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THE ROYAL HOSPITAL TAVERN, CHELSEA.

From a drawing by W. Greaves.

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To be presented at the Annual Meeting to be held at
Wentworth House, Swan Walk, Chelsea Embankment
on Monday, May 18th, 1931, at Five o'clock

THE CLASSICS AT CHELSEA.

ON THE POWER STATIONS :

"Jam summa procul villarum culmina fumant."

"Facilis descensus Averni
Sed revocare gradum, superasque evadere ad auras,
Hic labor, hoc opus est."—*Virgil*.

ON THE OLD CHURCH :

"Difficile custoditis quod plures amant."

ON THE SLOANE SQUARE ROUNDABOUT :

"Diruit, ædificat, mutat quadrata rotundis."—*Horace*.

ON THE SOCIETY :

"Ne cede malis sed contra audentior ito."—*Virgil*.

"Nec minor est Virtus quam quaerere, parta tueri."
Ovid.

To the Hon. Secretary, The Chelsea Society,
12, Carlyle Mansions, Cheyne Walk, Chelsea, S.W.3.

I desire to be enrolled as a Member of The Chelsea Society and
Associate
enclose herewith the sum of £ : s. d. as my Entrance
Subscription.

(The minimum Entrance Fee for Members is £1; for Associates 5/-)

Signature

Title, etc.

Address

Date 193 .

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348, King's Road, Chelsea.

THE CHELSEA SOCIETY

(For protecting and fostering the amenities of Chelsea. Founded: April, 1927)

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THE OBJECTS OF THE SOCIETY ARE TO AID :—

- (1) in the maintenance of all features of Chelsea having beauty or historical interest, unless a proved necessity requires their removal;
- (2) in the preservation of the open spaces for the health of the community;
- (3) where clearances are necessary, in the construction of substituted buildings that will be a credit to Chelsea;
- (4) in preventing the disfigurement of streets and open spaces by ugly advertisements or otherwise;
- (5) in preserving the residents from smoke, noises and other nuisances arising from industrial premises; and generally,
- (6) in protecting and amplifying the amenities of Chelsea for all classes of its people.

Early information is of the greatest importance for any effective action, and Members are asked to inform the Council at once, through the Secretary, of any plans or proposals which seem to come within the scope of the Society, of which they may hear.

The Council would consider such matters, obtain further information, and, if thought advisable, make such suggestions or protests on behalf of the Society as might seem to them desirable.

MEMBERS.

Membership of the Society is open to all residents in Chelsea, and to non-residents who may, in the opinion of the Council, be qualified by official or other association with Chelsea. Members ceasing to be residents shall cease to be members, except with the approval of the Council and on such terms as they may think fit.

There is no annual subscription to the Society, but members must, on election, pay a minimum subscription of £1. Should further funds be needed to carry on the work of the Society, it is proposed to raise them from time to time by voluntary subscriptions amongst the members and others.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS.

Chelsea residents engaged in trade, and Chelsea art and other students are invited to join the Society as Associate Members, if they so desire.

The Entrance Fee for Associate Members is 5/- entitling them to such membership for 3 years.

Associate Members may attend and speak at all Meetings of the Society, but are not empowered to vote.

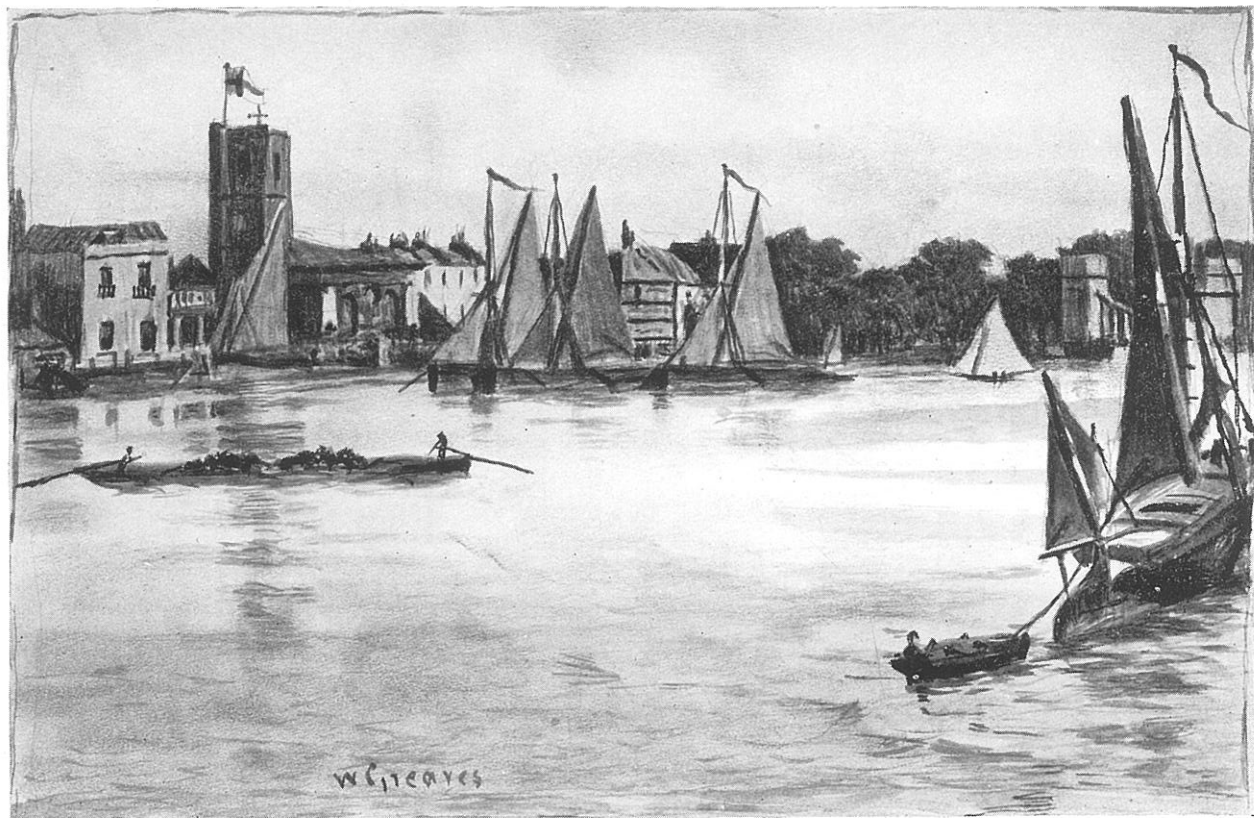
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A few copies of the following Illustrated issues by the Society remain on hand, and can be posted on application to the Secretary at 12, Carlyle Mansions, Cheyne Walk, Chelsea, S.W.3, enclosing postal order or stamps for the amounts stated :

