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The three windows of the Lady Chapel which were discussed in last month's article are dedicated to William Francis Hodgson, David Henry Simson and Sir Henry Duncan Littlejohn.

William Hodgson's father was a leading member of St Cuthbert's serving as a member of the vestry. He also held the posts of churchwarden and lay representative in the 1930's. The central light of the window is dedicated to their young son who died of scarlet fever in 1921.

I have been unable to discover anything about David Henry Simson who died at the age of 24. The window was a gift to the church from his mother.

Sir Henry Duncan Littlejohn was Edinburgh's first Medical Officer of Health. His report (1866) On the conditions in the Old Town of Edinburgh brought to light the enormous problems which had developed the area. In the late 18th century new suburbs were developed to the south and later to the north (New Town). The spacious flats in the tenements of the Old Town were sub-divided into smaller and smaller flats. One five storeyed tenement in the Cowgate contained 53 rooms. Here lived 170 men, woman and children without a single sink or toilet. Led by Lord Provost William Chambers the Council set out to improve conditions in the Old Town of Edinburgh – a process that was to last a hundred years.

Sir Henry's daughter, Jessie Harvey Littlejohn, married an Episcopal curate called William Perry. After serving as Rector in Alloa, Stirling, Selkirk and Aberdeen Perry was appointed Principal of the Theology College. In 1929 he accepted the posts of Dean of Edinburgh and Rector of St Cuthbert's. Jessie Perry died in 1938 and her name can be seen in our Book of Remembrance.