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The Rev. H.J. Hutchesson

Sept 12. At the Rectory House of St. Alphege, Palace Street, Canterbury aged 80, the Rev. Henry John Hutchesson.

From The Gentlemen's Magazine 1863 July to Dec - "Clergy Deceased" - At St. Alphege Rectory, Canterbury, the Rev. Henry J. Hutchesson, M.A.

The deceased was one of the five children of the Rev. Thomas Hutchesson, Rector of Elmstone, Vicar of Northbourne, and perpetual Curate of Shoulden in the county of Kent, by his second wife, Elizabeth Beale, daughter of the Rev. John Pery a clergyman who, though holding a benefice near Maidstone, resided chiefly at Knowle, as the intimate friend of the Duke and Duchess of Dorset. The eldest brother of the deceased, General Thomas Hutchesson (born January 11, 1781), and his youngest brother Francis Pery Hutchesson M.D. (born April 4, 1784), died some years ago leaving behind them the character of distinguished men in their respective professions. His two sisters, Misses Elizabeth and Jane Hutchesson, the eldest and youngest children of their respective parents still survive.

The deceased was born at Northbourne, November 26, 1782, and was baptized on the following day. His family having removed to Canterbury on his father's decease (November 3, 1789), he was entered on the books of the King's School in that city in the year 1791, at the age of nine years, under the care of the learned and reverend Christopher Naylor, M.A. and the amiable and reverend John Francis M.A., the then Head and Under Masters of the school. In 1800 he became, as a Tancred Scholar, a member of Jesus College, Cambridge. In 1804 he took the degree of B.A. but was not created M.A. till 1812. On the 13th of January in that year he was elected to one of the Fellowships founded by Mr. Philpot for natives of Kent in Clare Hall, Cambridge. He was ordained deacon at Lambeth on December 22, 1805, by Archbishop Manners-Sutton, and by the same prelate was admitted into the priesthood in Canterbury Cathedral on September 24, 1809. He was licensed to the Curacy of St. Alphege and St. Mary Northgate, with the Chaplaincy of St. John's Hospital in December 1805; and on April 26, 1806, was appointed Domestic Chaplain to George John Frederick, Duke of Dorset. In 1809 he became Curate of Waldershare and Whitfield, and in April 1812, he accepted the Curacy of Thanington near Canterbury, to which in 1817 he added the Curacy of SS. Cosmas and Damian in the Blean. These later curacies he resigned after a tenure of about 14 years, and retired into unofficial life, residing with his venerable mother (who deceased in 1830) and his sisters in St. Alphege Rectory. His Fellowship at Clare Hall he retained till his

death, so that he was probably connected as Fellow of a College with the University of Cambridge for a longer period than any other Fellow of any College. For a brief period in 1815 he undertook, at the request of the Dean and Chapter, the duties of the Head Mastership of the King's School at Canterbury on the decease of the Rev. Chris Naylor, a position for which as a sound scholar he was well qualified. He had during the two previous years kindly acted as mathematical tutor successively to three pupils viz. the Ret. Rev. Dr. Broughton, Bishop of Sydney and Metropolitan of Australasia, the Rev. George Gilbert, Prebendary of Lincoln, and the Rev. Charles Eaton Plater, Rector of the new church near Romney. By these he was always regarded with affectionate esteem. Although for the last twenty-five years he declined to accept any ecclesiastical duties, he was not uninterested in the affairs of the Church, but was an attentive observer of the changes which have gradually been taking place in the Established Communion, being ever ready to support by his pecuniary and moral influence all measures tending to promote its efficiency. Quietly and unostentatiously he contributed to the funds of these societies which have been formed within the Church on orthodox principles, and was generally one of the first subscribers to the special funds raised for the advancement of religion in the colonial dioceses, having always a particular regard to the province of his dear friend and pupil, Bishop Broughton. During his lifetime he aided in the support of several students at St. Augustine's, recommended to him by the College authorities, and on the day of the consecration of the College chapel he offered the magnificent sum of one thousand pounds sterling for the foundation of a Scholarship for an Australian student in that institution. A few years later he founded another Scholarship in the same College by a donation of one thousand pounds stock to be held by a student from the Clergy Orphan School or in default of such applicant, by any orphan son of any clergyman of the United Church of England and Ireland, of the Episcopal Church in Scotland or of the Colonial Churches.....

After an illness of about a month's duration, Mr. Hutchesson was taken to his rest on the 12th of September in a good old age, deeply regretted by his sisters and by all those who had the privilege of being admitted to his intimate friendship. His mortal remains were deposited in the churchyard of Elmstone, in a grave formed at the south-east angle of the chancel. The mourners were Colonel Powell and Rev. F. Rouch (his executors), Mr. Jenkin (a nephew in law), the Warden of St. Augustine's, Rev. W. Temple, Rector of St. Alphege, Rev. Charles Barlow, Captain Crawley, and P.B. Hallows, Esp. It is the intention of his sisters to place a painted glass window in Elmstone Church to his memory, and a tablet in the crypt of St. Augustine's Chapel. The legacies of a public kind devised by him are as follows:.....