First Annual Report (April 1928). 6d.
 Second Annual Report (April 1929). 6d.
 Third Annual Report (April 1930). 6d.
 Catalogue of the Chelsea Exhibition (June 1927). 1s.3d.
 "Chelsea a Hundred Years Ago" (November 1929) can be obtained at Chelsea Public Library.



CHELSEA FROM OLD BATTERSEA BRIDGE.

From a water-colour drawing by W. Greaves.

THIRD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The Third Annual General Meeting of the Society was held at Wentworth House, Swan Walk, on Wednesday, May 28th, 1930, at 5 o'clock, by the kind invitation of Mary Countess of Lovelace; Mr. C. H. St. J. Hornby being in the Chair.

There were about 75 members present. The Secretary reported letters of regret from Lord Ernle, *President*, The Duchess of Atholl, Mr. Augustine Birrell, Colonel Brierley, Lord Crawford, Mr. Gerald Cooper, Mr. G. W. Currie, Lady Bertha Dawkins, Sir William and Lady Furse, Sir Edwin Lutyens, Lieut.-Colonel Mervyn O'Gorman, The Dowager Countess of Onslow, The Dowager Lady Rayleigh, Mrs. Alys Russell, Mr. F. W. Welch and Sir P. Wilbraham, who were unable to be present.

The Minutes of the Second Annual General Meeting held at Shelley House, May 13th. 1929, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

The Report (which had been circulated to the members), was also taken as read.

Commenting on its contents, Mr. Hornby referred to the deaths during the past year of two members of their Council, Mr. Aubrey Lawrence and Archbishop Lord Davidson; and alluded to the valuable collection of Chelsea Drawings which they had exhibited last autumn and acquired for presentation to the Chelsea Public Library. At his request

The Secretary furnished further particulars of matters referred to in this Report, and mentioned the question of Chelsea Embankment traffic speed and noise, in regard to which he read letters from two old Chelsea residents, Colonel O'Gorman and Mr. Augustine Birrell, whom the Council had invited to express their views at this meeting. The subject was a difficult one, with which any Society interested in the amenities of Chelsea must be seriously concerned.

Sir Howard Frank moved the adoption of the Report and Accounts, congratulating the Society on its work, and referring with satisfaction to the housing schemes carried out in the Borough during the past year by the Guinness Trust and the Chelsea Housing Improvement Society.

Lady Maud Hoare, in seconding the motion, referred to the Battersea Power Station, the juxta position of houses of totally different styles in the rebuilding of some parts of Chelsea, and the disfigurement of trees by too drastic pruning.

The Report and Accounts were adopted.

Discussion having been invited, Lady Lyttelton suggested that the Council might address the Ministry of Transport in reference to the noise and traffic dangers of Chelsea Embankment; and the Chairman, whilst pointing out the complexities of the subject, which was one affecting all London, promised that the matter should be considered.

Mr. J. Henry Quinn moved the appointment of Sir Edmund Phipps, C.B., as Member of the Council. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously, and Sir Edmund Phipps, in accepting election, referred to the Repairs Work of the Old Church Committee for which good counsel as well as money was needed.

Mr. Eric Hall moved a cordial vote of thanks to Lady Lovelace for her hospitality, and this, being carried, brought the proceedings to a close.



THE CHELSEA SOCIETY

Founded—April, 1927

“To protect and foster the amenities of Chelsea”

*The Council of the Chelsea Society presents
the fourth Annual Report, for the year
ending March 31st, 1931*

LONDON, at any rate in the West, appears to be getting itself rebuilt with accelerated speed; and Chelsea is at present undergoing a considerable amount of reconstruction.

