

A Queer Coincidence

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While a serial story was running in a certain magazine a lady in Johannesburg wrote to the publisher asking whether **Christian Lys** (the author's nom de plume)ⁱ was assumed or not. She herself was a **Mrs. Lys**, who was trying to trace an ancestor of her late husband, who was a descendant of **Joan of Arc. Mr. Brebner**, the author in question, wrote assuring here that his pen name was a family one, his forbears having come from Aberdeen. Strangely enough, it came out that her family also came from Aberdeen and their name was **Brebner**.

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ⁱ **Percy James Brebner**, Edwardian author used the nom-de-plume of "Christian Lys". There is a **Christian Leys** that was married to **Alexander Brebner** of Learney, although I have yet to connect that family to **Percy James Brebner** who descends from **Isaac Brebner** and **Margaret Wright** in Glenmuick.

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