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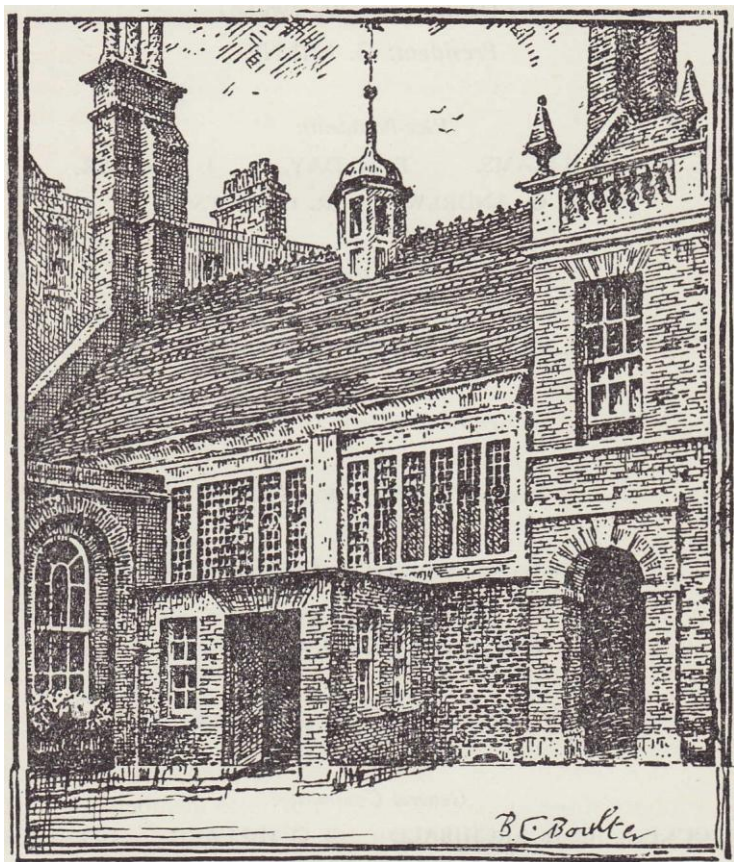
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IBE YEAR 1960-61

THE year 1960-61 will be remembered as "George Milne's year".

For many years now our President has given great service to many sides of the Club's life. He has offered wisdom and humour to the deliberations of the General Committee; as befits a bank manager, he has kept the accounts of the Athletic Association; he has shown keen interest in the Dramatic Club; he is a member of Honor Deo Lodge and finally he has endeared himself to the Cricket Club, and their opponents, with his activities on the cricket field, as the batsman who never had, nor needed, a net, the leg break bowler who knew his own abilities, the fielder in the gully who interrupted the conversation with the slips long enough to hold any number of bot catches and, above all, as the Captain who succeeded in getting the best out of his side and who realised the importance of the social side of his beloved game. We hear that his driving on a golf course is as accurate as his shots past cover used to be.

Remembering their long association on the cricket field, it was only fitting that George should follow his great friend T. W. (Bill) Parker as Club President; we have had two most outstanding years, due, in large measure, to the activities of two Presidents who have given devoted service over many years.

The Club, then, has had another successful year and, as will be seen from the list of "Dates to Remember", another full year is planned for 1961-62, including a new venture, a regional dance at the "Bull's Head," Chislehurst, in March of next year. If this is successful, a further dance on the same lines is planned later for North London. The Entertainments' Secretary, dissatisfied with last year's function, has found a new venue for the Christmas Dance. All the other Club functions are arranged and it is up to members to give full support to as many as possible, if not all.

We have suffered grievous losses during the year 1960-61. Tribute is paid elsewhere in this magazine to G. G. Allen, A. H. Appleyard, George Thomas and C. A. Williams; ten other Old Mercers are no longer with us and we mourn the passing of all these members of the Club as we go forward to the year 1961-62. If we can emulate, in some measure, the devotion and service of such men as G.G., "Apples" and "Tommy", the Club will continue to flourish even though the School which nurtured it has gone.

DATES TO REMEMBER

1961

October 31st, November 1st and 2nd.	"Candida", O.M.D.C. Production, Chanticleer Theatre, South Kensington, S.W.7.
November 10th.	Annual Dinner / Dance, Rembrandt Hotel, S.W.7.
December 15th.	Christmas Dance, Royal Hotel, Russell Square, W.C.1.

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March 7th, 8th, 9th.	O.M.D.C. Production, Chanticleer Theatre.
March 17th.	Regional Dance, "Bulls Head", Chislehurst.
April 6th	Football Club Supper.
May	Annual Dinner, Mercers' Hall.
July 7th	Old Boys' Day, Grove Park.
October 5th	Cricket Club Supper.
October	Annual General Meeting.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I WOULD like to preface my message by saying how much I have enjoyed my year of office. It has been a great privilege to be President of the Club and although it has entailed a great deal of hard work, it has been a most rewarding experience.

I am most grateful to the various officers of the Club, who perform many arduous and usually unsung tasks and who have helped me in very great measure, and also I would like to thank all the members who have given me their support.

During the past year I have written and received literally hundreds of letters and although I have tried to reply to all, there have been occasions when this has been impossible. I extend my apologies to any who may have felt they should have had a personal note from me.

I was particularly fortunate to have the B. C. Boulter Presentation during my year and a special report on this follows later in the Magazine. This brought forth a great spate of correspondence from many of the older members of the Club, who seemed to vie with each other in producing the most amusing or original reminiscences. At times such as these one realises how close we all are together.

The great moment of the year is the Annual Dinner and the present setting in Mercers' Hall is magnificent. It is indeed an experience to take part in one of these gatherings and I do urge all younger Old Mercers to make special efforts to attend.

I said during my speech at the Dinner that the Club was in good heart. I see no reason to qualify this statement. Most activities are well attended, although we could always do with more support. This year, in addition to the usual functions, the Athletic Association is holding a Golf Meeting, and if this is a success, we will make it an annual event for the whole Club.

Next year we have arranged the first regional dance at Chislehurst, and if this is well supported, a similar dance will be held in North London.

Taking a broad view, we have a remarkable variety of activities and it is a tribute to the enthusiasm and vigour of the Club.

We are an increasingly unique band and I exhort all Old Mercers to take full advantage of the Club with its wonderful background of life-long friendships and associations.

Its future must of necessity lie with the younger members and I should like to see many of them come forward to offer their services. They will be well rewarded for their efforts.

The Club has always been an inspiration to me and I sincerely believe that its success and strength will continue so long as the "Spirit of Mercers' " lives.

THE VICE-PRESIDENTS

The Editor has had a number of requests for information about the men who will in due course hold the highest honour which the Club can offer. Since these gentlemen are modest men, the gleanings of information has not been easy. The Senior Vice-President, Kenneth Williams, was one of the pioneers in the early days of the Athletic Association. Nowadays his great love is rowing and he spends much time coaching in this sport, being a member of the Leander Club and a committee member of the Amateur Rowing Association. He will be the first Old Mercer to emulate his father in becoming President of the Club.

Eric Day, after adorning the teaching profession, is now Secretary of the Guildhall School of Music; he has served the Dramatic Club well and is a prominent member of Honor Deo Lodge. Jackie Seear was a stalwart of the Football Club, has played in Dramatic Club productions and was a vigorous Entertainments' Secretary just after the 1939-45 war. Mr. Andrew needs no introduction and the Club is honoured that a former member of the Staff is now one of its Vice-Presidents. The fifth Vice-President, when interviewed, preferred not to make a statement.

What is common to all these men is that they have given great service to the Club they love; the more one puts into the Old Mercers' Club, the more one gains from it.

THE GENERAL MEETING, 1960

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The General Meeting was held at Mercers' Hall on October 21st, some 20 Old Mercers attending, not a large number when one considers that the total membership is now over 1,100.

The Secretary read the minutes of the 1959 meeting and, on "matters arising", L. C. Crick raised the question of the alteration to the constitution which was passed at the A.G.M. the previous year. He explained that the Dramatic Club had asked for the alteration so that they might co-opt friends to help them in their productions; this was necessary in order that the section might continue to flourish. In his view the deletion of the word "Dramatic" had made the amendment meaningless and it was necessary to re-insert the word if the change was to fulfil the purpose for which it was intended. A legal discussion followed; Crick said that nothing could be done at this meeting and it was decided that the Committee for 1960-61 should review the whole matter and produce a suitable formula in time for the Annual General Meeting, 1961.

The Meeting now settled down to the sedate pace we have come to expect. G. H. Parker, the Treasurer, briefly reviewed the Accounts. There was a deficit of £4 on the year's working but this was accounted for by the fact that he had set aside £50 of this year's income towards the booklet shortly to be produced, which was to last for five years. There was no comment and the meeting passed to the report of the General Secretary, J. Murrell.

This had been a year of consolidation, he said. He paid tribute to the President, particularly for the interest which he had shown in the younger members. There were now 1,116 members, effective life 616. Twenty-nine members had departed under the rule 3 axe, and we mourned the death of eight Old Mercers. He spoke of the satisfactory arrangements which existed at the Club room at Gresham College where Doctor Scott looked down benignly on the Committee's deliberations. We should be proud of our Magazine and remember the work which went into its production. The new booklet would be ready in November and thereafter amendments would appear annually in the Magazine. All the usual events had been arranged; the Christmas Dance would be held at Victoria Halls on December 9th. In conclusion the Secretary thanked all the many people who had assisted him in his secretarial duties; force of circumstances compelled him to offer his resignation but he still hoped to serve the Club in some capacity. O. M. Crick, a stickler for protocol, enquired whether the inventory was in order; he was assured nothing was missing.

The Secretary of the Athletic Association reported that the position at Grove Park was now secure for as long as we were likely to be able to continue. The Dramatic Club had produced three plays in a year with good support from the younger members.

George Milne now proposed the election of Roy Moore. Headmaster of Mill Hill School and erstwhile Senior English Master at Mercers', as an Honorary Member. This was passed with acclamation.

and the meeting passed to the most important moment of the evening, the election of a President for 1960-61. The President, T. W. Parker, rose to outline the service which a certain George Milne had given to the Club ever since he left school in 1934. Perhd jS he was best k nown as a cricketer but he had countless other qualities to recom- mend him and it was Parker's happy task to propose that George be elected President for 1960-61. This was acclaimed and the new President took the chair for the rest of the Meeting . S. W. Moys resigned bis Vice-Presidency and the two vacancies were filled by

H. G. Andrew and R. G. Dawson. In proposing that David Ives be elected as General Secretary the President paid tribute to the work of John Murrell over two difficult years; we owed him a real debt of gratitude. Tribute was also paid to Peter Burrell who found it necessary to resign as Entertainments' Secretary; he was succeeded by Peter Squirrell, a member of a family well known in Old Mercer circles. The names of other officers elected can be found at the begining of the Magazine.

The new President paid tribute to his predecessor's many services to the Club in bis year of office; if he could emulate Bill's achievements he would feel he bad done well.

"Any Other Business" produced no other busiIJess and many of those present repaired to a nearby hostelry for refreshment; this feature of Annual General Meetings never varies.

ANNUAL DINNER, 1961

THE Annual Dinner of 1961 was held at Mercers' Hall, on April 27th.

Some hundred Old Mercers and guests attended. Such old friends as B. L. Jacobs, Arthur Cutting and Roy Parish were with us on this occasion, friends who. for various reasons, we see all too r:irely.

The meal itself was up to the high standard we have come to expect at the Hall, the wines likewise, and fortified internally, we settled down to hear the speeches. The President, George Milne, proposing the toast of the Mercers' Company, paid tribute to their generosity in allowing us the use of the Hall for this function. He then proceeded to enlighten the assembled company on the history of Sir Thomas Gresham and led, circuitously, to, of all things, banking, thence to the connection between "the Grasshopper" and the modern bankers who now made use of the President's services. Ever a business man. Milne suggested that, should the Bank of England fail. he would be delighted to take over the Mercers' Company account.

The Master, Lt.-Col. Denis Montague Clements, M.A., J.P., in his reply, paid tribute to the Club; it was a pleasure to join Old Mercers at dinner. He gave some account of the Company's continued aid to Independent Schools, mentioning, in particular, Dauntsey's.

