

COLLYER'S
SCHOOL

January 31st, 1964

COLLYER'S SCHOOL

Opening of Duckering Hall and New Buildings

THE HEAD PREFECT'S ADDRESS OF THANKS TO THE MASTER OF THE MERCERS' COMPANY

Magister, et vos omnes qui huc estis congregati, hac memorabilissima caerimonia ad finem iam deducta, mihi et maximae voluptati et summo honori est, tibi, Magister, gratias meritas et infinitas referre, quod nos omnes tam insigni beneficio affecisti; nam, non modo haec nova aedificia ritu et more praesens dedicavisti, sed etiam in mentem nobis vocavisti illum communem et pretiosum consensum tuae eximiae societatis et huius ludi a nostro Ricardo olim conditi.

At the end of this very memorable occasion, it is my pleasure and privilege to offer you, Master, our grateful thanks for the signal honour you bestow on us, not only in coming here today to open our New Buildings but also in reminding us of the close and precious association between your great Company and Richard Collyer's School.

COLLYER'S SCHOOL, HORSHAM

SERVICE OF DEDICATION

of Duckering Hall, New Buildings and Old Collyerians'
Memorial Lectern

ADDRESS

by

The Vicar of Horsham,

The Rev. P. L. Gillingham, M.V.O., Q.H.C., M.A.

THE ACT OF DEDICATION

HYMN

Now thank we all our God
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom his world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever-joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us:
And keep us in his grace,
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns
With them in highest heaven;
The one eternal God,
Whom earth and heaven adore,
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

THE BLESSING

COLLYER'S SCHOOL HORSHAM

(founded 1532)



Opening

of the

DUCKERING HALL

and

NEW BUILDINGS

by

THE MASTER OF THE MERCERS' COMPANY

THE LORD EBBISHAM, T.D., M.A., C.C.

FRIDAY, 31st JANUARY 1964 at 2.30 p.m.

RICHARD COLLYER'S SCHOOL IN HORSHAM

"I will that my messuage the Sunne . . . in the Parish of our Lady of Bowe be sold . . . and the money be bestowed in buying and building of a house to keep a Free School in Horsham in the County of Sussex where I was born." (The Founder's Will, 1532.)

Thus did Richard Collyer follow the example of another London mercer, Richard Whittington, who entrusted his bequests to the care of the "mistere of the Mercers," and of Dean Colet, who appointed the same fellowship overseers of his foundation at St. Paul's "forever". The Mercers' Company were charged with the duty of fulfilling the terms of Richard Collyer's Will, and by August 1540 an agreement was made before the Lord Mayor himself, whereby the Sunne was sold and £8 6s. 8d. of the proceeds spent on the purchase of a property in Horsham. This was undoubtedly the site of the present Chesworth Primary School, and comprised then a dwelling-house easily adapted to provide a single school-room, attic dormitories and lodgings for master and usher. In 1541 Richard Brokebanke and Nicholas Bayne welcomed the first intake of Collyerians to the building. The latter half of the Seventeenth Century under the Masters Nisbet and Wickliffe seems to have been a period of expansion, boarders raising the numbers in the School from the statutory 60 free scholars to over 100, and Nisbet was his own Clerk of Works in a programme of repair and extension costing over £250.

Various sums for maintenance were voted by the Mercers' Court of Assistants from time to time from rent paid to the Company by the tenants of Richard Collyer's former "great mansion the Keye in Chepe", but during the centuries the building gradually decayed, and in 1838 the Company surveyor pronounced it "very old and imperfect" even if £1,000 were spent on it. After inspecting the School itself and finding it "exceedingly well conducted, extremely useful to the Town of Horsham and reflecting great credit on the memory of its benevolent Founder", the Master of the Company and the House Warden recommended demolition and the provision of a new school on the same site, at a cost of £2,240. Funds were not quite adequate for this, but out of its own resources the Company loaned the balance interest-free, finding nearly another £500 eventually to provide further amenities.