Last year's Report drew attention to the impending development of a large section of the north-eastern area, amounting to nearly fourteen acres, with over two miles of house frontage; and the hope was expressed that so great an opportunity for town-planning on broad and worthy lines might not be lost. So far, however, it appears that the land is being dealt with and sold off piecemeal, and without the formation of any comprehensive scheme. “The slightly new roadway and the three broad avenues” foreshadowed for us have gone back into Pandora's box.

The southern and eastern portions of the Trafalgar Square development, including the regrettable destruction of Catherine Lodge, have been completed. The new houses have some attractive features, but the larger ones do not, as yet, appear to find tenants very easily, and building on the north end of the Square is hardly yet begun. It is satisfactory to note that the proposal to alter the name of the Square, which dates back to the same period as its better known relative at Charing Cross, has been successfully resisted.

A large block of Flats and Studios—somewhat inappropriately named “Swan Court”—for our Chelsea

"Swans" do not stray so far from their native Thames—has been erected on the vacant site east of Chelsea Town Hall between Manor Street and Flood Street; and the Violet Melchett Infant Welfare Centre has been completed on land immediately south of this imposing building. The same architects were wisely employed for both structures, and Messrs. Buckland and Haywood, F.F.R.I.B.A., can be congratulated on the admirable simplicity of external design, and the charming colour and texture of the brick and tile work selected for both buildings.

The large and comfortable-looking house built for Lord Revelstoke by Sir Edwin Lutyens on the long-vacant land between Cheyne Walk and Upper Cheyne Row is now nearing completion. The general external aspect will be better appreciated when the forecourt, avenue, and railed entrance are finished, and its vista thus formed.

Other developments include a large block of flats at the north-east corner of Paultons Square; and a third set of Industrial Dwellings built by the excellent Chelsea Housing Improvement Society at World's End Passage, and named after our first Chairman, Sir Albert Gray.

Important alterations are impending in the King's Road, including the demolition of a terrace of houses on the north side, east of Upper Manor Street, their site being destined it is said, for yet another "Super" Cinema Theatre. The fate of "Whitelands" has not yet been announced, but its destruction is more than probable; whilst reference is made on a later page to the proposed sale of the Duke of York's Ground, against which the Society and the Borough Council have lodged repeated protests.

In ignoring Chelsea's claim for the preservation of her open spaces, and in insisting on "full economic development" as the sole consideration in the disposal of their lands, the Government would seem to be emulating, instead of setting an example to, the poorest type of private owner, who, after all, is merely exploiting the "full economic development" of his property.

The following Memoranda relate to matters which have engaged the attention of your Council during the past twelve months :

BATTERSEA AND FULHAM ELECTRIC POWER STATIONS.

It will be remembered that the Chelsea Society was in 1928—the first year of its existence—amongst the very first to call attention to the grave menace to our amenities threatened by the erection of a huge power station at Battersea, consuming 15,000 tons of coal or more per week; and to emphasize not only the production of smoke and grit, but also “the evolution of oxides of sulphur” which would be caused thereby; and in our last Report reference was also made to the big additions then being planned for another neighbouring Power Station at Fulham.

Public anxiety in regard to the placing of these gigantic coal-consuming stations in London was, all too slowly, awakened, and a public enquiry was held last December before the Electricity Commissioners, at which the Fulham Station scheme was formally opposed by the London County Council, the City of Westminster, the Chelsea and Kensington Borough Councils, and the London Society, representing The Chelsea Society, The Chelsea Chamber of Commerce, The Chelsea Arts Club, The Physic Garden, The Royal Hospital, and other local Associations.

After sitting for several days, and hearing a mass of expert evidence on both sides, the Commissioners gave their consent in January to the Fulham Extension scheme, but attached to it various stringent conditions in regard to the emission of smoke, grit, and sulphur fumes, and the avoidance of noise and vibration; providing further that the extensions were to be carried out in sections to the

