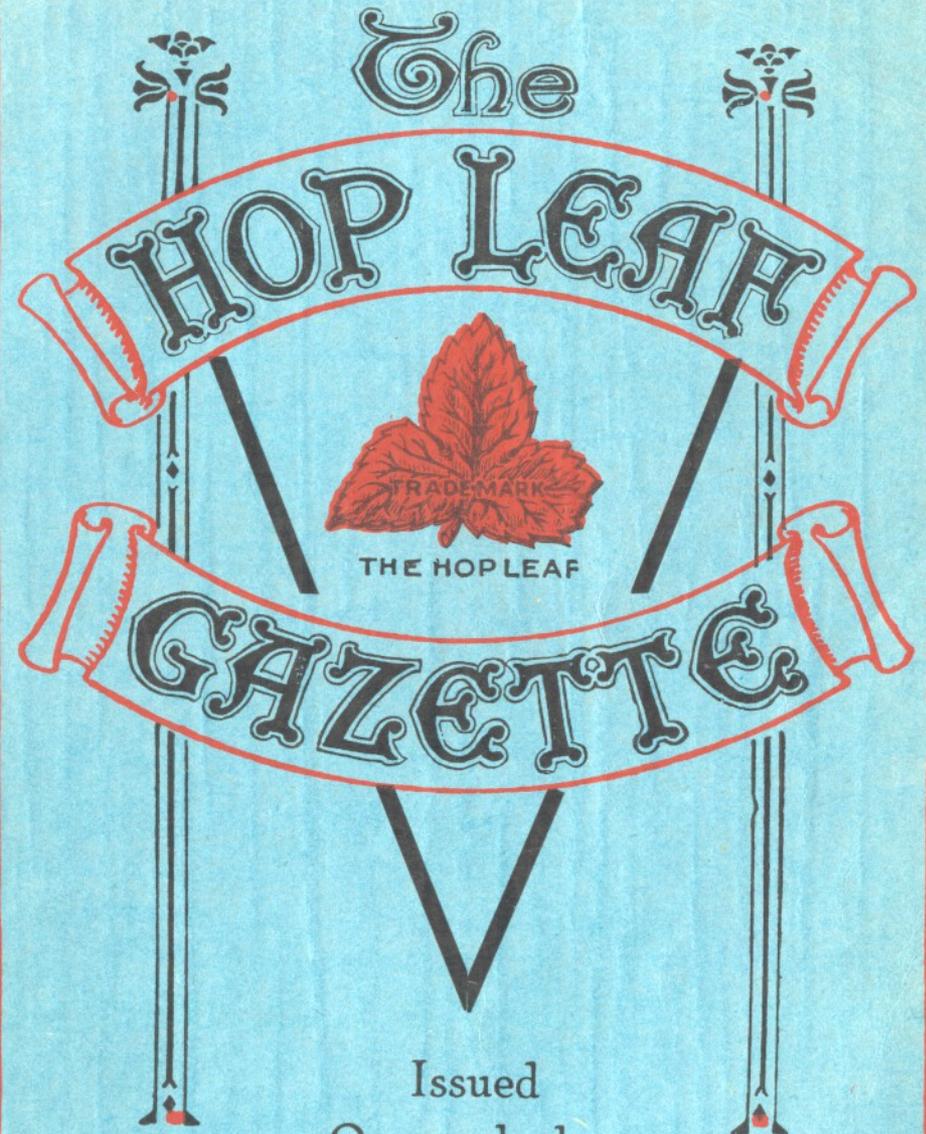


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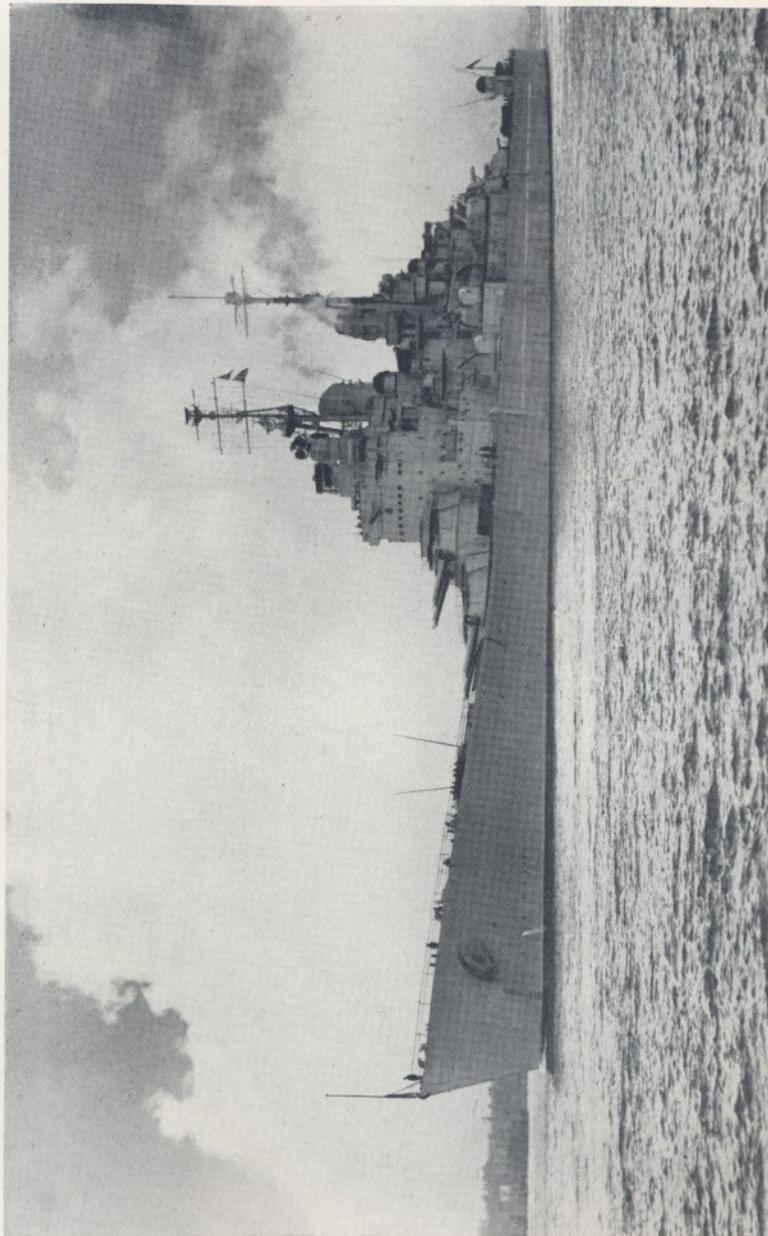
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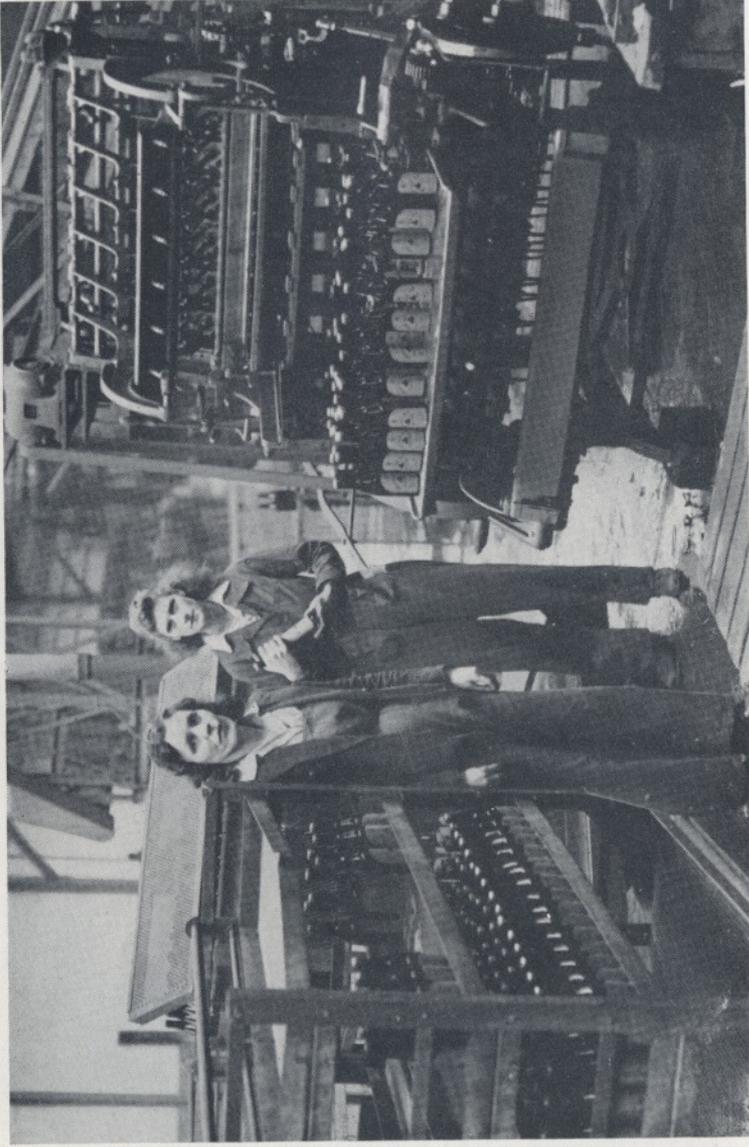


Mr. F. A. Simonds, our esteemed Chairman and Managing Director, dictating letters to his Private Secretary, Miss Prosser.

