

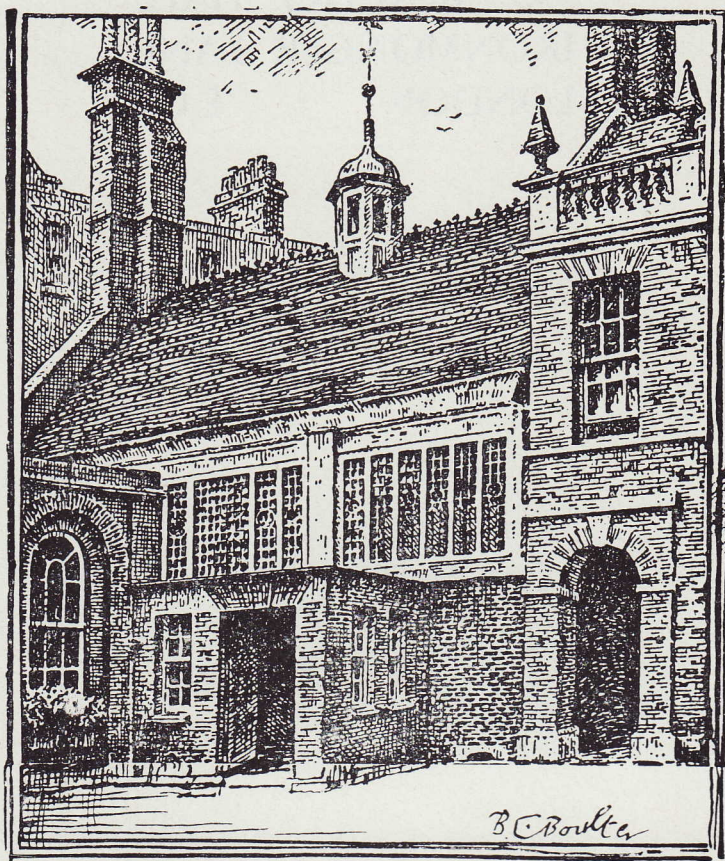


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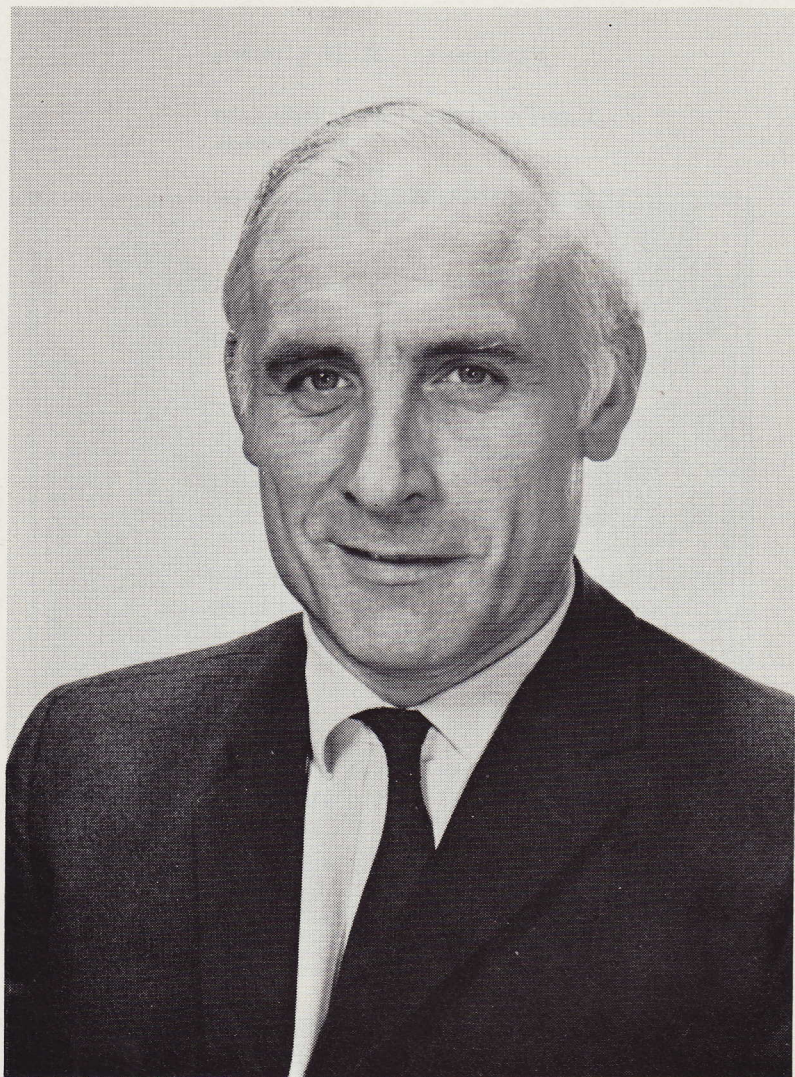
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R. H. COUSENS

President, Old Mercers' Club, 1971-72

## CLUB COMMITTEE 1971-72

**PRESIDENT :** R. H. Cousens

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N. S. Fosh  
L. T. Gardner  
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G. Milne  
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**Treasurer :** L. T. Allen

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D. J. Griffin  
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## THE YEAR 1970-71

It is February, and for those O.M.s who think that the magazine editor has hibernated, let me say that there is a reason why the magazine has not yet gone to the printer. "A History of Mercers' School" appeared just before Christmas and it seemed better to delay the magazine so that members might savour Frank Ward's excellent work. We owe him a tremendous debt; certainly interest outside the club has meant that over 150 copies of the history have been sold and club membership has been increased, since a number of former members of the school have been moved to apply.

This has been an unhappy year in one sense since our President, Eric Wilkins, fell ill just before the dinner. He has shown great courage and insisted on attending the Ladies' Festival, the Reception and the Dinner Dance, as well as co-producing "Oh What a Lovely War" which has just been what must be the Dramatic Club's first "sell out" for years at the Cripplegate, scene of so many past Old Mercers' Dramatic Club successes. To Eric—and Margaret—we send good wishes and thanks.

Otherwise, it has been another steady year. The new President reports on the various activities, most of which have been well supported. It is encouraging that twelve years later, there are enough O.M.s still interested enough in their club to support half a dozen functions during the year. Perhaps the feature of this year was the 50th Anniversary Dinner, celebrating the re-formation of the Old Mercers' Football Club. The list of names of those present is a wonderful tribute to a constituent club which still carries on; Peter Wainwright, who made that dinner possible, deserves the heartfelt thanks of us all.

One important change in club organisation is about to be made. For some years the rising cost of maintaining the club room at Gresham College has worried the committee. Accordingly it has been decided, regretfully, that this is a luxury we can no longer afford and, thanks to the co-operation of the Mercers' Company, the club records are now in the care of Miss Imray, the Company Archivist, at Mercers' Hall. The Company have also agreed to store the bust of Dr. Scott, the Jimmy Grant plaque, the House Crests and the photographs of Dr. Scott and College Hill, which adorned the walls of the club room. Henceforth the club address will be c/o Mercers' Hall, Ironmonger Lane, E.C.1, but clearly it would be more convenient if members wrote directly to the officer concerned at the address shown at the beginning of the magazine. The Committee, for the time being, will meet at the Public Schools' Club in Piccadilly.

And so, somewhat belatedly, this 1971 magazine goes to press. Looking ahead the committee envisage a new club list in about a year's time. It is possible that this may be incorporated in next year's magazine since this will reduce the cost considerably. So it is more important than ever that members notify the Records' Secretary of any change of address so that next year's list may be as accurate as possible. Please note his address at the beginning of the magazine.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

ANNUAL DINNER, Mercers' Hall, Thursday, May 4th.

