
† Dainty, Miss M.
Dalla Pozza, Miss G.A.
Daniels, Mrs. A.
Davies, Mrs. L.E.
Davies, Miss M.

Davies, Miss M.

† Davies, T.G.
Dawes, Mrs. N.
Deacon, P.

† Dick, Mrs. J.Y.

Dick, Mis. 3.1.
Dickinson, R.
Dobbs, Miss M.H.
Dodd, I.R.

† Downes, D.
† Duckett, B.E.
† Eagle, Mrs. S.J.
† Eagle, G.R.
† Edwards, W.T.
† Evans, L.W.

Evans, L.W.
Evans, M.
Farley, G.
Finn, A.J.

† Fowler, D.J., Dip. Arch, RIBA.
Franklin, M/S C.A.
Froggatt, Mrs. M.R.
Froggatt, J.J.
Frost, Mrs. P.A.
† Frost, Mrs. P.M.F.

† Fuller, Mrs. J.A. † Fuller, W.G.H., FCA.

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Gardner, Mrs. A.R. Gardner, J.

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Glenny, Miss S.

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Jansen, F.
Jarvis, Miss B.

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Kay, P.J. Keen, Miss J.

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Lake, Mrs. B.D.

Lead, P.W. Leeson, Mrs. A.M.

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Lister D.

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Mackenzie, J.A.N.

† Maddern, Mrs. A. Markwell, Mrs. D.W. Marseilles, Miss G.

Martin, A.

Martin, Mrs. M.K. Martin, J.

† Melvin, B.R.E.

† Millar, Prof. Jean

† Milner, Mrs. A. Mitchell, J.I.

† Mitchell, J.W., F.C.A., F.S.A. (Scot)

Mitchell, Major Gordon R.

Moore, C.

Morgan, Mrs. J.F. Morgan, L.I. Morris, Mrs. S. Morshead, Miss S. Mott, Mrs. M.C. Mott, P.

† Mountford, B.

† Moyer, M.J. Muir J.

† Muirhead, Mrs. E., M.B.E.

Muldoon, Capt. M., W.R.A.C. Rtd. Murcott, Mrs. B.D.

Murcott, R. Nicholls, Mrs. M.

Nicholls, B.A. † Odell, Mrs. P.J.

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Patrick, G. Piguet, R.

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Mollon, P.R. Mollon, S.E.

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Evans, J.T. French, T.J. French, T.J. Griggs, Mrs. B.M.

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† Hidell, T.M.

Hidell, T.M. Jr.

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- Hitt, E.H.Jr.
- Hopkins, Mrs. A.H.

- Taylor, Miss H.D.
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† Marbeck, Miss J.

#### Descendant

Hyams, P.G.

#### Now Life Members

Barnes, D.R. Day, Dr. C.C. Dobbie, R.S. Holyoake, Miss K.J.

#### **Australian Members** Friends

- † Addison, Mrs. L.
- Elliott, Mrs. B.P. † Flux, Mrs. C.M. Gude, Mrs. D.F.

Gude, R.J., F.R.G.S., R.G.S.A. † Hibbert, G.E. Lowes, Mrs. C. Shellabear, J.

#### Descendants

† O'Cleary, M.D.H.

† O'Cleary, R.A.H.

#### now a Descendant

Collins Persse Michael D. de B

#### now Life Member

#### Ballard, C.B.

#### Overseas other than U.S.A., Australia and New Zealand

#### Canada

#### Sweden † Jansson, T.

Stewart, Captain, J.D. France

#### West Germany

Dickinson, Dr. C.C. III

#### Fischer, Herr, P. Otto, Herr, M. Italy

Amedeo G. Signor

#### Reche Captain, R., P.O. (FGN Rtd)

Spain

#### † Worn, Herr M.

#### de Bofill, Miss A.S.

### Corrections from 1986/87 Report

- Koe, Mrs. C.W. should have been shown as a Descendant
- Philips, W. Ingram III should have been shown as an American Descendant
- Weatherby, Mrs. M. should have been shown as an American Descendant Cook, W.D. should read Cooke
  - † = Life Member
  - \* = Subscribers under Covenant

#### LIST OF WORK DONE

either entirely by, or with the assistance of the Society of the Friends and Decendants

Installation of pipeless heating system.