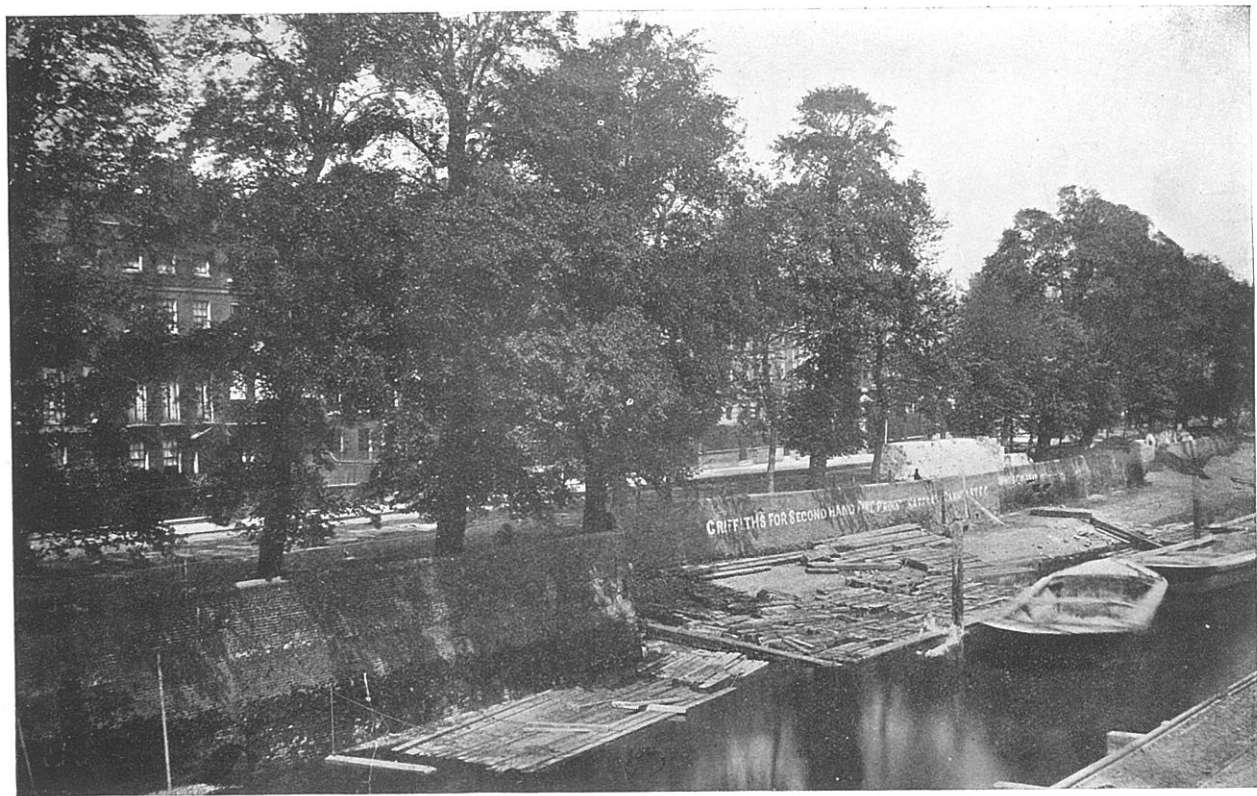
approval of the Commissioners, and that the effluent gases were to be continuously measured and tested.

Whilst it is satisfactory to note that the opposition raised in regard to these Stations has resulted in severe restrictions being imposed, and in the provision of elaborate plant (not previously contemplated) for purifying the products of combustion, the fact remains that, even allowing for the sufficient elimination of sulphur from the chimney gases, a heavy volume of carbonic acid gas will still be discharged, and in certain conditions of air-stagnation this poisonous gas may fall at once on the immediate neighbourhood of the generating stations. This is what is now found to have occurred last December near Liége, with many fatal results, as Professor J. S. Haldane has recently pointed out; and in view of the serious warning in his article on "Atmosphere Pollution and Fogs" in the *British Medical Journal*, the County Council is taking further steps to bring this aspect of the case again before the bodies concerned.

Whatever the ultimate outcome, the strength of our case against the placing of these great coal-consuming factories in densely populated urban areas has been demonstrated; whilst it seems likely that the additional production-cost involved in washing, screening, desulphurising and reheating the effluent gases, and in purifying the water returned into the Thames, will go far to offset the saving said to be effected by bringing these stations into London.

THE OLD CHURCH.

The interior of the Old Church has been cleaned and re-distempered, the ceiling of the nave re-plastered, the roof of More's Chapel repaired and receilled, leaving the timbering exposed, the Organ completely rebuilt, the ancient West Door uncovered and rehung, and the hatchments cleansed and revarnished during the past year,



CHEYNE WALK, c. 1860.

From a photograph by James Hedderley.

under the careful supervision of Mr. W. H. Godfrey, F.S.A. The adjoining Petyt House has also been thoroughly reconditioned for use as a Parish Hall, and for Club and other Meetings.

Mrs. Arundale Esdaile, whose work in sculptural research is well known, has been making a careful study of the Monuments in the Church, which has produced a record of great interest and value.

Other repairs to this historic Church urgently need doing, but can only be put in hand if and as further funds are available. The Chelsea Society gave a small grant towards the Repairs Fund two years ago, and the Council feel sure that many of their Members would be glad to support, under strictly conservative supervision, the work of preserving Chelsea's most ancient and famous fabric.

At the suggestion of your Council, Mrs. Arundale Esdaile has kindly consented to give a lecture on the Monuments, in the Old Church, next June, in aid of the Repairs Fund, to members of The Chelsea Society and their friends. Further particulars will be duly announced; and members are reminded that when this little Society was founded in 1927 it was decided that there should, *for the present*, be no annual subscription, but that "the hat would occasionally be handed round" when special need arose. The Old Church is one of Chelsea's most precious and beloved possessions; its need of very careful and conservative repair is real and serious and urgent; and it is hoped that the hat will be generously filled on this occasion.

SLOANE SQUARE.

In their last Report, your Council recorded, in reference to the much debated question of the "lay out" of Sloane Square, consequent on the adoption there of the

"roundabout" traffic system, that they had expressed to the Borough Council their hope that the matter might be referred to the Royal Fine Arts Commission.

This was done last Spring; and the Commissioners, after careful consideration, and in view of the intimation that no heavy expenditure could be contemplated, that grass was considered undesirable, and that the public could not be excluded, recommended the removal of the War Memorial Cross to the eastern end of the Square, and the planting of an avenue of trees leading up to it, the ground space being simply paved, and the central vertex left clear for the present, "perhaps for a playing fountain or some suitable sculpture in a position which will not embarrass the War Memorial"; an unambitious solution, but perhaps the best that could be devised under the severely restricted conditions which were offered.