HONOR DEO LODGE LADIES' FESTIVAL, the Zoo Restaurant,  
Saturday, June 10th.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, Mercers' Hall. October.

## OUR PRESIDENT

Richard Cousens came to Mercers' with the War (or was it the war came with Richard?) and stayed to see it through. As House Captain and Head of the School he celebrated V.E.-Day, and at the following farming camp, V.J.-Day. At his last House Tea in May, 1945, he spoke of war and peace with a sincerity still remembered by all who were there.

He came to us in that long line of scholars from City and neighbouring schools which served Mercers' so well. To live in the city throughout the war and maintain an immaculate standard of work and play were not easy, but his simple philosophy about bombs and such things was that they could be missed or dealt with as chance dictated, provided that they did not interfere with things that really mattered. A similar philosophy characterised his wicket-keeping.

"Cous" usually did things the hard way, did them well and appeared to like it that way. He left to work at Johnson Matthey's by day and at Birkbeck College at night. Here he collected a "first", a Ph.D. and Sheila (with another Ph.D. thrown in). From Johnson Matthey he went to I.C.I. and now enjoys the cut-throat competition of industry with Gillette.

His full part in school and Old Mercer activities and his ability to see the essentials in complex problems have been invaluable to school and club. It is very fitting that he is now our President. We know that for this year a spade will be a spade, the best answers found and a high standard set. If he had one ambition unfulfilled it was to send his two sons to Mercers'. He can hardly be blamed for that.

H.G.A.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

The year 1971 has been as successful as any in recent Old Mercers' history and, like the stock market, reached a peak near Christmas with the Jubilee supper of the Football section and the publication of "A History of Mercers' School". I hope the standard can be maintained during 1972!

January 1971 saw some Old Mercers' and their guests dining and dancing at the Horseshoe Restaurant and being entertained by the Victorian melodrama section of the Dramatic Club. The attendance was less than was planned because the postal strike interfered with the distribution of circulars, but the numbers were enough to create a very satisfactory level of hilarity. The dinner at Mercers' Hall was well attended and passed off with customary smoothness and

efficiency; no outsider would have guessed that the President, Eric Wilkins had been taken ill two days before and that Derek Archibald had stepped into the breach at such short notice. I know it was a great disappointment to Eric that he had to miss the dinner and I know that all his friends, particularly the actors and the cricketers, were pleased that he was able, with his wife Margaret, to receive us at the Reception held at Martini's in September. This exceptionally happy and successful function, arranged by O.M. Neville Watson, was laid on free by the Martini Company and the receipts from the sale of tickets enabled the Club to donate £50 to the Save the St. Paul's Fund. This seemed a natural cause for our Club to support, rooted as it is in the City of London.

At the A.G.M. a number of officers retired. Hartley Campbell has been an outstanding Entertainments' Secretary and much of the Club's liveliness in the past few years has been due to him; it is to be hoped that he will take up the reins again one day. Ken Holmes has been an unobtrusive General Secretary and Norman Fosh a most efficient Treasurer, so that the two most important offices have never faltered. We are most grateful to this trio for their past efforts and value their continued service on the general committee. Leonard Allen and David Trigg have taken over their new offices with great aplomb and Ian Pearson receives his baptism of fire at the Dinner-Dance in January. In their hands I think we have no fears for the immediate future of the Club. One other notable occurrence was the retirement, from the committee, of "Daisy" Searls after 50 years' service. His unflinching kindness and courtesy to young and old, coupled with his unerring sense of what was best for the Club have made his counsel invaluable. However, I hope he will be seen at O.M. functions for years to come.

The Jubilee supper of the Football Club was a nostalgic occasion with six of the 1921 team as principal guests. All periods of the Club's history were well represented to make this a most successful re-union and it is only to be regretted that no excuse for a repetition will ever recur.

All these activities require careful planning and much hard work to make them a success and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the officers throughout the Club for their earnest endeavours. The other necessary ingredient for success is the enthusiastic support of Club members; the events are laid on for you and your attendance is essential. The Annual Dinner is always well attended and I hope we shall again have a sell out this year. There are many of my contemporaries (say 1935-1948) whom I would like to meet again so what about coming out of hiding? There will be plenty of regulars there that you will know. It is the best meal in London at the price and the wines are selected from the Mercers' Company cellars which are also unexcelled.

My final comment is to express sincere thanks to the Mercer's Company for its generosity to the Club both in a financial sense and in its helpfulness in numerous other ways.



Minutes of the  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
of the Old Mercers' Club held at Mercers' Hall  
on Thursday, 21st October, 1971, at 6.30 p.m.

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*In the Chair* : E. S. Wilkins.

*Attendance* : 28 members attended.

*Apologies for absence* : P. Nailor, D. Vanhegan, J. H. J. Dewey, G. Milne, H. Tallboy, L. Clifton Crick, G. H. Parker, N. Watson, R. S. Dean.

1. The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on October 22nd, 1970, were confirmed and signed.

2. *Treasurer's Report.* Fosh explained the income and expenditure account; the cost of the magazine included a provision towards the next Club booklet which would be due in another year or so. "A History of Mercers' School" was likely to cost in the region of £500; sale of copies to non-members of the Club might realise £150; if a further provision of £150 were made in 1971-72 this would nearly cover the cost but it was not possible to be specific about figures at this stage. The Gresham College rates were worrying and the 1971-72 Committee would look closely at this expenditure.

On the balance sheet there was an increase of £461 in the market value of our stock.

L. T. Allen proposed and H. G. Andrew seconded that the accounts be adopted. B. L. Jacobs enquired about our position at Gresham College; it was suggested that Martini's be informed of our donation to the St. Paul's Cathedral appeal fund—Campbell had already seen to this. L. T. Gardner, financial inquisitor supreme, wondered why there was over £1,000 awaiting re-investment. Fosh explained that the remaining Trustees were awaiting the election, at this meeting, of a third Trustee so that things might be legalised. Another short-term investment was envisaged.

3. *General Secretary's Report.* Holmes reported that the officers of the Mercers' Company for 1971-72 were:

*Master* : Lt. Col. Henry Redvers Grenville Howard.

*Upper Warden* : Struan Manwaring Robertson, Esq.

*House Warden* : John G. Barker, Esq.

*Renter Warden* : Dr. C. R. T. Lane.

Total membership of the Club was now 762, consisting of 558 life, 199 annual and 5 honorary. 14 members had been removed under rule 3 and the Secretary reported, with regret, the death of the following members :

Rev. C. H. Jones (1894-1902)	Life Member 36
Oswald White (1897-1901)	
D. H. Gadbury (1931-35)	Life Member 681
D. L. Cookman (1900-05)	Life Member 227
Lincoln Hall	
S. C. Hall (1913-19)	Life Member 284
C. Riley (1895-1901)	Life Member 307
H. H. Crane (1896-1903)	
J. R. Willis (1914-20)	Life Member 341

There had been three new members elected, one member reinstated and one had resigned. Four annual members had transferred to life membership and, regrettably, 30 members were still missing. Holmes urged members to notify the Records' Secretary if they knew of the whereabouts of any of these members listed at the end of the magazine.

The first social event of the year had been a Dinner Dance held at the Horseshoe Restaurant on January 30th, 1971. Despite a postal strike, 75 attended a most successful evening which was to be repeated in January, 1972. Despite the unfortunate absence of the President, the Annual Dinner in April was another enjoyable evening, 118 attending of whom 71 were Old Mercers. Honor Deo Ladies' Festival in June attracted a large gathering and the Reception, arranged by Neville Watson at the top, or nearly the top, of New Zealand House attracted 157, 70 being Old Mercers. Another social "must" was the forthcoming 50th Anniversary Dinner of the Football Club on November 26th.