Mediaeval paintings in Oxenbridge and
Hastings Chapels restored.

Tapestry restored and placed in glass frame. Restoration of painted panels of the

"Four Kings".

Installation of amplifying system. Candles for electric lighting in choir. Reparation work in Dean's Cloister.

Painting of organ pipes. Restoration of Hastings and

Oxenbridge Chapels. Work on roof and organ. Micro-filming of documents.

Treatment of stonework in Rutland Chapel.

Restoration of George III Shield over Cloister door.

Heating & reorganisation of Chapter Library. Book of Hours purchased.

Repair of John Davis Clock in Curfew Tower.

Restoration of the Beaufort Chapel. Purchase of Statue for Beaufort Chapel. Restoration of FitzWilliams Plate in

Bray Chapel.

Restoration of the Porch of Honour. Colouring and gilding of East Door. Restoration of East Wall and oriel

in Dean's Cloister.
Purchase of Norfolk stallplate.

New N.W. Pier in the Dean's Cloister.

Restoration of the Oliver King Chapel. New doors at North-East Entrance to Chapel. Addition of iron gates to North-East

Entrance of Chapel.

Installation of an air conditioning system in the Chapter Library. Cleaning walls of Dean's Cloister. Contribution to restoration of

Horseshoe Cloister.

Provision of Altar Frontal, Cope, Music Stand. The Organ

Cleaning and treating 14th century tiles in Vestry and Aeary.

New carpeting for Military Knights' Stalls. Cleaning Gallilee Porch.

Sanctus bell

Silver gilded wafer box

Provision of Roundels in the Horseshoe

Cloister and in Deanery Courtyard. Cleaning and repairing Mortlake Tapestry Work on Tower Record Room. Provision of Notices in the Chapel. Furnishing of Edward IV Chantry.

Provision of a carpet in Choir Stalls.

Audio Equipment.

Re-wiring of the Chapel. Purchase of Cope.

Rutland Chapel altar table.

Provision of kneelers, & carpet in Choir Stalls.

A new dais for the Nave Altar. A list of Sovereigns and Deans on a

wooden panel in the North Choir Aisle

Nave furnishings.

Rutland Chapel, five embroidery panels.

Carpet in Deanery study. Restoration of Deanery Chapel.

Repairs to the large Prayer Books.
Re-covering of Military Knights' Cushions.

Ornamental Gate to Schorn Tower staircase. Repainting Garter Panels in Dean's Study.

Experimental lighting in Nave.

Cleaning and restoration of external stonework, and of interior of

west window. Renovation & refurbishing of the Vestry.

Additional Nave furniture.

Renewal of paving in the Nave, and
North Ouire Aisle.

New carpet in Quire stalls.

West Steps renewed. Christmas Crib figures.

Lighting in the Nave.

Lighting in Quire and Ambulatory. Cleaning of Organ.

Restoration of Altar Cross.

Restoration of Clock in Curfew Tower. Grant towards maintenance of the

Bells in Curfew Tower.

New Piano for Chapter Library. Glazing in Dean's Cloister

Fire Alarm System.

Glazing of Bookshelves in Chapter Library. Restoration of: Altar Candlesticks, Roof

Weathervanes, Reredos sculpture.
Holy Oil Silver box

New sound reproduction system. Provision of new Copes.

Provision of Screen in Oliver King Chantry. Provision of Piano & table in Music Library.

Provision of Chamber Organ.

