

Who was Who

Rev. S.A. Alexander (1866-1948), who married Lily Hedfern in 1891, launched his scheme for preserving St Paul's in 1913 and raised some £400,000 by appeal.

His plan formed the basis of a Bill passed by Parliament in 1935 to protect the cathedral foundations by a sacred area drawn round the building.

His wife's father, John Hedfern, may have been the eponymous headmaster of the Hampstead Collegiate School in Rosslyn Hill (see 1873 Directory etc.)