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\_\_\_\_\_ towards the above fund.

To The Secretaries of the  
ELEANOR CROSS PRESERVATION FUND.  
WALTHAM CROSS, HERTS.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

PR B042/57

PR Box 2/107

Waltham Cross



Proposed Preservation  
OF  
**QUEEN ELEANOR'S CROSS**  
**AT WALTHAM.**

⊕ Funds · are ⊕

earnestly solicited

for · the · above

⊕ improvement. ⊕



\* All Cheques \*

to · be · crossed

⊕ · Imperial · ⊕

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AND IMPROVEMENT OF ITS POSITION BY  
**A NEW ROADWAY**  
 BETWEEN IT AND THE FALCON HOTEL.

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**T**HIS Monument supposed to have been designed by Pietro Cavallini, a Roman Sculptor, Painter, Architect, and the founder of Modern Mosaic, was commenced in the year 1291 and completed in 1294, the work having been executed by Alexander of Abingdon, Domenic de Leger of Rheims, and Roger de Crundale. The three beautiful statues of Queen Eleanor standing under the canopies are however the work of William de Ireland, and are considered life-like. The stone was brought from Caen in Normandy. It was erected by order of King Edward I, in memory of his Consort, Queen Eleanor, daughter of Ferdinand III., King of Castile and Leon, whose arms are cut at the lower part of the Cross, as are those of the Countess of Ponthieu, her mother, and those of England.

Her marriage with Prince Edward of England, happily terminated a war waged by her brother, King Alphonsus, surnamed the astronomer, against Henry III., in support of some obsolete claims which the Castilian Monarch laid to the province of Gascony.

It is said she saved the life of her royal husband when she accompanied him to Palestine, by sucking the venom from a wound he had received from a poisoned dagger, and she conferred a further and lasting benefit to this country, by reconciling the malcontent Welshmen, and securing their fealty to her infant son, who became the first English "Prince of Wales," and is ancestor to Her Most Gracious Majesty, Queen Victoria.

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☞ *A small but concise History of the Cross has been published by W. E. Pollard, Herts Guardian Office, Hertford. Price 1d. or post-paid 1½d.*

*A larger and fuller account will shortly be published by Mr. W. Winters, Fellow Royal Historical Society, Churchyard, Waltham Abbey, at a moderate price.*



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