# THE SOCIETY OF THE FRIENDS OF ST GEORGE'S AND DESCENDANTS OF THE KNIGHTS OF THE GARTER

#### GENERAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1988

							ended nber, 1987
				£	£	£	£
Income							
Subscriptions	nted Subsc	criptions			12,103 702		11,307 791
					12.805		12.098
Excess of Income on Friends' Weekend					149		118
Excess of Income on Exhibition					8.514		8,878
Excess of Income on Concerts					281		-
Dividends, Interest and Tax Recoverable Received under Deed of Covenant from F.S.G. (Ann	iversary Sa	les) Ltd.			28.253		28,778
for the year ended 30th September 1988	and also Ta	ax Recove	ered		2,900		10.786
Donations and Gifts					7,711		1,482
Legacy received from R. G. Beloe Dec'd					20,000		FREEZE _
					80,613		62,140
Office and Similar Expenses					00,013		02,110
Miscellaneous Expenses and Clerical Assistance				3,341		3,840	
Postage and Telephone				871		946	
Cost of Annual Report including Postage				5,207		4,625	
Printing and Stationery				2,648		2,157	
Expenses of Annual General Meeting				815		691	
Hire of Stand for Garter Day  Auditors Honorarium				1,991		1,392	
				403	1000 0 700	345	0 .
Professional Fee re R. Beloe Dec'd Legacy				345	15,621	001 5.70	13,996
					64,992		48.144
Net (Decrease)/Increase in Value of Investments					(6,290)		2,591
					58,702		50.725
Balance of Accumulated Fund at 30th September 19	87				183,282		50,735 159,008
	0,						-
Restoration and Similar Expenses					241,984		209,743
Screen in Oliver King Chantry				8,000			
Copes				2,953			
Chamber Organ				7,210			
Furniture for Music Library				1,314			
Half Share with Chapter re Computer Software				1,783			
Brasses Rutland Chantry				900			
Truck for Clerk of Works				292	22 572		20 401
Sundry Chapel Renewals				1,121	23,573		26,461
Balance of Accumulated Fund at 30th September 198	38				£218,411		£183,282
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#### HONORARY AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have examined the books and records of the Society and in my opinion they have been properly kept. I have prepared the Accounts of the Capital Fund and of the General Fund for the year ended 30th September, 1988 from the books etc., and certify that they are in accordance therewith.

16/18 New Bridge Street, London, EC4V 6AU

J. D. SPOFFORTH Chartered Accountant Honorary Auditor

## THE SOCIETY OF THE FRIENDS OF ST GEORGE'S AND DESCENDANTS OF THE KNIGHTS OF THE GARTER

#### CAPITAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1988

										ended mber, 1987
							£	£	£	£
	Life M	imulated Fund at 30th Se embership Fees and Dona on Sale of the 'The Rom 'Pocket Co	ations Rec ance of St	eived George		l' and a		148,229 7,355		131,572 8,246
	Sales Less:	Printing Costs					 5,774 4,421	1,353	3,971 4,168	(197)
	Profit	on Sale of 'Book of Photo	ographs of	St Geo	rge's Cha	pel'			No. Tolerando	
	Sales						 113		272	
	Less:	Printing Costs					 15	98	60	212
Less:	Cost o	f Membership Certificate						157,035		139,833 680
Net (	Decrease	e)/Increase in Value of Ir	vestments					157,035 (5,340)		139,153 9,076
		imulated Fund at 30th Se						£151,695		£148,229
At 30	oth Sep	tember 1988 the Capi	tal Fund	consis	sted of:					
		tments at Market Value Barclays Bank PLC			HOTYA			116,745		122,085
Dalan		osit Account					 1,518		12,944	
		cial Deposit Account .					 		2,257	
	- Busi	iness Premium Account					 27,000	28,518		15,201
Unsol	d Copie	s (at cost)								
		e of St George's Chapel a ographs of St George's Cl					6,402	6,645	10,833	11,091
Debto	r: Book	of Photographs of St Ge	orge's Cha	pel'				-		114
				ili souti				151,908		148,491
Less:	Sundry	Creditors		1011.15				213		262
								£151,695		£148,229
								-		No. of Concession, Name of Street, or other Persons, Name of Street, or ot

Note: Under the Constitutional Rules 90% of the fees received from New Life Members not made for a specific purpose (Rule 9D iii) can be transferred to the General Fund. There were 226 New Life Members this year making a contribution of £25 each.

