

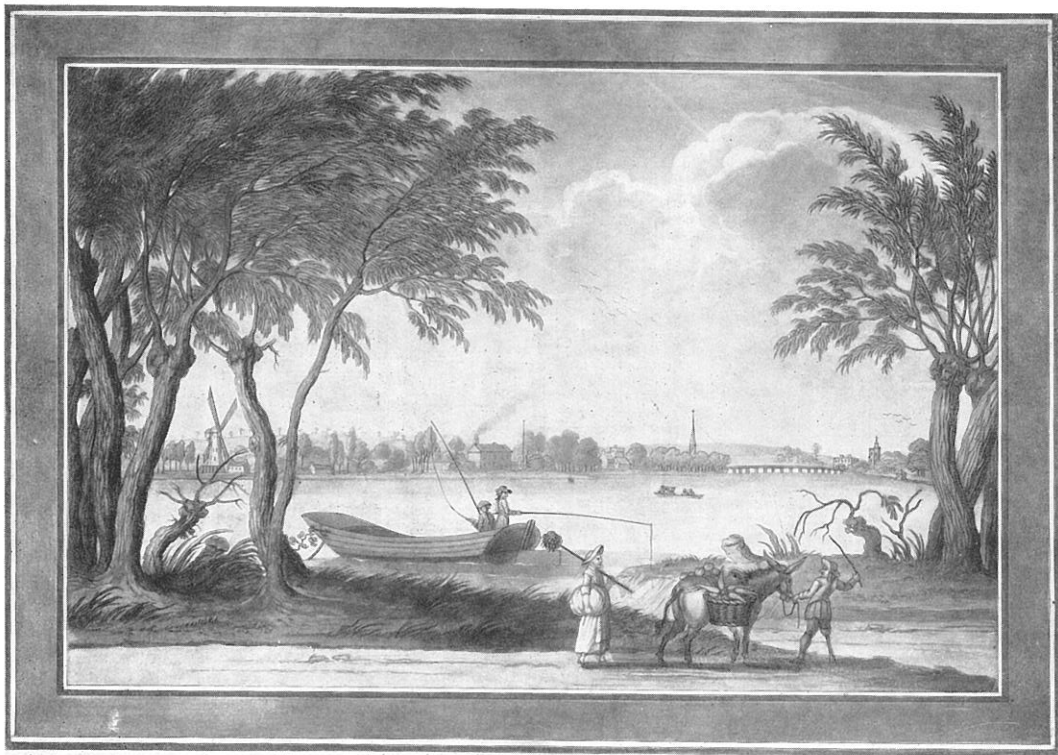
THE CHELSEA SOCIETY



THIRTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1940

Price: HALF-A-CROWN



A View taken of the THAMES from Milbank, towards Chelsea and Battersea.

“AMENITY.” Tell us, whose is it, and what ?

Do we own, or inherit, or choose it ?

It's something you often don't know that you've got

Till you lose it !

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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.

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

*Being in general agreement with its aims as set forth in the prospectus I desire to be enrolled as $\frac{\text{Member}}{\text{Associate}}$ of The Chelsea Society and enclose herewith the sum of £ : s. d. as my Entrance Fee.**

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

Signature.....

Title, etc.

Address.....

Date..... 194 .

Cheques should be made payable to The Chelsea Society and crossed Barclays Bank, 348, King's Road, Chelsea.

* As no Annual Subscription is required, new members are asked to make their Entrance Fee as liberal as they can, the funds of the Society being principally dependent on these.

THE TWELFTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The Twelfth Annual Meeting of the Society was held at No. 96 Cheyne Walk on May 15th, 1939, at 5 o'clock. The Chairman, Mr. C. H. St. John Hornby, presided, and there were about 75 members present.

After confirmation of the Minutes of the last Annual Meeting, the Chairman moved the adoption of the Twelfth Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended March 31st, 1939. After reference to the popularity of the Society's Summer and Autumn Meetings, the new Chelsea Industrial Buildings, the Embankment Trees, the proposed Picture Gallery, the Sloane Square Fountain and other matters dealt with in the Report, he expressed the gratitude of the Society to the Borough Council for the support given them in their effort to avert the destruction of Lombard Terrace. The Accounts were generally satisfactory, but they must continue to look to their members to enlist new friends to take the places of the losses which each year inevitably brought. Their thanks were again due to their Secretary and to Miss Sanger for their work during the year.