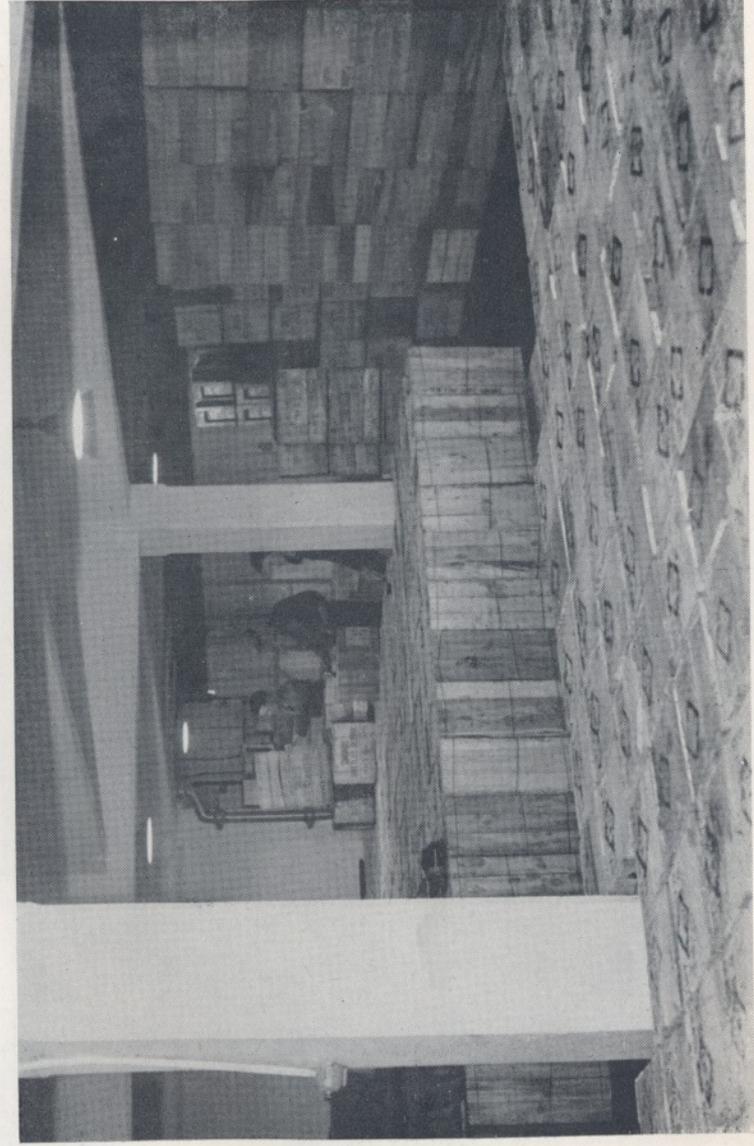


H.M.S. "Vanguard" which started on its memorable journey from Portsmouth on Saturday, February 1st. We were honoured with an order for Bottled Beers for the voyage.

Photo by Wright & Logan, 1a, Albert Road, Southsea.



Labelling the Bottled Beers for H.M.S. "Vanguard."



The order for Bottled Beers for H.M.S. "Vanguard" nearing completion.



Packing the Bottled Beers for the Royal Tour on H.M.S. "Vanguard."

MR. C. L. CARVILL.

The portrait of Mr. C. L. Carvill, which appears in this issue, serves to commemorate his recent appointment as Chief Clerk at Bridgend Branch.

This promotion has been particularly gratifying to his many friends in the district and is a just reward for many years of faithful and diligent service in the Company's interests.

Until recently his work has been concerned chiefly with Transport and the many tributes which have been expressed by customers speak highly of the fair and impartial manner in which supplies have been distributed during the very difficult period through which we have and are still passing. Now that the scope of his duties has been extended to cover accountancy and other matters, his ability to handle these added responsibilities has been most ably proved.

Mr. Carvill commenced his career with Messrs. R. H. Stiles and Son some 25 years ago and continued with that firm until the business was purchased by this Company in 1938. He particularly recollects the rather happy-go-lucky methods of the old days in comparison with the method and efficiency of modern business and much prefers the present to the past.

He was early, during the war emergency, in offering his services to the community and served from the beginning of 1940 until his call-up for military service in 1944 as an Air Raid Warden. In addition to this voluntary work he was a willing firewatcher at the Brewery premises. In May, 1944, he joined the R.A.M.C., serving at Colchester Military Hospital and eventually reached the rank of Corporal. During his period of military service he represented his unit at cricket and snooker.

His chief hobby, when time permits, is woodwork, and he is never happier than when he finds something that "won't go." He is a keen follower of Association football and is particularly an enthusiastic supporter of the Cardiff City Soccer team. During the summer months he is extremely fond of cricket, now chiefly as a spectator.

Take a little wine for thy stomach's sake and thine oft infirmities.—The Bible.

CHAT *from* 
THE EDITOR'S CHAIR
(By C. H. P.)

MR. E. DUNCAN SIMONDS.

We are very pleased to announce that Mr. E. Duncan Simonds, second son of our Chairman and Managing Director, has been appointed to the Directorate of this Company. Mr. E. D. Simonds was elected to the Board of the Cirencester Brewery Limited in January. The news of these appointments has been received at the various Breweries and Branches with universal expressions of satisfaction and pleasure, due to the wonderful popularity which he has already gained by his visits. His personal charm has won the hearts of all with whom he has come into contact as evinced by the hearty wishes for his future happiness which have been expressed throughout the combine.

WHAT IS YOUR CHOICE?

Ask a friend whether he would rather have £5 a month for a year or a farthing for the first month, four times as much for the second, four times as much again for the third, and so on until the end of the year.

Many will say that they would prefer the offer of £5 a month, but they would be unwise in their choice.

The £5 a month offer would total £60 in a year; the other plan would mean nearly £6,000, as this list of amounts shows: January ¼d.; February 1d.; March 4d.; April 1s. 4d.; May 5s. 4d.; June £1 1s. 4d.; July £4 5s. 4d.; August £17 1s. 4d.; September £68 5s. 4d.; October £273 1s. 4d.; November £1,092 5s. 4d.; December £4,369 1s. 4d. This gives a total of £5,825 8s. 5¼d.

"PULSE LIKE A CANNON."

Sir,—Now is a good time to recall the words of a great American to the people of this island:

"I feel in regard to this aged England, pressed upon by transitions of trade and competing populations . . . I see her not dispirited, not weak, but well remembering that she has seen dark days before—indeed, with a kind of instinct that she sees a little better in a cloudy day, and that, in storm of battle and calamity, she has a secret vigour and a pulse like a cannon."

The speaker (at Manchester in 1847) was Ralph Waldo Emerson.

THE PARSON AND THE PUB.

The Rev. W. J. B. Crouch, Vicar of Borden, speaking at a Sittingbourne banquet, said that the village church, the village pub, the village post office and, if he might say so, the village parson were all most essential ingredients of our social and national life.

"The pub is one of the most important," he said, "and I should be very sorry to be in a village which had not one."

A NEW HISTORY.

A book has recently been published which should prove of considerable interest to many with interests and associations in St. Giles' Parish, of which the Brewery forms a part. It is entitled "The Parish of St. Giles in Reading," the author being the Rev. L. W. Harman, Assistant Priest at St. Giles. A history of this nature must have required a large amount of painstaking research, a fact which is apparent when one reads the acknowledgments to various sources of information. Written in an unpretentious and scholarly style, the book should certainly appeal to anyone with antiquarian leanings in this district, and indeed in the whole of Reading. There is a most comprehensive index. Copies, priced 8s. 6d., may be obtained from the Editor, or Mr. P. Luker, Cask Office, or any bookseller.

PRAISEWORTHY WORK!

Never before have the roads been in such a treacherous state and transport has indeed been difficult. But the manner in which our lorry drivers and draymen have tackled their tasks has been a great credit to them.

TOO MUCH WATER WITH IT.

One crisp December Sunday morning, four enthusiastic Brewery oarsmen went forth with their craft for a quick trip to the Mile Post. Upon their return to the boathouse the cox leapt ashore and ran about to restore his circulation. The crew, left to their own devices, attempted to get themselves out of the boat with the ultimate result that the boat turned turtle, ejecting the occupants into the cold green waters of the Thames.

With much gasping they regained the bank, hurried to the dressing rooms, quickly changed and made their way to the nearest "local." After a drop of "warming influence" (undiluted), they felt none the worse for their immersion.

GREY SQUIRREL COMES TO TOWN.

While waiting for a bus in the Caversham Road one morning about 9.15 a.m. during the very severe weather, I was greatly surprised to see a grey squirrel cross from one side of the road to the other, writes Mr. W. Wheeler. It disappeared in the front garden of one of the houses. This was when road traffic was proceeding in both directions, which along this main road is very considerable.

NATURE NOTE.

(BY C.H.P.).

OUT IN THE SNOW.

A MAGPIE'S MEAL.