By May, 1840, plans were ready for building the school which we still see serving the cause of education at Chesworth School. The old building was pulled down and its materials sold for £100. A year later, three hundred years after Brokebanke and Bayne opened the first Summer Term, William Pirie and Richard Cragg were able to teach in the new school house. In 1842 another Company deputation reported "gratification at the healthy and creditable appearance of the scholars" and at their work in Scripture, English, History and Geography, "all of which evidenced not merely the zeal of the teachers but the attention of the taught". For another half-century the "second Collyer's

School" gave a sound education to Horsham boys free of charge, and there were said to be three times as many applicants as there were places.

By 1889, after twenty years of bargaining, the Charity Commissioners, the Mercers' Company and the Parish had evolved a new scheme of government; a Board of Governors was set up; the Company provided the money for another rebuilding and covenanted to pay a fixed annual sum to the School. The Chesworth site and buildings were sold to the Horsham School Board; the property in Hurst Road was purchased, and Dr. G. A. Thompson became Headmaster of a school once again able to give full "Secondary Education", while still admitting some free scholars. The new school was erected in six months, at a cost of under £6,000, and the opening ceremony took place on 29th April, 1893. The building was simply the block which still faces Hurst Road, little changed, except for the loss of its wooden belfry. At one end was the School-room with dormitories overhead; in the middle were class-rooms and dining hall; at the southerly end was the Headmaster's House.

But the battle for further buildings was soon on. In 1897, a Technical School on land adjoining Collyer's boundaries closed down, and this property was acquired and converted into a Laboratory building, by means of a loan from the West Sussex County Council. By 1909, Dr. Thompson had brought the school strength to 150, and this and a high reputation for scholarship made further extensions both essential and well merited. In 1912 a further loan financed the building of a Hall and additional class-rooms, and after the First World War, when numbers soared above the 200 mark, extra teaching space was provided by the purchase of the Old Cottage Hospital (now Horsham Clinic) to serve as a hostel for the boarders and to house the Library which was established by the Headmaster, Canon W. M. Peacock. In 1931, under Mr. P. A. Tharp's headmastership, the Hall was extended and a further block of class-rooms built at a cost of over £6,000. 1935 saw the closing of the boarding establishment and the sale of the hostel, preparatory to further building instead on the school land. The present programme of rebuilding by the Governors, now partially completed, was made possible through the generosity of Dr. Duckering, an old Collyerian, who emigrated to America and bequeathed his fortune to his old school as a mark of appreciation for the education he received under the headmastership of Richard Cragg, and in memory of his mother.

The long-needed Assembly Hall, Laboratories, Gymnasium and Kitchens, together with the additional accommodation and facilities which visitors will see today, were designed by Mr. L. H. Parsons, M.B.E., F.R.I.B.A. (Messrs. Godman and Kay, F.F.R.I.B.A.), and the Contractors were Messrs. Y. J. Lovell (Sussex) Ltd. Future plans provide for a new Classroom Block, and alterations to existing buildings which include the provision of a new Library.

THE GOVERNORS OF COLLYER'S SCHOOL

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The Chairman of Governors

Mr. DAVID BRYCE, O.B.E., K.St.J., J.P.

The Vice-Chairman of Governors

Mr. C. S. BUCKLE, C.C.

The Master of the Mercers' Company

THE LORD EBBISHAM, T.D., M.A., C.C.

The Vicar of Horsham

THE REV. P. L. GILLINGHAM, M.V.O., Q.H.C., M.A.

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Brigadier G. A. RIMBAULT, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C.

Mr. C. M. E. SEAMAN, M.A. Lieut. Colonel H. B. VERNON, M.C.

Dr. M. H. WATNEY Mr. F. WILLIAMS

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Clerk to the Governors

Mr. R. L. FISHER

AN ORGAN RECITAL

will be given from 2.10 p.m. to 2.25 p.m. by
James Hodgson, M.A., Mus. B., F.R.C.O., A.R.C.M.