Ken neth Williams, the Senior Vice-President, was a model of brevity in proposing the toast of "Our Guests". He welcomed them all. being particularly pleased that we had the President of the Old

Collyerians with us; we should not forget Collyers' hospitality during the last war.

Since Mr. "Paddy" Davies was, apparently, the second reserve in responding to this toast, he might have been excused a brief reply. However, he is clearly a man who revels in such duties and he entertained the company, hinting that perhaps the President himself had had a hand in his speech. He had known George Milne as a banker but had had no idea that he was also a great historian.

The final toast of the evening was proposed by the immediate Past President, T. W. Parker, who pursued the historical theme of the evening in outlining G. Milne's school career. Actor, footballer, cricketer, he had early in his Old Mercer career, shown his skill with money in his administration of the Saturday evening "Kitty". He felt that Mercers' could not be held responsible for George Milne's interpretation of the French language. He would always be remembered by the Athletic Association; his example was one which those who followed after him should strive to equal.

The President, in his reply, began on a sombre note; this had been a sad year for Old Mercers and we mourned the passing of G. G. Allen and C. A. Williams, beloved members of the Staff, and two of the most revered Old Mercers of our time, Alfred Appleyard and George Thomas. "We shall be forever indebted to them. 'Requiescant in Pace'." Continuing the President thanked his predecessor for all his help during his year of office. The Constituent Clubs were flourishing and it was a striking tribute to the vigour and enthusiasm of the Old Mercer spirit. "Few, if any, Old Boy Clubs can match it. Let us not underrate ourselves; our future may be uncertain but our present is glorious." In conclusion he thanked his Committee who worked so enthusiastically to keep the Club "not only alive but kicking". The occasion was for him one that he would remember forever.

And so another Dinner came to an end and we retired for informal gossip till 11 p.m.

DINNER / DANCE

QN Friday, November 11th, 1960, the Annual Dinner and Dance was held at the Rembrandt Rooms, South Kensington. About 80 Old Mercers and their guests attended this, the first function of the new President's year, and it was a great pleasure to see O.M. George Milne and Mrs. Milne so obviously enjoying the occasion.

After exchanging greetings and partaking of an aperitif or two, the assembly sat down to an excellent and imaginative dinner; Grenadin de Veau Paysanne made a welcome change from the more usual chicken and the organisers are to be congratulated on the choice of menu.

Some confusion arose between the President and Old Mercer Bill Parker as to who should be taking wine with whom but honour was satisfied and after a remarkable lack of speeches (we are told a

concession to the ladies) the tables were cleared in order that the dancing might begin. A French style Paul Jones was a wonderful ice-breaker and the last waltz seemed to be played all too soon and once more this most enjoyable event was over. It was a great pleasure to see all the familiar faces, but it would be an even greater one to see some newcomers, especially from the ranks of the younger club members. It is strange that on this, the only occasion in the year on which the club honours its womenfolk, more Old Mercers are not eager to attend. Almost certainly, it is not the ladies who are reluctant. Can it be that O.M.s. are lacking in gallantry? Let the early start to the evening deter no one, late comers are given a rousing welcome and punctuality receives no reward.

S. F. C. (*Mrs. R. H. Cousens*)

NEW MEMBERS

Box. The Rev. R. G., A.K.C., B.D., B.A. (Father Reginald. o.s.F.),
The Friary, Cerne Abbas, Dorchester, Dorset (1930-38).

JAMES, Sub-Lieut. N. C. H. R.N., 1, Marlyns Drive, Burpham,
Guildford, Surrey (1950-57).

DEATHS

It is with deep regret that we have to report the deaths of the following Old Mercers:

ALLEN, G. G., B.A., Life Member 835.

APPLEYARD. A. H. (1908-13), Life Member 106.

BELL. J. H. (1896-1904), Life Member 314.

DE GRUCHY, W. G., (1895-98).

EDMUNDS, H. P. (1896-99), Life Member 53.

KELSEY, F. R. (1918-21).

MACDONALD, G. E. (1906-11), Life Member 224.

MILLER. R. M. (1904-09).

MITCHELL. D. W. (1915-19).

PENNY. R. G. (1916-21), Life Member 272.

THOMAS, G. H. (1905-10), Life Member 200.

THOMPSON. D. K. S. (1908-14), Life Member 267.

TURNER. L. V. (1891-99). Life Member 249.

GEORGE GORDON ALLEN (Mercers' 1926-1959)

GORDON Allen died on March 25th, 1960, after a protracted illness, borne outwardly optimistically, from which he had short periods of relief. He retired in 1959, sad that his own departure should coincide with the end of the School he had served and loved for 33 years.

Our appreciation of all that Gordon did for Mercers' and his friends appeared in last year's Magazine; to repeat it could only detract from it. But many will have clearest memories of G. G. A. in the classroom, where he was probably happiest. He was a first class historian who succeeded in bringing life, meaning and humour to his subject for those fortunate enough to enjoy his teaching. Sixth Form lessons might begin with 10 minutes' debate on the previous Saturday's soccer match but the next 30 would be packed with historical scholarship. Yet, strangely, Gordon often said that he enjoyed teaching Lower IVa English as much as anything else he did. Had he chosen to follow English as his main subject he would have been no less successful, for he loved literature and had a keen critical sense in his approach to it.

He was a sensitive man of great culture. He tried to hide his innate sensitiveness; his culture he could not hide. As a writer and editor he was a perfectionist; the second rate would not do and he would not abide muddled expression, careless spelling and slack punctuation. He set himself high standards and expected them of his pupils.

In later years Gordon did not enjoy the best of health; school problems weighed deeply upon him. The side of him which demanded perfection meant that he was under an extra strain which worried those of us who knew him best; it worried him most of all. It is tragic that, after a lifetime of service, he was given so little time to enjoy the retirement he had so richly earned. All those he taught have lost a beloved schoolmaster; many, many of us have lost a true friend. The vacuum he has left measures the value we placed on his presence.

To his family, and particularly to Mary, his sister, who had been at his side throughout his years at Mercers' and whom Gordon gratefully acknowledged to be his greatest strength, we extend our deepest sympathy.

CHARLES ARTHUR WILLIAMS (MERCERS' 1912-37)

C A. WILLIAMS died, in his sleep. at Braunton. Devon. on • December 27th, 1960. He was in his 82nd year.

In 1929, Grant, Paterson, Heath, Boulter and Williams were all at the School. The last, but far from least, of them was "Bills". What a quintet of scholarship for a new Head and a young master to meet; and what staunch friends they were!

From St. John's, Leatherhead. C. A. W. was elected to a classical scholarship at Queens', Cambridge. His career there was outstanding both in athletics and learning. He was later tutor to the Maharajah or Baroda, both in England and in India. He came to Mercers' in 1912 and for more than a quarter of a century his service to the school was broken only by distinguished soldiering in World War f. As "officer in charge of mule transport" at Passchendaele he wrote, "Schoolmastering is good training for this job; and *vice versa*".

His sound judgement, sage advice, fine scholarship and ready wit made him an inspiring teacher and invaluable second-master. In his final year at the School he acted as headmaster when Mr. Jepson was ill. He will long be remembered for his "round the desk" Latin teaching : a system of elevation, relegation and points, to rival any football league.

Officially in charge of classics, he had a wide knowledge of English Literature, with no little Welsh, and was a fine musician. He played in the orchestra until he retired. Few had his gift for saying exactly what he thought and felt-bluntly if need be, but always with charm and a smile.

Oarsman, horseman, pioneer motorist, lover of the country and mountains, gentleman, he was, above all, a family man. His open house at Sydenham, and later at Ospringe, where he and his gracious wife made all at home, is a treasured memory. To his son (O.M.) and daughters, grandchildren and great-grandchildren we offer our sympathy in their loss; and our respect.

H.G.A.

B. C. BOULTER (MERCERS' 1901-36)

BENJAMIN Consitt Boulter joined the staff of Mercers' School in 1901; the Magazine, which he was later to edit for so many years. made no mention of his arrival. Perhaps the Editor of 1901 may be forgiven for failing to see in advance the part which B. C. B. was to play in so many aspects of Mercer life over the next 35 years. By 1936 we knew better; 100 Magazines, the choir, the orchestra, school plays. all had come under the Boulter influence over the years. The School flag and house shields bore witness (and still do) to the skill and dexterity of a craftsman. His lively prose style, his skill with brush and pencil are soon apparent on looking through the Magazines from 1903 onwards until his retirement in 1936. Since that time there have been frequent contributions to the Magazine, for B. C. B. never lost interest in things Mercer. He corresponded with many Old Mercers and there was always a welcome at his beloved Burford for any who might be journeying through.

When he retired in 1936 a special B. C. B. supplement was published in the Magazine. and it seems appropriate at this moment to recall some of the tributes which were paid then to a man who gave so much to the School. Jimmy Grant, a beloved colleague, wrote : "Everything he undertook he carried out with fastidious care because his heart was always in the performance and not the reward." L. A. N. Kyle, then a young Old Mercer : "I have many happy memories of B. C. B. but it should be sufficient when I genuinely say that he will be an influence and an example to me all my life." "How many of us can thank him for our enjoyment and appreciation of life in foreign lands," wrote D. C. R. Jenkin.

But perhaps the most striking tribute was paid by Mr. Jepson, then Headmaster of the School, and his words will sum up the feelings of all the hundreds of Mercers who knew and loved B. C. B. as they mourn his passing; we shall remember him.

"His personality left a deep impression on his pupils and colleagues. His love of everything good and fine and hallowed and clean- of good literature and music, of fine buildings, of hallowed places, of clean words and thoughts; his uncompromising hostility to everything mean and shabby or unworthy of a Christian or a gentleman; his impatience with humbug or affectations; his practical idealism and unfailing sense of values; his charm of manner and impeccable taste in things artistic; his facility for seeing good in and extracting the best from the worst of us; his infinite capacity for friendship and human sympathy- all these have been an inspiration to all who have been fortunate enough to work with him or sit at his feet."

B. C. BOULTER MEMORIAL

A NUMBER of Old Boys had expressed a desire to make some practical tribute to the memory of Mr. Boulter. Last year the President, Bill Parker, made several enquiries and, after considerable correspondence and deliberation, it was decided to open a subscription list to purchase an altar book, suitably inscribed, and to present this to the Parish Church of Burford where Mr. Boulter had for so many years been a Churchwarden.

The response was enthusiastic and widespread and we were enabled to purchase a very beautiful book bound in red leather with gold markings representing the School colours and with all the necessary accessories.

A small party of Old Mercers and their families journeyed to Burford on Sunday, June 25th. to take part in the ceremony of handing over the book to the Vicar. Mrs. Boulter, her daughter and grandson were present and also the Senior Churchwarden and a few Parishioners. The Vicar welcomed the members of the Club to the Church and particularly stressed that this was a joyous and not a sad occasion. He invited the President to say a few words, and a note of his address follows this report.

When the book had been formally presented to the Vicar it was carried to the Altar and consecrated.

The Vicar himself and the Churchwarden then paid their tributes to Mr. Boulter and gave details of the great work which he had done for his beloved Church.

After the blessing the congregation inspected the book which was greatly admired.

It is a truly beautiful book and is a worthy memorial from the Club. The illuminated fly leaf is headed with the School Crest and Motto and the date and the following words are inscribed thereon : -

This Altar Book was presented to Burford Parish Church by the Old Mercers' Club in memory of Benjamin Consitt Boulter, who lived in this Parish for many years until his death in 1960. Mr. Boulter was a distinguished Master at Mercers' School during the years 1901-1936.

The Vicar announced that the book would normally be kept in the Vestry, but would always be available for inspection by Old Mercers.

It was a simple and yet memorable ceremony, and it is hoped that Old Mercers when they travel westwards from London will find time to visit the beautiful and ancient Church at Burford and inspect the Club's memorial to Mr. Boulter.

The Old Mercer party adjourned to Mrs. Boulter's house where tea was served in her charming old-world garden.