The Thames-side is never more attractive to me than when covered by inches of snow. And I have spent many happy hours there during the bleak winter days we have recently experienced. I have gained a wealth of information on the habits of bird and beast. Following their footprints, in the snow, you learn how they go about finding their food and you come upon some strange dining tables. I am very much afraid that wild creatures do not always behave at table as good little boys and girls should. At times they evidently fight each other for food. This was apparent from the fact that, here and there, were evidences, in the snow, of fierce battles, flecks of fur, many feathers and some streaks of blood, giving one a realistic idea of how fierce were the fights.

MAGPIE'S GHOULISH GREED.

One bitterly cold day I observed a magpie flying very high. Suddenly he dropped like a stone. My curiosity was aroused. The bird thus descended away across a meadow, under a hedge and just the other side of a rather deep ditch. I quickly brought my field glasses into use. And would you believe it, that cruel bird was appeasing his hunger at the expense of a poor little rabbit, pecking away at the poor animal with ghoulish greed. Across the meadow and over the ice-bound ditch I hurried. And there I found poor bunny with his eyes pecked right out of their sockets and with many other marks of violence on his body. Retracing my steps across the meadow I could not resist a good slide on the ditch. But, alas! I did not notice, owing to the snow, that part of that ice had somehow been broken and one of my legs went into the water, right up to the knee! It was cruelly cold and I exclaimed: "O dear!"—now don't laugh, for that *was* all I said.

AQUATIC BIRDS IN PLENTY.

The snow was falling heavily and I had the riverside all to myself—so far as human beings were concerned. I observed about a dozen pochards with their bright chestnut heads and necks. There were, too, a number of tufted duck. The feathers at the back of the heads of these birds are elongated, hence their name "tufted" duck. Their bodies are flanked with white and they are wonderful divers. There were over a score of coots easily distinguishable by their pure white frontal discs. They frequently disappeared under the icy water. Many ordinary wild duck were also to be seen on the water and in the air. And the picture would have been incomplete without a few old herons. I often see half a dozen together in these meadows and I have seen as many as eight. About three feet in length, the heron is as much as four feet and a half in breadth from the tip of one wing to the other. I am an ardent angler and I take the heron as my pattern for patience. He will stand still as a statue, up to his knees in the water waiting, it seems for hours, for a member of the finny tribe to pass his way. Small fish he will swallow straight away. A large fish the heron first impales with his dagger-like beak and then carries it off to some secluded spot and dines off his catch at leisure. Water voles and frogs are also favourite items on the heron's menu card. One heron caught a water rat, or vole, and brought it to the bank of the brook. Two old crows saw him, and gave chase. A battle royal ensued, all three birds uttering raucous cries as they fought. In the end the crows won and the heron took his departure, a beaten bird. Meanwhile the crows pecked the rat to pieces and ere long, when I strolled across to the scene of battle, only a few bones remained. Even the rat's fur had gone.

LEAN TIME FOR KINGFISHERS.

A kingfisher, in his brilliant dress of blue, perched on a post by the side of the Thames, where I have often watched him fishing. He continued to peer into the icy water, but evidently there were no little bleak or other small fry to be seen and eventually he flew away disconsolate, and I even thought I saw a look of disgust in his eyes! Kingfishers have been having a lean time these days

for owing to this bitter weather their food has indeed been rationed—but not by Mr. Strachey, for old Jack Frost has been the culprit.

A MENTAL CASE?

Other anglers have been none too successful and on occasions my feet and fingers have been nearly frozen as I have endeavoured to tempt the fish to their doom. Taking the fish off the hook—I did not have to perform the task very often—was indeed a cold job. They say if you plunge your cold hands into the icy water it will restore animation. I tried it, but not with unqualified success! A few physical jerks proved more effective. I hope no one saw me behaving thus in the snow or they would have had good reason to assume that it was "a mental case"!

THE ENGAGEMENT IS ANNOUNCED.

The poor birds have felt the lack of food as much as we. On the bird table outside my kitchen window I have been surprised to see missel thrushes—fine fellows with their gaily speckled breasts. They are very partial to odd scraps of meat. Other visitors include blackbirds, song thrushes, great tits, cole tits, a very tame robin, sparrows, chaffinches, hosts of greedy starlings, etc. One little blue tit was inclined to be pugnacious and drove others of his kind away. Then one very wintry day another tit flew on to the very same piece of fat on which the quarrelsome one was feeding. I thought the feathers would fly! But no, he even seemed to encourage the visitor to "have a spot of food with me." And they fed together very contentedly. Then I noticed he was making overtures to the lady visitor, and I thought to myself, "No, it's never too cold for courting!" Doubtless, in due time, we shall see some such notice in *The Times* as the following:—

The engagement is announced and the marriage will shortly take place of Mr. Tom Tit and Miss A. Blue Bird.

These charming little people are great believers in large families and I doubt not these two will rear a family of ten or more. Good luck to them! I hope they will make their cosy little home in my garden.

THE COMIC SIDE OF FLOODS.

Our Mr. H. C. Davis has received the following interesting letter :—

Anglers Hotel,
Egham-on-the-Flood,
Surrey.

Dear Mr. Davis,—I really must tell you about our comic flood. Our visitors came to us by devious means in the early days : via neighbours' gardens which still remained dry ; by horse cart which could stand clear of the water ; and now, finally, when all means of approach have been cut off, by ferry punt operated by my friend the Lock-keeper—who is extremely helpful—or by myself, in between cooking in the absence of the chef, or washing up—in the absence of the kitchen help. We have had and lost no less than three waitresses in the last three or four days, but we have still got one ! And we are carrying on business as usual, but with, of course, very few bar customers.

On Saturday night we had a dinner party of locals (nine in number) who all came by wader or gumboot transport. On Sunday we had a party of five and another of three—gumboot transport as before. Yesterday was a dead day. But to-day I brought over two very regular customers who celebrated their arrival in a bottle of champagne followed by liqueur brandies ; also two lunchers who rang up for the ferry and insisted on coming whatever happened ! The water is still rising and we hope when it gets high enough to be able to paint the windows from a punt, without the trouble of using a ladder. If you should think of paying us a visit, the driest means of conveyance that I can suggest is a seaplane which could land with great ease on the meadow, though it might disturb the swans on the back lawn.

We have salvaged our spirit delivery to-day, but I could not face the prospect of conveying kils, of bitter from the road in a punt. This would have been too much strain on my seamanship, so they had to go back. Forgive me, please. . . .

Hoping that this may help to cheer you when facing your many troubles and that you may be able to keep dry !

Yours very sincerely,
FRANK R. W. BARTON.

P.S.—The hens are developing webbed feet ! We propose to offer them for sale as dens, or hucks, when the development is complete.

[Since this entertaining story was received much more rain has fallen].

ENJOYABLE DANCE AT THE GROSVENOR HOUSE.

Following last year's very enjoyable party as a Christmas " present " to the respective staffs, Mr. H. C. Davis (Manager, Hotels and Catering Department) and Capt. A. S. Drewe (Chief Surveyor) again gave a dance on Saturday, 29th December, at the Grosvenor House, Caversham.

One hundred and thirty guests enjoyed dancing to Ron Russell's band, which was varied by a floor show given by two well-known comedians, Billy Barr and Lady (by kind permission of Mr. Langley, The Palace Theatre) and Pat Le Ron, both acts being voted first class.

Mr. F. Hawkins, of the Surveyor's Department, made a brief but happy speech in which he ably expressed the thanks of all for the excellent hospitality provided by the joint hosts, and took the opportunity of congratulating Mr. Davis on the eleventh birthday of the department, which was marked by the presentation of a birthday cake. He mentioned that Mr. Davis had been honoured by a request to assist in the deliberations of the Catering Wages Commission. To Capt. Drewe he offered congratulations on his elevation to the Magisterial Bench, coupled with the hope that none of those assembled would be brought shivering before him !

Miss Startup, of the Hotels Department, and Miss Paterson, of the Surveyor's Department, then gracefully presented a bouquet of chrysanthemums to Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Drewe.

Mr. Davis and Capt. Drewe expressed their pleasure to see so many happy guests.

The party then continued its celebrations until midnight.

OUR CHAIRMAN AND MANAGING DIRECTOR.

The photograph on page 62 is of our Chairman and Managing Director (Mr. F. A. Simonds) who recently completed thirty years as Managing Director of the Company. For some years he has also been Chairman. With him is his efficient Private Secretary, Miss A. M. Prosser. At the present time Mr. Simonds is in Gibraltar, where we have important trade interests. Meanwhile, the Directors remaining at home have many particularly difficult problems to face, as is the case with all great industries. But the capable and statesmanlike manner in which they are overcoming those difficulties has won the admiration of us all.

TRAINEES AT THE BREWERY.

NEW SCHEME NOW IN OPERATION.

The scheme which was inaugurated by Mr. L. A. Simonds towards the end of last year for the training of selected members of the travelling and clerical staff, to equip them for higher office, is in full operation. A few details of the plan may be of interest to readers in view of the success which has already attended the effort and which shews such high promise of becoming a very valuable feature of the Firm's internal organization.