The Secretary once again advertised his travelling salesman role in Club ties and concluded by thanking the members of the Committee, particularly R. G. Dawson, for their help during the past four years.

4. *Old Mercers' Athletic Association Report.* In the absence of the Secretary, David Trigg reported that the Soccer results for 1970-71 were as follows :

Played 27, won 8, drawn 3, lost 16.

These results were disappointing after the success of the previous season but the side never really recovered from a very poor start, though there had been two outstanding victories over the Norsemen Nomads and the Old Actonians. With the exception of Chris Garrett, who had been forced to retire due to injury, the playing strength for 1971-72 was roughly the same as last year. The two youngest members of the Club, David Griffin and Peter Crawford, had become

Captain and Vice-Captain respectively. Preparations for the 50th Anniversary Dinner in November were well in hand—a number of the footballers of 1921 had already accepted.

About eight O.M.s were still playing cricket for the Old Citizens; Peter Wainwright had had one innings of 98. In conclusion Trigg reported that it was hoped to renew the lease at Grove Park when it expired at the end of the present season.

5. *Old Mercers' Dramatic Club.* Brian Percy reported that there had been a number of play readings after the successful melodramas at Grove Park in December and the revival of one of them at the Dinner Dance in January. Plans for the Jubilee production of "Oh What a Lovely War" at the Cripplegate were going ahead. This was very costly, in the region of £200, and the success of the Christmas Draw was vitally important. Eade's enquiry as to whether a new acting base had been found brought the sad reply that this quest had been unsuccessful; nevertheless the President was optimistic that the Jubilee Production would give the Club a new lease of life.

Robinson enquired as to what loss the Cripplegate production might involve; Percy estimated a figure of £100 but a successful draw, added to the profit from last year, would cover the loss; admission charges might have to be raised.

6. Kenneth Scott had resigned as a Trustee. Therefore Norman Fosh proposed and L. T. Allen seconded that Derek Archibald be elected as a Trustee. This was carried unanimously.

7. The President now rose to propose the election of Richard Cousens as President for 1971-72.

Wilkins said how much he appreciated the way in which the Committee had rallied round to carry on with the Dinner when he had fallen ill three days before the event; the signed menu was very welcome as he lay in hospital. "Cous" had been a stalwart of the Club and Athletic Association for twenty-five years and he felt he was absolutely suited to the office of President. The proposal was carried with acclamation.

This was Election Night! The General Secretary proposed that David Trigg succeed him; this was seconded by R. G. Dawson and carried unanimously.

The Treasurer too was going and he proposed and F. J. Robinson seconded that L. T. Allen succeed him—carried unanimously.

A list of other officers elected may be found at the beginning of the magazine.

8. Cousens now proposed a cordial vote of thanks to E. S. Wilkins, Esq., "for his very valuable services in the office of President of the Club for the year 1970-71". Cousens said how sorry his many

friends had been when Eric had been stricken by illness during the second half of his presidential year. In January he had innovated a new event, the Dinner Dance. We could have done without the dramatic element of his illness just before the Annual Dinner. The Club was grateful for all he had done and wished him better health in the future. This was carried with acclamation.

9. *Any Other Business.* There were a number of changes among the chief Club Officers for 1971-72. As a result of this evening's elections David Trigg had replaced Ken Holmes as General Secretary, Len Allen had replaced Norman Fosh as Treasurer and Ian Pearson Hartley Campbell as Entertainments' Secretary. G. C. Ives proposed a special vote of thanks to the three who had given years of service to the Club; luckily the retiring gentlemen were all retained on the Committee where their advice would be invaluable. This was carried with acclamation.

Some discussion ensued as to a possible new home for the Club; the possibilities of Barnard's Inn and the City of London School might be investigated by the Committee. Eade felt that there ought to be better arrangements for welcoming O.M.s who attend functions after a long absence; the President duly noted this. Finally, the newly elected Treasurer, Len Allen, ended the meeting with the comment that he only agreed to stand if Len Gardner stayed away from next year's A.G.M.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.41 p.m. with votes of thanks to the Mercers' Company for the use of the Hall and to both Chairmen for their handling of the meeting.

## OLD MERCERS' CLUB

## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER, 1971

1970 £	EXPENDITURE	1971 £	1970 £	INCOME	1971 £
184	Magazine and Handbook ...	...	235	Annual Subscriptions:	
—	Provision towards History of School	...	150	Current ...	92
15	Stationery and Printing ...	...	28	Arrears ...	1
31	Postages ...	...	26		
104	Rates on Gresham College	...	121		
20	Sundry Expenses ...	...	16	Investment Income	93
20	Depreciation ...	...	20	Deposit Interest	192
132	Contribution towards Dinner	141			21
—	Contribution towards Dance	28	210		213
193	Contribution towards Reception	(41)	81	Less Tax ...	77
		128			
25	Grant to O.M.D.C.	—	129		136
9	Surplus for Year ...	...	500	Donations (including £500 from Mercers' Company	502
£733		£731	£733		£731

A donation of £51.04 was made to the St. Paul's Cathedral Appeal Fund, being the surplus of income over expenditure arising from the 1971 Reception.



# BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th SEPTEMBER, 1971

1970	LIABILITIES		1971		1970		ASSETS		1971	
	£		£		£				£	
133	General Fund 1.10.70	...	...	142	88	Cash at Bank and in Hand	...	...	...	178
9	Add Surplus	...	...	7	19	London Trustee Savings Bank	...	...	...	19
					466	Nationwide Building Society	...	...	...	437
142					36	Sundry Debtors and Stock of Ties	...	...	...	30
						INVESTMENTS (held by Trustees of Old				
					149	Mercers' Club)				
4,171	Life Subscriptions 1.10 64	...	...	4,171	1,030	£1,075 6½% Exchequer 71	...	...	...	—
1,127	Capital losses less reinvested Income				2,014	£3,992 British Transport 3% 78/88	...	...	...	2,014
	and Invested gifts from Life Members				—	Redemption money awaiting investment				1,075
3,044					3,089					—
45	Add to adjust to M/V	...	...	461	3,044					3,089
					45	Add to adjust to M/V	...	...	...	461
3,089					—					—
181	Uninvested Life Funds (Rule 4B)	...	...	197	3,089					£3,550
22	Subscriptions in Advance	...	...	15	31	Office Equipment	...	...	...	11
296	Sundry Creditors	...	...	315	1	Other Property	...	...	...	1
					—					—
£3,730				£4,226	—					—
					£3,730					£4,226

NORMAN S. FOSH, *Hon. Treasurer.*

I have examined the above Balance Sheet and the annexed Income and Expenditure Account with the books and vouchers of the Club and certify same to be in accordance therewith.

D. F. VANHEGAN,  
*Chartered Accountant. Hon. Auditor.*

## ANNUAL DINNER, 1971

The 1971 Dinner was overshadowed by the illness of the President, Eric Wilkins, which forced some late team changes. Derek Archibald took over at centre forward and 118 O.M.s and guests sat down to the usual excellent meal with appropriate wines, after a reception capably organised by George Milne, who assumed the duties for so long performed by Jack Dewey, unable to be present this year. For the gourmet, and to tease those who were not there, the menu consisted of melon, fried fillet of sole with tartar sauce, twin croisettes of lamb, garden peas, chateau potatoes and madeira sauce, pear Belle Helène with Langres de Chat, followed by coffee.

Derek Archibald's speech proposing the Worshipful Company of Mercers is printed below; in his reply the Master, Brigadier G. A. Rimbault, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., expressed his sympathy for the President and gave some account of the Company's constant battle with inflation. He admired the spirit of the O.M. Club and wished it well in the future.

