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NATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
FOR
PHYSICAL TRAINING
AND RECREATION

MEETING & RECEPTION
IN GUILDHALL

THURSDAY 17TH FEBRUARY 1958.



IN WORK OR PLAY
FITNESS WINS!





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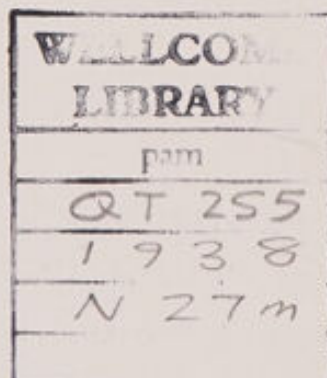
THE RIGHT HON. THE LORD MAYOR, SIR HARRY TWYFORD.

COL. RICHARD WILLIAM EATON, T.D., Alderman	} <i>Sheriffs</i>
MAJOR WILLIAM HENRY CHAMPNESS, Deputy	

EDWARD HERBERT ANNING, *Chairman of Reception Committee.*

By nature honest, by experience wise

Healthy by temperance and by exercise.—POPE.



THE NATIONAL FITNESS COUNCIL

IN February 1937 the Prime Minister appointed two National Advisory Councils for physical training and recreation, one for England and Wales and one for Scotland, to advise His Majesty's Government on matters relating to the maintenance and improvement of the physical well-being of the people by means of exercise and recreation.

At the same time, two Grants Committees were appointed to recommend the award of financial assistance from public funds towards the capital cost of facilities for physical recreation, towards the training and supply of teachers and leaders, and for other similar purposes.

In England and Wales, the Chairman of the Advisory Council is the Right Hon. Lord Aberdare, and of the Grants Committee Sir Henry Pelham, and these two bodies are now described jointly as "The National Fitness Council."

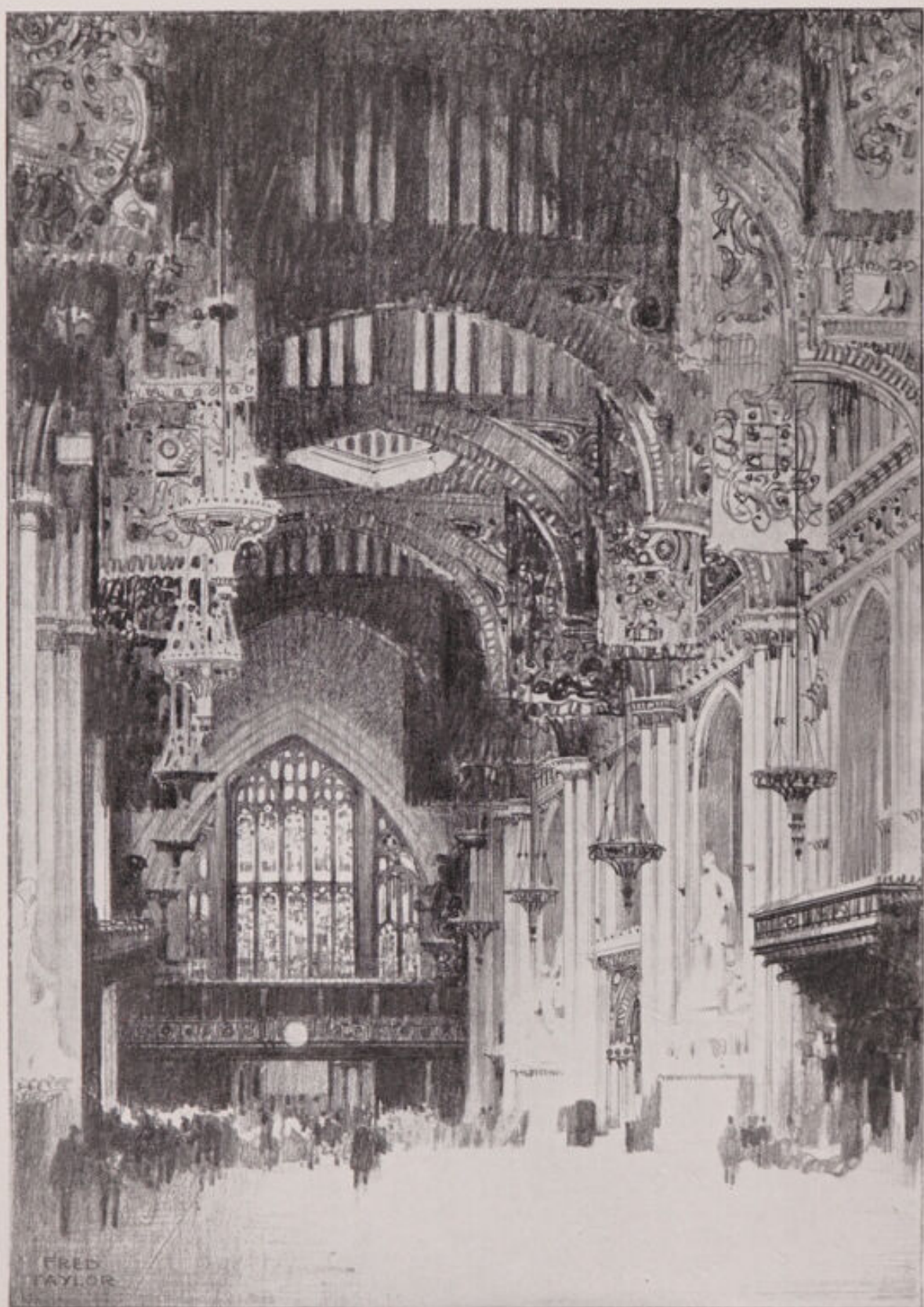
The necessity for a close and personal contact between the National Fitness Council and Local Authorities and Voluntary Organisations throughout the country has been realised from the beginning, and in accordance with the provisions of the Physical Training and Recreation Act, 1937, twenty-two Area Committees consisting of persons engaged in public and voluntary service, together with others specially qualified to advise upon physical and recreational problems, have been established.