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PROGRAMME OF MUSIC

Allegro from 2nd Organ Concerto	<i>G. F. Handel</i>
Canon in B minor	<i>R. Schuman</i>
Folk Tune	<i>P. Whitlock</i>
Solemn Melody	<i>W. Davies</i>

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At the end of the Proceedings

Toccatà: "Tu es Petra" *H. Mulet*

ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

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2.20 p.m.

Processions will enter in the following order

The audience will remain seated

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THE MEMBERS OF THE STAFF

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THE MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY

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The audience will stand

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THE REPRESENTATIVE OF H. E. THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR
(John N. Hutchison, Esq.)

THE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT
(Colonel C. F. H. Gough, M.C., T.D., M.P.)

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE WEST SUSSEX EDUCATION COMMITTEE
(Brigadier L. L. Thwaytes, D.L.)

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HORSHAM URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL
(B. N. Piggott, Esq., J.P.)

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HORSHAM RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL
(Sir Giles R. Loder, Bt., M.A., J.P.)

THE VICE-CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SUSSEX
(J. S. Fulton, Esq., M.A.)

THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION FOR WEST SUSSEX
(Dr. C. W. W. Read, Ph.D., B.Sc.)

THE HEADMASTER

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE SCHOOL'S GOVERNORS

THE VICAR OF HORSHAM

THE BEADLE

THE MASTER OF THE MERCERS' COMPANY

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SCHOOL'S GOVERNORS

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The audience will resume their seats when the Platform Party is seated

2.30 p.m.

THE OPENING CEREMONY

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Presentation of the Golden Key (kindly donated by Messrs Y. J. Lovell Ltd.)
to the Master of the Mercers' Company, who will declare the Buildings Open

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The Chairman of the School's Governors will invite
The Vicar of Horsham
(The Rev. P. L. Gillingham, M.V.O., Q.H.C., M.A.)
to dedicate the New Buildings and the Old Collyerians' Memorial Lectern

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THE DEDICATION CEREMONY

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THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SCHOOL'S GOVERNORS
WILL ADDRESS THE ASSEMBLY

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THE MASTER OF THE MERCERS' COMPANY
WILL ADDRESS THE ASSEMBLY

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THE REPRESENTATIVE OF H. E. THE AMERICAN
AMBASSADOR WILL ADDRESS THE ASSEMBLY

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THE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT
WILL ADDRESS THE ASSEMBLY

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THE HEAD PREFECT
(R. W. Osborne)
WILL PRESENT AN ADDRESS IN LATIN
TO THE MASTER OF THE MERCERS' COMPANY

The audience will stand

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The National Anthem will be sung

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THE MASTER OF THE MERCERS' COMPANY

will leave the Hall

followed by

THE PRINCIPAL GUESTS

THE MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY

AND THEIR LADIES

AND

MEMBERS OF THE STAFF

AND THEIR LADIES

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The audience will resume their seats
and will remain seated
until this Procession has left the Hall

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The New Buildings and School History Exhibition will then be open for inspection, and tea will be served in the Old Assembly Hall.

THE STAFF OF COLLYER'S SCHOOL

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The Headmaster

Mr. D. J. COULSON, M.A.

The Second Master

Mr. A. N. WILLSON, M.A.

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Mr. F. G. BENNETT, M.A. Mr. D. E. F. BROOSHOOFT
Mr. W. F. R. BROWN, M.A. Mr. F. A. COLLINS, B.A.
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Mr. V. A. DAVIES, B.A. Mr. T. FOX, M.A.
Mr. H. FYSON, M.A. Mr. J. R. B. GOSNEY, B.A.
Mr. A. A. HENDERSON, M.A.
Mr. J. HODGSON, M.A., MUS.B., F.R.C.O., A.R.C.M.
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Mr. P. POINTER, B.Sc. Mr. J. E. REES, M.A.
Mr. A. F. ROUTLEY, D.L.C. Mr. P. C. SIBLEY, M.A.
Mr. R. SOPER, B.Sc. Mr. H. R. THOMAS, B.A.
Mr. R. D. TIDEY, M.A. Mr. A. H. TWIDLE, M.Sc.
Mr. F. E. WHITBOURN, M.A. Mr. L. H. WOOLLETT, B.Sc.
Miss M. E. YOUNG, B.A. Mrs. D. N. D. GILLINGHAM, B.A.
Mr. J. C. LAWRENCE

