



The Webster Memorial Altar in the Chapel at Shallowford House Retreat, Stone, Staffordshire

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There is an interesting bit of local history behind the new Webster Memorial Altar at Shallowford House, Staffordshire, a retreat house for the clergy of Lichfield Diocese.

The house was the old family home of Mr Douglas A S Webster, ARIBA, now of Old Wyatts, Seend, Wilts, and was presented to the Diocese of Lichfield for a Retreat House by his late father in 1939 when he retired from business. Previously he was one of the leading figures in the business life of the Potteries, being chairman of Twyford's Ltd, the well known manufacturers of baths and sanitary ware, and a director of the "Staffordshire Sentinel" (Hanley) made famous under the thin disguise of "The Signal" in Arnold Bennett's stories of the Five Towns.

The Diocese built an addition to Shallowford House, including the Chapel, and Mr Webster's mother and family have just given the new altar and other chancel furnishings as a memorial to their relative.

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