Old Mercers will be very pleased to learn that Mrs. Boulter was well and in good form. She told your President now much she appreciated the tribute that had been made and how moved she had been by the ceremony.

To mark the occasion, Mrs. Boulter presented the Club with a photograph of B. C. B. which will be hung in the Club Room at Gresham College with a suitable note.

The President's Address

Vicar. Mrs. Boulter. Old Mercers and Friends.

We have gathered here today to pay our tribute to the memory of a great man.

It is not my intention, neither would it be appropriate on this particular occasion, for me to give a recital of his many good works during his long life, but I do wish to say a few words about the happy association between this ancient and beautiful church and the Old Mercers' Club.

First, I must remind you that B. C. Boulter was a Master at Mercers for 36 years, which I hope you will allow us Old Mercers to claim was his major life's work. During that period countless Mercers' boys came under the influence of this gracious and gifted man. I myself, like all my colleagues here, reaped the rich rewards of his teachings, and I can still vividly remember him from my school-days, a fact which in itself clearly shows the impact he had on us all. He was a man of great learning and culture, but infinitely patient and forbearing to his scholars. To us now, in our more mature judgment, he represented everything that was noble and civilised.

On his retirement in 1936, he came to live in Burford and then began another long and fruitful period of his life, which was in large measure devoted to this church. During this period, Old Mercers from far and wide made what was to them a pilgrimage to his home here, and it is a source of great happiness to us all that his retirement surrounded by his family was both long and contented.

It was only natural therefore that any memorial from the Old Mercers' Club should be associated with this church, and after much deliberation, it was decided that it should take the form of this beautiful and inscribed Altar Book.

Before making the formal presentation, I must pay tribute to my predecessor in office, Bill Parker, who was largely responsible for this whole concept and who deserves our special thanks, and finally, may I place on record that a very great number of Old Mercers contributed to this presentation and one of its most rewarding aspects was the remarkable number of letters I received commending the Committee of the Club for its zeal (that in itself, to say the least, was unusual) and giving their personal reminiscences and paying their individual tributes to B. C. B.

I now have great personal pleasure in handing to you Vicar, on behalf of the Old Mercers' Club, this Altar Book for use in this ancient Church and to serve as a memorial to our distinguished Schoolmaster, Benjamin Consitt Boulter.

25.6.61

A. H. APPLEYARD, O.B.E. (1908-1913)

JT was with sorrow we learned of the death of Alfred Henry Appleyard on the 5th April last. He was presiding at Honor Deo Chapter when he was taken ill; rushed to hospital, he died the following morning. The sudden manner of his passing was a severe shock and a great grief to his family and his many friends.

"Apples" was born in the City of which he was a Freeman, on the 23rd June, 1897, and christened at St. Brides Church, Fleet Street.

He came to the School in 1908, leaving to join the Staff of the Corporation of Lloyds in 1st December, 1913. His school record was distinguished in every way; he took many prizes for academic work and athletics; he was an excellent footballer, chosen at an exceptionally early age to captain the 1st XL and also a keen cricketer and Captain of Gresham House.

His affection for the pride in the School never faltered and, in spite of the many demands of his official duties, he always found time to devote to advancing the interests of the School and Old Mercers' Club. In every Old Mercer activity he has held the highest offices; President of the Club, the Athletic Association, the Dramatic Club, Master of Honor Deo Lodge and First Principal of Honor Deo Chapter; he was also a member of the Civic Guild. From 1919 he worked for the revival of the Old Mercers' Club and captained the First XI from 1920 to 1922. It is on that foundation that the Athletic Association still flourishes.

His services to Freemasonry were recognised by his appointment to London Grand Rank.

Apples was untiring in his efforts to find a means of averting the closing of the School and was Secretary of the Committee set up for

that purpose. So long as our Association lasts, so long will his influence be remembered.

In 1915, although well under military age, he volunteered for service in the Royal Naval Air Service, where he was throughout the War associated with the Experimental Branch.

On demobilization in 1919 he returned to Lloyds, and in 1920 qualified as an Associate of the Chartered Institute of Secretaries. He was appointed Principal Clerk to the Corporation in March, 1948, as well as being Chairman of the Committee of Lloyds Policy Signing Office. Prior to this, he had served as Principal Assistant to two Principal Clerks, was Secretary of Lloyds' Building Ltd., and Business Manager of Lloyds' Publications. He held these positions until his retirement on 31st December, 1957. During the latter period his normal duties were greatly increased in connection with arrangements for the actual building of the New Lloyds; these included the Foundation Stone Ceremony performed by Her Majesty the Queen, culminating in the organisation of the Opening Ceremony by Her Majesty the Queen Mother. He was presented on both occasions, and in the Birthday Honours of 1957, his work as Principal Clerk was recognised by the award of the O.B.E.

He entered on his retirement with the intention of enjoying his leisure; determined, however, not to vegetate. He employed himself to the advantage of the Club and other Old Mercer activities and to these, in 1960, he added the Honorary Secretaryship of "The Cutty Sark Society."

The O.M.A.A. in the past shared his energy and competence with Lloyds' Sports Club. In the formation of each he had taken a leading part; of the latter he had been Ground Secretary for many years, Captain of their Cricket First XI from 1928-1932 and was later Chairman of the Club.

It was at Lloyds' Sports Club he met the lady who in 1937 became his wife and who, by her encouragement and grace, supported him loyally in his great tasks, and provided that happy home that meant so much to *him*. He was devoted to *his* family and, in spite of the burdens of his duties, their well being was always his first care.

Apples was a man of distinction and ability, strict integrity and sincerity, who expressed his convictions fearlessly and lucidly; there was never any doubt as to where he stood.

Success and honours sat lightly upon him, he wore them modestly and with unpretentious dignity.

A loyal and unselfish friend who gave and attracted affection and respect, he was always ready to give help and advice when needed; dependable and thorough in all he undertook. An Old Mercer has written: "I liked *him* because he was always pleasant and cheerful and if he spoke a word of advice it was said with a twinkle and for some reason was impressive."

He always kept a love of simple pleasures and took delight and enjoyment in the companionship of his friends. His ready wit and sense of humour leave many happy recollections.

Apples was greatly loved and admired and is sorely missed by Old Mercers and in a very wide circle elsewhere. He gave more than he took and we are grateful for his friendship. The standard he set is a high one.

To his widow, who faced this trial with courage and fortitude, and to his son and daughter, Robert and Mary, as well as to his brother Sid, we extend heartfelt condolences.

GEORGE THOMAS (1905-10)

GEORGE THOMAS (Tommy), surely the best-loved Old Mercer of our time, fell ill at Christmastide and died on the 4th February, 1961, at the age of 67. A large gathering of Old Mercers attended the funeral service at Finchley on 13th February to pay their last respects to one who had given such devotion to his School and school-fellows.

Tommy was intensely loyal and, whenever his interest was engaged, he could be depended upon to give unswerving support. He was fired by a passionate love for Mercers' and found an outlet for his unbounded energy in serving every good cause connected with the School and the Old Mercers' Club. He was elected President of the Club in 1930-31 and subsequently President of the Athletic Association and President of the Dramatic Club.

Though himself a most modest man, he possessed a sterling character, which rendered him a natural leader. In almost any circle, his authority would, before long, become manifest, yet exercised with invariable common sense and good nature. His chief characteristic might be said to be his strong sense of responsibility.

His generosity was unbounded; his delight, to help and serve his fellows. It gave him special pleasure to give aid and guidance to the young and inexperienced; indeed, he was one to whom others turn instinctively for sympathy and wisdom.

To the Club, he was a tower of strength. In his younger days, his drive and enthusiasm inspired the athletic side, while bearing on his shoulders a major part of the administration. He was a hard worker, putting his whole soul into everything he undertook, whether it be cricket, football, swimming, acting or singing (he possessed a singularly pleasing tenor voice). His vitality and obvious enjoyment of life made him a grand companion, whilst the pleasure of social gatherings was always enhanced by his jovial keenness. In his later years, Freemasonry became his predominant interest. He was Master of Honor Deo Lodge in 1941-42 and later First Principal of Honor Deo Chapter. On the retirement of the late Percy Proud in 1951, he became Secretary of both Lodge and Chapter and directed all his enthusiasm, competence and patience to the affairs of both. His work was duly honoured by appointment to London and later to Grand Rank.

Tommy was most conscientious in discharging public duties. He joined the Artists Rifles in the first world war, was wounded in France in 1917, and afterwards saw service in the occupation forces in Germany. Further, despite the exacting calls of his business, he was for many years an active special constable.

Tommy lived a full and happy life. Affectionate and sympathetic by nature, he was devoted to his family and friends. He had followed his father into the family business of West End Builders and Decorators, and after his father's death, he and his younger brother, Bert, carried on together. He married in 1936 and his charming wife, Doris, is well known to many Old Mercers. Their son, Christopher, born in 1940, followed his father to Mercers (1953-58) and is now Old Mercer Thomas.

Tommy bore his last illness with fortitude, for he was a brave man. He was fortunate in having the comfort of his home and the devoted care and nursing of his wife to the end. He was loved and respected by all who knew him. He cannot be replaced, but the memory of his high example will live on. Our deepest sympathy goes out to his widow and his son.

ENGAGEMENT

BEGGS-GILLESPIE. The engagement is announced of Douglas Arthur, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Beggs of Padmall House, Keston, Kent, to Jennifer Ann, daughter of Lt.-Col. L. F. F. Gillespie, of Sydney, Australia, and Mrs. D. M. Gillespie, of Cushmore Close, Bickley, Kent.

MARRIAGES

CASE-DICKINSON. On September 3rd, 1960, at Winchmore Hill Methodist Church, Anthony Ian, only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Case, to Joan Rosemary Dickinson.

HOLDER-RICHARDSON. On September 17th, 1960, at St. Mary's Church, Theydon Bois, John Edward Knox Holder to Sheila Marjorie Richardson.

SUMNER-PALMER. On July 22nd, 1961. Michael F. Sumner to Gillian M. Palmer.

BIRTHS

To Ongel, wife of B. C. HILLARD (1946-54), a daughter, Alison Mary, on March 22nd, 1961. The doctor attending at the birth was R. A. Briggs (1937-42).

To Mary, wife of J. ELLIOTT (1942-51), a daughter, Deborah, on April 22nd, 1961.

To Gillian, wife of W. L. FORD (1942-49), a son, Kevin, on April 28th, 1961.

OLD MERCERS' ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

This has been a great year for the Athletic Association. There must be many past playing members who can not remember such excellent results for cricket and football, a bitter irony when one realises that the life of the Sections must be limited now that the life blood has almost dried up. But, for the moment, let us congratulate the young (and not so young) men of the A.A. on their triumphs.

One remembers watching the First XI footballers; Stuart Grant's uncanny anticipation, his fearlessness, his handling of the high ones; Tommy Hoilings, solid and reliable, and saving his legs after some fifteen years of O.M. First XI soccer; Chris Locke's flying, sliding tackles which put the Referee's heart in his mouth; Rob Whiteland's tackling, unpromising as that of a certain Mr. Wilfred Copping of pre-war Arsenal fame; Chris Garrett's authority at centre-half; John Marchant's polished play at wing-half, the most improved player in the Club; Doug Beggs, perpetual motion in linking defence and attack; Michael Horne, disappearing Greaves-like and then producing the defence-splitting pass; Colin Fidge, the picker up of unconsidered trifles, like goals; John Gransbury, forever running; "Dixie" Dean, full of tricks and cryptic comment; Tim Martell, a left winger playing on the right for deep laid reasons. What a pleasure it was to referee for this side.

And then the lower sides. Has Arthur Downes really been playing for twenty-five years? One sees again John Holder, a first-class back pretending to be an inside forward; Peter Wainwright really looking like a centre forward; Len Gardner, hard as nails, at centre-half in the Third XI, and Hartley Campbell shivering in goal. Long may they all continue!

As Summer came so the Cricket Section emulated the success of the footballers. We saw Graham Ives, still leading the First XL scoring runs freely; Alan Johns, most phlegmatic of batsmen, undisturbed by near misses; Derek Archibald, the master of the slash past cover; Michael Green, fulfilling the promise of ten years ago; John Squirrell still persuading batsmen to play back to half volleys; Stuart Grant terrorising the opposing opening batsmen; but how we missed Maurice Lucock.