The duties laid on these Committees are to direct public interest to the value of physical training and recreation, to encourage the promotion of local schemes for the provision of buildings, playing fields, equipment and leaders, and to examine and report on all applications for grant-aid from their respective areas.

The aim of the Council is to assist Local Authorities and Voluntary Organisations throughout the country, to encourage and strengthen all forms of efforts which promote active exercise, and so contribute to the well-being of the individual and the welfare of the community.

Grants are now being allocated towards the provision of facilities for the training of teachers and leaders, and to help national organisations to develop a higher standard of physical fitness throughout their membership.

The success of this nation-wide effort to point the way to Fitness depends largely on the extent to which people show an active desire for better facilities and a readiness to work together for their establishment. The humblest village cricket club, the national organisation with the largest membership, and every Local Authority has something to contribute, and without the help of all full success cannot be won.



GUILDHALL

A healthy body is the guest-chamber of the soul, a sick—its prison.—BACON.

PROGRAMME

IN THE GUILDHALL

THE RIGHT HON. THE LORD MAYOR

AND THE LADY MAYORESS

accompanied by the Sheriffs of the City of London and their Ladies

WILL RECEIVE GUESTS FROM 8.20 P.M.

At 9.15 p.m. Meeting in connection with the work of
the National Fitness Council, at which

THEIR MAJESTIES THE KING & QUEEN
will be present.

His Majesty the King has been pleased to intimate that
he will address the company.

DURING THE RECEPTION
AND AFTER THE MEETING

A PROGRAMME OF MUSIC

WILL BE PERFORMED BY

THE ROYAL ARTILLERY BAND

(By kind permission of the Officers, Royal Artillery)

Conductor : Lieut. O. W. Geary, M.B.E., A.R.C.M. (Director of Music, Royal Artillery)



Life is not to be alive, but to be well.—MARTIAL.

NATIONAL FITNESS CONTINGENT, LORD MAYOR'S PROCESSION, 1937

THE LIBRARY

The Library will be open after the departure of Their Majesties the King and Queen and an Exhibition of Ancient City Charters and Manuscripts from the Corporation Records Office and Guildhall Library will be on view.

CHARTERS

- WILLIAM I—Charter of Liberties. Written in Anglo-Saxon. Undated.
(Seal of William I recently discovered.)
In the same case is a grant by William I to his man, Deorman, of a hide of land at Gyddesdune, co. Essex. Undated.
- HENRY II—Charter of Liberties. Undated.
- RICHARD I—Charter of Liberties. 1194.
- JOHN—Charter of Liberties. 1199.
- JOHN—Charter granting to the citizens of London the Shrievalty of London and Middlesex. 1199.
- JOHN—Charter granting to the citizens of London the right to elect their Mayor. 1215.

