

A plaque for Percy

PADDOCK Cricket, Bowling and Athletic Club are celebrating their centenary this year and I'm told that they are considering launching an appeal fund to enable them to present a silver plate to be added to the Huddersfield Corporation collection of silver in memory of one of Yorkshire's greatest cricketers, Percy Holmes, who died at his Marsh home on September 3 last year.

Holmes, whose career with Yorkshire spanned twenty years from 1913 to



Percy Holmes in his playing days

1933, began his cricket in the Huddersfield League with Paddock.

He went on to score 26,216 runs for an average of 41.94 for Yorkshire and was best remembered for his opening partnerships with Herbert Sutcliffe.

Paddock have already approached the Corporation who have indicated that they would welcome a silver plate to add to their

collection and, of course, there is a precedent for this.

In 1953, cricket lovers in Huddersfield subscribed for three silver-gilt plates to be presented to the Corporation in memory of the great triumvirate of "Hirst, Rhodes and Haigh."

George Herbert Hirst and Wilfred Rhodes, it is by now well known, began their cricketing careers at Kirkheaton before going on to play for Yorkshire and England. Both were prolific all-rounders, Hirst amassing 32,231 runs and taking 2,569 wickets for his county and Rhodes scoring 31,156 runs and claiming 3,608 victims.

Schofield Haigh, father of Mr. R. E. Haigh, the present Huddersfield area representative on the Yorkshire County Cricket Committee, began his cricket at Armitage Bridge and went on to score 11,099 runs and claim 1,916 wickets in County cricket. All three played for Yorkshire towards the end of the last century and Rhodes was the last to finish playing in 1930.