The Second XI have reached August without defeat. Here there is a certain rotundity about one or two of their leading batsmen but they can still hit the bad ones. Henry Rolt is there, threatening and expressive; Graham Hargrave-Smith diddling unsuspecting batsmen; Fred Robinson putting the lives of close fielders in jeopardy with bat and ball, and finally, Captain Reg Vanehan, glowering at the unfortunate fielder who has erred, and hurling the ball at the brave man who keeps wicket in the Second XL.

It has been a great year; those of us who have played any part in it, however small, will not easily forget the season 1960-61.

FOOTBALL SECTION

The Season 1960-61 was a very successful one for all sides, and the results were as follows :

First XI	Played 29	Won 12	Drawn 5	Lost 12
Second XI		Played 26	Won 13	Drawn 4	Lost 9
Third XI	Played 26	Won 14	Drawn 2	Lost 10

The First XI deserve special congratulations, having had their best season since 1949-50. when the results were almost identical. It had been mainly a young side, with one or two experienced players. and its success was undoubtedly due in no small measure to the fact that there were very few changes from week to week. Perhaps the best result was the defeat of Winchmore Hill Reserves 3-2.

Judged by their normal standards, the Second XI had an average season. although it was notable in that they scored a total of 117 goals. They won their way through two rounds of the A.F.A. Junior Cup before being beaten by Borough Polytechnic.

The Third XI also had a good season, and seem to have been particularly successful against other Old Boys' sides. They only lost three of such encounters, namely to the Bromleians. Brentwoods and Parkonians. They also had a good scoring record, averaging over three goals per match.

It was particularly pleasing that both Club and team spirits were very high, and also that the availability of most members was so regular. These two factors, coupled with the fact that more players joined in the social activities after the matches, were directly responsible for the very enjoyable season.

A very successful Team Supper, attended by 52 members and guests. was held, as usual, at The Victoria on April 14th, and was notable for a presentation to Arthur Downes, from the playing members, in recognition of 25 years playing membership of the Section.

The Annual General Meeting of the Section was held at the Kingsway Hall on Friday, May 12th, under the Chairmanship of the President of the Athletic Association, and the following Officers were elected for the season 1961-62:

Hon. Secretary : C. D. ARCHIBALD.

Hon. Team Secretary : C. D. FIDGE.

First XI Captain : R. W. R. WHITELAND. Vice-Captain : J. D. MARCHANT.

Second XI Captain : J. E. K. HOLDER. Vice-Captain : F. E. WELLS.

Third XI Captain : G. HARGRAVE-SMITH. Vice-Captain : P. G. WAINWRIGHT.

Fixtures for the 1961-62 season are almost complete on the basis of two home games every other Saturday from September 30th onwards, and one home game on the alternate Saturday, and the

Section is always very pleased to welcome any spectators who care to come along. The season commences, as usual, with the visit of all three elevens to Chiswick as guests of the Ibis Club on Saturday, September 23rd, and the Committee hope that it will be the start of yet another enjoyable and successful year of Old Mercer soccer.

C. D. ARCHIBALD,

Hon. Secretary.

CRICKET SECTION

The 1960 season ended on a high note with a very successful supper at the "Westminster Arms" attended by some 45 Old Mercers and guests. The final results, if not outstanding, were well up to average. John Squirrel ended with a total of 60 wickets for just over 6 runs apiece, a feat with which we were highly delighted. Many pleasant evenings were spent with our opponents, several Old Mercers distinguishing themselves as much by their hospitality as their cricketing prowess.

The final results for 1960 are as follows :

First XI	Played 18	Won 9	Drawn 4	Lost 5
Second XI	Played 16	Won 8	Drawn 1	Lost 7

The 1961 season is now in full swing and, such has been our luck with the weather, that only one match has been curtailed by rain. The First XI, again ably led by Graham Ives, are showing a marked consistency, usually winning or having the better of a drawn game. The batting, on paper, looks strong in depth and, in fact, has only failed three times so far; one innings against the Old Cholmeleians can be described as batting suicide. Gordon Evans is a very welcome addition to the side as an opening bat-cum-wicketkeeper who has already scored over 200 runs. Moreover, being new to the side and therefore not used to Old Mercers' calling techniques, he keeps his partners constantly on their toes. Others consistently among the runs are Mike Green, Derek Archibald and Alan Johns. The brunt of the bowling is shared by John Squirrel!, Doug Beggs, and Stuart Grant, who is a newcomer to Old Mercer cricket, though, of course, no stranger to the football section. His fast brand of hostility is much appreciated by us, if not our opponents. Of the matches played, particular mention must be made of the two against the Old Bancroftians. In the first match one Old Bancroftian scored 153 out of their total of 206, so it was with some apprehension that we faced an even stronger side in the return game at Woodford. However, such is the uncertainty of cricket, that a few more minutes would have given us ample revenge for the earlier defeat. Reliable reports tell me that the Farnborough Hospital pitch this year could be likened to a mixture of the ridge at Lords and the dust bowl of Leeds. Those of our side who had the doubtful privilege of batting had bruises to show for their labour.

The Second XI are steadily working towards a club record, for at the time of writing they remain undefeated; it was not until July 29th that the whole side were dismissed. The batting has been more substantial than ever before with Ron Tong well to the fore. ably assisted by "elders," Geoff Meredith. Dick Dawson and Captain Reg Vanhegan. Tony Hepburn, Henry Rolt and Graham Hargrave - Smith are among the wickets. and there is a general air of alertness about the fielding as a whole, though the Captain doubts this at times. The side's 252 runs against Alexandra Park is a record, and some fine wins have been recorded. notably that against Cyphers when the last pair put on 36 to turn what seemed certain defeat into victory. The Australians have nothing on the Old Mercers' Second XL

Next season's fixtures are complete and all Old Mercers are welcome at Grove Park. especially the playing kind, to help prevent our team secretary from going berserk.

F. J. ROBINSON.

Hon. Secretary.

RESULTS TO DATE

FIRST XI

April 29th-0.M., 129 for 8 dec.-Peckham Rye, 46 (Squirrell 5-19)
 Won by 83 runs.
 May 6th-0.M., 130 (Evans 64)-Centymca II, 109 for 8 (Grant 5-37) Drawn.
 May 13th-Phoenix, 107 (Squirrell 5-32)-0.M., 108 for 3 (Green 41)
 Won by 7 wickets.
 May 20th-0.M., 129 (Green 43)-Bexley III, 100 (Grant 5-34) Won by 29 runs.
 May 22nd-O. Bancroftians, 206 for 7 dec. (Nicholson 4-39)-0.M., 76
 Lost by 130 runs.
 May 27th-O.M., 207 for 3 (Wainwright 62 n.o., Evans 45)-Edenbeck 184 for 6
 Drawn.
 June 3rd-0.M., 171 for 7 dec. (Johns 48)-Epsom O. Grammarians 69
 (Grant 5-39) Won by 102 runs.
 June 10th-Mottingh.am, 168 for 3 dec.-0.M., 75 for 9 Drawn.
 June 11th-0.M., 122 for 9 dec.-Epsom O. Grammarians, 52 for 7 Drawn.
 June 17th-0.M., 139 (Johns 43)-Eltham, 94 Won by 45 runs.
 June 24th-0.M., 165 (Harris 41)-Hayes III, 138 Won by 27 runs.
 July 1st-Bromley III, 179 (Harris 4-23, Parker 4-52)-0.M., 143 for 7 Drawn.
 July 8th-President's XI, 187 for 9 dec.-0.M., 184 for 9 (Walford 46) Drawn.
 July 15th-0.M. 90-Old Cholmelians, 91 for 2 Lost by 8 wickets.
 July 22nd-Farnboro' Hospital, 45-0.M., 46 for 2 Won by 8 wickets.
 July 29th-0.M., 185 for 4 dec. (Green 54)-O. Bancroftians, 105 for 8
 (Nicholson 4-44) Drawn.

FIRST XI-Played 16 Won 7 Drawn 7 Lost 2

SECOND XI

April 29th-O.M., 124 for 7 dec. (Tong 56 n.o.)-O. Colfeans IV, 45	
	(Vanhegan 5-11) Won by 79 runs.
May 6th-Westminster Bank V, 61 (Hepburn 7-36)-O.M., 62 for 0	
	Won by 10 wickets.
May 13th-College of Estate Management, 146 (Smith 6-41)-O.M., 152 for 4	
	(G. Ives 54 n.o., Wainwright 43) Won by 6 wickets.
May 20th-O. Mid-Whitgiftians II, 94 (Smith 5-14)-O.M., 98 for 5	
	Won by 5 wickets.
May 27th-East Coulsdon II, 97-O.M., 98 for 6 (Locke 47 n.o.)	
	Won by 4 wickets.
June 3rd-O.M., 252 for 8 dec. (Dawson 65)-Alexandra Park IV, 149 for 7	
	Drawn.
June 10th-Lloyds Bank V, 123 (Hepburn 4-30)-O.M., 125 for 2 (Rolt 50 n.o.)	
	Tong 46 n.o.) Won by 8 wickets.
June 17th-Orpington III, 100 (Rolt 4-29, Dean 4-23)-O.M., 102 for 7	
	Won by 3 wickets.
June 24th-City of London College II, 152 for 4 dec.-O.M., 102 for 7	
	Drawn.
July 1st-O.M., 176 for 5 dec. (Walford 47 n.o., Tong 42)-Centymca III, 77	
	Won by 99 runs.
July 8th-Cyphers, 128 for 8 dec.-O.M., 129 for 9	
	Won by 1 wicket.
July 15th-O.M., 64 for 8 (rain)-O. Cholmelians II	
	Abandoned.
July 22nd-O. Citizens III, 122 (Robinson 4-22)-O.M., 125 for 3	
	(Meredith 51 n.o.) Won by 7 wickets.
July 29th-O.M., 141-Lloyds Bank IV, 112	
	Won by 29 runs.
August 5th-Centymca III, 99-O.M., 100 for 6	
	Won by 4 wickets.
SECOND XI-Won 12 Drawn 3 Lost 0 Abandoned 1	

OLD BOYS' DAY, 1961

July 8th, 1961, "L'Onze du President" (a tribute to George Milne's mastery of the French language) v. O. Mercers' First XI, a gathering of some hundred Old Mercers and friends to renew old acquaintances; how glad we were that this function has been retained even though the School is no more. The President's side consisted, as will be seen from the score card, of some very young Old Mercers and some of those who like people to think they are still 35.

It was a particular pleasure to see Maurice Lucock, now domiciled in the Isle of Wight, back at the scene of so many triumphs of the past 25 years; Peter Nailor too has not been seen for far too long. Messrs. Fairbairn, Fyson, Elliott and Moss were also back home again and many rejoiced to see Miss Mary Allen with us on this occasion. It is quite clear that Old Mercers want Old Boys' Day to continue and it is to be hoped that this will become an annual event in the Club calendar.

The cricket befitted the occasion. The President's XI were in dire straits when the "two Freds," Withall and Robinson, in the words of the best cricket reporter of our time, "became joined." Withall claims to bat, his partner makes no real pretence to this talent but he has a good eye and strong forearms; thus ninety were added, not perhaps academically so much as violently. After tea, provided

through the good offices of the Old Mercer cricketing wives (and at least one daughter) the Club accepted the challenge and, in a thrilling finish, only just failed to reach their opponents' score with one wicket left, a perfect end to a most enjoyable day. though, for some, the end was not yet; but these are thirsty fellows.