The Mayor of Chelsea, Mr. G. F. Wilkins, seconded the motion, and expressed the hope that in better times they might yet see a worthy fountain at Sloane Square, and an adequate Picture Gallery, whilst he would also like to envisage the acquisition at the other end of the Borough, of the ground of St. Mark's College.

Discussion being invited, Mr. H. Strauss, M.P. referred to the paragraph relating to the possibility of a roundabout at the northern end of the reconstructed Albert Bridge, which he thought should be strenuously opposed.

The motion for the adoption of the Report and Accounts having been put and carried, the Chairman called on Mr. Strauss to address the Meeting on the subject of "Chelsea and the Future of the Town."

In the course of a stimulating speech, Mr. Strauss emphasized that the town had a future for the cultivation of civic virtue and art, as the country had for peace, greenness and solitude, and both must be preserved, or neither. Towns need not be a blot, and, made less repulsive, would reduce the rush to and consequent spoliation of the countryside.

The town must be an organism capable of design, and progress must aim at making the good things of life available to the many. When the masses lived in uncivilized conditions and could only wish for escape from intolerable architecture and endless strap-hanging, and where even millionaires could not secure a quiet house with easy access to the country, the town was in a bad way.

He had been struck by the many letters received from Englishmen returned from abroad to find this or that beauty destroyed or amenity gone during their absence.

Mr. Strauss repudiated the doctrine of the Transport Board that London must grow. Public authorities were not the chief offenders in modern building; the speculative builder's productiveness, with their senseless ornamentation, were not the cheapest. Uniformity need not be dull, witness Bath and Nash's London; but for Megalopolis there was no future or hope.

Turning to Chelsea the speaker urged that we must not be defeatist. Chelsea must rise, not go. It possessed a civilised community, fine open spaces, a great river highway, urbanity and a supreme type of architecture in its Royal Hospital. It was lamentable that nobody created streets to-day. The Borough Council were rightly congratulated on their new Manor Buildings to house their own people. Chelsea must not become a mere dormitory for the leisured classes. The defacement of house walls by hideous advertisement which disfigured the highway from Putney Bridge to Sloane Square doubtless contributed to rateable values, but neighbouring householders whose outlook was thus disfigured might well claim abatement. A roundabout at Hammersmith Broadway was needed far more than at Cheyne Walk. Mr. Strauss concluded by commending the sound doctrine in "Beauty and the Beast," and in the Duke of Gloucester's recent plea for the defence of England's glories from the ravage of fools and vandals at home.

Mr. Basil Marsden-Smedley also challenged Mr. Pick's statement that London must be allowed to grow, in order that the Transport Board might pay for its developments. Chelsea was inevitably concerned in London's outer development, and we should proclaim its beauties and preserve all classes side by side within its bounds.

The Chairman expressed to Mr. Strauss the thanks of the meeting for his thoughtful and valuable address, and the proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to him, and to Mr. R. Stewart-Jones for the loan of his beautiful room.

THE CHELSEA SOCIETY

Founded—April, 1927

“To protect and foster the amenities of Chelsea”

*The Council of the Chelsea Society
presents the Thirteenth Annual Report
for the year ending March 31st, 1940*

THE amenities of Chelsea, which it is the purpose of this Society to protect and foster, have inevitably had to suffer under the exigencies of War and of Civil Defence. Air Raid Shelters have damaged and despoiled Squares and Gardens, First Aid Posts have taken possession of parts of our Public Library, Polytechnic and other Institutions; hoardings, sandbags and other protection have disfigured many of our buildings; whilst projects of improvement and housing schemes have had to be postponed or abandoned. Modern war is inexorable in its demands, and ubiquitous in its scope, and there is at least consolation in the belief that preparedness—in which Chelsea has played a pre-eminent part—has so far discouraged attack.

PAULTONS SQUARE.

It became evident last spring that four of the magnificent plane trees in this square had been killed by the digging of the trenches in the previous autumn.

Our Secretary wrote as follows to *The Times* on June 7th:—

“I should not crave space in your columns merely to lament another local tragedy, however deplorable, if it were not that its narration may save life elsewhere.