MANUSCRIPTS AND BOOKS

including

- Liber De Antiquis Legibus circa 1274.
Contains the text and music of "The Prisoner's Prayer," text in Norman French, with an early English translation: musical notes adapted to the French only.
- Liber Customarum—Compiled from the City's Letter-Books circa 1324.
- Liber Albus—Compiled by John Carpenter, Town Clerk, 1419.
- Liber de Assisa Panis—13th Century.
- Cartæ Antiquæ—15th Century.
- The Great Chronicle of London, 1189-1512.
- The Chronicles of the Kings of France, 1399.
- Missal—Formerly belonging to the Church of St. Botolph, Aldersgate. 15th Century.
- Signature of William Shakespeare—Attached to a deed of purchase of a house in Blackfriars, March 10, 1612-13.
- Metrical Version of the Bible, by Peter de Riga. 13th Century. This volume formed part of the "Common Library" at Guildhall founded by Richard Whittington.
- A volume containing the autographs of the Lord Mayors of London with their armorial bearings, 1659-1937.
- The following will also be on view:*
- LONDON'S ROLL OF FAME, containing autographs of distinguished persons to whom the Honorary Freedom of the City has been presented.
- The Jewelled Sceptre—Shaft, Anglo-Saxon; head, 15th Century.
- The City Purse—Its history unknown; possibly Elizabethan or early 17th Century.
- The Sword of Honour presented by the Corporation of London to Admiral Lord Nelson in commemoration of the victory of the Nile, 1798.