The work has now been done, but the effect can hardly be judged till the trees have grown enough to give the avenue reality. It has been suggested that a close hedge of foliage, such as thuya or cypress, planted behind the Cross, would greatly enhance its effect.

The Royal Commission felt that the scheme was "inadequate for a Square so well known to Londoners, and which should admit of much more noteworthy treatment"; and it may yet be hoped that, eventually, a really worthy central feature, such as they suggest, may find its appropriate place in this important and attractive situation.

It is to be regretted that in the formation of the Sloane Square "Roundabout" it was found impracticable (possibly for financial reasons) adequately to "flair" the corners of the various roads tributary to the roundabout, which would much have facilitated the flow of traffic.

TREES.

Consequent upon the widening of the Kings Road between Edith Grove and Tadema Road, a number of trees had to be cut down. The Council petitioned the Borough Council to have these replaced, and it was eventually arranged that the Guinness Trustees should allow eight plane trees to be planted within their railings along the frontage, to replace those removed.

The problem of roadside trees was again raised this winter in the columns of *The Times*; when our Borough Council, acting on expert advice, gave orders for the lopping of over 150 trees on Chelsea Embankment.

The Times gave a sympathetic leader, and illustrated some of the lopped trees; other protests followed, and the severity of the first amputation was somewhat tempered as the work proceeded. No one, of course, disputes that the lower branches of roadside trees must be cut back where they might obstruct traffic, or that trees may have to be docked, or even removed, where they have been planted too closely, or seriously obstruct the light and air of houses. But neither of these reasons existed in the case of the trees lopped hard and decapitated, on the river side of the Embankment Gardens between the Old Church and the eastern end of Cheyne Walk; whilst the assertion of the gardeners that plane trees looked all the better after a little while, for this treatment, can safely be left to the judgment of anyone with an eye for natural beauty and the graceful tapering arabesque of limb and branch and leaf-twig.

To refute the assertion that such drastic treatment is necessary for the health of London planes, one has only to look at the magnificent free-growing specimens in many of our Squares, not to mention some beautiful examples in our Kings Road and Paultons Square, which have so far escaped the attentions of the "experts".

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RIVERSIDE TREES.



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TRAFFIC NOISE.

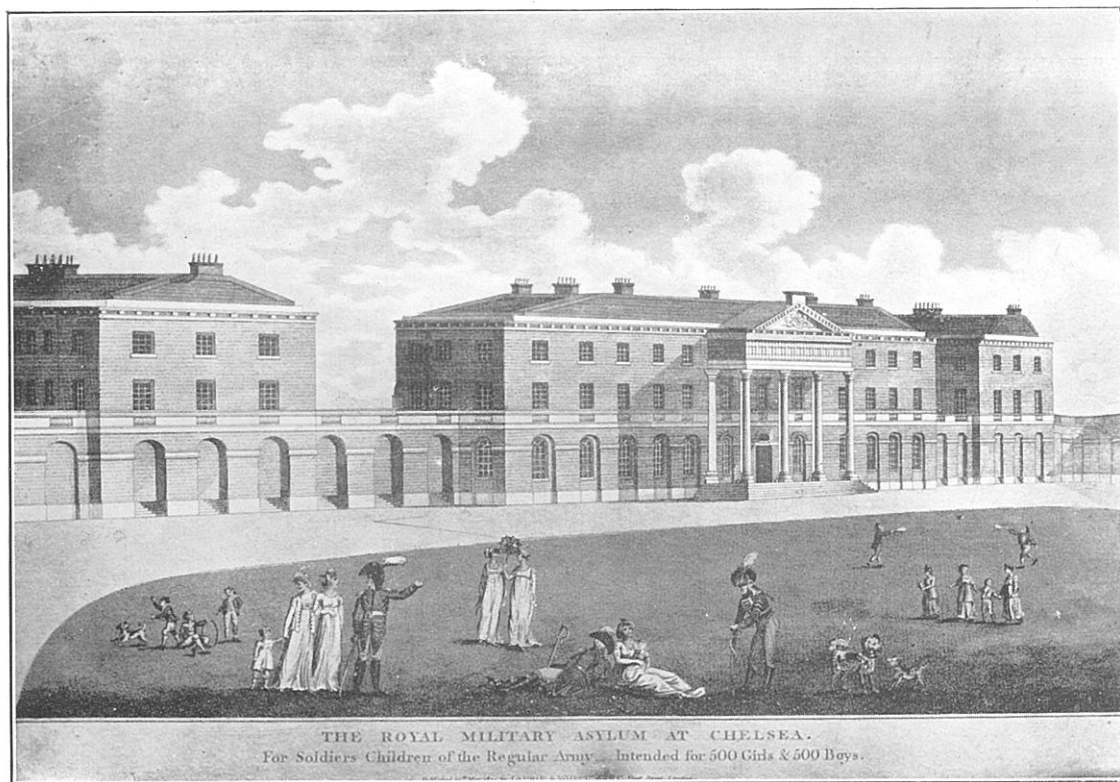
It was long ago obvious that the making of the Chelsea Embankment, with its broad highway and shortened access to London from the south-west, would go far to destroy "the quiet seclusion of Cheyne Walk and riverside Chelsea"; and the advent of heavy motor traffic has more than justified the fears of half a century ago. Unless the authorities could be brought to regard the Embankments as places of recreation, and to divert all heavy commercial traffic from them, as it is from the Parks, this result was inevitable; but much of the noise caused by these vehicles is preventible, and could be greatly reduced if the police would here enforce the "Motor Cars (Excessive Noise) Regulations 1929" issued by the Ministry of Transport.