“Paultons Square, Chelsea, built on the site of Sir John Danvers’s beautiful Italian garden, was the proud possessor of six magnificent plane trees, at least a

century old but full of vigorous life. In the crisis of last September the square was hastily "trenched," and the excavated earth heaped against the tree trunks to a height of five or six feet. These trenches were left open and uncompleted through the winter and have only just recently been concreted and covered. Four of the great plane trees have died and are to-day being cut down.

"I am not learned in tree-lore, but—subject to expert correction—it seems likely that these great trees were killed, not so much by cutting into their roots—many London street planes have survived such damage—as by the drainage of all their subsoil water into the trenches.

"If this be so the remedy should lie in concreting trench walls with the least possible delay when near trees."

A letter expressing very great regret at the destruction of plane trees in Paultons Square, Chelsea, by the digging of trenches, was sent to the residents of the square on behalf of the Civil Defence Committee of Chelsea Borough Council.

The letter stated that, in view of the many communications which have been received or which have appeared in *The Times*, it is only fair that the position should be explained. It points out that on September 24 the Council received instructions from the Home Office to proceed at once with the digging of trenches in Paultons Square. In view of the pressure of time, it would have been quite improper to start an argument about the desirability of the site.

The trenches were dug at a distance from the trees which, in any normal circumstances, would have made it very unlikely indeed that they would have suffered any appreciable damage. Unfortunately, the nature of the soil was such that the roots extended sideways instead of going deep, and there is no doubt that it was the cutting of the roots at that particular time, when the sap was on the move, which caused the death of the trees.

The Council has entered into an agreement with the owners of the square to re-turf the affected portion of the garden and to plant trees or flowering shrubs. The Council will suggest



THE BLACK LION TAVERN IN CHURCH STREET

from a photograph by J. Hedderley.

to the owners that the re-planting should be guided by expert advice to be sought at the expense of the Council.

In a reference to the complaint of delay in completing the trenches, it is pointed out that none of the trenches in Chelsea collected water, and the committee are advised that delay had nothing to do with the death of the trees.

In a further letter in *The Times*, Mr. Blunt wrote:

“As I have just been informed that similar heaping of the excavated trench soil against adjacent tree trunks is taking place elsewhere, it may be of value to quote the opinion of the Curator of the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew, to whom I sent the correspondence:—

‘The heaping of the soil about the trunks of the trees in September would affect the trees in two ways. The normal level of the soil would, in September, be dry, and when the additional earth was placed on, it would result in a hard, dry, concrete-like surface through which any rain-water percolating through the deposited earth could not enter.

‘Thus the trees are again subject to drought conditions at the root, even more disastrous than through the sides of the trenches. The heaping of soil about the trunks of the trees is bound to have adverse results. Normally a year or two might go before the damage was felt; but with the trees already weakened by other circumstances, the accumulative results have been too much for even old trees such as these. In my opinion, if the earth had not been deposited against the trees, thereby leaving the soil open to receive the winter’s rain, no damage would have resulted.’

Our London trees are such precious possessions that I hope you may find space to broadcast this warning.”

From letters subsequently received it appeared that our deplorable experience had proved valuable elsewhere. The Metropolitan Public Gardens Association made representations to the Westminster School authorities in regard to Vincent Square, where earth had been similarly banked against trees. As a result excavations were made round the trees, and it is hoped these have not been damaged.

THE OLD CHURCH.

On the outbreak of war, the question of the protection of certain memorials in the Old Church against air attack was considered, and various recommendations were made by Mr. Walter Godfrey, F.S.A., the architect. The interest on the Dacre Monument Preservation Fund provided means for the safeguarding of this tomb; but there were no funds available for the valuable 14th century glass in the More Chapel, with the incomplete figure of a deacon Saint. Our Society being appealed to, it was agreed to defray the cost of the packing and removal of this window to the vaults of St. Luke's Church.

It was found last spring that parts of the Sloane Monument in the Churchyard were in an unsafe condition, and, in particular, the large stone central urn was seriously cracked. The Trustees of the Cadogan and Sloane Stanley Estates were notified, and the necessary repairs were carried out by them.

THE ROYAL HOSPITAL.

Sir Harry Knox, Governor of Chelsea Hospital, has kindly furnished the following note of events which have occurred there during the past year:—

“In consequence of the decision that the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, should not be evacuated in the event of war, elaborate air-raid precautions have been undertaken. Deep dug-outs, or reinforced cellars—the latter with heating and air-conditioning plant—have been provided for all inmates of the Royal Hospital.

