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CHAPTER HOUSE

Special Memorandum dated 9th May 1866: *The restoration of the Cathedral Chapter House which had long been in a ruinous condition was undertaken upon the decease of Bishop Denison in 1854 in memory of that excellent prelate and was completed in 1865.*

A committee was formed the first day of April one thousand eight hundred and fifty four of the principal laity and clergy of the diocese who appointed as their architect Henry Clutton Esquire of London and as their Secretaries Earl Nelson Archdeacon Hony Prebendary Louther Reverend Francis Lear and as their Treasurer Thomas Webb Gilbert Esquire.

The subscriptions including several gifts for special objects E:G: stained glass polychromy amounted to eight thousand and eighty five pounds sixteen shillings and eight pence. The total cost was eight thousand and eighty two pounds six shillings and four pence thus accounted for viz:-



Andrew Dickson White, courtesy of Cornell University.

RECEIPTS £ - s - d By general subscription £5377-4-5

Interest of money £118-0-5 Her Majesty the Queen donation £100-0-0 By Communar on behalf of Dean and Chapter £278-15-9 *Eight windows by various persons* £1774-11-0 Vestibule windows by A. Denison Esquire £26-4-0 Eight stalls of polychromy by eight persons £91-9-10 Two bays of ditto by two persons £160-0-0 Collection after sermon in Cathedral £52-13-1 By box in Chapter House £106-18-2

£8085-16-8

PAYMENTS Minton tiles in Chapter House and vestibule £575-0-0 Barrie Philip restoration of sculptures £263-0-0 White, general contractor £3391-3-10 Ward and Hughes stained glass £1687-0-0 *Clutton, architect* £504-14-0 Hardman gates £131-12-5 Hudson polychromy £1032-0-0 Packham 'warming apparatus' £234-0-0

Small bills £158-19-3 Advertising £98-11-0 Stationery £6-15-10 Balance handed over to Cathedral Restoration Fund £6-15-10

8085-16-8

[This sum is equivalent to £934,803 today but if you want to cost in such things as the value of labour you can get up to £16 million!!!!].

The eight windows were given as follows viz:-

East window (opposite entrance) by Mrs Denison mother of Bishop Denison.

South east window as a memorial to Mary Isabel Hamilton daughter of Bishop Hamilton.

South window by G. Wingfield Digby Esquire memorial to Earl Digby [of Sherborne].

South west window by ladies of the diocese.

West window (over entrance) by Prebendaries of the Cathedral.

North west window by A. Denison Esquire memorial to his mother.

North window by Thomas Mason.

North east window by Mrs Wickins memorial to her parents.

Octavius Hudson Esquire who painted the Chapter House gave one bay of polychromy Edward Hamilton Esquire another and eight Prebendaries of the Cathedral including the Bishop and Dean paid for the painting of their own stalls. Mrs Denison widow of the Bishop restored the entrance bay at her own cost, including the figure of Our Lord over the doorway.

A.Denison Esquire gave the vestibule windows. The ancient table was painted and restored by Mrs Wickins.

The following inscription was written by the Venerable Archdeacon of Wilts and is engraved on a brass tablet placed on the floor at the entrance of the Chapter House. Now follows a Latin and Greek transcript.

If you wish to know more about the Chapter House go to the Cathedral Library and get John Elliott's excellent book for $\pounds 3.0.0$

THE VERGERS

In October 1866 it was decided that the Vergers' fees for exhibiting parts of the Cathedral should be replaced by a salary. In the December the Chapter laid out the duties of the Vergers:

1. Cathedral to be open to the public daily from 25th March to 29th September inclusive at 9:00am and close at 6:00pm. The rest of the year it would be 10:00am to 4:00pm.

2. Two vergers with the more junior attending early morning service and both to attend the other services.

3. Between 12:00 midday and 2:00pm only one Verger need be on duty.

4. They must attend to the visiting public and provide information gratuity free.

5. Visitors should have their names entered in the Visitors Book and they should contribute not less than 6d to the Fabric Fund.

6. For accompanied visits to the tower a further 6d should be charged.

7. A fixed salary would be maid of £130-0-0 a year in monthly instalments. The Belfry Sexton would be paid £15-0-0 a year.

8. The Assisstant Verger would receive £50-0-0 a year.

9. Duties would include: Church Sexton, Belfry Sexton, Custodian of Plate and care of Library or otherwise.

10. Vergers can only field a deputy if approved by the Dean and Chapter.

11. A notice of the above should be set up for the public.

12. These rules will come into effect on 25th December 1866.

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