# THE SOCIETY OF THE FRIENDS OF ST GEORGE'S AND DESCENDANTS OF THE KNIGHTS OF THE GARTER

#### GENERAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1988

									ear ended tember 198
. 20.1 0 . 1 . 1000 .1	0 1			. 1 6		£	£	£	£
at 30th September 1988 the	e General	Fund	consi	sted of:					
uoted Investments at Market V	alue								
Fixed Interest Stocks					 	80,991		82,333	
Ordinary Stocks and Shares						11,383		16,331	
							92,374		98,664
alance with Barclays Bank PLC							12,314		90,00
Current Account					 	7,831		10,327	
Deposit Account						20,000		35,000	
Special Deposit Account					 	20,000		27.743	
Business Premium Account						73,000		-,,,,,	
Investment Deposit Account						20,373		-	
investment beposit Account					 	20,575			
							121,204		73,07
ash in Hand					 		175		19:
mounts Owing to the Society						2 000		1 (20	
ncome Tax Repayable undry Debtors					 	3,089		4,630 4,711	
oan to F.S.G. (Anniversary Sal	lac) I imitad			12010	 	2,500	5,639	2,500	11.84
oan to 1.5.6. (Anniversary Sar	ics) Lillited				 	2,300	-	2,300	-
							219,392		183,771
ess: Sundry Creditors					 		981		488
						DEE VOIDI			0100 200
							£218,411		£183,282

#### F.S.G. (ANNIVERSARY SALES) LIMITED BALANCE SHEET – 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1988

						1987
Current Assets:		Notes	£	£	£	£
Stocks - At Cost	 	 5		2,248 587		2,121
Less: Current Liabilities				2,835		2,121
Due to Bankers Creditors – amounts falling due within one year	 	 5	402	402	522 391	012
Net Current Assets				2,433	391	1,208
Creditors - Amounts falling due after one year	 	 7		2,500		2,500
				£ (67)		£(1,292)
Capital and Reserves Called Up Share Capital	 	 8		3		3
From and Loss Account	 			(70)		(1,295)
				£ (67)		£ (1,292)

Approved by the Board on 23rd November, 1988

E. P. CARR T. W. TAYLOR Directors.

# AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF F.S.G. (ANNIVERSARY SALES) LIMITED

We have audited the Financial Statements. Our audit was conducted in accordance with approved Auditing Standards having regard to the matters referred to in the following paragraph.

In common with many businesses of similar size and organisation the company's system of control is dependent upon the close involvement of the Directors (who are major shareholders). Where independent confirmation of the completeness of the accounting records was not available we have accepted assurances from the Directors that all the company's transactions have been reflected in the records.

Subject to the foregoing, in our opinion the Financial Statements, which have been prepared under the Historical Cost company of a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs at 30th September 1988 and of its result for the year then ended and comply with the Companies Act 1985.

16/18 New Bridge Street, London, EC4V 6AU 23rd November 1988

STANLEY A. SPOFFORTH & CO., Chartered Accountants

# F.S.G. (ANNIVERSARY SALES) LIMITED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1988

#### Year ended 30 September 1987 Notes £ Turnover 13.049 10,903 Less: Cost of Sales 8,570 5,920 4,479 4,983 Administrative Expenses . 402 345 Other Operating Charges 439 39 384 Operating Profit . . Interest Received . 4.040 4,599 85 106 Profit on Ordinary Activities before Taxation 4,125 4,705 Profit on Ordinary Activities after Taxation . 4,125 4,705 Deed of Covenant to the Society of the Friends of St George's - Gross 2 900 5,950 1,225 (1,245)Deficit at 30th September 1987 . . . . . . (1,295)Deficit at 30th September 1988 carried forward . . . £ (1.295)

#### THE BANNERS OF THE KNIGHTS AND LADIES OF THE GARTER

The Banners hang in the Quire in the following order:

#### SCREEN

South Side

North Side

The Duke of Edinburgh H. M. The Queen

The Prince of Wales

Jean, Grand Duke of Luxembourg Margrethe, Queen of Denmark Carl Gustav, King of Sweden

Juliana, Princess of the Netherlands Juan Carlos, King of Spain

Baudouin, King of the Belgians Olay, King of Norway

The Marquess of Abergavenny Sir Cennydd Traherne The Marquess of Normanby The Lord Carrington The Duke of Grafton The Lord Hunt The Lord Callaghan Admiral of the Fleet The Lord Lewin The Lord Ashburton Field Marshal Sir Richard Hull Marshal of the Royal Air Force The Earl of Longford The Earl of Cromer The Lord Wilson The Viscount De L'Isle, V.C. The Lord Shackleton

