

February, 23, 1901.

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Mr. John M. Manly.

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Chicago, February 21,,1901.

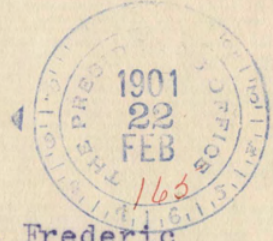
President W. R. Harper,
University of Chicago.

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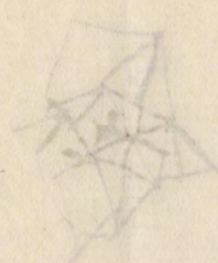
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John M. Murphy



The University of Chicago

Chicago, August 9, 1901

President W. R. Harper

University of Chicago



Dear Sir:

In regard to the celebration of the Millennial of the death of Alfred the Great, I should say that if any local exercises are to be held at all, it will probably be desirable to have them conducted under the auspices of the University, and participated in by representatives of work in English language and literature, in History and in Law. Perhaps an address by some distinguished lawyer at a meeting under the joint auspices of the departments of English and History would meet the requirements of the case. I should be glad, however, to discuss the matter with you further, in case it seems desirable.

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The University of Chicago

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President W.R. Harper

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My dear sir:



I have been unable to learn the exact date at which the supreme Court of the United States resumes its sittings in the fall, but have good reason to believe that it is not until after the first of November. I have, however, spent the last two or three days in company with two of the Board of Trustees, and I judge from some informal remarks of theirs that a majority of the Board of Trustees would be rather inclined to regard any attempt on the part of the University to celebrate the millennial of King Alfred as undesirable, in view of the recent decennial celebration. That they would permit such a celebration if it were strongly recommended by you I have no reason to doubt, but it seems to me that their objections are well grounded, and for my part I should be strongly disposed not to attempt such a celebration, especially as the time left us to prepare for it is scarcely adequate for making proper arrangements.

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Winchester

The Abbey House,
Winchester.



27th July 1901

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Dear Sir,

The Mansion House Committee for the National Commemoration of King Alfred the Great, have thought that as funds are still required for the Colossal Statue and the Commemoration, the Universities invited to be present at Winchester might, if they had the opportunity, wish to make some contribution to the Memorial Fund.

The University of Pennsylvania has already, unsolicited, forwarded us through the American Secretary a Subscription of £100.

Although a similar donation to that of the University of Pennsylvania may not commend itself to your Council, still, any Donation they may like to give, would be gratefully acknowledged by me on behalf of this Committee.

Resting assured that this Letter will receive your kindly and favourable consideration.

I have the honour to remain,

Your very faithful servant,

Alfred Borthwick

Mayor and Honorary Secretary.

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The President,
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Chicago.
U.S.A.*

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Dear Sir,



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City of Winchester
The Mansion House





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I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

Very respectfully,
John D. Rockefeller



CITY OF WINCHESTER.



The Abbey House,
Winchester.
23rd March 1901

Dear Sir,

It has been decided during the ensuing Summer to Commemorate the Millenary of King Alfred the Great—a Celebration which early received the direct approval of Her Most Gracious Majesty Victoria our late Queen and Empress—and on that occasion to unveil the Colossal Statue which has been executed by Mr Hamo Thornycroft R.A.

I am desired by the Executive Committee to ask if you would kindly appoint a representative to attend as a delegate on behalf of your important University at the Meeting of Universities and Learned Societies which will be held in this City in Connection with the Celebration.

The exact date of the Commemoration will be communicated to you as early as possible. The last week in July will probably be decided on.

I have the honour to remain
Your obedient servant

August B. Bowker

Mayor & Honorary Secretary.

P.S. A circular published by the Executive Committee and a list of those Universities which they thought might be considered representative of the United States of America and to whom formal invitations have been issued is sent herewith.

Professor J.W. Bright of Johns Hopkins University is acting as the Honorary Secretary for America and will be pleased to afford all information desired.

The President

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The Mayor
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LIST OF UNIVERSITIES invited to be represented at THE MEETING OF LEARNED SOCIETIES
to be held at the time of the NATIONAL COMMEMORATION OF KING ALFRED THE GREAT.