From counts taken on behalf of the Society it was found that between 500 and 600 heavy motor vehicles per hour use the Chelsea Embankment throughout the day, and that much of the noise (apart from speed) was due to defective gear, tyres, load adjustment, exhausts, etc.

A letter calling attention to the existing conditions on Chelsea Embankment and asking for enforcement of the provisions of the Act was addressed on behalf of your Council to the Minister of Transport, copies being forwarded to the Chelsea Borough Council and Chamber of Commerce, both of which bodies co-operated in support.

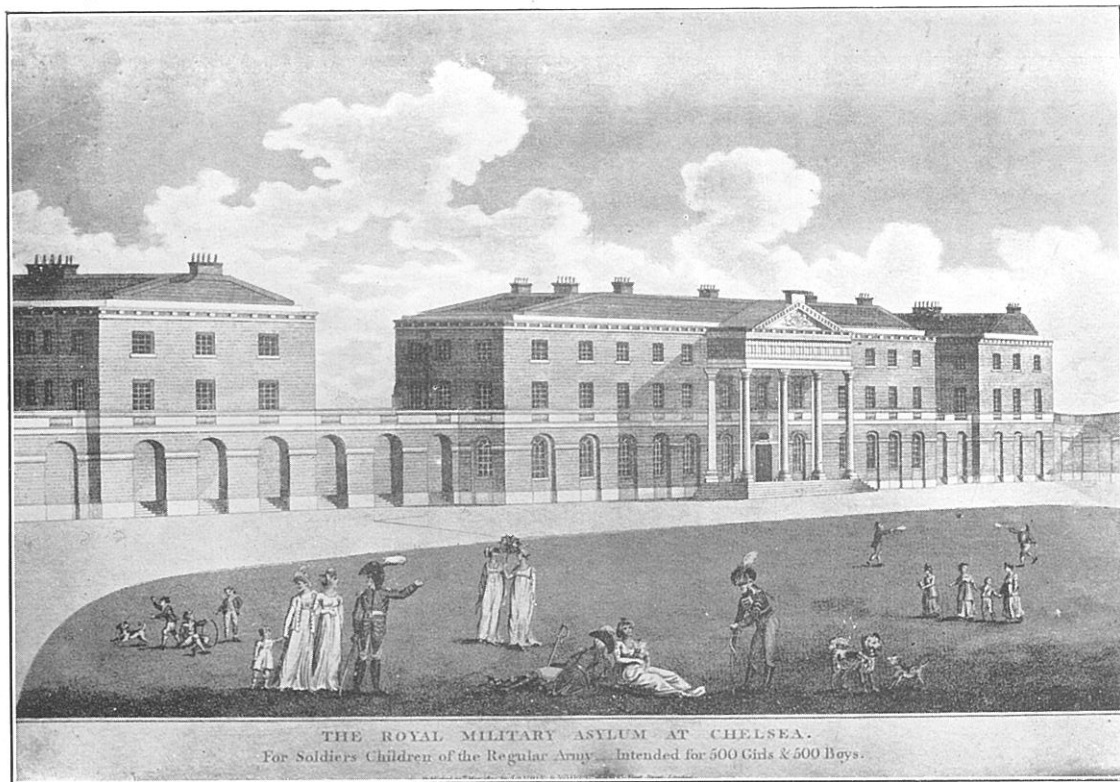
The Minister's reply gave particulars of a number of police prosecutions for excessive noise on Chelsea Embankment, and stated that the police had been given instructions to enforce the regulations.

Whilst recognising the difficulty of apportioning blame for excessive noise between the vehicle and the road surface, the Council believes that much of the noise is preventible, and could be greatly reduced, if energetic action were taken here by the police, as is being done at Barnes and elsewhere.



THE ROYAL MILITARY ASYLUM AT CHELSEA.
For Soldiers Children of the Regular Army. Intended for 500 Girls & 500 Boys.

THE DUKE OF YORK'S SCHOOL, CHELSEA, 1801.



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DUKE OF YORK'S HEADQUARTERS.

In their First Annual Report for 1928 it was recorded that "The Council heard with great satisfaction that, following on the Deputation to the War Office (which its Chairman and Secretary had attended) the proposal to erect buildings on this ground was not, for the present, to be proceeded with."

The reprieve, it seems, was only temporary. A Committee, appointed by the Chancellor of the Exchequer last year to report as to the disposal of "surplus government property," has had the Duke of York's Grounds under consideration, and has now sent in its Report. Your Council communicated with Sir Samuel Hoare, our Member, who asked the Secretary of State for War whether, in view of the historical importance of the building and the value of the open space, he would give an undertaking that no action would be taken for disposing of the site until the House of Commons had had an opportunity of expressing its views. Mr. Shaw gave this undertaking, and there the matter stands at the moment, so far as Parliament is concerned. Meanwhile, however, it was definitely stated last month by the Chairman of the London Territorial Association that the Duke of York's Headquarters had been condemned as surplus Government property, and that a recommendation had been sent to the War Office by the Treasury suggesting that the buildings should be sold.