In November last 10 nominated candidates were called to the Brewery to appear before the Selection Committee for a preliminary interview and interrogation, and the following were chosen to form the first party of trainees:—

Mr. P. James	...	Personnel Officer at Reading.
Mr. C. R. Holman	...	Traveller attached to Devonport Branch.
Mr. E. D. Penlerick		Traveller attached to Brighton Branch.
Mr. R. C. Pitts	...	Clerk in Delivery Department at Reading.
Mr. B. H. Quelch	...	Traveller attached to Oxford Branch.
Mr. C. V. Churchward		Traveller attached to Devonport Branch.

The primary object which it is intended to achieve is to form a reserve of men well trained in all aspects of our business and thoroughly equipped with the knowledge which is required in officials holding responsible positions at Head Office, sub-Breweries and Branches, in order that the Board may have a pool of men available at short notice to occupy such positions.

The course of training will occupy two years and will cover the actual brewing of the various descriptions of Ales and Stouts, the preparation and racking into cask of the draught Beers and the bottling, pasteurization and packing of the bottled varieties, cellar work and management. Of equal importance are the marketing of the finished article, the cultivation of salesmanship, the control and supervision of licensed properties, knowledge of licensing laws, accountancy and general office routine.

With these points in view the initial step is to give the trainees actual experience in all sections and departments of the Brewery and offices, and a course in the Wine and Spirit Department which will cover the selection, tasting and bottling of the large variety of liquors which are prepared in the Duty Paid Warehouse.

The enthusiasm with which the trainees have entered upon their studies augurs well for the success of the scheme and justifies the choice of candidates nominated by the Selection Committee.

BREWERY JOTTINGS.

BY W. DUNSTER.

Midst snow and ice—that could truly be said of our work at The Brewery for the last month or so. Yet in spite of the cold conditions most have “stuck it” amazingly well. Improvised lighting by the aid of oil lamps and heating by oil stoves of various designs (and smells) has not been at all ideal. Many worked in overcoats for a while and mittens or gloves prevented fingers getting too frozen for writing. None of us has enjoyed it, but tempers have not been too frayed. Weather has been (and will continue to be) a topic of conversation for a long while—the 1947 brand, of course. Unfortunately, owing to the fuel crisis and the weather, trade has been near zero on occasion.

First of all, congratulations to quite a number of the staff whose wives have presented them with babies during the last few months; names as follows:—L. Fullbrook (General Office), a girl; H. L. Eaton (Bottled Beer Office), a girl. Mr. Eaton's wife worked for a while in the Offices during the war. K. Organ (General Office), a boy; L. Martin (General Office), a girl; R. Lambourne (General Office), a girl. Mrs. Lambourne worked in the General Office for a number of years during the war. W. J. Greenaway (Branch Office), a girl; and J. Clay (Branch Office), a boy. If there are any I have missed I am sorry. Latest news is that both Mr. and Mrs. Tom Holmes (Steward and Stewardess of the Club) are now grandparents as the wife of their son, H. Holmes, of the Cooperage Department, has presented him with the gift of a son.

With all those who have been serving in the Forces back again (or at any rate nearly so) there have been some departures of those who have served us well for a number of years and two the writer has particularly in mind are Miss E. Wood and Mr. R. Fotheringham. It is pleasing to record they have both been quickly fixed up in other situations in the town and they have our good wishes for every success in the future. One other friend we had with us for a while was Mr. W. Mercer, who has now gone to Brighton Branch as Chief Clerk there. Naturally, many of us knew him when he was previously at The Brewery, so a few were able to wish him good fortune before he left us by drinking his good health and voicing our sentiments to him personally.

The number present at the departure of Messrs. Kaye, Kirby, Moore and Perrin surely was the biggest gathering ever to take place at the Firm's Offices. It is pleasing to know that all the above gentlemen are quite well and we have caught fleeting glances of them from time to time. Full report of the presentations appears elsewhere in this issue.

Football during the past month has been under a cloud owing to the inability to play all the matches. Unfortunately, Reading cannot be said to be consistent, although they do on occasion reveal their real form when they please all and sundry. The enthusiasm for football seems to be on the increase and we have quite a number of "regulars" who never miss a match at Elm Park. The Brewery team have visions of winning their league, but, unfortunately, the last few Saturdays have been unable to play. Whether they will reach their "goal" remains to be seen. The enthusiasm is there, so let us hope they will reach their objective and win the league. Here's wishing them all the very best.

It is a matter of regret that Mr. N. J. Crocker, Foreman of the Fermenting Room, has been on the sick list for a while, although the latest news is that he is slowly improving. We all wish him an early return to duty.

The following changes and transfers have taken place during the past few months and to all we wish every success:—

The Beehive, Egham (H. & G. Simonds, Ltd.)—Mr. H. A. White

The Railway Arms, Wraysbury (H. & G. Simonds, Ltd.)—
Mr. C. T. Hammond.

The Brickmakers Arms, Wolseley Street, Reading (H. & G. Simonds, Ltd.)—Mrs. F. Goodenough.

The Bull, Barkham (H. & G. Simonds, Ltd.)—Mrs. A. S. Flower.

The Ship, High Wycombe (Wheeler's Wycombe Breweries, Ltd.)—Mr. A. T. P. Paice.

The Queen, Blackwater (H. & G. Simonds, Ltd.)—Mr. E. G. Huddy.

Off Licence, 6r, Basingstoke Road, Reading (H. & G. Simonds, Ltd.)—Mr. A. W. Moss.

The Miller of Mansfield Hotel, Goring (H. & G. Simonds, Ltd.)—
Mr. B. C. Mathews.

The Weldale Arms, Weldale Street, Reading (H. & G. Simonds, Ltd.)—Mr. A. R. W. Robinson.

The Wheatsheaf, Chilton Foliat (H. & G. Simonds, Ltd.)—
Mr. A. C. Collins.

The George and Dragon, Facombe (H. & G. Simonds, Ltd.)—
Mrs. E. Cummins.

The Belle Vue, High Wycombe (Wheeler's Wycombe Breweries, Ltd.)—Mr. W. G. Ahern.

The Prince of Wales, Tilehurst (H. & G. Simonds, Ltd.)—
Mr. L. Logan.

The Nag's Head, Slough (H. & G. Simonds, Ltd.)—Mr. J. O. Warwick.

The Black Lion, Naphill (Wheeler's Wycombe Breweries, Ltd.)—
Mr. F. A. Wingrove.

The Plough, Hermitage (H. & G. Simonds, Ltd.)—Mr. G. E. Wells.

We much regret to record the following deaths, and to all relatives we tender our sincere sympathy:—

Mr. A. J. Cummings, of the George and Dragon, Facombe, who passed away on the 7th December, 1946. He had been tenant of this house since October, 1928.

Mr. H. W. Baker, of the Ship, High Wycombe, who died on 22nd December, 1946, and had been tenant of this house since September, 1929.

Mrs. L. Jarvis, of the Wheatsheaf, Chilton Foliat, who died on the 31st December, 1946, and had been tenant of this house since October, 1917.

Mr. A. L. Franklin, of the Weldale Arms, Reading, who died on the 3rd January, 1947, and had been tenant of this house since December, 1934. He took over the tenancy from his mother (Mrs. Chapman) who became tenant of the Weldale Arms in January, 1909.

Mrs. M. S. Mathews, of the Miller of Mansfield Hotel, Goring, who died on the 4th January, 1947, and had been tenant of this hotel since October, 1913.

Mrs. W. Sanderson, of the Queen, Blackwater, who died on the 13th January, 1947, and had been tenant since 12th April, 1945, when she took over from her husband who became tenant in August, 1940.

Mr. W. C. Spittle, of the Swan, Staines Moor, who died on the 28th January, 1947, and had been tenant of this house since October, 1914.

Mrs. E. A. Goddard, of the Off Licence, Upper Clatford, near Andover, who died on the 1st February, 1947, and had been tenant since June, 1934. (Took over from mother in September, 1916, and apparently father held the licence before, but no exact record of this can be found.)

Mrs. E. Wells, of the Plough, Hermitage, who died on the 1st February, 1947, and had been tenant since April, 1944. Took over from husband, who was tenant from January, 1906.

PRESENTATIONS AT THE BREWERY.

HANDSOME TRIBUTES TO OLD COLLEAGUES.

One of the largest-ever gatherings of the staff of H. & G. Simonds Ltd. took place in the General Office on the evening of Friday, January 24th, to witness the presentations made to Messrs. H. Kaye, F. Kirby, S. J. Moore and C. H. Perrin.

Mr. E. S. Phipps (Secretary) presided and after a few introductory words called upon Mr. F. E. Dryden (Transport Manager) to make the first presentation to Mr. F. Kirby, who retired at the end of 1946 after having completed just over 50 years' service with the Firm. Mr. Dryden spoke of his close association with Mr. Kirby of over 20 years and particularly of their even closer association during the past three years. He mentioned his ever-willing and unfailing help to him at all times. "No one," he went on, "had been more loyal to the Firm; he had given his all, in time, energy and even health." He had been a good pal. After mentioning his love and knowledge of football and "chipping" Mr. Kirby on his alleged prowess as a tipster and knowledge of crime(?), he asked his acceptance of the four-piece tea service which he had great pleasure in presenting to him on behalf of the donors there and hoped he would be spared for many years and enjoy his well-earned retirement, blessed with good health, and in this wish he included Mrs. Kirby and his son. Mr. Kirby, replying, said that it was over 50 years ago when he started at The Brewery as a "callow youth." Obviously affected by the occasion and the warmth of the reception, he concluded with an effort, saying, "As you know, I am no orator, but I do thank you all ever so much for your wonderful gift to me."