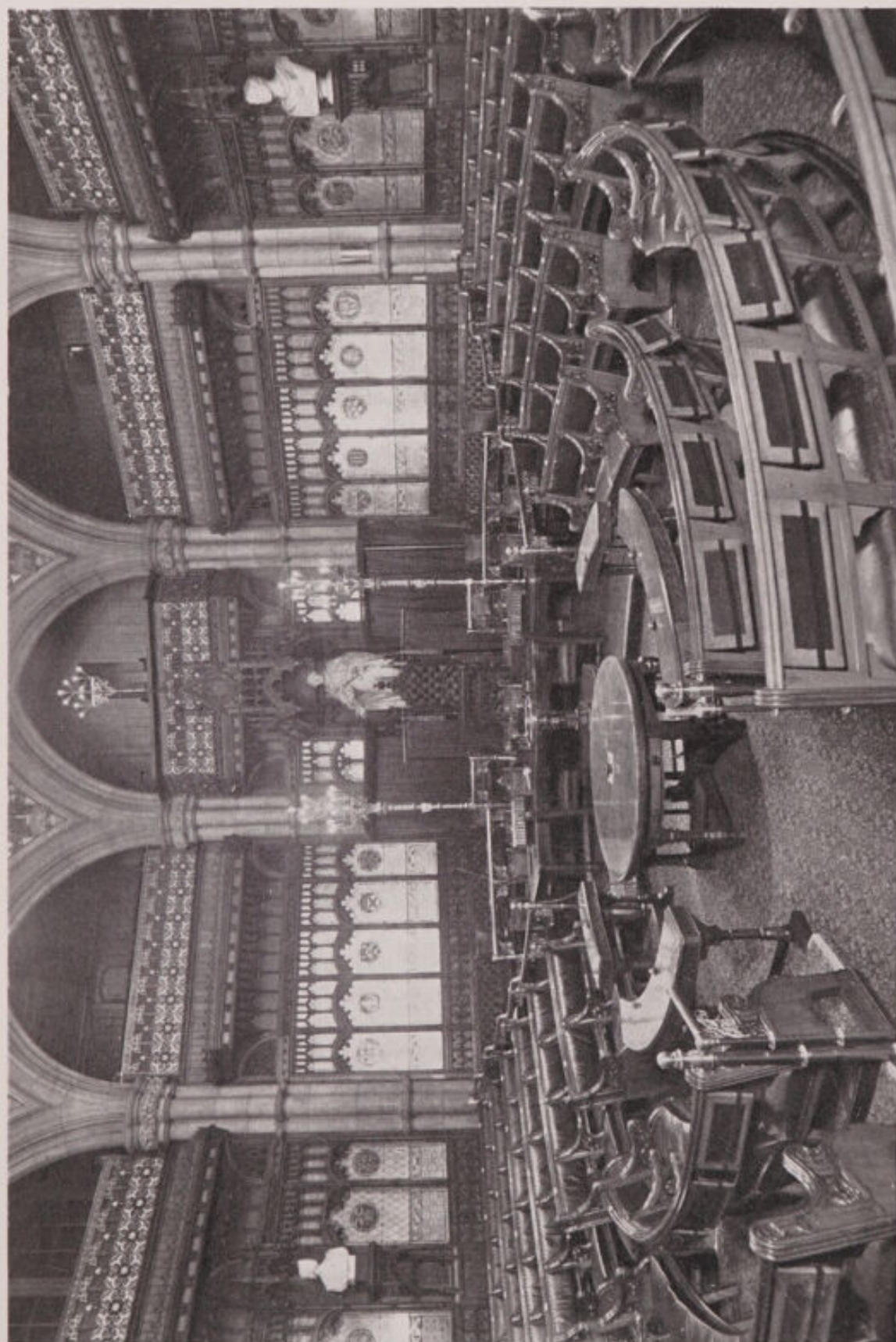
A PROGRAMME OF MUSIC

WILL BE PERFORMED BY

THE STRING BAND OF
THE HONOURABLE ARTILLERY COMPANY

(By kind permission of The Col. Commandant,
Colonel The Earl Fortescue, M.C.)

Director of Music . . . Albert H. McPherson, A.R.C.M.



THE COUNCIL CHAMBER

IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER

from 9.40 p.m. to 11.30 p.m.

DISPLAY OF CINEMATOGRAPH FILMS

ON THE ACTIVITIES OF

THE NATIONAL FITNESS COUNCIL

THE ART GALLERY

The Art Gallery will be open after the departure
of Their Majesties the King and Queen and the
Corporation's Collection of Works of Art will be on view

There will also be displayed

A SELECTION OF MANSION HOUSE PLATE

by permission of the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor
and a Series of Photographs relating to the work of
The National Fitness Council

Exercise and temperance can preserve something of our early strength even in old age.—CICERO.

BUFFET REFRESHMENTS

WILL BE SERVED FROM 9.40 O'CLOCK IN
THE CRYPT under the Council Chamber

THE LIBRARY NEWSPAPER ROOM

The ANCIENT CRYPT adjoining the Museum

The NEW COURT ROOM

The PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT COMMITTEE ROOM

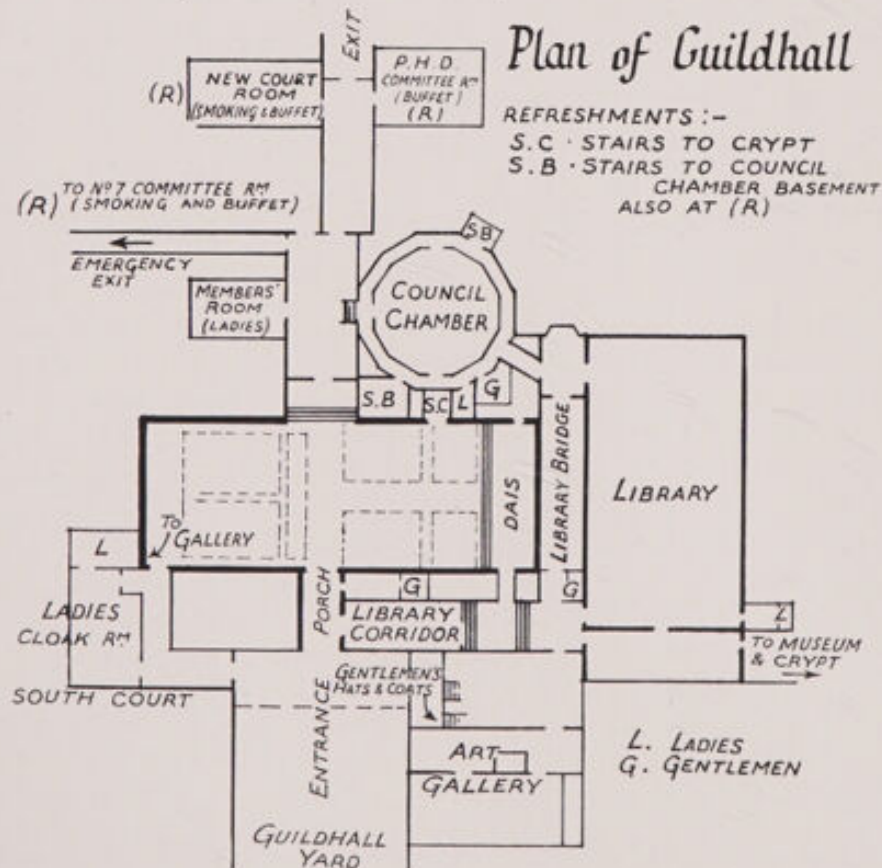
and No. 7 COMMITTEE ROOM

Note.—Smoking will be permitted in the last three of the above-mentioned rooms.