When a certain H. G. Andrew rises to speak those of us who have known him for years await something special. We are rarely disappointed despite his constant claim that he has no idea what he is going to say; we know better. In proposing the toast of our guests our beloved chemistry master began, "I am not unconscious"—and the house erupted. He led us entertainingly via class distinction on honeymoons, headmasters and manhole covers, to Collyer's School, to which, on a more serious note, he said how grateful many of us had been for the hospitality shown to Mercers' School during the war.

Mr. D. Slynn, present Headmaster of Collyer's School, replied; he was glad to hear that scientists were not illiterate and went on to express some forthright views on modern educational theory. Should the O.M.s in years to come, when members ran out, want to unite with the Old Collyerians he was sure they would be most welcome.

Graham Ives, in proposing the final toast of the evening, said that Joan Archibald had agreed to Derek taking the Chair without his knowledge; this was fortunate since he had been the unanimous choice to stand in for Eric Wilkins; we were grateful to him—there could be no man better suited to taking the Chair twice at the Annual Dinner.

Replying, Derek Archibald gave the usual "State of the Nation" speech expected from the President on this occasion; he was specially pleased to see Hartley Campbell's father, a stalwart friend of the Club, who had been desperately ill not long previously. The hour was late; the Chairman suggested that we should retire to the Reception Room for informal chat. Many did just that and a successful evening ended. The President, we felt, would be pleased with his understudy—but we would all have preferred the President himself to be with us.

## THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF MERCERS

Master, Old Mercers and Guests,

Two years ago, when I stood here as your President, on what for me was a most memorable occasion, little did I think that I would again fill this position. In fact, as recently as two days ago when I was enjoying the companionship of a golf society meeting, nothing was further from my mind. Having been looking forward to this Dinner as one at which I could at last retire to the side lines and relax, you can well imagine my feelings when, on arriving home late in the evening and immediately taking a telephone call, I was informed by the gentleman on my left that our President was in hospital and that my wife had already committed me to taking his place tonight. My golf hadn't been all that good that day either!

Joking aside, we are all very sorry that Eric Wilkins has, at the last minute, been prevented from carrying out what is undoubtedly the most enjoyable duty of his year and in anticipation of your wishes I sent him the following telegram today.

"All at Mercers' Hall will be thinking of you tonight and send their sincerest wishes for a speedy recovery."

On considering how to propose this toast this evening several possibilities crossed my mind. My first thought was to repeat the speech I made two years ago in the hope that no-one would recall it, but when I realised that since Peter Nailor's presidency it has been the practice to print this speech verbatim in our magazine, that didn't seem a very good idea. The second easy way out seemed to be to read the speech I presumed our President had prepared, but on consideration I came to the conclusion that only someone well versed in the Thespian art would be able to do justice to a speech written by Eric. Not being an expert in that field, I came to the conclusion that there was going to be no easy way out and turned to my standard source of inspiration on occasions such as this—a sixty-year-old edition of the *Encyclopaedia Britannica*, Vol. 18, on the cover of which, to indicate its contents, were the abbreviations MED to MUM. Choosing to ignore what for a moment I thought was an exhortation either to go sick or run home to mother, I turned to the entry entitled Mercer, only to find that I had used that material on a previous occasion.

However, the next entry was headed "Mercerizing" and I felt that this must surely hold some possibilities. According to that eminent authority, and I quote, "By far the most important application of the mercerizing process is that by which a permanent lustre is imparted." What else, I ask you, could this reference have been describing but the process that all we Old Mercers went through at the School that for so many years bore the Company's name. It goes on to say that *before* the mercerizing process, innumerable reflecting surfaces disperse the light in all directions, but I'm sure this cannot be entirely true because, looking around me this evening at those who have been "Mercerized", I can see quite a number of reflecting surfaces that are dispensing light

in all directions and one in particular stands out in that its owner spent many years at the Mercers' School trying to disperse light on the mysteries of chemistry with its strange terms such as  $H_2SO_4$  and  $CO_2$ .

It has been the Mercers' Company that has been responsible for the application of the "mercerizing" process to thousands of boys, and insofar as the existence of the Old Mercers' Club and our presence here tonight is a continuation of the process, we thank the Company most sincerely for the support which it still gives us, as well as for the great privilege of holding our Dinner in this beautiful hall once again.

We are delighted to play host this evening to you, Sir, as well as to your Renter Warden, Mr. John Barker, and Geoffrey Logsdon, your Clerk, and we trust that we shall be able to entertain your successors here for many years to come.

Gentlemen, I now ask you to rise and join me in drinking a toast to the health and prosperity of the Worshipful Company of Mercers, coupled with the name of their Master, Brigadier Geoffrey Rimbault.

## THE RECEPTION

The newest, but very successful, function in the O.M. calendar, the Reception, moved this year to a new venue. It was held on Wednesday, September 29th at the Martini Terrace, Haymarket. We were grateful indeed to Martini's, and to Neville Watson for persuading them, for allowing us the opportunity to view London from a most unusual and refreshing angle and enjoy a convivial evening at the same time.

Numbers were strictly limited and the occasion was a "sell-out"; it was interesting to see how many O.M. faces appeared which had not been seen for years.

For O.M. wives the view offered an alternative to listening to schoolboy reminiscences; the smallness of the West End spread out before us was astonishing, as was the foreshortening effect which made Waterloo Bridge seem only a stone's throw away, while looking down, pigeon-wise, on Nelson's Column is a novel experience. It will be difficult to find another venue with so much to offer.

S.C.

## DINNER/DANCE, JANUARY 29th, 1972

After a tremendous struggle Ian Pearson, aided and abetted by his predecessor, succeeded in persuading enough people to appear at the Horseshoe Restaurant for the Dinner/Dance. There were, we gather, 79 present, but, sadly, comparatively few Old Mercers. This was a pity for this was a thoroughly enjoyable evening during which the D.C. gave us a foretaste of "Oh What a Lovely War". The meal was good, the band on the noisy side but everyone seemed to have a good time.

Nevertheless, one wonders, if the response is so luke-warm, whether one can expect the Entertainments' Secretary to suffer sleepless nights whipping up support. Perhaps there is no longer a demand for this type of function; perhaps O.M.s no longer dance; perhaps we are all getting old. Whatever the reason, let us be grateful to Ian Pearson for this year's function—and to "Duke" Campbell for his assistance.

## OLD MERCERS' ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL SECTION NOTES, SEASON 1970-71

Reference to last year's Magazine Report shows that a statement was included that "a rather indifferent start has been made to the 1970-71 Season". This looked to be the understatement of the year when the team took until the last day of October to record their first victory. Indeed, only three wins were registered before Christmas but in the latter half of the season things began to improve and some better results were achieved. The final results were as follows :

Played 27      Won 8      Drawn 3      Lost 16.

These give rise to a certain amount of disappointment, especially in view of the relative success of the previous season, but a look at the "Goals For" record immediately discloses the reason for the decline. In 1969-70 92 goals were scored in 29 games; in 1970-71, 55 were scored in 27. It was really very noticeable that the forwards were less inclined to shoot and the sight of them pushing the ball to a colleague (or an opponent) instead of having a bang became a rather regular feature of our game. Colin Fidge, in particular, was an exception to this malaise and his two tremendous goals against Old Actonians and a couple of those he scored against Old Colfeians at Grove Park showed that goalkeepers can be beaten from outside the penalty area.

The lack of power in the forward line inevitably threw more weight on the defence, who performed nobly, none more so than David Griffin who turned in performances of a consistently high standard throughout the whole season. He was well supported by that ageless pair Reg Vanhegan and David Trigg and also by John Gransbury who, although greying a little round the temples, still never stops running.