Mr. Phipps then asked Mr. W. Bowyer (Home Trade Manager) to make the presentation to Mr. C. H. Perrin of a wireless set. Mr. Bowyer said: "Mr. Perrin has served with me for a good number of years and he has been a great help." He went on: "We all miss dear Charles ever so much." In the course of his duties he had visited a number of places in the town and they all asked how "Charles" was getting on. He had a good name throughout the town and had done his work in a wonderful way, so good in fact that he was known as "Major Perrin." A fine sportsman he had no doubt that Mr. Perrin would be up at the Sports Ground playing tennis as well as ever. He asked Mr. Perrin to accept the gift with all their good wishes for his future happiness and hoped that he would enjoy good health in his retirement. Mr. Perrin, in reply, thanked all for being so good and helpful to him during the happy years he had spent at The Brewery. "Let us ever remember," he went on, "that we belong to a great Firm—great in the highest sense of the word—because our fine Board of

Directors always study the welfare of all privileged to work under them, not forgetting the little man—that is true greatness. H. & G. Simonds are also a rich Firm—rich financially and in comradeship. After all, finance is often a fickle friend. How different is that wealth that is begotten of good fellowship!

So invest your heart in love and friends
And reap life's richest dividends."

A feeling rendering by Mr. Perrin of "Abou Ben Adhem" then followed and he thanked Mr. Bowyer for the kind words. He also thanked his old colleagues for the lovely gift to him. He concluded with a request and said, "Knowing you as I do, I know it is already granted, so I make this request—if you should think of me, think of me at my best."

Mr. Phipps next called upon Mr. F. C. Hawkes (Home Dept. Manager) to make the presentation to Major H. Kaye. Mr. Hawkes recalled that over 20 years ago the late Major J. Wilken (then in charge of the Stables) introduced Major Kaye to him and said. "This is my successor, give him all the help you can." Well, he was pleased to say he had fitted in very well and his (Mr. Hawkes') help was not required. The horses in which he took such a pride always looked fine and were a tribute to their great Firm. They thanked him for all he had done. In presenting the gift of a wireless set and two pipes, he asked Major Kaye to accept these with every good wish from them all. They hoped he would be able to enjoy good listening and would think of the happy times he had spent at The Brewery, and that he hoped he would have a happy retirement and be able to enjoy his game of bowls during the summer, also that he would enjoy good health for many years to come.

Major Kaye, in reply, said he had very pleasant recollections of his business life with H. & G. Simonds Ltd. "You've all been such good friends to me and such good fellows," he remarked. They worked for a wonderful Firm. He thanked them most sincerely for their lovely gifts to him which he would always treasure.

Mr. Phipps then asked Mr. C. Bennett (Estates Department Manager) to make the final presentation to Mr. S. J. Moore. Mr. Bennett recalled that he came to Reading almost 20 years ago to start the Home Trade Department. The Travelling staff then consisted of Mr. A. Lock, who has since passed on, Mr. E. H. Kelly (now at Cirencester), Mr. C. H. Perrin and Mr. S. J. Moore. He soon found Mr. Moore a great help to him especially in the matter of catering for races and shows, in fact all outdoor functions, which he considered the hardest task of the department. At a Trade Exhibition at the Town Hall Mr. Moore was put in charge of the

Firm's exhibit and made a splendid job of it. Then the next year the Firm's stand at the Counties Show at Prospect Park, to advertise the merits of Cider, it was Mr. Moore who arranged it all and supervised it from start to finish. It was such a great success that it was on show again at Guildford the next year and the following year at Bournemouth. Many congratulations were received. Mr. Moore had a wonderful memory for detail. When later he was appointed to the Estates Department just after our taking over Wheeler's Wycombe Breweries and their licensed houses—it was then "unknown country" to us at Reading—he looked round for someone to call on the tenants from time to time, and once again he called on Mr. Moore. He had been a great help to him and made our new friends, the tenants, very happy and feel members of the "Hop Leaf" family. He then asked Mr. Moore to accept the gift of a radiant heat and infra-red lamp (he referred to it as an anti-aircraft gun and gave an imaginary way of how to work it), kettle and soldering iron, from them all as a token of their goodwill and esteem.

Mr. Moore thanked everyone for their kindness to him. He recalled that he started his business life in Bridge Street in 1895 when he worked for Messrs. Baynes (as near the Brewery as he could possibly get!) and after a few years there he went to London for a longer spell when he got more experience. Coming back to Bridge Street again as Manager for Messrs. Baynes, he eventually came to H. & G. Simonds as outdoor representative and he had had many happy times. For the last seven years he had been in the Estates Office and had been "wriggling on Mr. Bennett's hook." The gifts he would always treasure and he thanked them all with all his heart.

This completed the proceedings and then the recipients received personal good wishes from those present and there were many hearty handshakes.

ANOTHER PRESENTATION TO MR. FREDK. KIRBY.

A pleasing ceremony took place in the main garage of Messrs. H. & G. Simonds Ltd. on the retirement of Mr. Kirby. The Transport Outwards Staff (Drivers, Mates and Loading Stage members) subscribed, and made a handsome present of a wallet of treasury notes to Mr. Kirby.

In making the presentation, Mr. William Venner, on behalf of the large number of subscribers, wished Mr. Kirby the best of health and luck in his retirement.

Mr. Kirby, who was greeted with loud cheers and afforded musical honours, thanked the Transport for their friendship and goodwill for so many years.

WORDS OF WISDOM.

THE SONG OF APRIL.

Dainty April shy approaches, clad in colours gold and green ;
See along the grey horizon, faintest hints of life are seen.
Golden sunshine fills the spaces darkened long by wintry rays
And o'er all it casts a halo like a dream of other days.
Crocus gold and dandelion, lavish wealth of spring's array,
One and all have priceless value, tho' they perish with the day,
For the gold of April's riches speak the wealth of hope she brings,
And the green of her fair garlands, bursting life in hidden things.

Doubt of any sort can only be removed by action. Do the
duty which lies nearest.

Life is what we make it—an anthem or a dirge, a psalm of
hope or a lamentation of despair.

Nothing makes us better than to be believed in by those
whose opinion we value.

Face thou the wind ; though safer seem
In shelter to abide ;
We were not meant to sit and dream—
The true must first be tried.

Thoughts are things, and their airy wings
Are swifter than carrier dove.
They follow the law of the universe—
Each thing must create its kind ;
And they speed o'er the track to bring you back
Whatever went out from your mind.

Sympathy is one of the great secrets of life. It overcomes
evil and strengthens good. It disarms resistance, melts the hardest
heart and develops the better part of human nature.

To do anything because others do it, and not because the thing is good or kind, or honest in its own right, is to resign all moral control and captaincy upon yourself.

The present moment is all we can call our own for works of mercy, of righteous dealing and of family tenderness.

There is only one principle of public conduct. Do what you think right, and take place and power as an accident.

Life is fortified by many friendships. It may not be that a man has often to fall back upon the kindness of his friends, perhaps he may never experience the necessity of doing so. But we are governed by our imaginations, and they stand there as a solid and impregnable bulwark against all the evils of life.

Let us understand then that a home should bear witness in all its economy that human culture is the end to which it is built and garnished. It isn't what you do, but the way you do it, that makes for good or ill.

If solid happiness we prize,
 Within our breast this jewel lies,
 And they are fools who roam
 The world has nothing to bestow,
 From our own selves our joys must flow,
 And that dear place, our home.

The little things in this life are the big ones all the time, and no one ever suspects them.

He that speaks sows ; he that is silent gathers.

Haste comes of the evil one ; leisure from God.

A good life is a garden which yields its brightest colours at noon, and its greatest fragrance at evening.

The first thing a kindness deserves is acceptance ; the second—transmission.

Forget it. Drop the subject when you cannot agree. There is no need to be bitter because you know you are right.

The essential qualities of a gentleman are courage and courtesy, but true courage doth prompt boldly to undertake and resolutely to despatch great enterprises and employments of difficulty.

All who have meant good work with their whole hearts have done good work, although they may die before they have the time to sign it.

The way the will becomes strong is by doing small things you've made up your mind to do, however much you don't want to do them at the time.

THE LATE MR. J. H. COCKERTON.

We much regret to record the passing of Mr. J. H. Cockerton, Assistant Foreman of the Fermenting Room. He joined the Firm in April, 1913, and served in the Forces in War No. 1, rejoining H. & G.S. in February, 1917. Being a reliable and conscientious worker he was held in high regard by everyone at The Brewery and will be sadly missed. Mr. N. J. Crocker, Foreman of the Department, cannot speak too highly of Mr. Cockerton and had a great opinion of him for his always ready help and singleness of purpose.

CRICKET.

The Annual General Meeting of the Cricket Club was held at the Social Club on Friday, February 21st, and there was a good attendance in spite of the bad weather.

During the evening the "Louis Simonds" Cup for batting was presented to Mr. W. G. Neville, who was heartily congratulated upon winning it for the second time. All present joined in drinking his very good health and Mr. Neville made a suitable reply.