The War Office, however, are understood to oppose "any interference with the building, on the ground that it would be difficult to find other central quarters for the Territorial units": so there is still some hope that this historic building and valuable "lung" may be saved.



THE SUSPENSION BRIDGE AT CHELSEA.
NOW IN COURSE OF CONSTRUCTION FOR THE COMMISSIONERS OF HER MAJESTY'S WORKS
— ROYAL MILITARY HOSPITAL.

CHELSEA BRIDGE.

Chelsea people learned with some surprise last winter that Chelsea Suspension Bridge was considered insufficient for the needs of the traffic now using it, and that the London County Council were proposing to rebuild it.

The present bridge was erected in 1858, and has generally been considered one of the best of the later London bridges. It occupies (very nearly) the site of a well-authenticated Thames ford; and when the foundations were being dug, large numbers of human crania, bronze and iron weapons, British and Roman, including swords, spear heads, daggers, and a beautifully worked Celtic shield, now in the the British Museum, were unearthed from the river bed, proving that a fierce encounter had taken place here during the Roman occupation.

It is stated that the new Bridge is to be built some 40 yards higher up the river than the existing one; and that this will entail the acquisition of a considerable area (more than an acre) at the eastern corner of Ranelagh Gardens, and the destruction of a number of very fine trees, to form a new roundabout entrance to the Bridge, which will, as schemed, be out of line with both the present approach roads.

Criticism must await more detailed information, and The Commissioners of Chelsea Hospital, who bought Ranelagh Gardens and took pains to plant this fine screen of trees around its eastern corner seventy years ago, can be trusted to safeguard their interests as far as possible; but Chelsea may reasonably ask for enlightenment as to why a large "roundabout" should be required at this point.

The present site of the Bridge is the right one, but the alteration is presumably considered necessary to avoid closing for the period of reconstruction.

Other matters which came under consideration during the past year included the following :—

“THE BULL RING.” Mention was made in last year's Report of the circular enclosure at the Embankment entrance to the Royal Hospital Grounds, which for some unexplained reason has been given this name. After correspondence between the Society, the Commissioners and the Borough Council, the Hospital authorities have undertaken to replace the dingy shrubs round the fine central tree by crazy pavement, and to improve its general appearance and tidiness; but it has not yet been considered practicable to do away with the railings; though these, it may be hoped, will eventually disappear.

SLOANE MONUMENT. Eleven years ago, attention was drawn to the shaky condition of Wilton's fine monument to Sir Hans Sloane in the Old Churchyard, and the canopy was carefully repaired and secured by the Cadogan and Sloane Stanley representatives, under the direction of Mr. Weir, of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings. Since then the inscription and coats of arms on the sides of the tomb have been rapidly deteriorating, and are already in part undecipherable. A special interest attaches to the dedicatory inscription which records that “This monument was erected by his two daughters Eliza Cadogan and Sarah Stanley,” thus indicating how the present families of those names came into their Chelsea inheritance from Sir Hans, who was Lord of the Manor. This special local interest seemed to be a strong argument in favour of preserving the inscription. The Trustees were communicated with on behalf of the Chelsea Society, and have now, it is understood consulted Mr. W. Godfrey, F.S.A., who is already in charge of the internal repairs at the Old Church, as to the best way of having the lettering, etc. preserved.

It will be a difficult and delicate task, but fortunately copies of the inscriptions and arms exist, and in such com-

petent hands we may rest assured of its successful accomplishment.

PHOTOGRAPHS OF OLD CHELSEA. The Trustees of the Edward Vaughan Morgan Estate offered, through Sir Kenyon Vaughan Morgan, M.P., a member of the Chelsea Society, a collection of photographs of Old Chelsea by James Hedderley, taken between 1860 and 1880. The Council gratefully accepted the gift, and presented the collection to the Chelsea Public Library towards the completion of their set of these interesting and valuable records.

