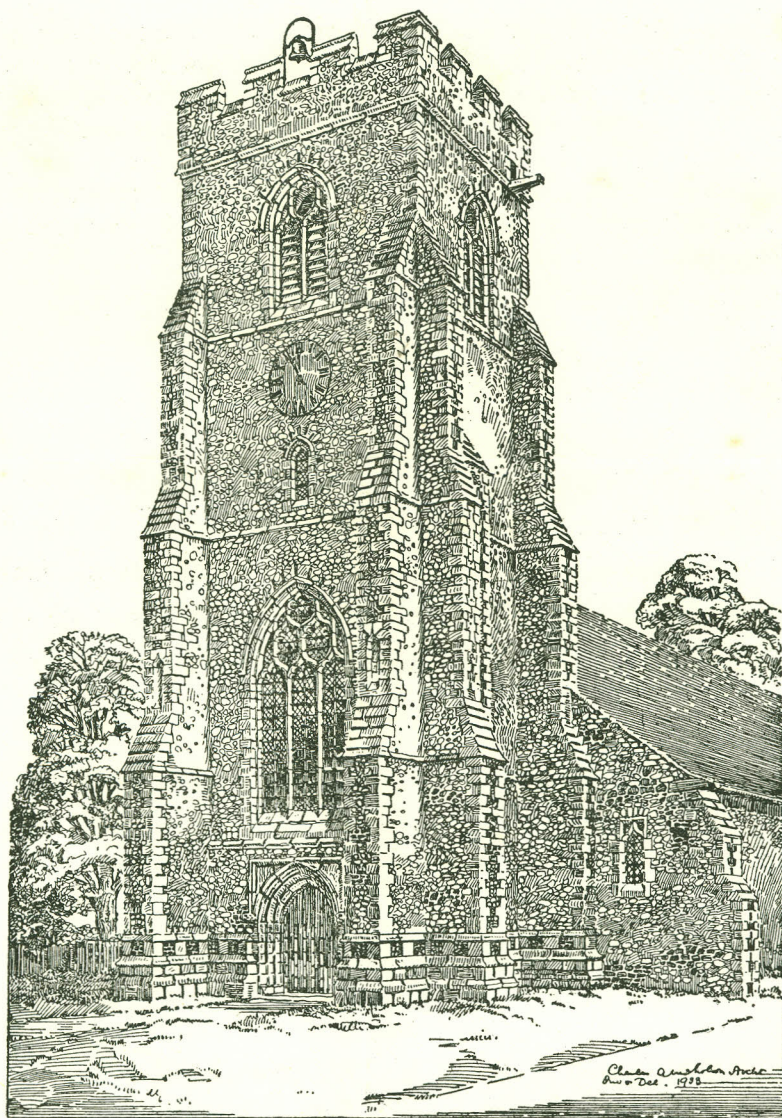


HARVEY MEMORIAL.

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From time to time donations come in for the Harvey Memorial Fund, and Restoration of the fallen Hempstead Church Tower. The sum of £1,015, has been raised, including dividends on invested capital, from which certain expenses have been paid. We hope soon to have in hand £1,000 clear; when together with the stone on the spot, valued as it has been at £3,000, our total capital towards the rebuilding will stand at £4,000. Having proceeded thus far we must not look back. We shall need another £3,000 to £4,000 to complete the task thoroughly; but another £1,000 would in all probability enable us to begin, and even carry the work more than half way. The pioneer work of William Harvey, Physician, Discoverer of the Circulation of the Blood, "at the mention of whose name the whole Academy of Medicine rise up," has been of so great value to the Medical World, and to mankind in general, that the failure to restore the Tower of the Church which enshrines his mortal remains is a crying scandal both to the Medical Profession, and to those who should be thankful for the blessing of Health. We appeal confidently to Medical men, to Surgeons, to the Matrons and Nurses of our Hospitals, and to the whole lay community for generous support of this worthy object. As a thank offering donations will be gratefully received. Kindly forward same, large or small, to Rev. T. P. Conyers Barker, The Vicarage, Hempstead, Saffron Walden, Essex.

Rebuilding of the Tower
of Hempstead Church, Essex.
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DOCTOR WILLIAM HARVEY, 1578-1657, Member, Censor, Lecturer, and Treasurer of the College of Physicians, 1604-1656. Graduated at Caius College, Cambridge, as a B.A., in 1597. Graduated at Padua, as Doctor of Physic, 1602, and obtained Degree of Doctor of Medicine, Cambridge, 1602. Physician of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, 1609-1643. Physician Extraordinary to King James I. Physician in Ordinary to King Charles I. Doctor of Physic, Oxford, 1642. Was Warden of Merton College, Oxford, 1645. Was President elect of the College of Physicians, 1654, but filled the office of one of the Consilarii in preference, 1654-1656. Demonstrated the Circulation of the Blood and founded modern medical method and practice.

He was buried at Hempstead Church, 1657, under the Harvey Chapel, built by members of his family, to become the resting place of themselves and their descendants, several of them distinguished persons. The shell containing his remains was moved in 1883 by the intervention of the Royal College of Physicians into a sarcophagus erected in the body of the Chapel, [at the expense of members] whose walls are decorated by monuments to himself and others of his name and blood.



Donations from you are earnestly solicited by the Committee whose aim is to raise a sum of about £2000 to complete the Hempstead Church Tower now in course of rebuilding, to the Memory of William Harvey.

BUILDING COMMITTEE OFFICERS :

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FUNDS in hand and guaranteed, amounting to £3000 do not unfortunately provide for the cost of the Ringing Room and Belfry shewn in the reproduced Architect's (Sir Chas. Nicholson) drawing, but only for that part which ends a few feet above the large window, and it is for this reason that a supplementary appeal is made to you.

The original tower 550 years old fell on Saturday night January 28th, 1882, the bulk of the stone and flint, also the valuable bells, falling in the churchyard, where to-day they are being recovered and replaced by the contractors, thus cutting the cost of the contract by a considerable sum.

From 1882 the raising of restoration funds has been constant, damage to the fabric of the old Church was made good and the West front was bricked up and supported by temporary buttresses. Reserves were banked and invested for the day of the tower's rebuilding. In 1923, members of the Royal College of Physicians took up this task and a powerful Committee was formed to raise funds and to plan. In 10 years £2400 became the figure of cash in hand, and £600 of conditional grants.

The Committee felt justified this year in sanctioning the commencement of the work.

Will you kindly do all in your power to assist them in bringing it to a successful conclusion. Members of the Medical profession have largely contributed and non-members have shewn great desire to help them. The work of reconstruction is well forward to-day, the ugly brick wall removed showing a beautiful arch, and the walls built to 10 feet above the foundations.

The Foundation Stone, inscribed to the memory of William Harvey will be laid on July 7th by The Right Hon. Lord Dawson of Penn, G.C.V.O., K.C.B., K.C.M.G., supported by members of the Royal College of Physicians, The Bishop of Colchester (representing Chelmsford) and the Committee.

A visit to Hempstead Church to attend this ceremony or at any other convenient time would impress you with sympathy in the scheme and with a sense of the pity of a halt in the full reconstruction of the beautiful tower designed, a replica of that which fell over 50 years ago.

The Contractors are Messrs. Cornish and Gaymer, Limited, North Walsham, Norfolk.

Donations may be sent to the Treasurer or to the Vicar of Hempstead, Rev. T. P. CONYERS BARKER, The Vicarage, Hempstead, Saffron Walden, Essex, crossed Harvey Memorial Fund.