SCHOLARSHIP SUCCESSES SINCE 1956

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R. K. TURBEFIELD	Scholarship in Classics	<i>Pembroke College, Cambridge</i>
C. R. RATHBONE	Mackinnon Scholarship in Mathematics	<i>Magdalen College, Oxford</i>
M. R. ETHERIDGE	State Scholarship in Botany and Zoology	<i>Queens' College, Cambridge</i>
C. J. CARTER	Open Scholarship in Classics	<i>Peterhouse, Cambridge</i>
R. W. PEAY	State Scholarship in Classics	<i>Pembroke College, Cambridge</i>
G. DYER	Exhibition in Mathematics	<i>Magdalen College, Oxford</i>
N. W. BOAKES	State Scholarship in Classics	<i>University of Exeter</i>
R. J. ELLIOTT	Open Scholarship in Classics	<i>Exeter College, Oxford</i>
L. R. H. SMITH	Open Scholarship in English	<i>Queens' College, Cambridge</i>
C. J. PETHICK	Demyship in Natural Sciences	<i>Magdalen College, Oxford</i>
C. J. C. REES	Demyship in Natural Sciences	<i>Magdalen College, Oxford</i>
S. TALBOT	State Scholarship in Botany and Zoology	<i>University of London</i>
G. S. MILLER	State Scholarship in English	<i>Corpus Christi College, Cambridge</i>
C. J. PUGH	Open Scholarship in Mathematics	<i>University of Southampton</i>
J. A. DYER	Mackinnon Scholarship in Mathematics	<i>Magdalen College, Oxford</i>
T. A. W. CATTELL	State Scholarship in Geography	<i>Downing College, Cambridge</i>
P. W. LEEDHAM	State Scholarship in Botany and Zoology	<i>University of London</i>
R. E. PERRY	State Scholarship in Physics	<i>University of Southampton</i>
D. M. REEKS	State Scholarship in English	<i>Wadham College, Oxford</i>
A. J. CARTER	Open Scholarship in Mathematics	<i>University of Southampton</i>
P. DUCKER	Open Scholarship in Mathematics	<i>University of Southampton</i>
R. B. SAINSBURY	Exhibition in Mathematics	<i>Selwyn College, Cambridge</i>
D. J. BALL	State Scholarship in Art	<i>University of Liverpool</i>
D. I. JOHNSTON	State Scholarship in Botany and Zoology	<i>Queens' College, Cambridge</i>

B. G. FEASEY	Open Scholarship in Mathematics	<i>University of Southampton</i>
R. R. HARRIS	Open Scholarship in Botany and Zoology	<i>University of Southampton</i>
R. G. BURTON	Exhibition in Classics	<i>Trinity Hall, Cambridge</i>
J. M. CROWTHER	Mackinnon Scholarship in Natural Sciences	<i>Magdalen College, Oxford</i>
R. J. MEADWAY	Open Scholarship in Mathematics	<i>Peterhouse, Cambridge</i>
J. V. GEE	Open Scholarship in Natural Sciences	<i>St. John's College, Oxford</i>
P. R. PUGH	Milner White Scholarship in Zoology	<i>University of Southampton</i>
M. E. ADAMS	State Scholarship in Natural Sciences	<i>University of Durham</i>
M. C. PINCHES	State Scholarship in Natural Sciences	<i>University of Southampton</i>
R. J. EASTERBROOK	Open Scholarship in Classics	<i>Exeter College, Oxford</i>
I. C. MORISON	Open Scholarship in English	<i>Lincoln College, Oxford</i>
R. H. B. PINCOTT	State Scholarship in Classics	<i>Trinity Hall, Cambridge</i>
D. P. ROBINS	Exhibition in Natural Sciences	<i>Magdalen College, Oxford</i>
P. A. SINCLAIR	Demyship in Mathematics	<i>Magdalen College, Oxford</i>