The Duke of Norfolk Viscount Leverhulme The Lord Hailsham Sir Paul Hasluck The Earl of Drogheda The Lord Elworthy The Lord Richardson The Earl Waldegrave

#### HISTORICAL MONOGRAPHS RELATING TO ST GEORGE'S CHAPEL

General Editor: The Reverend Canon J. White. First General Editor: Maurice F. Bond, C.B., M.V.O., O.B.E., (died 1983)

Vol. 1. The Knights of the Garter, 1348-1939, with a complete list of the Stall Plates in St George's Chapel, by the Rev. E. H. Fellowes, C.H., M.V.O., Mus. Doc., together with a supplement, The Knights of the Garter, 1939-1963.

(out of print, see Vol. 16)

- Vol. 2. The Plate of St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, by E. Alfred Jones, M.A., F.S.A. Price £10.00
- Vol. 3. Organists and Masters of the Choristers of St George's Chapel in Windsor Castle, by the Rev. E. H. Fellowes, 2nd Edition Price £10.00
- Vol. 4. The Military Knights of Windsor, 1352-1944, by the Rev. E. H. Fellowes
  Price £10.00
- Vol. 5. The Vicars or Minor Canons of His Majesty's Free Chapel of St George in Windsor Castle, by the Rev. E. H. Fellowes Price £10.00
- Vol. 6. St George's Chapel, Windsor, 1348-1416. A Study in Early Collegiate Administration, by A. K. B. Roberts, B.A., Ph.D. Price £12.00
- Vol. 7. The Inventories of St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, 1384-1667, by Maurice F. Bond Price £12.00
- Vol. 8. Fasti Wynderorienses: The Dean and Canons of St George's Chapel, by the Rev. S. L. Ollard, D.Litt., F.S.A. Price £10.00
- Vol. 9. The Woodwork of the Choir, by M. R. James, O.M., Litt.D. (paperback)
  Price £2.00
- Vol. 10. The Baptism, Marriage and Burial Registers of St George's Chapel, Windsor, by the Rev. E. H. Fellowes and Elizabeth R. Poyser, M.A., M. Litt.

Price £12.00

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- Vol. 12. The Monuments of St George's Chapel, by Shelagh M. Bond, M.A., F.R.,
  Hist, S. Price £10.00
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- Vol. 14. The Musical Manuscripts of St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, Descriptive Catalogue, by Clifford Mould

  Price £5.00
- Vol. 15. The Library of St George's Chapel, ed. J. Callard, B.A. Price £23.00
- Vol. 16. The Order of the Garter: Its Knights and Stall Plates, 1348-1984, by Grace Holmes, Preface by Sir. Colin Cole, Garter King of Arms.

  Price £15.00
- Vol. 17. The Stained Glass of St George's Chapel, which will include contributions by Michael Archer, Peter J. Begent, Richard Marks and others

in preparation

Available from the Chapel bookshops or by post from St. George's Chapel Bookshop Ltd., 86, The Cloisters, Windsor Castle, Berkshire SL4 1NJ. All prices exclude costs of packing and postage.

# APPLICATION FORM FOR MEMBERSHIP

Overseas: \$100/	\$10	(or equivalent in	overseas currency)		ed	A
*"Descendant" Life Membership of £25	I wish to join as "Friend" and to pay Annual Subscription of £	(not less than £2)		*(Descent must be proved from a $K.G.$ ).	Name and Style(Block letters please)	Address

Please send me:			Date Signature	THE CLIRETEW TOWER Badges: Descendant 60p Friend 40p.
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Note: It will be appreciated if an Annual Subscription could be paid by Bank Order (see over). It has the advantage of saving both the Member and the Society future postal costs. Tel: Windsor 860629

Free to Life Members

WINDSOR CASTLE, WINDSOR SL4 1NJ. The use of this order will save both yourself and the Society trouble and expense.