“In order to relieve the Royal Hospital Infirmary of some of the worst cases a party of 52 In-Pensioners, with the necessary nurses and staff, were moved, on the 2nd September, 1939, to Rudhall, Ross-on-Wye, the beautiful home of Major and Mrs. T. Morland, who had kindly placed it at the disposal of the Royal Hospital. The intention is that this detachment should be maintained until the end of the war.

“On the 7th September the Royal Hospital treasures in the shape of gold plate, valuable pictures, standards,



CHELSEA FROM OLD BATTERSEA BRIDGE LOOKING DOWN RIVER

from a Lithograph after J. Burgess, 1829.

etc., etc., were removed to a place of safety in the country.

“Various repairs and replacements have been carried out in the buildings and, in the course of digging shelters, several skeletons, men and women, were found, one being opposite the Master Cook’s quarters and the remainder opposite the Chaplain’s, both in the Infirmary Court.

“Such In-Pensioners as had a place to go to were allowed, on the outbreak of war, to proceed on leave. The few who took advantage of this have nearly all returned, and life continues in the Royal Hospital much as in peace time.

“Some In-Pensioners have work in preparing ground in Ranelagh Gardens for food production, and those pensioners who have garden plots are devoting their energies to vegetable growing.

“A large Red Cross Working Party, under Lady Knox’s presidency has met twice a week in the Governor’s house and has done an enormous amount of work. The In-Pensioners have subscribed generously to this Working Party, making weekly and entirely voluntary contributions at the pay table, the total of which has now reached £50.”

CHELSEA BOYS’ CLUB.

In an appeal from this Club (1a, Lacland Place, S.W.10) last November it was “urged as a national duty that youths under military age should be helped through the difficulties of unemployment, evacuation and all the attendant excitement and boredom of war-time.”

Hitherto the necessary support of this valuable Club had been largely provided by the Annual Charity Ball held at Hurlingham or the Dorchester Hotel, and the cancellation of this event, owing to the War, left the Committee with a large gap to fill at a very difficult time. Your Council agreed to make a grant of £10; and Lord Swinfen, the Hon. Treasurer, in acknowledging the gift, said that, in spite of the evacuation scheme which had taken away some of the younger boys, they

still had an average nightly attendance of some 85 to 90 lads, so it was essential that they should, if possible, remain open.

ROYAL AVENUE.

In connection with a scheme, promulgated by our Borough Council and approved by the Royal Hospital Commissioners last spring, to place the soil, removed in the construction of trench shelters, on the centre of Royal Avenue, a proposal was made that the new surface thus formed should be levelled and sown with grass-seed. The Chelsea Society was asked by the Committee to use their influence in securing the co-operation of the residents in this proposal, by which "in addition to the advantage of improved appearance and amenities, the dust nuisance which is so prevalent during the summer, would be eliminated." In reply, your Council, whilst cordially welcoming any practical scheme for making the Avenue more attractive, as they had already done on more than one occasion, pointed out that working difficulties would inevitably arise as regards maintenance and protection, which neither the Royal Hospital Commissioners nor the Civil Defence Committee could be expected to undertake.

A proposal was then made that each resident should contribute £3 per annum towards these costs; but this was demurred to, unless they were given the exclusive use of the garden, which could not be granted in view of the acknowledged right of way. The suggestion was consequently abandoned.

SUBTERRANEAN CHELSEA.

Excavations last August for a public air raid shelter in the front garden of 96 Cheyne Walk disclosed a system of arched brick-built Elizabethan culverts. The exposed portion, about 70ft. long and 3 feet 6 inches high, ran under Cheyne Walk towards the river, joining an earlier and larger culvert, and

there were also two branches on the eastern side. Various fragments of 17th century pottery, glass and decorated Gothic stone-work were found in and about the excavations.

Our Secretary, who, with Mr. Stewart-Jones, the owner of the site and a member of our Council, watched the progress of the works, put forward the following theory as to their origin and purpose in *The Times*:—

“Your interesting notice of the unearthing of a large Tudor brick-built conduit at 96 Cheyne Walk, raises again a problem which has long puzzled students of Chelsea. For similar subterranean passages, varying in dimension from 3ft. to at least 10ft. in height and width, have been exposed from time to time in at least a dozen places in the borough, while records of their existence are chronicled in or near many old mansions, such as Chelsea Place, Winchester House, Catherine Lodge, Beaufort House, Alston House, etc. In our Public Library there are two water-colour drawings, done by Miss Elizabeth Gulston, c. 1820, showing two of these passages of exceptional size and elaborate structure. What was their purpose, since many of them were obviously more than mere house drains?