It was the desire of the members to run a "B" team, at least for the earlier part of the season, instead of evening matches as last year. To enable these fixtures to be carried out, it is hoped that everyone interested in the game will come along to net practice on Tuesday evenings, the opening date of which will be announced on the notice boards shortly. The nets will also be available on all other evenings for those who wish to go up for additional practice.

Great interest was shown in the election of officers, necessitating ballots having to be taken in several instances, and the following were duly chosen for the respective positions:—

Captain: "A" Team—Mr. E. G. Crutchley; "B" Team—Mr. R. Lambourne.

Vice-Captain: "A" Team—Mr. C. R. Josey; "B" Team—Left open until composition of team is known.

Umpire: "A" Team—Mr. G. Kelly.

Scorer: "A" Team—Mr. W. H. Wild.

Committee: Messrs. F. J. Benham, L. G. Field, E. C. Greenaway, J. W. Jelley, G. Kelly, W. G. Neville, K. Organ and E. Scott.

Selection Committee: Captains and Vice-Captains of "A" and "B" Teams, and Mr. F. J. Benham.

Sports Committee Representatives: Messrs. E. G. Crutchley, W. J. Greenaway and J. W. Jelley.

Secretary: Mr. W. J. Greenaway.

It is hoped that an Umpire and a Scorer will come forward to officiate for the "B" team.

Below is given the complete list of the "A" team fixtures:—

April	26th	...	Practice Match	...	...	Home
May	3rd	...	Heckfield and Mattingley	...	...	"
"	10th	...	R.A.F., Shinfield	...	...	Away
"	17th	...	B.B.C.	...	...	Home
"	24th	...	Hook and Newnham	...	...	Away
"	31st	...	Denmark House	...	...	Home
June	7th	...	Thatcham	...	...	Away
"	14th	...	B.B.C., Reading Area	...	...	"
"	21st	...	Spencers Wood	...	...	Home
"	28th	...	St. Sebastian's (Wokingham)	...	...	Away
July	5th	...	Turquandia (London)	...	...	Home
"	12th	...	Berkshire Gentlemen	...	...	"
"	19th	...	Thatcham	...	...	"
"	26th	...	Hook and Newnham	...	...	"
August	2nd	...				
"	9th	...	R.A.F., Shinfield	...	...	Home
"	16th	...	Denmark House	...	...	"
"	23rd	...	St. Sebastian's (Wokingham)	...	...	"
"	30th	...	Heckfield and Mattingley	...	...	Away

So far, matches have been arranged for the "B" team against Post Office Telephones, Mortimer, Tylehurst St. George's, Old Blues and Reading Post Office. The full list will be published in due course.

W.J.G.



LIGHTER SIDE.

A boy in his school examination wrote the following as an essay on "An Historical Deed of Chivalry":—

"Sir Walter Raleigh, walking one day through the streets of Coventry, was surprised to see a naked lady riding upon a horse. He was about to turn away, when he recognised the rider as being none other than Queen Elizabeth. Quickly throwing off his richly embroidered cloak he placed it reverently around her, saying as he did so, 'Honi soit qui mal y pense,' which meant, 'Thy need is greater than mine.' Thereupon the Queen thanked Sir Walter, saying, 'Dieu et mon droit,' meaning 'My God, you're right!'"

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A certain lady was in the habit of always bowing her head in church at the mention of the name of his Satanic Majesty, and being asked for an explanation, replied: "Well, politeness costs nothing—and you never can tell."

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Private Blank, having been discharged from hospital, went back to his ward to bid farewell to the sister. "Well, good-bye, sister," he said, "I can't thank you for all your kindness; but if ever there was a fallen Angel, it's you!"

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One of the best Kitchener stories is told by Major-General Nigel Woodyat, C.B., in his book, "Under Ten Viceroyalties: Reminiscences of a Ghurka."

A woman friend was twitting Kitchener one day about his supposed dislike of her sex when he interrupted her by saying that he did not dislike them at all.

"Anyhow," said his friend, "you must confess you always keep them at a distance."

"Perhaps," answered K., "but you know the old proverb, 'Familiarity breeds contempt.'"

"Well, Lord Kitchener," remarked the lady, "it takes a certain amount of familiarity to breed anything."

Kitchener's reply to that is not recorded.

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A fat and prosperous woman (you know the kind) lay back in her chair and said to the butler: "James, as this is Christmas Eve, put Stilton in all the mouse traps."

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A long queue of boys stood in a London office waiting to be interviewed about a vacancy which had been advertised. A note was brought to the manager, who was interviewing the applicants. It read: "I am the boy at the end of the queue. Do nothing until you have seen me."

He got the job.

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It was prize day at the town school and the Mayor presided. After the ceremony was over the town dignitaries adjourned to another room, and the Principal gave the Mayor some account of the boys. "One boy gave us a good laugh last week," he said; "we were doing literature lesson, and I asked them, 'Who wrote Hamlet?' No one answered, and I repeated sternly, 'Who wrote Hamlet?' Young Smith, the storekeeper's son, blubbered out, 'Please, Sir, it wasn't me.'"

The company laughed, and the Mayor laughed uproariously, then wiping his eyes he said, "But, you know, I bet the little beggar did write it all the same."

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In an East End Council school a mistress was reading to her class Shelley's "Ode to a Skylark." To test the intelligence of her scholars, she asked if they could put into different words, expressing the same meaning, the line "Hail to thee, blithe spirit—bird thou never wert." An arm shot up from the back row.

"Well, Johnny, let us hear how you would put it."

"Hi! cocky. Yer ain't no blinkin' bird."

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Those long-preserved West Country Bibles remind one of the peculiar sanctity which the Bible attained among those who never opened it. "We always keep a Bible in the house in case of illness," said a pious villager, "but thank Heaven we've had no use for it since poor old grandfather was took."

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The instructor was telling the class all about the parachute ; when he had finished, a rather nervous cadet approached him.

“ What do we do if it does not open ? ” he asked.

The instructor eyed him witheringly. “ In that case you would immediately report yourself to Peter and await instructions.”

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At a public function one of the diners, a minister, found himself ill at ease with the fish course. He sampled it dubiously.

“ Dear me,” he said, “ whatever is this ? ”

His neighbour glanced at his clerical collar and adapted his comment to his company.

“ Piece of cod that passeth all understanding,” he said.—*Tit Bits.*

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The vicar had quarrelled with his curate, and the curate was requested to find another congregation to minister to. He preached his farewell sermon, and the parishioners came in crowds to hear him. “ My text,” he said, “ is taken from the story of Abraham. “ Tarry ye here with the ass while I . . . go yonder ! ” ”

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BRANCHES.

LONDON.

London being so vast and its activities so varied, we find it rather difficult to decide which items would most interest our readers, bearing in mind the limited space at our disposal in THE HOP LEAF GAZETTE.

We owe a debt of gratitude to our Brewery at Reading for their valuable help in the severe shortage of Bottled Beers and thank them for their trouble in obtaining a suitable type of Carton and Can in these most difficult times. This Canned Beer certainly saved the situation for us. Thank you, Reading !

It is with sincere regret that we record the death of Mrs. E. J. Clarke, the much respected hostess of the “ Downs Hotel,” Epsom, who died on Boxing Day and was buried on December 31st, 1946. The funeral was attended by Major F. J. Johnson and Mr. S. M. Penlerick on behalf of the Firm. Wreaths were sent by the Directors of H. & G. Simonds Ltd. London Stores, and Major and Mrs. F. J. Johnson.

The late Mrs. Clarke was well known to all Race people at Epsom for many years and could claim to have seen over forty “ Derbys.” She will be sadly missed.

One of the younger members of the Staff, Mr. K. Walker, has been transferred to our Brighton Branch as an outdoor Representative. We all wish him every success in his new appointment.

We, as Londoners, commiserate with the Arsenal Football Club on being defeated in their endeavour to lift the F.A. Cup, and hope that it was not because of our scarcity of supplies that they failed ! However, better luck next year.

It is with pleasure that we note Charlton Athletic are representing London in the F.A. Cup semi-final for the second time, and wish them the very best of luck in the match with Newcastle.

We should like to congratulate the Streatham Conservative Club on their extremely skilful Darts Team, and wish them every success in *The People's National Dart Teams' Contest.*

Let us hope that by the time these notes are printed the sun will have put in an appearance to cheer us on our way, or we shall be in danger of forgetting how to smile.

THE TAMAR BREWERY, DEVONPORT.

On the afternoon of 28th December, 1946, a Christmas Party was given for children of our employees by our Social Club. The party was held at The Connaught Rooms, Devonport. Sixty children were entertained and fully enjoyed the tea and games in which they partook. The high spot of the party was the distribution of presents by Father Christmas from the very large Christmas tree, which was truly a magnificent sight in these days of austerity. Each child in addition to a gift from Father Christmas also had a "lucky dip." The party terminated happily at six o'clock, each and everyone having had a very good time.

Thanks are due to all donors of gifts, and those who gave their unstinted time so that the kiddies should have a jolly party. Special thanks are due to Mr. A. Johns and his Committee, who did so much to make the party a success.

MR. G. C. SEARLE.

Mr. Searle retired on 31st December, 1946, after over twenty-five years' service as our Military and Free Trade representative. To mark the occasion he was given a dinner party at the "Duke of Cornwall Hotel," Plymouth, on Saturday, 4th January, 1947, by nineteen of his colleagues.