THE PRESIDENT'S XI		O.M. FIRST XI	
R. H. Cousens, b Hepburn	20	G. W. Evans, b Lucock	0
L. C. Johnson,		A. C. Hepburn,	
c Wainwright, b Rolt	22	c Pocklington, b Robinson	1
B. C. Hillard, c Evans, b Squirrell	9	G. C. Ives, b Robinson	15
M. F. Sumner, lbw, b Squirrell	2	P. G. Wainwright,	
S. M. Pocklington,		lbw, b Pocklington	26
b Ives, c Evans, (D)	4	M. D. Green, st Hillard, b Johnson	36
F. E. Wells, c Evans, b Squirrell	2	C. D. Archibald,	
M. J. Lucock, b Ives (D)	13	c Sumner, b Johnson	19
P. Nailor, c Ives (G.C.), b Ives (D)	4	B. H. Walford, b Lucock	46
F. W. Withall, not out	53	J. Locke, not out	23
F. J. Robinson, run out	40	H. E. Rolt, b Lucock	11
G. Milne, not out	5	D. Ives, run out	1
Extras (b 9, lb 1, w 1, nb 2)	13	J. L. Squirrell, not out	0
		Extras (lb 6)	6

(9 wkt. dec.) 187

19 wks.) 184

Bowling : Squirrell! 3-32, Ives (D) 3-40, Bowling : Lucock 3-40, Robinson 2-26,
Rolt 1-29, Hepburn 1-61 Johnson 2-52, Pocklington 1-35

MATCH DRAWN

OLD MERCERS' GOLF

Through the good offices of Mr. Fairbairn and the efforts of F. J. Robinson, an Old Mercer golfing day has been arranged at the Downe Golf Club on Wednesday, September 6th. It is hoped that this may become an annual event and that those members who are keen on the game may get together on this occasion.

OLD MERCERS' DRAMATIC CLUB

"NIL DESPERANDUM"

The O.M.D.C. has come a long way since a meeting held in Barnard's Inn some years ago resolved that the organisation should pass into "Suspended Animation." It was a challenge that some members were unable to resist and almost immediately plans were being laid for a return to activity by this subsidiary of the General Club.

During the intervening period there have been doubts and disappointments mingled with some success, until we have today reached the point where the membership is increasing; indeed, not for many years have we had such a talented and enthusiastic group. This does not mean we are relaxing in our efforts but rather we are encouraged to expand our ranks further.

Will you help us? You are most likely the person we are looking for. Why not come along and talk to us? If you have doubts, we will convince you that there is satisfaction and considerable pleasure in taking an active part in Dramatic Club affairs. We will be pleased to see anyone who has even only a passing interest in the theatre and if you will contact the secretary, he will be able to prove to you that your talents, social or histrionic, can be used.

Our time has not been spent solely with artistic matters, and many social occasions have been organised. One recent innovation for us was a car treasure hunt held one evening in the City of London and this event is being repeated again on September 9th this year. Maybe we shall see some of you this time as we are widening its scope.

My term of office as President of the Club has now ended and I would like to take this opportunity of thanking my officers and committee for all the tremendous support they have given me. My thanks also on behalf of the Club to all our supporters, for without you we would surely be "suspended."

I offer congratulations to our new President, Len Gardner, whom many of you will know, and I am sure under his able and enthusiastic leadership the O.M.D.C. will widen its frontiers and continue to play an important part in O.M. affairs.

RON PARROTT,

Immediate Past President.

P.S.-Our next production is "Candida," by George Bernard Shaw, and we look forward to see you.

P.P.S.-The Secretary of the Dramatic Club is K. F. Holmes, 40, Barnet Drive, Bromley Common, Kent.

A VISIT TO "THE PRU."

In December a party of Old Mercers and their wives went "over the road" to the Prudential Assurance Company to see a production of "Carousel." The President of the Old Mercers' Dramatic Club had been engaged by the Ibis Operatic Society for the extremely demanding task of producing this justly famous musical, and it gave great pleasure to the Old Mercers' Dramatic Club that their President achieved a resounding success. For ten nights the Ibis Theatre, which holds about 500, played to full houses. The talent which Ron Parrott had available would be the envy of many professional producers; in particular the genuine youth of the ingenues was charming. and no doubt Ron had some difficulty in making his selection at his auditions.

It seems this show has a hoodoo for amateurs; the Editor will remember a certain production in which he was involved when a large piece of scenery collapsed. On the night the Old Mercers were at the Ibis production, the main fuse blew, for the first time since 1930!

L. T. GARDNER.

"THE DEEP BLUE SEA"

It was pleasant, at the Chanticleer Theatre last October, to find ourselves in a small auditorium. Large ones, full of empty seats, soon swallow the atmosphere created on a stage; here, we should be near our actors, closely implicated in their story, their feelings and their actions; and that is how to enjoy live theatre. We sat down in happy anticipation, for the programme informed us that the play was a well-written one. It was by Terence Rattigan.

At the sight of the set, we were momentarily startled. Bits of Balmoral loomed from the corners of a shabby flat, and a prison window gave onto what was clearly a long drop. But we soon forgot the set.

Surely never, in the whole history of Old Mercer dramatics, has there been a finer performance than Margaret Kingwill's as Hester Collyer. This actress sustained a violent emotional tension with such control that she was powerfully effective. She electrified us with outbursts of unhappy passion, and amused us when she out-witted a foolish young man. Her restraint was superb, and the whole performance most truly and movingly played from beginning to end.

Most of the time, Hester's strength came from within herself, but sometimes she found a little to borrow—a detached, scientific mind assisted her to form a new resolution and go on. The character of Mr. Miller, slightly forbidding and tersely spoken, was given humanity and charm by Ken Holmes. He succeeded in conveying the strength which comes from an experience of suffering, and he also played a foreign-accent part with clarity. It was a decisive study.

If minor characters are to have a fair deal, they must be produced with as much care as the leads—they are written with as much in this play. Sometimes our young couple looked as though they had nowhere to go, and sometimes, when they went, it was as though some call unheard by us drew them away. But this is Rattigan, not Barrie. Fortunately there was no whimsy about Teresa Wentworth White's London landlady (though she might have been forgiven absent looks, living in a house like that), and her kindness and humour off-set the tragic moments well, as did the entertaining R.A.F. type, acted by John Newman with his customary fine voice and diction. We have no wish to see this actor in a silent role!

Hester's husband, the Judge, was understandingly played by Eric Wilkins, who showed us that by standing still and talking quietly, he can be more effective than when he uses his *grand* manner. This is reassuring, for he has great strength of acting ability when he does not dissipate it by lack of control. His sincerity in the part of Sir William, his dignity and well-drawn regard for Hester, made their scenes together very telling, and high-lighted the complete insolubility of Hester's problem.

Freddie has to be a bit dim. Richard Lansdown is not a bit dim. So Richard could never be Freddie, in spite of good acting, because Nature has endowed him with features too intelligent, and no amount of make-up can ever disguise the fact. It is a pleasure to watch an actor who not only knows his lines, but also understands them, points them and times them like O.M. Lansdown, and a great deal of enjoyable comedy was transmitted to the audience by this adept player. It was well attempted indeed, but let us hope for the pleasure of seeing him in a lead more suited to his own mentality and appearance.

The evening was a memorable one—and to Mrs. Kingwill goes the glory!
F.G.

"MY THREE ANGELS "

A comedy by Sam and Bella Spewack from the French of Albert Husson, presented at the Chanticleer Theatre, 8th, 9th, 10th March 1961.

The scene opened on a dull and seedy setting, which suggested the atmosphere of the down-at-heel trading shop woefully mismanaged by Felix Dulay. In this part, Ken Holmes gave us an excellent picture of a muddled but likeable expatriate of France, holding on to the only job he could get.

One of his customers, Madame Parole (played by Teresa Wentworth White), was a bully with a taste for the bottle. The extended credit she got from kind Dulay was one of the causes of his poor profits.

The business belonged to his clever relative, Gaston Lemare, who was about to descend on his inefficient manager. Gaston was used to getting his way in business as well as in pleasure. Here Ron Parrott was able to show us that he had the confidence of a successful man, but he wasn't able to display the real ruthlessness that Gaston must have had.

Emile Dulay was worried about the precarious position of her family, but her loyalty and fondness for her husband came first. In this part Margaret Kingwill was gentle and restrained. She was also concerned over her daughter's unfortunate attachments. As the daughter, Yvonne Jones did her best to give credibility to the character of the silly young girl who was misguided enough to think she loved such an obvious wet blanket as Paul, the rich man's nephew. Bob Ramsden showed us here a previously unsuspected talent for comedy.

The real comedy of the play is provided by the three convicted murderers who are enabled to have the run of a respectable household during their day off from the penal settlement near by. They clear up the financial and domestic situation of the impoverished Dulays by using a combination of the techniques and talents which qualified them for prison.

The part of Joseph was that of a thoroughly delightful reseau. Brian Percy, possibly our most finished actor, gave him warmth, charm and human appeal. Some of the best laughs we have had came from the timing of his lines.

The delicate position of the convicts was also cleverly indicated by Richard Lansdown. As an honourable man, the convict Jules could not allow himself to claim any of the affection of Madame Dulay, but the real sympathy between these two characters appeared to grow and then be stopped by a conscious effort.

Again there was some delightful humour in the macabre search for the lethal snake which despatched the troublesome auditor, Gaston.

The impetuous young Alfred fell for the daughter of the house, and John Newman was full of assurance here; he dashed on and off the stage in pursuit of his love in a thoroughly clean and decent way.

The convicts convinced Alfred that he was an unsuitable choice for the girl and preferred Sub.-Lieut. Espoir. Derek Compton indicated in an assured performance of the young officer, how far he has come since playing little Tobias in Sweeny Todd.

Eric Wilkins' direction gave the play the firm style which it required, and for three evenings Old Mercers were offered enjoyment by a highly competent company. L.T.G.

HONOR DEO LODGE No. 3562

The Lodge has enjoyed a most successful year under the Master-ship of W.Bro. K. E. Jones, during which two new members have been welcomed.

The tragic deaths of Bro. G. E. Macdonald on 12th October, 1960; W.Bro. G. Thomas, P.A.G.D.C., L.G.R., P.M., Secretary of the Lodge from 1951 to 1961, on 4th February, 1961; and W.Bro. A. H. Appleyard, O.B.E., L.G.R., P.M., Director of Ceremonies, on April 5th, 1961, brought sorrow to us all. These brethren were unfailing in their support of the Lodge, and will be sorely missed, in every way, for a very long time.

For the second year in succession, a Ladies Festival was held. This was excellently attended and very much enjoyed.

The Lodge continues to maintain its strength as younger O.Ms. apply for membership, and we hope that no problems in this respect will have to be faced for many years to come.

The 50th Anniversary of the Lodge will be celebrated at the November meeting, 1961, to be held at The National Liberal Club, when Bro. R. G. Williams, the Master Elect, will be Installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year.

W.Bro. Ken Jones, on behalf of the Lodge, made an excellent collection for the funds of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys and the Lodge has donated generously to the Hospital and other Masonic Institutions and Charities.

The new Secretary is John Seear, 24, Brunswick Square, W.C.1, who will be happy to supply any desired information to Old Mercers.

J.E.S.

HONOR DEO CHAPTER No. 3562

The Chapter enjoyed a very successful year, which was only marred by the death of two of its outstanding companions.

E. Comp. George Thomas, P.G., St. Br., who died on 4th February, 1961, joined the Chapter in 1937, occupied the First Principal's Chair in 1950/51, was elected Scribe "E" and Preceptor in 1951, and the Chapter continued to flourish under his expert guidance and wisdom.

E. Comp. A. H. Appleyard, O.B.E., joined the Chapter in 1948 and was its First Principal this year. He was suddenly taken ill at the last Convocation in April and died the next day, 5th April, 1961. Two such outstanding personalities will be sadly missed by all.

During the year one new member was exalted and we look forward to the new season, having elected E. Comp. S. W. Moys, J.P., as First Principal, E. Comp. E. H. Day as Second Principal and Comp. Sir Daril G. Watson, G.C.B., C.B.E., M.C., as Third Principal.

E. Comp. Ewart Lohmeyer, 23, Burwood Park Road, Walton-on-Thames has been elected as Scribe "E" and will be pleased to supply any information requested.

