

SAVE THE ABBEY AT ALL COSTS

For the Abbey Fund a new idea was supported by the Dean of Westminster. Dr. Don despatched film and stage collectors from a Bond Street store. Out and about in the West End who could turn aside from beauty, even with a collecting-box attached? Meanwhile another money-drawing scheme, the silver mile, is getting longer every day. In the shadow of the Abbey London isn't exactly paved with gold, but silver's the next best thing. ~~The coins are taken up daily, so they went blow away.~~ Round Bond street by this time the collection was now being taken. What Thora Hird heard was the pleasant tinkling of money in the tin. Shani Wallace was making progress; So were other stars and ladies of the chorus. Ethel Revnell soon had them all paying up - or she'd have introduced young Gracie to them. The Fund having topped the half-million mark by the time Dick Bentley checked in, they only wanted another half-million, <sup>7</sup> Dick knew all along how his public would respond to youth and beauty.