The last lines of defence, Neville Watson and Mick Manning, were rarely to blame and Neville showed vastly improved form. Mick, of course, will play anywhere, and when he was included on the same weeks that Neville was in goal he produced some rugged games at full back. One of these occasions gave us the moment of the season when, against Old Actonians, Mick deflected a hard low cross into his own goal with a very tender part of his anatomy. The mixed look of agony and horror on his face was quite unforgettable!

The team always showed a brand of dogged determination when things were not going well which was best demonstrated in the game



against Old Colfeians at Grove Park which we won by 6 goals to 5 after having been 2-5 down in the second half. This, however, was a controversial match and perhaps the best things to remember from that afternoon are Colin Fidge's four goals. Injuries had threatened to be something of a problem with David Trigg hurt again before Christmas and John Holder and Ted Richardson out of action for varying periods, John, in fact, for most of the season. Happily, they have all recovered and are now playing as well as ever.

One injury which did not have such a happy outcome was that sustained by Chris Garrett in February. On medical advice Chris has had to give up playing. He will be sorely missed for he has been a pillar of the section for many years and the energy and enthusiasm with which he has devoted himself to Old Mercers' soccer are one of the reasons why the section is still in being. Naturally Chris has volunteered to come all the way from Sussex to referee when required, an offer that has been gratefully accepted.

The annual Team Supper was held again at the "George" in April and was well attended. At the Annual General Meeting held prior to the Supper, Peter Wainwright and Reg Vanhegan were re-elected as Secretary and Team Secretary respectively. Team Captain Mick Cato and Vice-Captain Dixie Dean both stepped down in favour of David Griffin and Peter Crawford. Mick had been skipper for five seasons, none of them very easy, and his quiet example on the field and in the bar has been most effective. The hard work that he has put in is appreciated by all the playing members. Dixie, of course, has been on the Football Committee continually for something like 13 seasons and in that period the number of pearls he must have cast before we other swine is legion. He too has worked hard, often behind the scenes, and deserves our thanks.

Charlie Parker and Pat continue to look after us at Grove Park and we thank them and our band of referees. Without their help we could not continue.

Congratulations and best wishes to Ted Richardson on his wedding in November, 1971, Gloria is a delightful addition to our supporters' club.

The Section held a Dinner in November, 1971, to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the re-formation of the Football Club in 1921. The evening was a great success, 102 being present and I hope that a separate report of this function will be included elsewhere in this issue.

Lastly, to end on an optimistic note, the team have all invested in new shirts which look very smart. To get their money's worth they will undoubtedly have to play on for a few more seasons so the future looks reasonably bright.

In addition, at the time of going to press, the team have won 6 of the first 10 games, a tremendous start, and morale is very high.

P.G.W.

## WITH THE OLD CITIZEN CRICKETERS

The results of the 1971 cricket season for the Old Citizens' 3rd XI were very similar to 1970, four games being won and five drawn of seventeen played.

Nine O.M.s played during the season, mainly for the 3rd XI, captained by Peter Wainwright with "Dixie" Dean as vice-captain and tax collector. Peter scored 98 in the second game of the season, having run-out Henry Rolt to steal the bowling and promptly being bowled next ball, so missing his first ever hundred.

The fielding actually improved, perhaps due to the caustic comments of the writer over the past seasons—or was it the spectacles now worn by so many of the O.M. elders? Rumour has it that Reg Vanhegan will be wearing a pair of N.H. spectacles in 1972. 1971 was noteworthy for the reappearance of "Fiery Fred" Robinson; after delivering five balls of round arm military medium, his studs stuck firmly in the turf while approaching the wicket for the sixth; the rest of him moved on—result—a severely pulled leg muscle. After a couple of weeks he returned only to pull an arm muscle in his only over of the match. He now wisely retired from the bowling crease but, on a dangerous wicket at Standard Bank, his original style of batting helped to bring respectability to the score.

Mick Manning made 58 against Leverett, and Graham Ives proposed the toast of the guests at the Old Citizens' C.C. Dinner in January, 1971.

Once again our thanks must go to the Old Citizens for their hospitality in allowing the O.M. imports to become so much a part of their Club over the past four years.

The wickets at Grove Park were superb as ever, which is what we have come to expect from our old friend, Charlie Parker.

R.S.D.

### BEST PERFORMANCES

P. G. Wainwright

98 v. Royal Arsenal Co-op.

42 v. Edenbeck

R. S. Dean

4-3 v. Pearl Assurance

M. Manning

58 v. Leverett

G. C. Ives

43 v. Oxted

G. Hargrave-Smith

6-33 v. St. Johns

4-25 v. Bexleyheath

C. Parker

7-16 v. Oxted

## R. S. (DIXIE) DEAN

Dixie's school career occupied the years 1945-1949 and was not marked with any great academic distinction. On the sporting side, the late 40's were a time of considerable strength at School and it was not easy to find a place in the 1st XI's of those days. However, the School football notes of 1948 record that "Dean was a hard-working member of the 2nd XI". These words were prophetic of Dixie's later sporting life for, while not even his most devoted admirer could attribute to him the inborn elegance of a Paul Mazinke or the natural fluency of an all-round ball player such as Chris Garrett, his application, determination and shrewd brain were to make him a very valuable asset to the Old Boys' Club.

On leaving school he commenced life in the banking world to which he returned after National Service, firstly in the R.A.C. and then in the Royal Corps of Signals in such far away places as Suez and other points in the Middle East. He remains with the same Bank at the present time.

His association with the Old Mercers' soccer club started in 1952 when he "signed on" as a winger. Following the normal Old Mercer tradition, he was then played in nearly every position on the field during the course of working his way up through the sides. His turn of speed and quick thinking soon started producing goals and although his small physique attracted lots of "stick" from opposing defenders he would never be intimidated and always turned up in the thick of the battle. The famous beard made its first appearance at about this time—perhaps he was trying to frighten the opposition?

It was in the mid-50's that he had his sternest test of character. Not quite able to hold a regular place in the 1st XI he was, however, first reserve. Unfortunately the 2nd XI at that time was a very strong and settled side and thus it happened that for some time Dixie would play one week for the 1st XI and the next for the 3rd XI, and so on. This was a ridiculous situation but he remedied it in a way typical of him in that he improved his game until he forced his way into the 1st XI as a regular player.

He showed the 2nd XI what they had been missing when he played for them in the Old Boy's Junior Cup Semi-Final in 1958, where he had a "blinder" and scored a hat-trick in a 5-5 draw.

In the early 60's he became Vice-Captain of the 2nd XI, taking over the captaincy in the 1963-4 season and remaining in that office until the side was terminated in 1969. He was then elected Vice-Captain of the only side remaining. Full of shrewd observation and laconic wit, he is an excellent "reader" of a game and his popularity with Old Mercers and opponents alike is well deserved.

On the cricket field he is a bowler of big, fat leg-breaks and a gritty batsman who can either defend or force the pace. He has a marked addiction to the "sweep" which sometimes proves fatal when played to a ball on the off stump—but it also brings a lot of runs.

He started playing for the Old Mercers in the early 50's but left to join a local club when he found that the opportunities for a "leggie" were strictly limited in a side where Fred Robinson and Henry Rolt shot the opposition out for less than a hundred week after week.

Following the closure of the School, he rallied to the flag and was soon deeply involved in Old Mercers' cricket. Vice-Captain of the 2nd XI in 1962 and 1963, Team Secretary in 1963 and Secretary from 1964 until the Section closed in 1967. He was one of those who integrated with the Old Citizens and has been Peter Wainwright's Vice-Captain in their 3rd XI for the past two seasons. His advice is always appreciated (if not always accepted) and his battle cry of "it art or git art" still echoes around Grove Park.

Despite all his good qualities, he has never been the greatest catcher in the deep and I know that the Editor, among others, will never forget his painful and hilarious "drop" of our old friend Roy Holloway at Bancrofts many years ago. He also nearly smashed a finger attempting a catch at long-on in the opening match of the first of the Isle of Wight tours, both of which he supported enthusiastically.