CIVIC GUILD OF OLD MERCERS

The Civic Guild during the Mastership of Guild Master E. C. Collins has gone from strength to strength and its membership now totals 78, of whom 18 are liverymen of various City Companies and 60 are Freemen of the City. It is especially gratifying to record that a number of the younger generation of Old Mercers have joined our ranks, and in addition ex-apprentices of the Civic Guild have applied to become Freemen of the City and have expressed their intention of joining us in due course. Lectures and outings have been arranged for Guildmen and Apprentices during the year. The attendance at the annual dinner held in Tallow Chandlers' Hall in June constituted a record, no fewer than 86 members and guests being present.

At the Midsummer Court **H. E. Titford** (School 1891-7) was elected Guildmaster. He is one of the very few left who was at the School in the College Hill days, and is very proud of his Firm's long connection with the City, which goes back over 300 years.

The Civic Guild is still anxious to increase its membership, and will welcome applications from any Old Mercer. Liverymen members of the Guild will be pleased to support applications by Old Mercers over 21 years of age for the Freedom of the City, as the first step to joining the Guild, which aims at upholding the ancient traditions of the School and its links with the City. Any other Old Mercers, not yet 21 years old, will also be welcome as apprentices.

Any Old Mercer who would like further information should communicate with the Hon. Clerk of the Civic Guild, **Raymond Smith**, or the Assistant Hon. Clerk, **A. H. Hall**, in a letter addressed c/o Guildhall Library, London, E.C.2.

The Court has to record with deepest regret the death of two of its Guildmen during the year, **A. H. Appleyard** (1908-13) and **George Thomas** (1905-10). Both were widely known and loved in Old Mercer circles, and both are deeply and sincerely mourned.

Raymond Smith, Hon. Clerk.

OLD MERCERS' BENEVOLENT FUND

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT, 1960

RECEIPTS			PAYMENTS		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
By Balance, Jan. 1st, 1960	82	12 5	To Grants	50	0 0
„ Donations	5	5 0	„ Balance, Lloyds Bank	37	17 5
	<hr/> £87 17 5			<hr/> £87 17 5	

POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANK ACCOUNT

	£	s. d.
Deposit, January 1st, 1960	567	4 7
Interest to December 31st, 1960	14	3 6
	<hr/> £581 8	

G. H. PARKER, *Hon. Treasurer.*

PERSONAL

R. G. COLE (1951-54) has completed his final year at the All Nations Bible College. He is now at the West Ham Central Mission for two years but hopes eventually to go to South America as a missionary.

W. DENSHAM (1925-29) has moved from the Eastern to the Western and Northern provinces of N. Rhodesia to set up a Central Registry and begin a Health Control Scheme.

N. DOBSON (1941-48) is now to be found at 3085 Esther, Group Mail Box, R.P.2, St. Rose, Quebec Province. He is now a member of the Technical Sales Team of Canadair. He has not forgotten his O.M. Soccer days, for he was a founder member of the soccer club at Canadair.

J. ELLIOTT (1942-51), son of F. J. Elliott and erstwhile O.M. footballer and cricketer, sent news of the arrival of a daughter.

The Editor had a long letter from an old friend, G. FINCH (1919-24), who is now living near Taunton. Much of the letter is in the true Finch tradition, entertaining but unprintable; Budge does, however, send good wishes to his friends in the A.A. (and they are legion), and welcomes any of them who may be in the vicinity of 1, Dene Court, Bishops Lydeard, Taunton, to contact him with a view to taking ale.

STUART FRANCIS, at School about 1913-14 and a contemporary of D. C. R. JENKIN, has been nominated Moderator Designate of the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand. HAROLD EADE reminded the Editor of the time that Francis' House Captain, JACK DEWEY, defeated him (Francis) over the hurdles at Herne Hill-"a truly remarkable event," says Harold.

J. D. ("GINGER") HALL (1934-44) wrote to Mr. Andrew from Buenos Aires. He received his 1960 Magazine in January 1961. As he says, "it takes some time for things to travel from London to Pittsburgh by surface mail and then down to Argentina." He comments that "O" level Spanish at the moment would be of far more use than "all that business about differential equations and theory of structures."

GORDON HARPER (1910-16) has been Chairman of the Rhodesia National Affairs Association which set up a Study Conference to enquire into the Multi Racial State. Gordon must play an important part in the momentous happenings which are clearly not far off in this part of Africa.

S. HEXT (1953-56) has achieved the highest honours in the world of hairdressing. British Champion for Evening and Day Style, a member of the Society of French Hair Fashion Designers, he hopes soon to be a Fellow of the Fellowship of Hair Artists of Great Britain. At 21, he is possibly the youngest hairdresser ever to have achieved all these distinctions.

B. L. JACOBS (1929-34) is to occupy a chair in the Department of Public Administration in Uganda, where he has been a District Officer. It is hoped that others may learn from his experience and he expects to travel as far East as Bangkok for this purpose.

REV J. BURLEY (1925-30) commented on the omission of the Devil from the revised catechism. "Why should not future generations of Anglicans be warned of his presence and learn to spell evil with a capital 'D'?"

Visitor to the British Trade Fair in Moscow was J. A. D. KERR (1932-35), who as editor of "Laundry and Cleaning", a trade magazine, led a party of launderers, cleaners and machinery manufacturers to the Russian capital.

Sight-seeing tours included visits to the Kremlin, Lenin's tomb, the Bolshoi ballet and the Moscow underground system. Kerr found the beer quite drinkable, and the champagne delightful! "Jimmy" Kerr will be remembered as a member of the Cricket Club immediately after the war.

L. A. N. KYLE (1923-32) is now licensed and has been admitted as a lay reader.

E. McCLUNAN (1908-11) wrote concerning the uncertainties of life in South Africa at the moment.

G. E. RUMBALL (1920-26) has become General Manager of the Prudential in South and East Africa.

J. G. SCADDING (1918-25) has been President of the British Tuberculosis Association and has been succeeded by another Old Mercer, HUGH RAMSEY (1919-24).

B. WICHMANN (1952-58) gained a 1st in Mathematics at Queen Mary College, London. He is arranging to read a second degree at St. Catherine's, Oxford.

The Editor had great pleasure in receiving a letter from JOHN WEARING, a former member of the Staff, who played football and cricket for the Club. He is still very much interested in things Mercer and would be glad to see any Old Mercer passing through St. Anstell.

In December, 1960, H. E. TITFORD (1891-97) gave a talk to the London Rifle Brigade Veterans on the history of the firm of Vandome and Hart, which dates back to 1660 and specialises in scale making. The Titfords have been connected with the firm since 1860.

STOP PRESS

After various rumours it now seems certain that D. A. JACKSON (1941-44) is really about to arrive back from New Zealand; a reunion with his many A.A. friends is planned.

While on holiday the Editor had great pleasure in visiting M. J. LUCOCK, now mine host at Danecourt Private Hotel, Shanklin,

I.O.W. Here he is able to hear the sound of willow on leather at the Shanklin cricket ground but finds no time to play any cricket himself.

MERCERS' SCHOOL IN THE NINETIES

Before me on my desk as I write, is a book handsomely bound in calf, bearing in gilt on the outside the Honor Deo crest with the crowned Virgin above, and underneath it the date A.D. 1522 when this school, founded by St. Thomas of Canterbury, was taken by the Mercers' Company under its wing. The sight of this led me to respond to Old Mercer Dawson's appeal to write about myself ; otherwise I could not have imagined that my autobiography would interest anyone. Perhaps on reading this you will consider it an error of judgment on his part, but on the other band, to counter-balance your mental discomfort, there is the really great pleasure I have experienced in recalling so many pleasant memories . First of all there was a most gifted and understanding form master, Mr. Crampton , who then had charge of IHA, in which form I passed at least two terms. He had a system every Saturday (we worked on Saturday mornings then , and Wednesday afternoon was devoted to organised sport) of giving us our marks for each subject, and awarding us a place according to the total, so that we were constantly changing from one desk to another.

We had to write all these details down in a note-book, take it home and bring it back on Monday morning, signed by a parent. During my first term in his form I floated around the lower places, but rose slightly each week. And at the end of term, Mr. Crampton praised me and said, "Next term we shall see you at the top of the Form ". A companion, who shall be nameless said, "If you are, I'll punch your head." Well, I was, and more than that, in the examinations I came first in every subject, including mathematics to which I was really allergic. I really have to thank Mr. Crampton for having aroused in me a pleasure in seeking knowledge.

Next term I passed into Lower IVA, presided over by Mr. Trevor Walsh, a nephew of the suffragan Bishop of Dover. Mr. Walsh excelled in teaching history and the period we covered was that of the Reformation. He was a man of intense human sympathy, and devoted his leisure to work amongst unfortunate youth at Toynbee Hall, an East End settlement. On prize day, my father naturally asked him what he thought of me. "Well," he said, "he's a good little boy when he's asleep". Still, I thank him for his history lessons, from which I have derived immense benefit ever since.

From his form I passed into Middle IV and so came under the stern discipline of Jimmy Grant, as he is affectionately remembered. Geometry lessons were a real torture to me. He seemed to realise my dislike of the subject and obviously judged that some forceful remedy must be applied. So he would invite me to the blackboard to work out a problem, and stand behind me prodding me in a tender spot with one of a collection of about 20 pointers he had. Some of

them he would shoot with unerring aim at a boy who was not paying attention. At the end of my ignominious display at the blackboard, he would place me in front of him, grab my chin with his left hand, and slap the right cheek. Then he would exclaim joyfully "Ha ! He has a hollow tooth". Then, changing over hands, he would slap the left one. I found his shorthand lessons more useful, except that he used a little known system called Script. Its main feature seemed to be the formation of a little circle, the rule for which he set to verse, thus : "Outside an angle, inside a cur-r-r-ve, in all other cases with the clock."

Most of us, I think, looked upon Art as offering a pleasant, easy interlude in an otherwise hard life. Mr. Ballard was the Art Master. He had an insatiable desire for requiring us to reproduce a hexagonal prism on a large sheet of paper which he would hand us when we had taken our places. During this he would keep a sharp eye open for any comic which a boy might be trying to read surreptitiously below the desk. Armed with this, he would return to his desk and leave us at peace, while he read it. Occasionally he would emit approving grunts and snorts, so that we nicknamed him "Piggy".

Somewhere around 1896 there was a general impression that the end of the world was due at 2.15 p.m. on a certain day, and we were given half an hour's extension of the luncheon break to meet it. However by 2.30 nothing had happened, so the whistle sounded and we were back in our respective forms. Talking of the luncheon break reminds me of the tuck shop at the far end of the playground, kept by Mrs. Cousins, wife of the lodgekeeper. The present generation can have no idea of the luscious doughnuts served piping hot at 1d. each during the mid-morning break, and delectable coffee at 1d. a cup. The whistle to which I have referred "Was operated by Mr. O'Neil, who had a horny hand which he knew where to plant with stunning effect on those boys who offended against the playground conventions.

Mention of the end of the world recalls to mind some of the thrilling talks of Mr. Daniel, our science master, on the splitting of the atom, which, he said, would inevitably result in the break up of the universe. I little thought then that I should live to see his pessimistic outlook falsified.

In 1897 Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee procession was routed to pass along High Holborn, so we were given a holiday. Most of us bought our school books from J. and E. Bumpus, whose shop was not very far from the school. So a group of us decided to go along there, and ask them to allow us to witness the procession from one of their upper windows. They agreed to allow this on condition that we cheered loudly through the open window. I well remember seeing the grand old lady sitting in her horse-drawn carriage, and nodding her head in acknowledgment of the surrounding cheers.

Within a year this pageantry had given way to the excitement and anxiety of the Boer War. We watched the C.I.V.s proudly marching through London on their way to be transported to South Africa.

On such occasions as the relief of Ladysmith, and of Mafeking, we marched around the playground banging trays which we brought out from the dining hall, and then we were sent home for the rest of the day.

All this militarism had its reaction on school life, and decided the Governors to introduce what might be called a precursor of the O.T.C. Exercises were held in the lower playground under the direction of a retired military sergeant who had taken part in the siege of Ladysmith, and who regaled us with thrilling stories of how he subsisted on mule sausage. I found one of his exercises a great torture. It consisted of extending both arms, holding a rifle in each hand, and slowly turning the rifles over. Another was made much more agreeable by the fascinating order he gave, as follows :- "ANNS ON THE 'IPPS; RAISE THE 'EELS; DESCEND SLOWLY AND SIT UPON THE 'ORNCHES".