The Universities of Great Britain, Ireland, and the Colonies.

The following Universities as representing the United States of America—

University of California, Berkeley, California.

University of Chicago, Chicago.

Columbia University, New York.

Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y.

Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.

Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore.

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa.

Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey.

University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Va.

University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin.

Yale University, New Haven, Conn.



THE MANSION HOUSE,
LONDON.

THE THOUSANDTH ANNIVERSARY
OF
KING ALFRED THE GREAT,
1901.

KING ALFRED died (according to the accustomed authorities) in October, 901 A.D., and it has been decided to hold during this year, the Thousandth Anniversary of his Death, a NATIONAL COMMEMORATION of the King to whom this Empire owes so much in many various ways. The antiquity of the Monarchy still held by his descendants has no parallel in Europe, and the traditions which have gathered round his name are those of religion, learning, defence, seamanship, law, and culture. It is hoped that all who use our mother tongue will join, without distinction of creed, race, nation, or party, in honour to one who was at once both Hero and Saint.

Her Most Gracious Majesty our Late Revered Queen
was pleased to signify her approval of the proposal.

It is decided that the City of Winchester, which was the Capital of Wessex, the Royal Residence and Burial Place of the King, shall occupy a prominent position in the celebration.

THE NATIONAL COMMEMORATION AND MEMORIAL.

At a Meeting convened by the Lord Mayor of London at the Mansion House on the 18th of March, 1898, the LORD MAYOR (Sir Horatio Davies, K.C.M.G., M.P.), in the Chair,

It was proposed by the late BISHOP OF LONDON, seconded by the RT. HON. J. BRYCE, M.P., and unanimously resolved, that: "The Thousandth Anniversary of the Death of King Alfred, which occurs in October, 1901, should be celebrated by a National Commemoration."

Among the speakers at the Mansion House, when a National Memorial was also decided on, and the Committee appointed were the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Bishop of Winchester, Lord Wantage, Sir Frederick Pollock, Bart., the Chief Rabbi, Dr. Clifford, Professor Burrows, Mr. Louis Dyer (representing the Chicago Historical Society), and several others.

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 gical Institute)
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Important Committees have also been formed in America to co-operate in the forthcoming Commemoration.

Prof. J. W. Bright, of Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, U.S.A., is the Honorary Secretary for the United States.

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THE HONORABLE THE WARDEN OF MERTON COLLEGE, OXFORD



At a Meeting of the General Committee at the Mansion House, held on the 3rd November, 1898, it was unanimously resolved:—

“That the National Memorial decided on at the Mansion House Meeting of March 18th shall be at Winchester, and consist of a Statue of King Alfred, and a Hall to be used as an Educational Museum of Early English History.”

The Site considered most appropriate for the Statue has been given by the unanimous vote of the Corporation of Winchester for that purpose.

A Meeting of Delegates and Representatives from Learned Societies will be held in that City at the time of the Commemoration, and will form an important part of the Celebration.

Arrangements having been made with Messrs. A. and C. Black, of Soho Square, London, a book has been published, entitled “Alfred the Great,” with a view to diffusing public knowledge of the King’s life and work. Copies may be obtained through all Booksellers. The proceeds are given to the Fund.

The British Museum Authorities have announced their intention of holding an exhibition of objects pertaining to the Alfred period during the Summer.

The Lords of the Admiralty have decided to name a first-class cruiser of 14,000 tons, which is now in course of construction, “The King Alfred.”

Several other suggested means of Commemoration are before the Committee, and receiving their consideration, including a Military Review, Naval Display, Historic Pageant, or Play, and the Foundation of Scholarships.

It is proposed that the Government be approached with a view to obtaining their co-operation, on which the execution of some of the suggestions still before the Committee obviously depend.

The full-sized plaster cast for the Statue has been made by Mr. Hamo Thornycroft, R.A., and it is hoped that the Memorial will be ready for unveiling by the time of Commemoration, and Funds are now needed that the work may not be delayed. A complete list of Subscribers will be published on completion of the project. It is estimated that a further sum of £2000 will be required in order to complete the Statue.