After an excellent dinner, Mr. S. H. Spurling proposed the toast of "A long and happy retirement" to Mr. Searle, which was received with acclamation. Mr. Searle replied suitably and read with pleasure a telegram which he had received from our Chairman and Managing Director, Mr. F. A. Simonds, wishing him happiness and that all would have a good party that evening.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. J. E. G. Rowland (in quarantine—mumps in the family) and Mr. C. R. Holman (at Reading).

A truly memorable evening terminated at 10.30 p.m. with the singing of "For he's a jolly good fellow" and "Auld lang syne." The writer must place on record the very "efficient" manner in which a special version of the "Okey-Cokey" was carried out, particularly by those with fifty years or near service with the Company—their agility had to be seen to be believed!

On Saturday, 8th February, before a large gathering on the loading stage, Mr. Searle was presented with an oak Westminster chimes clock and a silver cigar case by Mr. S. H. Spurling on behalf of the Staff of the Tamar Brewery.

In making the presentation, Mr. Spurling said that no token of esteem for a retiring colleague had met with greater response. Mr. Searle had been a guide, philosopher and friend to a great many during his service at Tamar and although he was no longer on "active service" he hoped that Mr. Searle would be a constant visitor in his years of retirement which he trusted would be many. He knew that every time Mr. Searle looked at the clock he could be assured that someone at Tamar would be thinking of him.

Mr. Searle, in expressing his thanks for the gifts, said how grateful he was to Mr. F. A. Simonds and all the Directors for their many kindnesses to him in the past. He had enjoyed every day of his service with the Company and that now he was retiring he would miss us very much. However, he would be calling on us all frequently to see how we were getting on.

The proceedings terminated with Mr. Searle being accorded musical honours.

MR. W. E. LOYNES.

Congratulations to Mr. Loynes, our Bottling Department Foreman, on the completion of fifty years' service to the Firm on 18th January, 1947.

Representatives of all departments assembled in the Bottled Beer Stores on Mr. Loynes' fiftieth "birthday," when Mr. J. E. G. Rowland, our Head Brewer, offered congratulations on a splendid innings (not out!). Mr. Loynes suitably replied and was proud to read a letter of congratulations which he had received that morning from our Chairman and Managing Director, Mr. F. A. Simonds.

On Saturday, 22nd February, Mr. J. E. G. Rowland presented to Mr. Loynes a gold pocket watch (suitably inscribed) and a cigarette lighter as a token of our esteem and to mark this auspicious occasion in Mr. Loynes' life.

Mr. Rowland spoke of the pleasure it gave us all in asking Mr. Loynes to accept the gifts and hoped that he would enjoy good health and be able to look with pride at the watch we had given him that day for many years to come.

Mr. Loynes expressed his best thanks to Mr. Rowland and his colleagues for their good wishes and beautiful gifts which he so highly valued.

The proceedings terminated with "musical honours" and "special" congratulations from the female members of Mr. Loynes' staff.

WELCOME HOME TO THE FORCES DINNER.

One hundred and sixty employees of the Tamar Brewery and our associate Company, Messrs. Saccone & Speed, Ltd., sat down to a "Welcome Home" dinner given by the Firm at the St. John's Hall, Devonport, on Saturday, 25th January, 1947.

We were delighted to welcome our Director, Mr. F. H. V. Keighley, who presided at the dinner.

After an excellent repast, the opening toast of "H.M. the King" was proposed by Mr. Keighley. One minute's silence was then observed for "Fallen Comrades."

In proposing the toast of "Our Directors," Mr. J. E. G. Rowland said how much we appreciated the keen, personal interest which these gentlemen took in each and everyone of Tamar staff and we were indeed fortunate in having such considerate gentlemen at the helm. (*Applause.*) He was particularly pleased to welcome Mr. Keighley that night (*applause*) as he knew how busy our Directors were and Mr. Keighley was giving much of his time to be present that night. Mr. Rowland concluded by saying that he knew all present would wish him to assure the Directors of the continued loyalty of all Tamar personnel. The toast was honoured with acclamation.

Mr. Keighley, in responding, said how much the Directors appreciated the good work and loyalty of Tamar Brewery personnel and that he knew the Directors had a "soft spot" for Devonport Branch.

The Chairman and Managing Director had particularly requested him to extend a hearty welcome to returning members of the Forces and to convey a message of goodwill to all those who had held the fort so valiantly during the heavy air raids.

Mr. Keighley then proposed the toast of "Returning Members of H.M. Forces." He spoke of his association with the 45th (West Country) Division and the good work they had done in the war. Now that practically all members of the Forces were back he hoped that present restrictions which were an embarrassment to our calling would soon be removed and so enable us to go ahead and resume that happy state of affairs which prevailed before the trials and tribulations through which we have all passed in the last few years. Mr. Keighley said how pleased he was to see Mr. J. V. Boston and ex-Service members of Messrs. Saccone & Speed, Ltd., present that night, also Mr. S. H. Spurling, whom he had not seen for nearly eight years, when he visited our Bridgend Branch in 1939.

Mr. Spurling, replying to the toast, recounted a few of the "highlights" of service life and gave a little insight into some of the things which perhaps the ex-Service men had not related to their colleagues when describing their "conquests" both on and off the field. He said they were indebted to their colleagues who had kept things going at home whilst they were away and now that they were all reunited he hoped conditions would soon improve so that they could go ahead and in their small way help to bring prosperity to our country once again.

A musical programme followed. This included community singing and entertainment by various members of our staff.

We are indebted to our Directors for giving us an opportunity of having such an enjoyable evening and to Mr. F. H. V. Keighley for so kindly presiding at the dinner.

On 22nd January, 1947, a team representing our Social Club were entertained by the British Legion Club, Crownhill, Plymouth.

The results of the games played were as follows:—

Darts	...	British Legion Club	5,	Simonds' Social Club	7.
Snooker	...	"	"	"	3, " " " 2.
Billiards	...	"	"	"	2, " " " 2.

Councillor H. S. Sangwell, Chairman of the Club, in welcoming our team, said how much benefit was derived from these social gatherings. They did much to foster *esprit de corps*, such an important feature in our lives at all times.

Mr. S. H. Spurling, in thanking Councillor Sangwell, the Executive and Members of the Club for the hospitality afforded them that evening, said he hoped that in the not too distant future our own premises would be open when the British Legion Club could be assured that they would be invited to be our first visitors. Here's to the return match!

It was with very great pleasure that we learned of the appointment to the Directorate of Mr. E. Duncan Simonds, and we tender our best wishes for a very happy future.

It was most gratifying to us that his appointment should coincide with his recent visit to the Tamar Brewery, where his

charm of manner has created such a good impression among those with whom he has come in contact.

On Thursday, the 27th February, the Octagon Brewery, Ltd., Plymouth, Social Club, entertained us at their Club premises in Bath Lane, Plymouth. The results of the games played were as follows:—

Snooker	...	...	Octagon Brewery	5,	Simonds' Brewery	1.
Table Tennis	...	..	..	1,	..	5.
Darts (Men)	...	..	..	6,	..	7.
Darts (Women)	...	..	..	4,	..	3.

A very enjoyable evening was had by all and we were most pleased to have Mr. E. Duncan Simonds in our team. His snooker match with Capt. N. G. Clarke, a Director of the Octagon Brewery, was the high spot of the evening.

It was most pleasing to resume our friendly association with the Staff of the Octagon Brewery after a lapse of several years, owing to war conditions, and we look forward to meeting them in a return match on our own "pitch" in the not too distant future.

Through the medium of THE HOP LEAF GAZETTE we wish to place on record the excellent work our Transport Staff have done through the very severe weather which we experienced in the latter part of January and throughout February of this year. Only in a few instances were regular deliveries not maintained and we congratulate all personnel on the splendid work they did in delivering the goods "at the right time and at the right place."

DARTS.

The "Hop Leaf" Darts League continues its successful way. At present the consistent "Weston Mill Hotel" side are League leaders with one more point than the "Camel's Head Hotel" (another consistent team). Many interesting games have been played since our last notes and Wednesday evening of each week is much looked forward to by the teams.

On 25th March the opening round of the "Hop Leaf" Knock-out Cup Competition will be played. This, coupled with the remaining League fixtures, will augment the keen interest which prevails in darts matches throughout Plymouth and district.

The League positions at the time of going to press are as follows:—

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Weston Mill ...	17	12	2	3	88	48	27
Camel's Head ...	18	11	3	4	86	58	26
Abbey Hotel ...	16	8	1	7	73	55	23
Tamar Hotel ...	17	8	4	5	74	60	21
Grapes Tavern ...	18	8	6	4	76	68	20
Steambridge Inn ...	16	8	6	2	65	63	18
Stopford Arms ...	16	6	5	5	64	56	17
Morice Town V. ...	16	4	6	6	64	64	14
Stoke Vaults ...	16	4	6	6	54	66	14
Longroom Inn ...	16	4	6	6	61	67	14
Standard Inn ...	18	7	11	—	60	84	14
Chester Cup ...	16	4	8	4	58	60	12
King's Arms ...	15	4	7	4	51	68	11
Vine Hotel ...	18	2	11	5	58	85	9

LICENSED HOUSE CHANGES.