“I venture, very tentatively, to put forward a theory which was suggested to me more than 40 years ago by the then Chelsea Vestry Surveyor.

“When, about 1536, Henry VIII built his Manor House just east of the river end of Oakley Street, its water supply was brought from ‘a piece of waste ground abounding with springs in Kensington, called the Moor’ (Faulkner, ‘History of Kensington’). The leaden pipes, portions of which about 8in. in diameter, have been dug up in Chelsea, came down what is now Manresa Road to a reservoir near the top of Glebe Place, marked on an old map as ‘Conduit Court’ and ‘The Water House.’ There is detailed evidence that the owners of Beaufort House, and probably some others of the principal riverside mansions, had permission to make connexions for their own water supply from this royal service, which was evidently an abundant one.

“Obviously there must therefore have been a conduit from Beaufort House, which stood some 100 yards behind 96 Cheyne Walk, to the river, to carry off the

waste and unused water from the Conduit Court supply; and this might very well be the one just unearthed. Some at least of the others of which the existence is recorded may have been either supply channels or excess water conduits of the same system.

“A 10ft. subway to carry an 8in. main reads extravagantly, but those were spacious days.”

In a leading article on this find *The Times* cited various other examples of these mysterious subterranean passages, which raise many problems “invaluable to Chelsea lore,” and are well worth accurate plotting and systematic investigation.

It may be hoped that, in better days, something in this direction may be accomplished; and meanwhile valuable assistance would be given if members would send particulars to our Secretary of any such constructions which may have been unearthed in the course of Chelsea excavations.

RECREATION GROUNDS.

The Chelsea Tenants Association petitioned the Borough Council last May in reference to the provision of further playgrounds in the Borough. In particular it was suggested (a) that the policy of providing grounds for older children and for infants, initiated in the new Manor Street Buildings, should be developed elsewhere; (b) that the Moravian Burial Ground should be purchased for this purpose; and (c) that part of the grounds of St. Mark's College should be acquired. The Borough Council in its reply stated that they intended to continue their playground policy both in the Onslow Dwellings and the Cadogan Avenue Buildings, and also to proceed with the Riley Street clearance scheme; that the Moravian Burial Ground was still used for interments, and that it was not possible to obtain Compulsory Purchase Orders for such property; and that, as regards St. Mark's College, the owners contended that compulsory purchase of part would seriously damage the value of the whole, which was estimated at about £250,000.



WHARVES AND BARGES NEAR CHELSEA OLD CHURCH
from a photograph by J. Hedderley.

The war has called a halt to building and development projects (including the scheme for the widening of Cheyne Walk west of Battersea Bridge), but it is satisfactory to note that "without regard to what other Boroughs may do, the provision of playing grounds for children in Chelsea is a matter which will continue to occupy the attention of the Council, which is especially anxious to see provision made in West Chelsea for that purpose."

THE SUMMER MEETING.

This took place in beautiful weather on June 8th, and proved a most interesting and successful occasion.

The party, numbering about 150, met at 3 o'clock at No. 7 Chelsea Embankment, by the kind invitation of the late Mr. George Eumorfopoulos, to view his valuable collection of Chinese Porcelain, Persian Pottery, Egyptian, Greek and Roman Glass, and modern sculpture and paintings. Mr. Eumorfopoulos had prepared for our guidance an admirable summary of his treasures, which was printed in our Programme, and he and his assistants worked untiringly in directing our footsteps and explaining particular exhibits.