Subscriptions are invited, and may be forwarded to The Right Hon. The Lord Mayor of London, the Mansion House, to the Treasurer, The Rt. Hon. Lord Avebury (c/o Messrs. Robarts, Lubbock, and Co., 15, Lombard Street, London), or will be received by any of the following Banks:—The Bank of England, and other principal Banks; or may be forwarded to The Right Worshipful The Mayor of Winchester, Guildhall, Winchester.

ÆLFRED was born at Wantage, in Berkshire, in 849, the fourth and youngest son of King Æthelwulf, by Osburgha, both of the race of Cerdic. As a child he was taken to Rome; and there Pope Leo IV. “hallowed him King, and took him for his Bishop-son.” His youth was a time of calamity: the work of his grandfather, Ecgberht, and the overlordship of the King of Wessex, were gone. The Northmen overran the east, north, and centre of our island, and, penetrating into Berkshire, compelled the men of Wessex to fight for their existence. They came no longer in raids, but with organised armies, seeking to conquer and settle in new lands. Ælfred’s three elder brothers reigned in succession, and all died young; and in 871, at the age of twenty-two, he became King of Wessex.

In that year “nine great battles were fought with the Danes south of the Thames, besides raids.” But the King, fighting desperately for many years, and often victorious, was reduced to great extremity in a corner of Wessex. At last, issuing from his fastness at Athelney, in Somersetshire, he won a signal victory at Ethandune. The Danish Chief, Guthorm, accepted baptism; and, by the Peace of Wedmore, in 878, the Danes were settled in the East, and the safety of Wessex was finally secured. The settlement of the Northmen and their conversion to Christianity left the young King free to organise his Saxon kingdom. He divided it into military districts, and formed the rudiments of a regular militia. He built a fleet of ships to defend the coasts; and, though from time to time he had to wage war both by sea and land against powerful enemies, he effectually defended his West Saxon realm, securing its progress and prosperity, and established its practical supremacy over England.

Splendid as was the valour by which the youthful Hero had saved his people and his religion from the heathen, his career as a civil ruler was even more important. During his whole reign he exhibited an intense and many-sided activity; for he practically directed the entire life of his people—military, administrative, judicial, industrial, artistic, intellectual, and religious. He sent ships on voyages of discovery to the North Sea and Baltic, and despatched many missions to Rome, and one to the Far East. He made Winchester a centre of intelligence, art, and culture; he encouraged foreign traders, and brought over continental artificers and artists; he invited learned men from Wales, Mercia, France, and Germany; he founded schools, abbeys, and churches; he rebuilt London, which had been depopulated by the Danes; and sought to revive the commerce of the Thames.

Zeal for good government, justice, and culture is the distinguishing note of his character, together with an almost universal activity and openness of mind. He busied himself with various mechanical contrivances, with building a new type of cruiser, with a collection of national poems, and with Church ritual. He re-organised the local government and the administration of justice, and compiled a book of the ancient and customary laws of Angles, Saxons, and Jutes, prefacing the whole with the commandments of the Old and New Testament. He not only encouraged learning and the education of his people, but himself translated, or superintended the translation of, several Latin works: the paraphrase of *Boethius* being to a great extent original meditations. He is in a real sense the founder of English prose literature, as he was one of the chief founders of English national life; and Professor Freeman justly called him “the model Englishman,” and describes him as the only perfect man of action recorded in history.

After a reign of nearly thirty years Ælfred died in his 52nd year, according to current reckoning, in 901. Recent research has made it probable that his death took place one or two years earlier. But the experts have not yet positively agreed on the exact date; and, as the year 1901 had been previously adopted for the commemoration, the Committee declined to change it for a chronological problem still unsettled. The King was originally buried in the Old Minster of Winchester, his ordinary residence, and the seat of his government. His tomb was ultimately removed to Hyde Abbey, the remains of which are still visible in that ancient city. And on this ground it has been decided to raise a Memorial Statue to the only King whom Englishmen have named “The Great,” in the city where he lived, and where his dust has rested for a thousand years.

The Honorary Secretary will be pleased to forward authorized collecting cards to persons willing to collect small sums for the National Fund.

Communications should be addressed to "The Rt. Worshipful The Mayor of Winchester, Guildhall, Winchester."