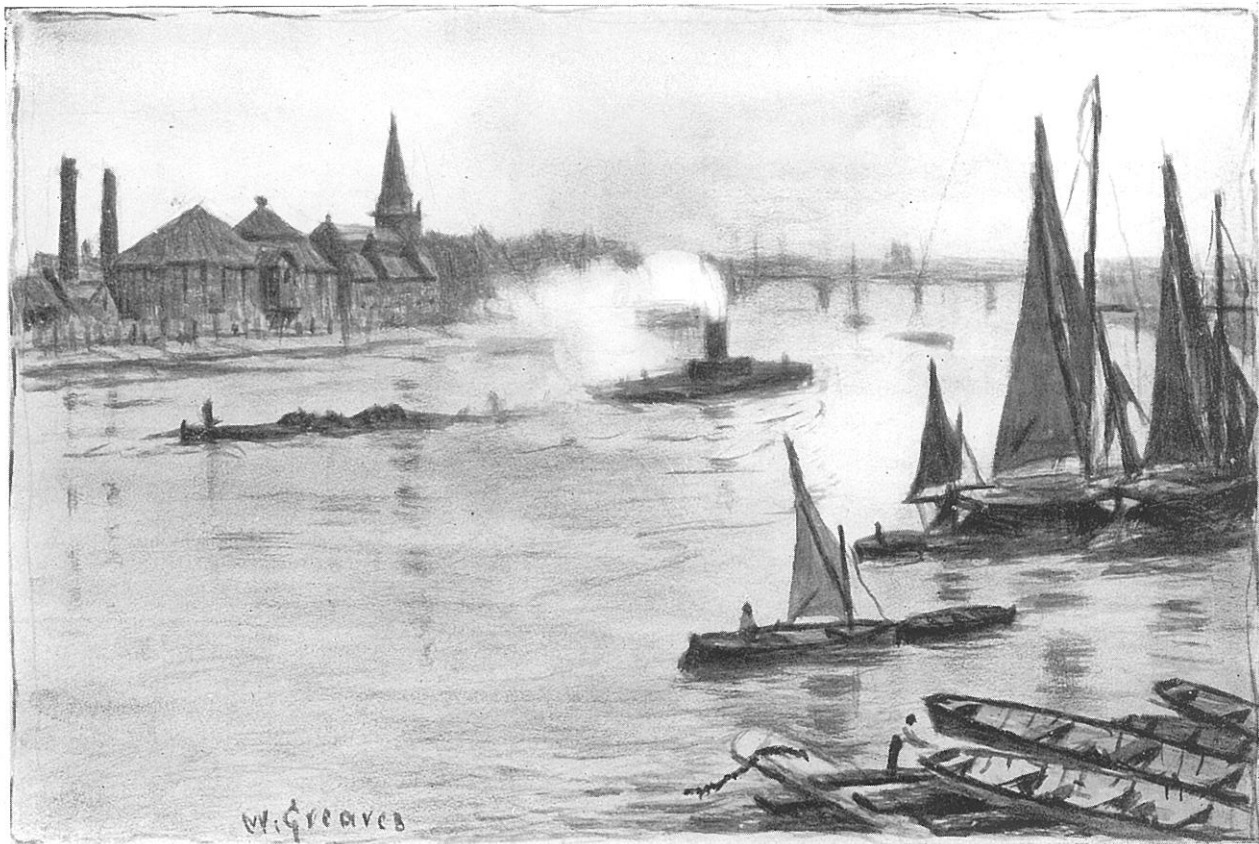
KATE COURTNEY MEMORIAL. A comfortable teakwood seat has been placed in the Embankment Garden opposite No. 15 Cheyne Walk, as part of the Chelsea Memorial to the late Lady Courtney of Penwith.

CHELSEA RIVER FRONT. The London County Council have referred to a Committee for consideration and report the question of the desirability of promoting a Bill to protect the river front from unsightly illuminated signs; and Sir Ernest Meinertzhagen, one of our Chelsea representatives on the L.C.C. has promised us his support for any proposal having for its object the prevention of further disfigurement of Chelsea Reach.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

The Council record with great regret the death of Archbishop Lord Davidson, who had become a Member of their body soon after he came to reside in Cheyne Walk, and had hoped to take an active part in the work of the Society.

They have also to record the loss sustained by the Society in the deaths of Lady Ernle, Mr. George Coates, Miss Constance Maud, and of Mr. Alfred M. Turner, who kindly audited the Society's accounts last year.



BATTERSEA REACH—EARLY MORNING.

From a water-colour drawing by W. Greaves.

They would also like to refer here with regret to the death last winter at the Charterhouse of Mr. W. Greaves, several of whose Chelsea drawings have, with his permission, been reproduced in the Society's issues. Mr. Greaves loved Chelsea, and devoted his life to the portrayal of its characteristic riverside; and his work is a faithful record of much that was delightful and has now vanished.

The Council have nominated Brigadier General Lionel Banon, C.B., and Lieut. Colonel Mervyn O'Gorman, C.B. to fill the vacancies in their number; and the Society will be asked to approve these appointments at the Annual General Meeting.

Miss Daphne Sanger has kindly undertaken to act as Assistant Honorary Secretary to the Society.

The Statement of Accounts for the year ending March 31st, 1931 is appended.

Twelve new members have been enrolled during the year, making a present total membership of 206.

Members are asked to mention the Society to any Chelsea friends likely to be interested. The Secretary will gladly forward further copies of this Report, and of the Prospectus of the Society, to any addresses with which he may be furnished. The minimum Entrance Fee for Members is £1, and for Associates, 5/-. There is, at present no annual subscription.

Signed,

C. H. ST. J. HORNBY, *Chairman.*

REGINALD BLUNT, *Secretary.*

April, 1931.

THE CHELSEA SOCIETY.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the year ended March 31st, 1931.

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To Balance brought forward,				
April 1st, 1930	...	171	13	5
In Secretary's hands		2	0	9
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„ Entrance Fees—				
Members	19	4	9
Associate	5	0	
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„ Donations from Members	3	2	0
„ Sale of Reports	4	0	
„ Interest on Deposit Account	12	1	
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C. H. ST. J. HORNBY, *Chairman.*
REGINALD BLUNT, *Treasurer.*

April 28th, 1931.

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By Printing Annual Report, with				
illustrations	19	16	6
„ Stationery and Typing	3	13	7
„ Purchase of Typewriter (half cost				
charged)	5	10	0
„ Postage and Gratuities	3	10	0
„ Balance at the Bank,				
March 31st, 1931	57	19	7	
On Deposit Account	100	0	0	
Interest on Deposit	12	1		
In Secretary's hands	6	0	3	
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