From the Embankment our party went on to the Royal Hospital, where General Sir Harry and Lady Knox provided tea in the beautiful State Rooms of the Governor's House. Thus fortified and refreshed, members were conducted in groups, under the able guidance of Captain C. G. T. Dean, through the Wards, the Chapel, the Great Hall, Kitchens, etc., by selected Pensioners who had plenty of good stories to tell. The magnificent parcel-gilt Communion plate, the tattered standards, the Crimean and other relics, the pictures and campaign records aroused particular admiration, and there was much inquiring interest in the arrangement of the In-Pensioners' cubicles, messing parties, cookery and amusements. Altogether it was a delightful afternoon, for which our hosts were warmly thanked.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The following may be mentioned amongst the subjects upon which correspondence took place during the year:—

- *Sir Stephen Tallents. Historical Trees in Chelsea.
- Mr. F. Coleman. A Balloon Trip from Cremorne, 1864.
- Mr. J. Henry Quinn. Gallery at the Public Library.
- Mr. Ernest Davies. An Art Gallery for Chelsea.
- Miss Stewart-Jones. A Millman's Street Playground.
- Mr. Charles J. Clay, Mr. I M. Macdonald and others.
Paultons Square Trees.
- Mr. Hyde Parker. Cremorne Guy Fawkes Night Ticket, 1876.
- Miss E. Denby. The most attractive Street in Chelsea.
- Mr. Sydney Davison, F.R.S.A. Wedgwood and De Morgan.
- *Messrs. Sotheby & Co. Dillon of Chelsea. Bookbinder.
c. 1800.
- *Mrs. Porter. The origin of "Harriet" Street.
- *Mr. C. Moon. The origin of "Bury" Street.
- *Further information on these subjects would be welcomed by the Secretary.

MEMBERSHIP.

The Council record with great regret the deaths of Lady Meinertzhagen, an original and keen member of the Society, and of Mr. George Eumerfopoulos, who so generously entertained its members at his home last June. The late Earl of Crawford and Balcarres, the President of The London Society, was greatly interested, ever since its foundation thirteen years ago, in this first "daughter" Society, its work and progress. He had promised to attend our last Annual Meeting, but was, at the last moment prevented. It is impossible to overestimate the value of the work he did in upholding the ideals for which our Society stands.

22 new members were enrolled during the year.

Donations to the funds of the Society are gratefully recorded from Mrs. Frederic Braund, Sir William Furse, Miss P Ross, Miss L. Hoyt Porter, Miss Edith Hastings, and Mrs. Raymond Bodkin.

Owing to the War and the consequent abandonment of the Autumn Meeting (these occasions always bring in new candidates for membership), the income of the Society, which depends chiefly upon new Entrance Fees, has been correspondingly depleted. This Report has been somewhat reduced, and a few small donations towards the cost of its production would be welcomed. Members are again reminded that the enlistment of their friends is the most valuable support they can give to the work of the Society.

Signed on behalf of the Council,

C. H. ST. J. HORNBY,

Chairman.

April 16th, 1940.

THE SOCIETY'S ISSUES.

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:

Annual Reports (except the 3rd and 4th, out of print) (1928-39) 1/- each.

Catalogue of the Chelsea Exhibition (June 1927). 1s.3d.

"Chelsea a Hundred Years Ago" (November 1929) can be obtained at Chelsea Public Library.

Chelsea Old Church—An illustrated Historical Guide Book by Archdeacon Stewart, edited, with various additional matter by Reginald Blunt, can be obtained at the Old Church, 1s.0d.

"The Story of a Flitting a Hundred Years Ago," compiled by the Secretary of The Chelsea Society to commemorate the Centenary of the Carlyles' coming to Chelsea; including an excellent portrait in photogravure of Thomas Carlyle. Issued at 2/6. Remaining copies, 6d.

"Sir Thomas More of Chelsea." Descriptive Programme of the Centenary Commemoration arranged by the Chelsea Society, July 6, 1935. 6d.

"Town Planning"—Suggestions in regard to a Plan for Chelsea; approved by the Council of the Chelsea Society. 1/-.

"Choice Chelsea." Catalogue of a Chelsea Loan Exhibition, 1936. 6d.

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Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the year ending March 31st, 1940.

DR.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	CR.
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To Balance brought forward			
April 1st, 1939	127 13 10		
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Associate	5 0		
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„ Summer Meeting—Tickets sold	15 8 0		
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			10 18 6
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			5 0
			„ Chelsea Old Church—Removal of Window
			5 15 0
			„ Chelsea Boys' Club—Donation
			10 0 0
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NOTE.—The Society holds £100 3½% War Loan.

I have examined the above account with the Books and Vouchers and find it correct, and I have verified the investment held.

WALTER S. A. GRIFFITH, C.B.E., M.D.

April 11th. 1940.

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