Dixie took over from Bill Parker as Secretary of the Athletic Association in 1968 and, with George Milne, has done a great deal towards obtaining the continued use of Grove Park for our footballers since 1969.

In his capacity as Secretary of the Athletic Association he has been co-opted onto the General Club Committee where he is not averse to expressing his opinion now and then.

Unmarried, Dixie has replaced Don Jackson in that old threesome of Vanhegan, Jackson and Wainwright and can be found on most Saturday evenings in that company, slaking his not inconsiderable thirst.

His main hobby is photography and he has a wide range of equipment, some of it so sophisticated as to be capable of taking stills of Old Mercers' footballers in full flight, without a blur. "Of course you don't need that", he says, "for Reg".

This then is an Old Mercer who has devoted a great deal of effort and much of his spare time to organising and improving the sporting enjoyment of his fellow Club members. In the future when those much Elasto-plastered feet have finally retired from service at Grove Park, the energy and devotion of their owner will undoubtedly find other outlets in furthering the cause of the Old Mercers' Club.

P.G.W.

#### 50 YEARS LATER—BY A MEMBER OF THE 1971 SQUAD

It was a memorable night at the Falstaff on Friday, November 26th with 72 Old Mercers and 30 guests, both personal and official, enjoying good food and even better company.

The occasion is simply stated as the "50th Anniversary of the Re-formation of the Old Mercers' Football Club", but, even before the dinner started, the atmosphere was building.

Faces were remembered, albeit atop stouter frames, and then the floodgates of memory opened. Games, long since buried in the record books, were replayed—incidents, both fair and foul, were argued and discussed again and again. It was just as well that the bar was not larger and a couple of footballs were not lying around or we would never have made it to dinner.

At dinner, nostalgia was the main course with Chris Garrett toasting our many guests from opposing clubs, who have provided us with sporting competition and convivial company over the years. We all know that without such opposition our club could not have prospered and maybe not have reached its fiftieth year. John Harnack of the Old Foresters echoed these sentiments from the other side in his reply on behalf of the guests. The toasts—the Spirit of Mercers' School, and Absent Friends—served to sharpen the remaining blurred lines of memory for each of us.

After Dick Dawson's introduction, Jack Dewey and "Jenks", two of six members of the 1921 team present, proceeded to awe and amuse us by their lively recounting of the club's re-formation. David Griffin rounded off the formal part of the evening with some well chosen comments on the present team.

More reminiscing in the bar and then homeward rejoicing in being part of something more than a football club; it is said that every footballer's ambition is to pull on an England shirt, but no Old Mercer would change his maroon and gold—his ambition has been fulfilled.

J.E.K.H.

#### SOME GROVE PARK NOSTALGIA, 1932-58

The Staff Cricket Team was undefeated in this period, but let it be admitted that the honours of at least two draws were not entirely with them. So we have attempted a "best ball" score card, in approximate batting order. It is believed all this team scored at least one "fifty" in staff matches.

1. J. K. Tabert (Captain)	100+
2. H. G. Andrew	50+
3. R. Murray	50+
4. R. Moore	50+
5. C. B. Bonner	50+
6. E. J. P. Devereux	50+
7. H. Fyson	50+
8. W. J. Fairbairn	50+
9. W. L. Scott (Wicket)	50+
10. A. J. Buckland	50+
11. J. Wearing (or G. Cowan)	50+
<b>TOTAL</b>	<hr/> 600+ <hr/>



This side is not without bowling :

Fast; Nos. 1, 6, 10. Medium; 4, 7, 8, 11. Spin 1, 3, 5.  
(not 2?—*Ed.*)

An embarrassing array for any captain but ours.

Now let some Old Mercer pick a 1932-58 side to beat this team, which still has C. A. Williams, F. J. Elliott and more in reserve.

And now for a School "World" football team for the same period, with apologies to the many left out who could well be in.

G. Meredith

M. J. Cooper

M. Horne

"Alec" Howe

P. Packham

T. F. J. Moss

J. Atkinson

D. Moxey

J. Haythornthwaite

R. Innocent

A. A. Scott

A team to give these a good game could be picked from :

J. Goodwin or R. V. Lord (goal); J. Collinson, F. C. Moss, L. C. Johnson (backs); J. Brackenbury, C. P. Garrett, V. D. J. Harris, M. Leboff, F. Wells (half backs); I. Ward, S. Andrews, A. Goold, B. D. Beggs, M. J. Cato, F. Withall (forwards); and so on.

H. G. A.

#### DO YOU REMEMBER?

Here are two more interesting photographs. The Members of Staff are well known to us of course, "Doc" Whitehouse and Gordon Allen, both much beloved of many an Old Mercer. But what about the boys? Do write in for next year's magazine if you have any memories.







## OLD MERCERS' DRAMATIC CLUB

### "OH, WHAT A LOVELY WAR!"

The 50th production, back to the Cripplegate, and a full house. The O.M.D.C.'s night of nostalgia was all set for success, and as if to prove that there was still life in the old dog, the society was attempting its first musical (if one excepts Brian Pearcy's ditties in "The Entertainers"!).

This, of course, is not a conventional musical. It is a propaganda piece, and it uses something of the old radio "Scrapbook" technique to evoke the flavour of the time, and to present its arguments. The visual side does seem to be the weakest. I found the projected slides had little impact on me—in practice I just didn't transfer my attention. Once or twice a visual point was made on stage; the blinded soldiers, hand on the shoulder of the man in front; the three weary figures, back to back in the middle of the empty stage, singing quietly, "If you want the old battalion . . .".

Easily the strongest element is the music. Everyone knows the power of an old song, and the familiar tunes, with the words which are absolutely of that moment, full of "sick" jokes, convince by their particularity. They weren't singing for an audience, or for all mankind, they were singing for themselves, and we feel with them. The grouse-shooting profiteers, the waltzing staff officers manoeuvring for promotion; their scenes are striking but shallow. The Haig-figure is made to appear so monstrous that one recoils in disbelief. But the music gives those type-cast Tommies an extra dimension. Where the words are concerned, after a time one steps back to consider the justice of the accusations, but the pity of the men's situation is inescapable and endless.

The O.M. company, doubling furiously, coped very well with a kaleidoscope of characters, very important when the entire point of a scene might depend on nuances of accent or class. On the musical side they were less strong, and there were obviously "dead" patches on the stage where contact with the piano was lost. However, they were well served by the ladies, particularly by Edith Enright with her gloriously fruity rendering of "Roses of Picardy", and by Lesley Jackson, who brought a professional polish to her two songs.

One of the younger generation who was with us was impressed by some of the sketches, particularly the Church parade one, but felt that the successive trench scenes lost force by their similarity. The Christmas truce was remembered, and the end of the wild Irish. Presumably the intention was, literally, to "pile on the agony", but by the end of the second act one did feel deadened by the procession of horrors. Perhaps this was as it should be.

Author's credits are given to "Theatre workshop, Charles Chilton, and members of the original cast". With such a confederation it is not surprising that there is not much sense of form. John Lawrey's narrator helped immensely at the beginning, and we missed him later

on. What the piece has got, and what for me it retains some years after I saw the original production, is a fresh fierceness of anger and pity. This genuineness of emotion is its great strength, and the O.M. production preserved it. The list of past productions is impressive, and if this does prove to be the last, we shall miss some stimulating evenings.

B.M.D.

#### HONOR DEO LODGE No. 3562

Bro. George Milne was installed on 5th November, 1970, as the 60th Master of the Lodge and during his year of office Derek Archibald, Colin Fidge and Donald Vanhegan were initiated into Freemasonry and welcomed into the Lodge. In October, 1971, W.Bro. Harold Eade, Chaplain, was honoured by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master with appointment to London Grand Rank, an honour reflecting Harold's meritorious services to the Craft.