My home was at Clapham, then a village in Surrey, and I used to travel to school daily by the London, Chatham and Dover Railway (known as the "London, Smash 'em and Turnover") to Ludgate Hill Station. Then I would walk to school along Fetter Lane, lined in the winter with vendors of hot roasted chestnuts, and with the lovely smell of printers' ink and paper assailing my nostrils. It must have been this that led me later on into journalism, where I spent some happy years before entering on my present mode of life.

But I must say this; in everything I have done I owe much to Mercers' School, and in a way I am happy that it should now have become a memory rather than remain an institution much too perfect for the kind of education purveyed today.

E. S. Sutton (1895-1901)

MEMORIES

As I start to comply with the Editor's request it is 25th July, 1961. That same day in July 1900 was as sunny and warm as this one and, casting my mind back 61 years, I can picture the packed Hall, with dear Mamas in their finery fanning themselves with programmes and Papas in frock coats and stiff collars looking as if they were about to expire from apoplexy. But after Percy Brenton had played a pianoforte solo and someone else had given a Latin oration, there came a bit of a French play, no doubt by Moliere, and then the prize distribution. I can't remember but I imagine I must have been the last of the troop of lads in Eton jackets, all with well plastered hair and a Cambridge blue rosette, to go up to the platform and return with a calf bound volume or volumes with the Mercers' crest in gold, in my case, the prize for Form 1B. Who the Master of the Mercers' Company was that year I can't remember but probably a Watney or a Palmer or a Clementi, three families who seemed to have a monopoly of high office in the Mercers' Company. But I do recall (whether or not on this particular occasion) the cheers when it was announced that Baden-Powell, the hero of Mafeking, had been appointed a Junior Warden of the Company.

Well, after the prizes had all been distributed and we had listened to Dr. Scott, followed by the Master, the meeting broke up and adjourned to the playground. And that really was a colourful sight. Dr. Scott in his satin gown with the scarlet and white of his LLD. hood, his pink cherub face in a frame of white whisker-what was, I believe, known as a Newgate fringe-and all the rest of the masters in an assortment of hoods of silk, satin and rabbit fur in all the colours of the rainbow. And it was not only the Masters who were dolled up. I can remember Cousins, the Porter, in cut-away coat and bowler hat with Mrs. C. and her crimped white hair, Neal, ex-Navy in blue serge and Sergeant-Major Barry, late R.H.A., who had fought at Balaclava-and what a fine figure of a man he was, faultlessly turned out, his shoes so highly polished that you could see your face in them. And harking back to the Masters, here is my recollection of the staff on that day in July 1900, and I wonder whether any of my contemporaries can fault it:

George Fowler (Form Ib)-the man who started me off in the school and one for whom I had a great respect

P. Stephenson (Form Ia)-with a short temper, which led to his departure.

W. Cutts (Form IIb)-rather a vague figure now.

Langhorne (Form IIa)-an earnest man who took holy orders.

Vere Collins (Form IHb)-not cut out for a school teacher.

Cramphorne (Form IIIa)-a charming fellow who played the piano magnificently.

M. Green (Lower IVb)-I didn't hit it off with him.

Trevor Walsh (Lower IVa)-Today he would be called very Left Wing but he opened my eyes to the fact that England was not the only country in the world.

Jimmy Grant (Middle IV)-no one who came into his charge has ever regretted it. A really grand teacher.

Paterson (Upper IV)-a clever fellow but an awful contrast to Jimmy Grant.

Dowsett (Lower V)-a man of moods who could be brilliant at times but ferocious at others.

Wheeler (Upper V)-he used to cycle to school, was always well turned out but had a biting tongue and I didn't appreciate his cynicism.

Then there were Stephan Barlet, like Grant a grand teacher and to us in the lower forms a great hero as a veteran of the Franco-Prussian war of 1870 and Daniell, the Science master with whom I had little to do but a pleasant enough fellow. There was also Ballard, the drawing master, but he departed the following term. I think he was succeeded by Foster, who for some reason or other always wore a mortar-board but never a gown.

And there was still a great man to come-Benjamin Consitt Boulter-who, I suppose, made the greatest impact of any teacher on the hundreds of O.M.s who passed through his hands. By the time he joined the staff I had reached the dizzy heights of the third form so I was never taught by him but my brother, who came later, was a B.C.B. fan and from the tributes paid to him on his retirement and more recently at the unveiling of his memorial, I know how much I missed.

Well, there we are. I have turned back the curtain sixty odd years and never again will such a scene, even in modern costume, be presented at Barnard's Inn. Alas that after four centuries or more, Mercers' School has been allowed to fade away.

P. S. Cassidy (1900-1904)

THOUGHTS

So, I was to go to Mercers'. It had been decided by my parents that, while there were other schools to which I could go, yet there were none that could approach it in quality. But, just before I was due to don the "pork-pie", I contracted scarlet fever and I spent some weeks in an isolation hospital.

It was late in 1915 and already we had experienced Zeppelin raids -there were at least two while I was in hospital; there were boys at Mercers" whose elder brothers were already in khaki and some of those who were then in the higher forms were, all unknowing, to die in Flanders. I can see even now the late P. C. Chambers (1910-1916) as he stalked across the playground, nonchalantly swinging a towel; the late N. I. Gelson (1910-1916) as he fielded, in the school lunch hour, to a chalk wicket in the wall-it was before the days of the cricket-net and we had no "offside" field.

I have no hesitation in saying that I was awed, not to say frightened, by the sundry masters I came up against. It was not, however, the terrible things they did that appalled one-for in fact no terrible things did they and they were merely alleged "Gorgons"-but rather the fact that they did get results from us. Somehow or other they produced from the motley crew some thing or things that made us "Mercers"-not just schoolboys at Mercers' school. The names of those masters are too well-known to require iteration; it would be indecent to single out any one for his peculiar merit-let any boy who has been to Mercers' think his own particular thoughts, in kindness to and respect for those most worthy pedagogues.

I can mention only those I personally met-there were others who shall for the purpose of this small essay be nameless and you, reader, shall fill in the blanks. Was there not Towsey-who lamented the working class and their having to eat cold meat and pickles on Monday? The Rev. Boon-who used to line us up in form and give us many a question naire to prevent our becoming drowsy? Fowler of IIIA, who was the plain embodiment of culture?

We moved to the Upper School and found B. C. B., so versatile, so kindly, so honest; Crampton, who shamed us into learning; Green -he really was a "terror" and yet we left his form in nostalgic mood. Jimmy Grant, who taught us, amongst other things, that those from North of the Border can impart knowledge as well as any southern cheil. Carey, who despite all his nervousness, infused into us his deep fund of German and French and produced an even higher percentage of examination passes than his immediate colleagues.

Let me bracket C. B. Wheeler and C. A. Williams-for the two shared duties owing to the needs of war; suffice it to say that "Old Bill" came back from his military service and stepped straightaway into shoes that had been kept admirably warm for him. Of Paterson and Heath, I need merely say that mathematically and scientifically they were as thorough as the aforesaid "Wheeler-Williams" were in English and the Classics.

All this time, we had had the war years to get through and the late C. H. Bicknell, as headmaster, must have had a very, very difficult task to conduct a school of the calibre of Mercers. I can see it all more clearly now.

The years 1919 and 1920 found us reverting to a peace-time economy. The sandbagged basement in the lower playground was never used as an air-raid shelter and the expense gone to by the Mercers' Company on behalf of us school-boys was, as it were, in vain. There was a cricket-net put up; we were allowed to use the "gym".

In July 1920, I left to come up against the rough and tumble of the business world; in October of that year I had become an "Old Boy" -at the great age (or so it seemed) of 17.

It remains one of the tragedies in my life that in July 1959, the School had to close-but no one can ever rob me of the fundamental joys I experienced in being a Mercer. I can only hope that to some of those who read this, many, and similar, joys will be readily forthcoming-as they recall those great days in their own lives.

G. E. Watson (1915-1920)

MEMORIES OF A SCHOOL TRIP TO FAVERGES

In the summer of 1954 Mr. John Wearing and Mr. Jim Fairbairn took a School party to Faverges in the Savoy Alps. I have one outstanding memory of this holiday and that is when Markwood, George Eames and myself went rowing on Lake Annecy. It was a hot day so we left all our clothes on the bank. While we were out rowing there was a freak mountain storm and we rowed madly for the shore. On arrival we found that a conscientious member of the party had collected our clothes and sent them back on the last bus to Faverges. Messrs. Markwood, Eames and myself had, therefore, to cover a distance of some 20 kilometres on foot, soaked through, wearing only bathing trunks and shoes without socks. When we

arrived in Faverges we received the cheers of a hero's welcome and Mr. Wearing and Mr. Fairbairn invited us to recount our experiences to the school party after dinner.

N.B. They found the whole thing frightfully amusing and we were not expelled !
S. Hext (1953-1956)

INFINITUDE

'Twas once believed that earth was motionless
And centre of the heaven's company
Of sun and stars, and all the pageantry
Of dawn and dusk was spread for man alone.

But wiser science held the central sun
To be the pivot of the planets' range;
Then later knowledge showed the sun itself
To be but one of myriads in the vast
Star-powdered splendours of the Milky Way.

Nor was this all; the wondrous Galaxy,
A million times reduplicate in space,
Appeared to eyes of more intelligence
As hurled with cosmic comrades through the vast,
Each with its countless suns, of which perchance
Some may have circling planets like our own
Which may be bearers of immortal life.

Such then the marvels of the Universe
With its infinitudes of Space and Time
And distances in light-years beyond thought
Of man; but in the boundless Mind of God
All comprehended and articulate.

Rev. A. T. Coldman (1894-1899)

CORRESPONDENCE

1st August, 1961

Dear Old Mercer Editor,

There are comparatively few Old Mercers today who had the privilege of knowing Dr. Scott and their number is steadily diminishing. May I suggest that for the future when Old Mercers drink a loving cup they drink in memory of Mercers' School.

Yours sincerely,

L. CLIFTON CRICK

c/o 23, St. James's Street,
London, S.W.1

Dear Mr. Editor,

3rd August, 1961

In your report of last year's Old Boys' Day Cricket Match, I was given out as bowled by F. Robinson for nought. I would like to re-assure my supporters that this is incorrect and that in fact I carried my bat, albeit for no score.

This is particularly important as I was also "not out" in this year's Match and thus have the unusual distinction of having an infinity average for two years running !

Yours sincerely,

G. MILNE.

Note: I notice that the President was taking no chances this year as you will see that F. Robinson played for *his* team. It may be remembered that some years ago this same G. Milne had the distinction of being the only *Old Mercer* to have a three figure average (in the history of the Club); he was always a difficult man to get out !-Ed.

Lincoln College, Oxford.

Dear Sir,

21st June, 1961

The idyllic haze of parties, punts and cricket in the sun will shortly be succeeded by the realities of examination results: for Trinity Term 1961 has drifted lazily away. Mercers go down now. Adrian Sinfield sets out for Hong Kong (will he take his Mercers' boater and umbrella with him, I wonder?), Michael Sumner for Basutoland. He, I know, is taking a wife. Brian Taylor, "equipped for nothing after three years here," is going to travel in Europe. Tony Werner becomes an industrialist, roving between London and Scandinavia. The alumni of the Department of Education seek less romantic places : John Werner, via the U.S.A. and Yorkshire, will teach in a comprehensive school at Eltham, while your correspondent abandons the metropolis for rural pastures in Lincolnshire.

Mercers who remain have been active. Brian Ash appeared in "Comus" and "Tis Pity She's a Whore" in successive weeks. John Slater is no "beardy weirdy" and decked himself in purple tie to greet a visitor expected from the north, but he has marched from Aldermaston into the front pages of Cherwell and on to the committees of C.N.D. and the Labour group. John Foster engages in high powered dialectic in Lincoln and David Walton in high capacity consumption in the Turf, while David Talks has combined final schools and married life apilly and with success.

