

sister of the said William, remainder to Elizabeth Sawnder, then to Richard Sawnder, brother of the said Elizabeth and his heirs. The residue to Alyce my wife, executrix, Raffe White and John Durante, executors.

Witnesses, Sir William Symmes, parishe preste of Saint Laurance, Richard Cloche, Raffe Millington, Will'm White, John Punsar.

Proved at Lamehith 25 Jan., 1496.

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THAMES PRESERVATION LEAGUE.

1, GREAT COLLEGE STREET,
WESTMINSTER, S.W.

7th, September, 1900.

SIR,

Will you permit us, through the medium of your paper, to draw attention to the work and objects of the Thames Preservation League.

The League is an organisation composed of representatives of a number of Open Space, Right of Way, Natural History, Aesthetic, and Historical Societies, together with various Rowing, Swimming and Fishing Clubs, delegates from Riparian towns, and members of the public interested in matters affecting the River Thames and its borders.

During recent years, cases involving the maintenance of public rights over the banks of the river, on its backwaters, and in the valley generally, have arisen with alarming frequency; it has also been apparent that something further was needed than the deterrent influence of the Thames Conservancy Board, to educate a certain class of the community to make use of the river without

injuring its amenities, or interfering with its enjoyment by others, and to respect both public and private rights.

The objects of the League are, generally, the preservation for the national enjoyment of the existing public rights and privileges in the Thames, and so far as possible, of its tributaries, with its backwaters, towpaths, ferries, landing-places, ancient buildings and features of natural beauty.

The League has further set before itself the consideration, with a view to the prevention of the disfigurement of the river, of all proposals for buildings, bridges and other works affecting the Thames; the prevention of pollution, and the preservation of the native Flora and Fauna of the river.

It will thus be seen that the League should prove a useful accessory to the legally constituted guardians of the river, and its objects should win for it the unanimous support of the Riparian owners, who are personally concerned in the maintenance of all that adds to the beauty, dignity, and interest of their surroundings.

The restful reaches of the river, the quiet charm of its backwaters, its grassy banks and sylvan scenery, its historic associations, the opportunity it affords for healthful recreation, and the fact that it is becoming more and more the pleasure resort of the Metropolis, all go to make the preservation of the natural beauty and of the public rights and privileges in the Thames valley, matters of national importance.

We trust therefore, that those of your readers who are in sympathy with the objects of the League will support its work, either by acting as local correspondents, or by becoming subscribers.

Further particulars will be gladly given on application to the Secretary.

We are, Sir,

Your obedient Servants,

LAWRENCE W. CHUBB,	{ <i>Hon. Secs.</i>
BASIL HOLMES,	
R. PERCY STEPHENSON,	

Secretary.