It is sad to record the deaths of four members of the Lodge: Bro. R. J. Harris (1909-15) on 1st July, 1970, Bro. J. R. Willis (1914-20) on 27th December, 1970, Bro. L. F. Hall on 31st August, 1971, and W.Bro. C. S. Hutchinson (1899-1904), London Grand Rank, on 21st November, 1971.

W.Bro. Kenneth H. Neville, D.F.C., is the present and 61st Master of Honor Deo Lodge, having been installed on 4th November, 1971, the 60th anniversary of the Lodge's consecration. During this jubilee year, Richard Sidney "Dixie" Dean (1945-49) has been initiated and W.Bro. J. L. Roberts (1923-32), London Grand Rank, has become a joining member of the Lodge.

The annual Ladies' Festival, at which all Old Mercers and their friends are welcome, is to be held this year on Saturday, 10th June, 1972, at the Zoological Gardens Restaurant, Regent's Park. This event is now well established as an outstanding social occasion when a most enjoyable evening can be assured.

R. G. Williams, Lodge Secretary.

#### HONOR DEO CHAPTER No. 3562

Another enjoyable year was experienced with E.Comp. K. E. Jones as First Principal, E.Comp. F. W. Lyons as Second Principal and E.Comp. G. H. Parker as Third Principal.

The following were elected for the year 1971-72 :

E.Comp. F. W. Lyons as First Principal.

E.Comp. G. H. Parker as Second Principal.

E.Comp. A. J. Cutting as Third Principal.

E.Comp. K. M. Scott, Director of Ceremonies was invested with the honour of London Grand Chapter Rank on 13th October, 1971, by the Third Grand Principal.

Old Mercers who are already Freemasons and who would like any information concerning the Chapter should contact E.Comp. F. W. Yardley, Scribe E., at 5 Gloucester Road, Hampton-on-Thames, Middlesex (01-979 1454).

## DEATHS

The Editor regrets to report the death of the following members :

D. Bell (1891-97)	Life Member 33
Rev. G. K. Hawes (1917-23)	Life Member 418
Dr. F. J. Neal (1898-1901)	
Oswald White (1897-1901)	Life Member 257
D. H. Gadbury (1931-35)	Life Member 681
S. C. Hall (1913-19)	Life Member 284
L. F. Hall	
H. H. Crane (1896-1903)	
C. Riley (1895-1901)	Life Member 307
C. S. Hutchinson (1899-1964)	Life Member 461
P. S. Cassidy (1900-04)	Life Member 131
J. R. Willis (1914-20)	Life Member 341
F. J. McIntosh	

Jim Willis and Sam Hall were stalwarts of the Football Club in the 20's and 30's—Sam indeed was still playing in the immediate post-war years. Countless former members of the Club will remember Jim's speeches at the F.C. Suppers when the famous stutter was skilfully used. They will be sadly missed, never more so than at the 50th Anniversary Dinner of the Re-formation of the Football Club in November last.

## OBITUARY

### FREDERICK JOHN McINTOSH

'Mac', as he was to us all, died suddenly at Stamford on 6th January, 1972. He was 67.

He came to Mercers in 1933 after service in the Merchant Navy and, later, in the R.A.F. where he was a physical training instructor and one-time welterweight boxing champion. He was appointed for physical education but, such were his energy and ability, that he also became headmaster's secretary, started and ran the school book shop, taught shorthand and book-keeping to the Commercial Sixth and spread his love of music by forming a School Dance Band which gave splendid concerts. He would play the piano, banjo or cornet and regretted he could not play all at once.

In 1939 he returned to the R.A.F. and became a rear gunner. He was shot down over France and finished the war in a P.O.W. camp where his personality and stamina did much to help morale. But his health suffered and he was unable to return to teaching.

He moved to Stamford where his wife Mary had started an antique shop. He soon added a prosperous travel agency with, later, a branch at Peterborough. It was rare for Old Mercers or former colleagues to pass through Stamford without calling. They always received embarrassing hospitality.

In this new life he quickly earned the respect he had enjoyed in the school and common-room at Mercers' and became a town Councillor and Governor of Stamford Grammar School. He still found time for pig-keeping, fruit growing, gardening, wood-carving, music and reading.

At a Memorial Service at Stamford on 20th January nearly two hundred friends paid their respects, including the Mayor, deputy-Mayor, Town Clerk and present and former councillors. Cunard, British Rail and all the major European Air Lines were represented. B. J. Atkins and the Rev. A. V. Wintersgill represented the Old Mercers'.

It is given to few to spread the happiness and cheerfulness which belonged to Mac. We send our deep sympathy to Mary, who proposes to continue the businesses, and assure her there will still be callers at Number 4, Ironmonger Street.

H.G.A.

## CORRESPONDENCE

9, 24th Street,  
Menlo Park,  
Pretoria, Transvaal,  
Rep. of South Africa.  
26th April, 1971.

Dear Dick,

Congratulations upon the production of yet another excellent magazine. You and your fellow enthusiasts who keep the O.M. flag flying deserve all praise!

As always, there is much to recall days past. I was particularly pleased to read Roy Moore's letter to you from California. I was lucky enough to have been kept back a year in IIIA during the mid-thirties and was thus able to enjoy two years under an enthusiastic teacher whom I greatly admired. He did much to awaken in me a love of literature and if my French has in recent years withstood the onslaught of Afrikaans as a second language, the fact is due in part to the good grounding I received in Roy's class before he passed me on to H. S. Moss.

My O.M. contacts of late have been few. I heard from H. T. W. Nash in Randburg and I see that Lex Bijl has mentioned our meetings in Pretoria and Bulawayo. My wife was in Britain earlier this year and returned with first-hand news of brother Leon. He is, as ever, deeply involved in Chester College affairs. He contributed an entertaining account of a recent visit to the U.S.A. in the last edition of the college magazine, *Collegian*.

I look forward with interest to the appearance of Ward's chronicle of Mercers' School. I know his work in African history, of course. I've just been awarded a doctorate (D.Litt. et Phil.) for a history of the

University of South Africa and its predecessor at the Cape. It has been accepted for publication, but I am also writing a more popular account for the centenary in two years' time. I have, I think, at last succeeded in following Gordon Allen's advice to me of long ago to begin at the beginning. My debt to him is acknowledged in a brief dedication in the thesis.

Greetings to you and to all who remember Leon and myself!

Sincerely,

Maurice Boucher (1931-39).

38 Willryan Avenue,  
Christchurch 7,  
New Zealand.

5th May, 1971.

Dear Mr. Ives,

Mr. Henderson, my old colleague at Collyer's School, recently sent me a cutting about W. E. F. Ward's forthcoming history of Mercers' School. I am so glad to hear that this has been done since a few years ago I was able to complete a history of Collyer's School, I should very much like to have a copy of Ward's book, if it is possible to send one out here. It should, of course, come by surface mail and if you will let me know the price and cost of postage I will send you a remittance. Not to worry, if this is impracticable, but should so like to read it, if it can be managed.

We came out here to live near our daughter last July and after various vicissitudes have a pleasant home again near the sea. What a country! If any Old Mercer lives in or near Christchurch we should be very pleased to meet him. I have already met one Old Collyerian and had an ex-colleague, Miss Lee, to stay with us.

With best wishes to the Old Mercers' Club in general and to you in particular.

Yours sincerely,

Austin N. Willson.

#### NEWS OF OTHER OLD MERCERS

The publication of the History of the School produced a good deal of correspondence from inside and outside the Club. Many of the following notes came from this source.

