

RESTORATION

Deane Church is Bolton's oldest historic monument. Its influence has been incalculable. It is the spiritual mother of twenty-two parishes, and to countless people it is an inspiration—an oasis of old England in the midst of modern industry. It must be preserved as such.

A recent expert survey of the fabric has revealed defects which the Vicar, Churchwardens and Church Council consider ought to be remedied. Stonework on windows and in other parts of the building needs complete renewal; ancient glass in one large window requires expert removal and restoration; the bells, most of which were cast in 1718, need recasting and rehanging and the frame renewing. For these purposes a restoration appeal is being launched.

The work must be done in a manner worthy of this ancient building. The estimated cost is £7000. Much will be done by Deane parishioners, but the financial burden of this extensive restoration will press heavily on their means. They have done a great deal in recent years to beautify and adorn their church, and this generation's contribution to its precious heritage has been no mean one.

Much more has now to be undertaken and it is felt that there are many outside parochial boundaries who love Deane Church and who will wish to be associated with the restoration and preservation of a place that has meant so much to themselves, their families, and to their town and district. Will you help?