

#### **(D) SILVER JUBILEE -1954-55**

Having accepted 1930 as the year of establishment, it was natural that the Association should have celebrated its Silver Jubilee in the year 1954 - 55. The Committee set to the task in March 1954 and appointed a Sub-Committee consisting of Justice S. R. Tendolkar (President) Mr. A. A. Jashdenwala (Vice-President) Mr. Bhogilal C. Shah (Hon. Treasurer) Mr. V. J. Divecha and Mr. D. P. Thanawalla (Jt. Hon. Secretaries) and Messrs L. P. Jai, H. N. Contractor and V. M. Merchant as members, with a directive to submit to the Managing Committee a report suggesting ways of means of celebrating the event.

The Managing Committee which considered the proposals of the Sub-Committee at its meeting held on 30th June 1954, while accepting in general the sub-committee's recommendation also decided to make an effort to persuade the MCC side touring Australia to break journey at Bombay either on its way to Australia or on its return to England and play a match at Bombay. The committee also decided to publish a souvenir which would include 'articles, history, photographs etc.'.

The proposal did not materialise, instead a team from Pakistan accepted the invitation of Justice Tendolkar. The President of the Association wrote a letter to Sir Habib Rahimtoola regarding the 'match to be played between India and Pakistan on the occasion of the Association's Silver Jubilee Celebrations'.

The Silver Jubilee was thus celebrated by undertaking the following activities.

1. Publication of Silver Jubilee Souvenir
2. The Cricket match between the Bombay Cricket Association XI and the Pakistan Services and Bhawalpur Combined XI
3. The flag-hosting ceremony at the Governor's pavilion, CCI on 27th November 1954 and
4. A Banquet on 8th December 1954 at the CCI.