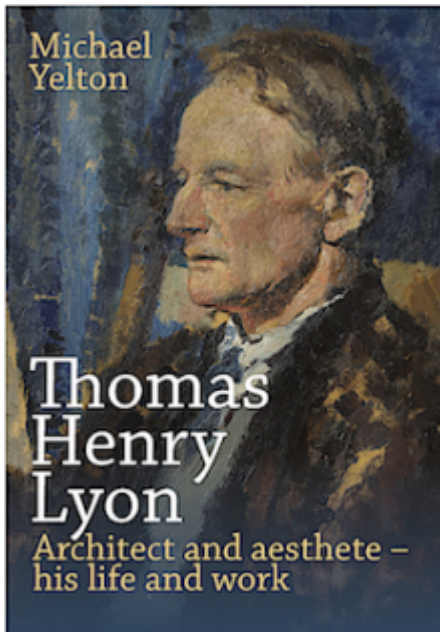


## Lyon, Thomas Henry 1869 - 1953



Thomas Henry Lyon was born in Ilsington, Devon, England 29 May 1869 and studied architecture at the University of Cambridge. He was articled to Watson & Watson in Torquay, Devon and was an improver with [William Douglas Caröe](#). Lyon was a Fellow of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge and was Director of Design at the Cambridge School of Architecture from 1920 to 1936.

A photograph and plan of 'Hellens' in Ilsington, South Devon, designed by Lyon is illustrated in 'Decorative Art' 1928 (p.70). In 1928 the Bromsgrove Guild made wrought-iron gates for the front of the Master's Lodge at Peterhouse, Cambridge, to a design by him.

Lyon was the author of 'The Attribute Proper to Art: "Pure Art Value"'. (London: Selwyn & Blount, 1921) and 'Real Architecture: The Rights and Wrongs of Taste' (Cambridge, England: W. Heffer & Sons, 1932).

He exhibited at the Royal Academy in London between 1897-1923. In 1896 he was awarded the Architectural Association Bronze Medal for Design and was elected a Fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects (FRIBA) in 1926. Lyon's address was given as Middlecott, Ilsington, South Devon in 1939. He died in Devon on 25 January 1953.

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Lyon is principally known for the chapel he designed for Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge (1912-23). Other architectural projects included the Church of St. George in Goodwood, Adelaide, Australia (1903); semi-detached houses in Chaucer Road, Cambridge (1903); 'The Coppice' in Cookham Dene (1904); houses in Ilsington, Devon (1899-1912); the Music Room and Italian Garden at Great Ambrook, Devon (1912); buildings for Corpus Christi College, Cambridge (1914); the restoration of Old Court at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge (1919), a war memorial for King's College Chapel, Cambridge (1921); a lecture room for Peterhouse, Cambridge (1921); a war memorial for Trinity College Chapel (1922); a war memorial for Pembroke College, Cambridge (1923); new buildings for Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge (1924); St. Augustine's Church in Wembley Park, London (1924); nurses quarters at Addenbrooke's Hospital in Cambridge (1924); the Hostel at Peterhouse, Cambridge (1926); and the south chapel at Little St Mary's Church for Peterhouse, Cambridge (1931).

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