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ERECTION OF WAR MEMORIAL TABLET

IN CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL.

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NUMBER

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DATE.

NAME.

~~Mrs.~~

Have we been approached officially and have we approved Mr. Calvert's proposals for a memorial to those who fell in the late war?

I would much prefer to see the little garden round the Falklands Memorial made into a Garden of Remembrance with plaques to the fallen in both wars, if that is feasible & generally agreed upon.

I would like to know re

1) to-day.

M.C. 24/ii

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ADDRESS.

HE.

I know nothing of this &
all. I can take the opportunity
to attend the top of which I
spoke to G. E. ~~last~~

ABE
24.2

In that case we let it stand as,
no question of transfer of T of Society to
Falklands Memorial site but I think rather
suggestion as regards Garden of Remembrance for
those who fell in Dawn Plate Battle should
be proceeded with. Unless the Council
proposal has been referred to ^{sponsored by} Genl. LMC/1.

is not intended.

M.C. 25/11 (1)

see opp. p. 10

Open to Bishop

Christ Church Cathedral,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

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Dear Mr. & Mrs. Falkland,

At a special meeting of the Church Council held during the visit of the Bishop, it was resolved without delay to erect a suitable memorial in the Cathedral to the memory of those from our Colony who gave their lives in the Service of their King and Country and in the defence of the cause of Justice and Freedom in the Second World War. For the second time in recent history the Falklands have been the focus of strategic interest, and one of the earliest Naval Victories of the War had a special reference to these islands. Our Memorial should, therefore, embrace not only a Commemoration of that victory, but also our gratitude for the sacrifices of so many others, some of whom are buried in our soil, as well as our thankfulness to Almighty God for the deliverance given to our people.

It is proposed to erect a worthy Memorial Tablet, on which will be inscribed the names of those from the Colony who made the Supreme Sacrifice; and to press forward plans for the improvement of the Cathedral, a scheme initiated by Dean Stanley Smith, as an expression of our Thanksgiving for Victory; and we earnestly invite your generous contributions towards the realisation of this Memorial.

Donations to the Memorial Fund may be sent to the Honorary Treasurer, Christ Church Cathedral, Stanley.

Yours very faithfully,

R. G. R. Calvert, (*Chaplain.*)

R. H. Hamford,

S. Bennett, (*Church Wardens.*)

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ME.

3 is relevant to § 1 of 1. It is the first I have heard about it.

2. This seems a purely private affair between Mr. Calvert, the Church Council, the Congregation. It purports to be non-denominational (K & 3) but the non-denominational reference is the 'Cross of Sacrifice' (as to Sh. p. see 0085 submitted separately).

3. I suggest that individuals reply to 3 as their conscience

dictates, that Govt. proceeds with
 a scheme for adding names of those
 who fell in the 1939-45 war to
 the plinth of the 'Cross of Sacrifice':
 • like J.E.'s scheme about a Garden
 of Remembrance near the F.I. Gate
 Memorial. As to this. — ? P.R.C.
 first - see their reactions?

A.B.L.
 28.2.47

Agree throughout.

the 28/ii

ME

mentions his at P.R.C. to-day
 • the position of Govt. was clearly
 understood. agreed to.

A.B.L.
 17.3.47

Further action in 0085

On Wednesday January 22nd when he was broadcasting a farewell message to the Colony the Bishop of the Falkland Islands read to you the following letter:-

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Since then the letter has been printed and most of you will have received a copy. We addressed a copy to every home in Stanley and we have also sent some to each Camp Settlement. I would like to say at this stage that we do trust that the managers will pardon our presumption in sending the letters to them and we do hope that they will help us in making the appeal known to their people. You have always been very helpful to me in the organization of the Earl Haig Poppy Appeal which I have had the honour to arrange the last two years. We shall record the names of all those from this Colony who gave their lives in this last struggle for Justice and Freedom. But we want our Memorial, which is also a token of our Thanksgiving for Victory and Peace to be something really worthy and useful. It is for that reason that we suggest continuing the schemes that have gone forward ever since the Cathedral was built to make it even more beautiful. This I know would have been very close to the hearts of two priests who are now very well remembered here; Dean Brandon in whose time the Cathedral was actually built, and Dear Stanley Smith to whose inspiration we owe the beautiful oak work in the Chancel. How much we can do and exactly what it shall be depends entirely on the response to the appeal. As in the first world war there was a noteworthy Naval Engagement and Victory close to these shores in the first few months of the war; let us humbly thank Almighty God that these islands were never occupied by the enemy and that we were spared actual fighting and Air Raids; I believe that perhaps only those who saw something of these things first-hand can really know what they meant. It seems ^{now} almost a dream to recall the blitz, the London Air Raid sirens, the ~~rockets~~ guns, the rocket-batteries which sent up scores of rockets at a time, the heart-rending scream of falling bombs and what I think most of us dreaded most of all the incendiaries which might at any moment envelope one in a mass of flames. Then the visits to the scene of actual incidents, people one knew alive but mutilated almost beyond recognition. You say we must forget these things, perhaps we should, but it is good for us to remember at times if only as a spur to renewed thanksgiving for our own safety and to do our part in prayer and work for future peace. The West End of London is comparatively untouched, in the City Saint Pauls Cathedral stands in a great open space, we trust that as the city offices rise again the great Cathedral and the faith for which it stands will serve as an inspiration to build on a sure foundation. Further east still lives the real Londoner, the real heart of the Empire, and amidst the docks warehouses, and workshops, their homes night after night were right in the target area, but not one of them would ever have thought of throwing up the sponge, I feel glad I was called to work in the east of London for the remembrance now can be an inspiration to renewed effort for the service of God and His Christ and all that our Holy Religion stands for.

I have asked the Managers if they will kindly allow donations to the War Memorial Appeal Fund to be sent in through the Farm as they so kindly do for the Earl Haig Fund. For those of you who live in Stanley the Cathedral Treasurer is Mr. Lawrence Sedgwick, or you may put your donation in the box in the Cathedral. At a meeting of the Council last week it was thought that you would prefer that subscription lists were not published, but Mr. Sedgwick will of course record in a book all money that passes through his hands. I shall be happy to pass donations on to him myself, as I have already in a number of cases.

Before we proceed on any definite scheme we shall call a meeting to discuss with your ideas; we held two such meetings last year before we authorised the Church Council to draft and send out the Appeal.

*This was held on arrival to my office
for Flow Relief the same day
In the office
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*Office 26/2/47
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