

Percy James Brebner (Christian Lys)

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Brebner, Percy James (Christian Lys) b 29 March 1864, eldest son of the late **James Brebner**, manager of the National Provincial Bank of England, Piccadilly; married **Adelaide**, eldest daughter of **Rev. R. Taylor**, Vicar of St. Faith's, Wandsworth 1892. Educated King's College School. Formerly in Share & Loan Department of Stock Exchange; subsequently engaged in editorial work.

Publications: 'Mr. Quixley of the Gate House'; 'The Mystery of Ladyplace'; 'The Fortress of Yadasara'; 'The Hepsworth Millions'; 'Market Sefton'; 'The Doctor's Idol'; 'The Dunthorpes of Westleigh'; 'Suspicion'; 'The Black Card'; etc.

Recreations: Music, cycling (Tennis in 1920 edition)

Address: The Chestnuts, Hinton Road, W. Allington, Surrey

(The Upways, Spencer Gardens, East Sheen S.W. in 1920)

(53 Allfarthing Lane, Wandsworth S.W. in 1901)

(1901 edition gives birthplace as 'Tollington Road, Holloway')

[Who's Who, 1905 edition]

Author of Princess Maritza (Cassell) 1907; Vayenne, 1908; A Royal Ward, 1909, A Gentleman of Virginia (MacMillan), 1910; The Brown Mask (Cassell), 1910; The Silver Medallion (Mills and Boon), 1912; The White Gauntlet (Cassell) 1912); The Little Grey Shoe (Hodder), 1918; The Turbulent Duchess, 1915; A Gallant Lady; Gate of Temptation, 1920; Christopher Quarles; The Top Landing (Fisher Unwin). 1921; and many others. C. various magazines. Ed Fry's Royal Guide to London Hospitals.

Residence: 122 Upper Richmond Road, East Seen S.W.

Clubs: Author's Club; Roehampton Club

[Who Was Who in Literature 1906-1934, Gale 1978]

Additional Notes:

Percy James Brebner was brother to author [Arthur Brebner](#). His family traces its genealogy to [Isaac Brebner and Margaret Wright in Glenmuick](#), although it's a curious coincidence that his nom-de-plume of **Christian Lys** mirrors the name **Christian Leys**, who was wife of the titled [Alexander Brebner of Learney](#) (1753-1823). Whether this suggests a connection between the two families or was simply wishful thinking on **Percy's** part will probably never be determined.