Arthur Percival (1944-52) has published again. A third impression of "The Faversham Gunpowder Industry and Its Development" appeared in December, 1970.

The Rev. Stuart Francis (1912-17) retired last year as the Director of the Presbyterian Social Service Association of New Zealand. In the annual report of the Association appeared the following tribute :

"In his seven-year term the work of the Association has gone from strength to strength. For example, the Peacehaven complex has

been increased by the addition to the hospital wing. Resthaven at Gore is changing from a small unit serving seven residents and eight patients, to one providing much wider facilities for 22 residents and 14 patients. The new Inglenook Children's Home has come into being at Gore. The erection of the Social Centre in Tay Street was a most important development.

"In administration, in personal dealing with folk in need, in inspiring and guiding the staff, in pleading our cause in the pulpit and in representing the Association in its liaison with the Government, local bodies and General Assembly, he has not spared himself. His long standing interest in social service, particularly at the level of the Assembly Committee, and through some of its special studies in depth over the years, has meant we have had a good strong hand at the helm. We will miss Mr. Francis very much. All members and friends of the Association will wish him well in his retirement."

From Mrs. P. Bearden of Tankerton came news of a former Mercer, Thomas Wooldridge who, while reading a copy of "Lloyds" in Zululand in 1907, noticed an announcement of the first O.M. Dinner at the Holborn Restaurant; "some 70 attended with Dr. Scott in the chair". Mr. Wooldridge left the school in 1859!

His brother, Harold, also a Mercer, was Slade Professor of Fine Art at Oxford from 1895-1904.

M. A. Spry, long missing, but well known in the 40's and 50's as a member of the Cricket Club, made contact and came, with brother Jack, to the F.C. Reunion.

Mr. Haden retires this summer from R.G.S. Newcastle to "a cottage north west of Morpeth in Northumberland", where he looks forward to, "tilling the soil, reading, possibly writing something and certainly fishing".

W. R. "Bill" Lewis (1912-18) was Upper Warden of the Plate Workers' Company last year.

Stanley Wells (1897-1900) resigned, in October, from the Court of Common Council after serving since 1949.

Gordon Harper (1910-16) was in England in 1971. In March he became an alderman of Salisbury, Rhodesia for life and received a gold watch in celebration thereof.

From his good friend W. G. "Bill" Bailey (1899-1907) the Editor, as ever, received a tribute on the receipt of last year's magazine. Bill's son, Hugh (1934-38), is now at Warley, H.Q. of Ford Motors. His address is: 14 St. David's Drive, Highland Estate, Leigh-on-Sea, Essex. Bill misses his O.M. mates in the far north but sometimes sees Mr. Haden.

Mrs. B. Munson, the grand daughter of Dr. Scott, wrote on behalf of four of his daughters, all now in their eighties.



Any O.M. who was at Collyer's School during the war will recognise the author of the letter from New Zealand which appears in the correspondence column; we send good wishes to an old friend.

John Wearing is now second master at St. Austell—"the traditional buffer between Head and Staff." News of John's adult family makes the Editor feel even older.

H. S. Moss, who taught so many of us French, and inspired others to ramble, is now deputy head of the Royal Masonic Boy's School, Bushey.

H. G. A. noticed omissions in the list of staff in the History—C. Boswell (1948-50)—the inter-regnum between "Doc." Whitehouse and Harold Whate, and F. J. McIntosh (1932-45), whose death we sadly announced earlier in this issue.

Mrs. K. R. Stone, whose son went to Mercers' in the 1930's, remembered that he used to talk of his form master—"Eggy"—I cannot recall his proper name—I think it was Andrews."

Frank Green threatens to rejoin the Club; he will be very welcome.

L. L. "Larry" Martin wrote from Cheshire—who remembers him playing football for School and Gresham in the 1930's?

R. Mercer is not an O.M. but someone who used to overlook the School playground from his office in Halton House. Now over 80, the History revived happy memories for him.

F. M. Strong, writing from British Columbia, is a son-in-law of W. E. Paterson, member of the School staff from 1896-1929. He believes this is the only instance in the history of the School when a former pupil married a daughter of one of the staff.

N. H. "Nick" Berryman, a stalwart of Acon and a contemporary of the Editor, is now at Hillhead Garage, Fareham, Hants.

Miss H. M. Box, daughter of W. L. Box, killed in 1943, still cherishes a pewter mug won by her father in 1893 for winning the half mile at the School Sports.

M. G. Harris, known to many in the 30's and 40's as an uncompromising full back in School football, is still living in London.

Kamm Mayor, one of three brothers well known for their "disappearing act", wrote from the Midlands, wishing to be remembered to his old friends, the Ives, Woodburn, Morgan, Cousens ensemble.

A large number of Mercers of the 20's who never joined the Club, applied for copies of the History; G. Howell, A. H. Early, L. S. Furneaux, M. H. Goodall, R. A. Gregory, G. R. P. Philipp, L. A. R. Rich, G. A. Roberts, D. B. Rubie, W. C. Sharman, H. Warerell, D. G. Bennett, A. J. Bradley, C. E. Huddleston, H. F. Sim. The Editor has addresses for them all.

## CIVIC GUILD OF OLD MERCERS

The following constitute the Court of the Guild for 1971-72 :—

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The membership of the Guild stands at 103, of whom 23 are livery-men and 80 freemen. During the year the Guild has learned with regret of the death of three of its members, namely Past Guild Master Howard Crane, Guildman Oswald White and Guildman Edward Schaverien. Each of them had been long serving and active members of the Guild, and their presence at Guild functions will be much missed.

The Installation Dinner took place on the 18th June, 1971, at Tallow Chandlers Hall, with the newly elected Guild Master, the Rev. Canon J. A. Burley, in the Chair. Of the 62 persons present 48 were Guildmen, ten guests of Guildmen, and four official guests of the Guild. The latter were the Master of the Tallow Chandlers Company, A. L. Wallace, the President of the Old Mercers' Club, E. S. Wilkins, the President of the Old Collyerians Association, A. S. Hoad (a member of the Guild) and the Chairman of the London Branch of the Old Collyerians' Association, D. H. Neldrett. The toast of the Guests was proposed, as is customary, by Guild Junior Warden, B. A. Brewer, and was responded to by the Master of the Tallow Chandlers Company. Before the speeches the Guild Master drank the health of all present in a Loving Cup and as the cup circulated, Past Guild Master Dewey played suitable music. The company was also entertained during the evening, by students of the London College of Music, under the direction of the Director of the College, Guildman W. S. Lloyd Webber, D.Mus., F.R.C.M., etc. There were opportunities for Guildmen and their friends to get together both before the dinner, at the reception and afterwards over a drink before going home. As is usual at this function, the Alms Dish was passed round the tables but on this occasion the money so received was given to the Lord Mayor's St. Paul's Appeal Fund.

On the evening of the 15th December, 1971, Guildmen, their wives and friends met at the Church Room of St. Margaret Pattens Church, Rood Lane in the City, to hear a most interesting and entertaining lecture, illustrated by some excellent slides, entitled "Unknown London", given by Dr. Gordon Huelin, B.D., Ph.D., F.S.A., Vicar of the Church, and Chaplain to the Mercers' Company. Before the

lecture the Guild Master welcomed those present over a glass of sherry.

The Court will be pleased to welcome as Guildmen any Old Mercers, their sons, grandsons or other near relatives. The only requisite is that such applicants must be freemen of the City of London, but the Court will be very pleased to assist in this direction. The Court would also bring to the attention of Old Mercers, the Guild's apprentice scheme for any of their near relatives between the ages of 14 and 21 years. Further particulars both of the Guild and the apprentices scheme may be obtained from the Honorary Clerk, A. H. Hall, 23 Uvedale Road, Enfield, Middlesex.

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