THE COURT OF ALDERMEN ROOM

will be open throughout the evening

THE MUSEUM adjoining the Ancient Crypt will be open, and
the City's Collection of Antiquities will be on view



It will conduce to the general comfort and convenience if Guests, when circulating through the Building, will "KEEP TO THE RIGHT" and follow the route indicated by the Cards which are conspicuously exhibited.

GUILDHALL

THE site of the ancient Guildhall or the land adjoining has been consecrated to civic government for more than one thousand years. Though no part of the present buildings is of such antiquity, considerable portions date back to the early years of the fifteenth century, when a new Guildhall was erected slightly to the east of the ancient buildings. Naturally the Crypt was begun first, the traditional date being A.D. 1411. The eastern portion of it stands to-day practically as it was completed. With its fine proportions, elegant clustered columns of Purbeck marble and graceful vaulting, the Crypt holds a notable place among similar medieval structures.

The Great Hall appears to have been completed about 1440, the latest part being the porch. Towards the expenses contributions were received from the Livery Companies and gifts and legacies from private citizens. Among the benefactors was Richard Whittington, the famous Mayor, whose executors paid over what were then large sums for the purpose of glazing the windows, and paving the Hall with Purbeck marble. In the Great Fire of 1666, the medieval roof was destroyed, though the walls, thirty feet high, and the whole of the Porch remained. On the blackened columns the line of the fire can still be seen. The vaulting of the Porch is richly groined and the principal intersecting ribs are enriched with sculptured bosses bearing the arms of Edward the Confessor and Henry VI. In 1864, the flat and incongruous roof of the Hall was replaced by an open roof corresponding in style with the original design. At each end, occupying the entire width of the Hall, are magnificent stained glass windows and along the north and south walls are placed at intervals monuments to Lord Nelson, the Earl of Chatham, the Duke of Wellington and William Pitt.

The new Council Chamber was erected in 1883-4, on the site of the old Council Chamber of Stuart times. The building is dodecagonal in design and provides accommodation for the Lord Mayor, 2 Sheriffs, 25 Aldermen, and 206 Common Councilmen in addition to the City Officers. The visitor who stands on the south side of the Chamber is close to the spot where, on 5th January 1642, Charles the First demanded from the Common Council the surrender of the Five Members of Parliament—an event famous both in national and civic history.

The Aldermen's Court Room, built early in the 17th century and restored between 1670 and 1680 is an attractive example of the richly decorative style of the period. The allegorical paintings on the ceilings, representing the City of London, Prudence, Justice, Temperance and Fortitude, were executed and presented by Sir James Thornhill. Around the walls are shields containing the arms of Lord Mayors.

The first Library was founded by the executors of Richard Whittington and William Bury in 1425. The books belonging to this Library are said to have been borrowed by Lord Protector Somerset and never returned. Only one of the volumes is now in Guildhall. The present Library building was completed in 1873 and includes a main reading room, a newspaper and directory room, and a Committee Chamber, while the basement is utilised for a Museum. The Library is particularly rich in books, prints and manuscripts relating to the history and topography of London. The Museum is entirely devoted to London antiquities and one of the most striking objects is a Roman mosaic pavement in almost perfect preservation which was found near the Mansion House. The collection receives constant additions as excavations are made for new buildings within the City.

The City's own records, in the custody of the Town Clerk, are regarded as the most complete series of municipal documents in existence and cover the period from the Norman Conquest to the present day. The Records Office contains a research room for students and facilities are freely granted for consulting the muniments.

SPECIAL RECEPTION COMMITTEE

The Rt. Hon. the LORD MAYOR

Sir Harry Twyford

CHAIRMAN

Edward Herbert Anning

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Col. Sir T. Vansittart Bowater, Bt., M.P.
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Major William Henry Champness, <i>Deputy</i>	