# BANKERS ORDER

This Order cancels any previous one which may have been given. (Kindly return this Order completed to the Hon. Secretary, The Curfew Tower, Windsor Castle).

# Friends of St George's

# Covenanted Annual Subscription

ORE	(Full Name and Description)								
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Castle.	The first change was that from 6th April 1986, the ministern period								
Isor	(Address)								
of George S, Curiew Tower, Windsor Castle	Hereby convenant with the Friends of St George's that for*years from the date hereof or until my death (whichever shall be the shorter period) I shall pay annually to The Friends of St George's on theday of								
ren									
	IN WITNESS whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this day of19								
Please cut along this line	SIGNED SEALED AND DELIVERED (L.S.)								
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lease	(Subscriber's Signature)								
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	NOTES: *Please complete term: minimum is four years.  §This date must be the same as, or later than, the date on which the Deed is signed.  •Enter here the actual sum you wish to pay annually.								
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en completed, the Deed should be sent to The Secretary, Friends of St George's, Curfew Tower. Windsor Castle.

#### DEEDS OF COVENANT

For many years a large number of our members have enhanced considerably the value of their annual subscriptions by paying under a Deed of Covenant. A Deed of Covenant is simply a formal undertaking to subscribe a fixed annual sum for a number of years (hitherto the minimum period was for seven years). By completing such a Deed donors enable the Friends, as a Registered Charity, to recover Income Tax at the Standard Rate (currently 25%), relative to the donor's subscription. The only proviso is that the donor must pay Income Tax at the Standard Rate on some part of his income.

The 1986 Budget gave highly significant concessions to Charities such as

the Friends, and these are summarised below:

The first change was that from 6th April 1986, the minimum period for charitable Covenants was reduced from seven years to four years (or the lifetime of the donor, whichever be the shorter). It was felt that the previous seven-year minimum acted as a deterrent to some donors uncertain about their financial outlook, and it is hoped that the reduced period of commitment now available will enable many more of our members to enter into Deeds of Covenant. It is stressed that existing seven-year Deeds will remain current for the full period of commitment, and even though four years will be the new minimum period, members may still covenant for seven years, or indeed for any longer period, should they wish.

The second change introduced by the 1986 Budget concens members who pay more than the Standard Rate of Income Tax. From 6th April, 1986 such persons will get relief against any Tax above the Standard Rate (25%) on all their Charitable Covenants. It cannot be overstressed that nothing is changed for the Charity, which will still be able to recover the basic 25% and no more. The new relief goes wholly to the donor. The only way the Friends can benefit from this major concession will be if members affected by this change (i.e. higher-rate taxpayers), pass on the benefit they will receive by signing increased

or additional Covenants.

It is emphasised that the Friends do not, of course, have any knowledge of members' tax positions, which are an entirely private matter between individuals and their tax inspectors.

The higher rate relief provision will not affect this in any way. A blank Deed of Covenant form is reproduced at the back of this *Report* for the benefit of those who wish to covenant their subscriptions for the first time.

The Friends Office staff will do their best to answer any questions you may have on Deeds of Covenant. Why not drop us a line, give us a ring, or better still come in to see us?

#### FORM OF BEQUEST

I BEQUEATH a legacy of £.....to the Society of the Friends of St George's and the Descendants of the Knights of the Garter, St George's Chapel, Windsor, and I DECLARE that the receipt of the Secretary for the time being of the said Society shall be a good and sufficient discharge to my Executor in respect of such legacy.

# SUGGESTED FORM OF CODICIL WHEN A WILL HAS ALREADY BEEN MADE

I,
day of19
I give to the Friends of St George's for the general purposes of
the Society the sum of $\mathfrak{t}$ and I declare that the receipt of the Treasurer or Secretary of the Society for the time being shall be a good discharge to my Executors.  In all other respects I confirm the terms of my said Will. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this
day of
Signed by the Testator in the presence of us, both present at the same time who at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto set our names as witnesses.
Signature of Testator

Signatures of two witnesses present together with the testator, not being interested parties under the Codicil/Will, who should sign in the presence of the testator both being present at the same time and in addition stating their address and occupation.