Yet Oxford bends gradually to change. The persistent demands from the left for equality of opportunity have been concentrated on the selection system. Dons have been on television trial to justify the steadily eroding Public School privileges. Should we establish an educational elite, with selection resting solely on academic ability? What "other qualities" should come into the reckoning? How is the university to assimilate a large number of students from "bookless homes" into the academic way of life? How will Oxford react to the increased financial involvement of the state in university expansion? Such problems nag below the surface. Last term the Union refused to support a motion expressing dissatisfaction with education at Oxford. Perhaps it is necessary to close our eyes as we adapt to the age of Gagarin,

We did so during the Edwardian glories of Eights Week and the extravagant splendour of the Commems. Drama flourishes. The Playhouse is now the University theatre. The O.U.D.S. spectacular "Shoemakers' Holiday" whirled joyfully through Wadham Cloisters, but the E.T.C. Revue foundered on weak script and humourless theme. In the Parks the Indian magic of Pataudi and Baig has confounded county bowlers and treated even Australians disrespectfully. St. Edmund Hall went Head of the River again, but the feat most generally acclaimed was the distribution of forged tickets inviting us to bring "bird and bottle" to the Trinity Commem.

On the last night of term Old Mercers gathered in alcoholic nostalgia at the King's Arms. We look forward to meeting next in Cambridge in the Autumn.

Yours sincerely,

ROY PEARCE

Dear Dick,

24th June, 1961

Thank you for your circular letter about the Magazine. I wonder if you would like to publish the enclosed list of Rich's Exhibitions, with my comment. If it has the effect of encouraging other Old Mercers at the university to apply for a Rich's Exhibition, so much the better. C. J. Arnold (Jesus, Camb.) and P. A. Hill (Magdalene) are two other good lads, for example. I have added the further comment because I am often asked why Mercers' School closed when the standard of the Sixth Form was so high. People do not realize how costly was the attempt to establish and maintain the standard.

I keep in touch with very many O.M.s who write in the way of business or personal message. The farthest-flung, I think, have been M. D. Geary, tea-planting in Hoogijan, Assam and D. Freedman, an accountant in Sacramento, California. We gradually settle down, liking the people (who have much in common with Londoners) and Northumberland. Looking after a thousand boys is not, I am glad to say, different in principle, but it takes more hours of work to maintain the principle!

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

W. D. HADEN

MERCERS' SCHOOL WAR MEMORIAL FUND

31st

1960					
£		£	s.	d.	£ s. d.
3,626	Balance, 31st March, 1960				3,946 17 5
	RECEIPTS:				
1	Donations (1 Donor)			0	
17	Covenanted Subscriptions (16 Donors)	17		6	
35	Income Tax Repayment, 1959/60	10	16	4	
	Higginson Memorial Fund- accumulated income, two years to 31st March, 1960	19	19	8	
143	Interest : Defence Bonds	147	5	0	
	3½ % War Stock	9	19	10	
		206	3	4	
196		1	8	2	
1	Payments : Postage and Sundries				
195		204	15	2	
60	Memorial Scholarships	70	0	0	
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W. G. BAILEY,
Hon. Treasurer.

1/5/1961.

1st March, 1961

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Estimate of Future Total Fund

	£	s.	d.
Balance, 31st March, 1960	4,451	17	5
Receipts, <i>less</i> Expenses-year ended 31st March, 1961	204	15	2
	4,656	12	7
Future Payments under Covenanted Subscriptions	28	13	0
Future Income Tax recoverable (based on rate of 6/8d. in £ for future subscriptions)	25	2	10
	4,710	8	5
<i>Less</i> : Applied to Objects of Fund :			
Memorial Plaque	145	0	0
Memorial Scholarships	430	0	
	0	575	0 0
	£4,135	8	5

W. H. WRIGHT, F.C.A.,
Hon. Auditor.

OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE CLUB

NOTE OF A MEETING

It was an extraordinary gathering, and an evening out of the ordinary, on 12th November last.

For one thing, it was the occasion of the Annual Dinner of the Old Mercers' Oxford and Cambridge Club; for another, 32 people (including the Immediate Past-President of the General Club, T. W. Parker) were present, which is a record to date. More remarkable, they had flocked in, from London to be sure, but also from Hither Newcastle, Nether Ilkley, Quainter Cambridge and Northest Oxford. Most remarkable of all was the opulent, smoothly modern and steam-heated rendezvous in the Quincentary Room in steam-washed Lincoln College; currently the most delightfully marzipanned feature of the town. Amid the triumphs of careful rejuvenation, poor old Balliol looks more than ever like an agglutination of liquorice allsorts.

Which brings me on to food; no stinters they ! Let one add, in case a ny reader is offended even by timely remarks, that the eight courses and speeches were alike prepared with no less care than they were presented with skill-nay, aplomb-and modesty. Messrs. Werner, Hasen, Fyson and Sinfield followed nobly af ter sole and Chicken Marengo : allspice not often flavoured to the palate.

The drink ran out before the talk; there was a strong Cambridge contingent.

P.N.

It may be of interest to name the gentlemen present at the above dinner.

A. C. Werner (President), D. Ives, T. P. Brent, N. J. Selley, J. A. Foster, L. C. Johnson, B. Ash, M. G. Sack, A. Sinfield, D. Talks, M. G. Harman, A. M. McMurtrie, J. M. Slater, J. Evans, J. Agnew, J. Werner, R. Pearce, R. Lansdown, D. Walton, M. D. Jepson, D. Vermont, K. E. Gray, P. Nailor, W. D. Haden, H. S. Moss, H. Whate, H. G. Andrew, W. J. Fairbairn, H. Fyson, F. J. Elliott, T. W. Parker. The 32nd gentleman's name is indecipherable.

"YOUNG" OLD MERCERS AT OTHER SCHOOLS

The Editor is indebted to Mr. Haden, Mr. Andrew and Messrs. Topliss, Houghton and Hill for the following information. He would be delighted to comply with Mr. Haden's suggestion regarding a full list of boys who went from Mercers, via other schools, to the universities, and appeals to Old Mercers not to be modest in the matter of giving him full details of their achievements.

City of London

Dear Mr. Dawson,

The following is the best information I have of some of the O.M.s who went to the City of London School.

- H. H. Gordon (left C.L.S. 1959)-in 2nd year at Corpus Christi College Cambridge, reading classics. College C.I.C.C.U. rep.
- B. Ash (left C.L.S. 1960)---Scholarship to New College, Oxford. Reading Modern Languages. At C.L.S., prefect; C.S.M. i/c Army Section; Hon. Sec. Athletics Club.
- C. Robinson (left C.L.S. 1960)-University College, London. At C.L.S., prefect; C.S.M. i/c Basic Section.
- J. Foster (left C.L.S. 1960)-Scholarship to Lincoln College, Oxford. Reading Classics.
- J. Knust (left C.L.S. 1961)-going to Kings College, London, to read Law. At C.L.S., C.S.M. i/c Recruits.
- A. J. H. Greely (left C.L.S. 1961)-going to Keble College, Oxford, to read Classics.
- P. A. Hill (left C.L.S. 1961)-going to Magdalene College, Cambridge (Exhibition in English). At C.L.S., C.S.M. i/c Army Section; Prefect; Chairman of Modern Languages Society and Christian Unions in N.E. London; Captain of Carpenter. (Now working as labourer !)
- C. Arnold (ex Dulwich College)-Exhibition in History to Jesus College, Cambridge. (Worked for time at A.A. offices.)
- B. Chalmers (still at Mill Hill)-Exhibition in Maths to Oriel College, Oxford.

Yours sincerely,

P. A. HILL

Highgate

Dear O.M. Dawson,

In reply to your letter for information about O.M.s still at Highgate, I am sorry I have not written before, but I have just left Highgate and it was difficult to get some of the information. This is what I have collected :

Weiner has played for a Highgate Football XI and has become a House Monitor.

Dyer has just become a House Monitor. He is a 2nd year Six Former taking "A" Level this year.

Nunn is a House Monitor. He has played both cricket and tennis for the school.

Chambers has done well in Shooting and Corps.

Wallace has played for the U15 Football XL He is taking his "O" Level this year.

Taylor has played for the U16 Football XI and become one of the most promising footballers at Highgate.

Chalmers, Woodard, Clark, Davey and Williams, although they have not represented the school in any sport, have been prominent members of their Houses.

Booth has supported his House in many sporting activities.
Young had just left Highgate after a very prominent career at school.

Yours sincerely,
MICHAEL J. HOUGHTON

THE LOWER SCHOOL OF JOHN LYON

- A. W. Baillie-House Athletics Team.
- R. A. Clark-VI Science, Privileged Sixth Former , Head Careers Librarian , School and House Football (1st XI), Athletics, Cross-Country and Road Relay Teams. Open Shot Putt Cup, School Athletics and Football half colours . Vice-Chairman Photographic Society.
- Coffey-House Junior Football, Cricket and Athletics Teams. C.C.F. Army Section, Cert A part I and II.
- A. R. Dawson-School 2nd XI cricket (half colours), 2nd XI Football (half-colours). House Athletics Team.
- J. D. Hayes-VI Science, Privileged, School Cricket Team 1st XI (colours), School 1st XI Football Team (colours), School Athletics Team, Open Javelin Cup, Fifth Form Mathematics Prize.
- D. R. H. Jones-1st XI Football (half-colours), 2nd XI cricket, House Athletics Team, House colours.
- M. J. M. Philips-House Intermediate Football Team.
- A. D. Thomas-House Senior Football Team, Athletics Team and Cricket Team.
- J .A. Topliss-VI Science, Privileged, School Football (2nd XJ) . Athletics, Cross-Country and Road Relay Teams, Open Long Jump, School Athletic (half colours).
- A. R. G. Ward-Headmaster's Divinity Prize, Armour Prize for Progress, House Junior Cross-Country and Cricket Team. C.C.F. R.A.F. Section. Cert A part I and II and R.A.F. Proficiency.

AT THE UNIVERSITIES

"Mercers' " boys who went on to other schools and to universities who have received awards from the Mercers' Company :

A.L.VI

- I. M. Ainsworth-Smith, Selwyn College, Cambridge.
- B. M. Ash, New College, Oxford.
- E. R. Doubleday, Pembroke College, Cambridge.
- J. A. Foster, Lincoln College, Oxford.

Sc. L.YI

- J. E. Agnew, Magdalene College, Cambridge.
- C. D. Robinson, University College, London.

J. M. Slater, St. Catherine's Society, Oxford.

V.A

B. Chalmers, Oriel College, Oxford.

S. H. Morris, Southampton University.

L.IVA

B. Lerner, Christ's College, Cambridge.

It would be worthwhile to publish a complete list of boys who went on with other schools to universities. The list would provide impressive evidence of the high academic level at which the Sixth Form was running. It is only fair to add that the generosity of Mercers' Company over the period while this standard was being built up created the effort which made it possible. W.D.H.

Mr. Andrew sends the following :

A. M. McMurtrie gained 1st Class Honours, B. F. Taylor 2nd Class Honours in English Language and Literature at Oxford this summer.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

It is of great importance that members should notify any permanent change of address to the Records' Secretary so that Magazines, Club Notices, etc., may not be delayed nor returned marked "not known at this address". It would help the Records' Secretary if this information could be sent direct to him, W. L. Ford, 30, Silverdale Road, Petts Wood, Kent.

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STOP PRESS

On September 6th the inaugural Old Mercers' Golf Meeting was held , through the kind ness of Mr. Fairbairn, at Downe Golf Club. Eleven players had a most enjoyable day, and our president, George Milne, and O.M.s Hall and Robinson were individual winners.

As a result of the success of the meeting at Downe, it is proposed to hold a further meeting in April, 1962. Those interested should contact F. J . Robinson, 49 Clarendon Way , Chislehurst, Kent. Tel: Orpington (MM) 22298 or AVenue 7261 (office).

LATER-Trevose, Cornwall.
House Match :-Drawn. Andrew (Gresham) beat Jackson (Aeon);
Robinson (Aeon) beat Wainwright (Gresham).