Mr. L. T. Gruitt, who was a member of the Clerical Staff for over twenty-five years, changed his occupation on 2nd December, 1946, when he took over the tenancy of the Firm's well-renowned house, "The Hole-in-the-Wall," Torquay. We wish him every success in his new undertaking. Mr. Gruitt extends a warm welcome to all colleagues at Headquarters and Branches should they be in the Torquay area at any time.

We welcome Mr. F. R. Ferris, our new tenant of the "Victoria Hotel," Dartmouth. Mr. Ferris has lived at this beautiful spot in Devonshire for many years past. We wish him every success in his new sphere.

OBITUARY.

It is with profound regret we record the passing of Mr. C. Lethbridge, of our Staff, on 10th January, 1947, after a short illness. Mr. Lethbridge, although not enjoying robust health for the past three years, was, by taking reasonable precautions, keeping well and it came as a shock when we learned of his removal to hospital for an emergency operation. He came through this ordeal satisfactorily. Alas, a further operation was necessary a week later, after which we regret that he succumbed.

He was interred at the Plymouth Old Cemetery, colleagues at the Brewery acting as pallbearers at his funeral. The following members of our Staff attended the funeral :—Messrs. J. Wetherill, V. Mann, H. E. Bevan, R. Spriddle, W. Luscombe, H. Lake, J. Woods, C. Barnett.

Our deep sympathy is extended to Mrs. Lethbridge and her son in their great loss.

We also regret to record the demise of our tenant of the "Seven Stars Inn," Dartmouth, Mr. W. J. Peters, on 5th January, 1947. Mr. Peters has been in indifferent health for several months past. He was highly esteemed in Dartmouth, where he had lived all his life. At one time he owned Dartmouth Lower Ferry.

Mr. Peters was interred at Kingswear Cemetery and Mr. R. E. Wright attended on our behalf.

We tender our deep sympathies to his family in their great loss, particularly to his son, Mr. W. J. Peters, Junr., who had assisted his father at the "Seven Stars" since he became our tenant. Mr. Peters, Junr., has succeeded his late father as licensee.

STAINES.

Since our last issue the Staines Branch Darts Club have played eleven matches, winning six and losing five. The following are the results :—

Away	Phoenix, Staines	....	Won 2—1	(Highest score : J. Watkins, 124)
„	Liberal Club, Egham	....	Lost 2—0	
„	J. Huxley & Sons Ltd., Staines	....	Won 2—0	(Highest score: A. Irwin, 133)
„	Victoria, Egham	....	Lost 2—0	(Highest score : J. Payne, 133)
Home	Bells, Staines	....	Won 2—1	
„	Feathers, Laleham	....	„ 2—0	(Highest score : W. Peters, 120)
Away	British Legion Club, Staines	....	Won 2—1	(Highest score : C. Luxton, 114)
„	Bells, Staines	....	Lost 2—1	(Highest score : R. Beasley, 100)
Home	J. Huxley & Sons Ltd., Staines	....	„ 2—1	
Away	Three Tuns, Staines	....	Won 2—1	(Highest score : W. Peters, 116)
„	H. Bonner's Team	....	Lost 2—0	

The greatest enthusiasm is being maintained and we are looking forward to visiting the Brewery Social Club, Reading, to fulfil the challenge recently made.

PACKHORSE HOTEL, STAINES.

There was a full hall at this house at the recent annual concert in aid of Staines Hospital, which resulted in over £260 being contributed. This annual effort was once again arranged through the generous interest of Mr. Richard Murdoch, who compered the show. Kenneth Horne entertained with song and story. John Dean, leading tenor of the Doyly Carte Opera Company, sang several songs. Michael Miles, the Radio Quiz Master, conducted a radio forfeits event, and Peter Brough with his pal, "Archie Andrews," gave a ventriloquial interlude. Among many other artistes who assisted to entertain during the evening were Tessie O'Shea, Sam Costa, Rene Powell and also Paula Green of "Itma" fame.

Thanks were expressed on behalf of the hospital to all artistes and also to Mr. and Mrs. Jacques for their valuable co-operation.

MALTA.

MR. THOMAS JACKSON PATERSON,

LATE "ROSE AND CROWN," FLORIANA.

It is with regret that we pass the news that Mr. "Tommy" Paterson died recently at the age of 86. He was his usual genial self nearly up to his last days, after which he was too ill to recognize anyone and only made incoherent reference to the past. He was a prominent figure in the small town of Floriana and the few people who live there paid a last tribute to this good-hearted gentleman, who always was their friend, by attending his funeral. He leaves a son in England and a daughter here. The town of Floriana was almost completely destroyed by the Germans, including the premises of the "Rose and Crown."

In communicating the above sad news to us, our Malta correspondent adds :

"Mr. Paterson always took a keen interest in THE HOP LEAF GAZETTE, which he sent to friends in all parts of the world in pre-war days.

"The Rose and Crown,' Floriana, was 'a port of call' for many lone Englishmen whose duties used to necessitate their going to far-away places—they never forgot Tommy Paterson and his

hospitality and he was rather proud of it. His was the only house to which we supplied your beer in bulk and he invariably served it personally to his customers in pewter jugs. Mr. Paterson was a pioneer in Malta of what an Englishman stands for and should stand for. England owes the success of her colonization in various parts of the world to men of his type and thinking. When Floriana was destroyed the 'Rose and Crown' went with it, but Mr. Paterson still remained an outstanding old gentleman in Lion's Circus ('Rose and Crown' area) and he retained his cheerfulness and his smile and, above all, faith and courage that everything would be restored." *Photo on page 110.*

BRISTOL.

"WELCOME HOME" DINNER.

Thanks to the generosity of the Board of Directors, Bristol's ex-Service members (1939-45) on November 26th last were able to celebrate their safe return home by spending a few hours together at the Cumberland Hotel, Totterdown, where, with Mr. E. Duncan Simonds presiding, a completely informal and enjoyable evening took place, thanks to the arrangements made by a Committee consisting of Mr. A. W. Bold (Chairman) with Messrs. F. W. Lawrence, J. H. Uren and A. J. Sutton.

An excellent meal, accompanied by frequent draughts of those Jacob Street beverages unequalled for such an occasion, produced an audience reflecting that spirit of comradeship which enabled Bobbie Smale's "Bristol's Own" concert party to give of their very best in the first class musical entertainment which followed.

Twenty-seven ex-Service members (including three ladies, all late of the A.A., R.A.) were present, while supporting the Chairman were Mr. J. H. Law, Mr. H. H. Robertson and Mr. F. W. Gleed. After dinner the loyal toast having been observed, the Chairman, wielding his oversized and cellar-stained "gavel" most expertly, soon brought the company to attention as he rose to congratulate them on their safe return to the "Hop Leaf" fold. "I also," he added, "bring you the warmest thanks of the Board of Directors for the contribution you each made towards our great, and we hope final, victory. They are proud of you." He continued: "I can assure you also of the great pleasure it has given them to arrange for this happy reunion to take place. Our Chairman, Mr. F. A. Simonds, my father, has especially asked me to say how sorry he

is not to be present. I know how the ever-growing problems connected with our Trade keep him so fully occupied, and expect most of to-day has been spent with a number of V.I.Ps. discussing those involved and intricate questions so inseparable from production and supply in these days. Also very probably in giving a fairly good imitation of Mr. Molotov in replying to those friends who, at this time of year, suddenly develop tender and anxious sentiments towards sick aunts and grandmothers, in their solicitous enquiries for something to carry them safely through the festive season."

"He has sent me the following telegram: 'Hope you have a grand Reunion and good-fellowship. Kindest remembrances to all.' Prolonged applause followed the reading of this kindly expression of our Chairman's thought for Bristol members of his now huge "Hop Leaf" family.

Mr. Duncan continued: "I am afraid I cannot make the usual Chairman's excuse of being unaccustomed to speech-making, seeing that I spent the last eighteen months of my Army service as a Staff Instructor—one of those professional distributors of military knowledge, with necessary blackboard, text books, pamphlets, coloured chalks, etc., etc.—and an audience (poor chaps!) whose only reason for being there was that they were also paid for it!" He recounted a few of his service reminiscences to the great amusement of the company, then quietly changing the mood, he said: "To-night we celebrate your safe return, after years of danger and doubt. I know you will also wish me to recall to your minds those many valiant comrades who did not return, and especially your old Bristol colleague, 'Bill' Stadden, whose death while a P.O.W. in Japanese hands, is still a sad memory. Let us in silence pay tribute to their example, their sacrifice, which no words could adequately express. We owe them much."

The Chairman then ended: "I wish you all, on the Directors' behalf, welcome home—thank you—good luck and every future success," which was received with long applause.

Mr. Law (Manager), on behalf of all at Bristol Branch, thanked the Chairman for so kindly travelling down especially to preside over them. He continued: "His ever ready co-operation is an example of that inherent quality with which all who bear his honoured name are endowed. May I also thank the Directors for making such a delightful evening possible.

"During those fateful years when you were away, we, your colleagues at home, followed with anxious hearts your service movements. None of us could visualise at that time that such an

evening as this could ever take place; but it has, and we are now able to express our gratitude for all you did to make it possible. May every blessing rest upon you all in the years to come."

Mr. A. W. Bold (Surveyor's Department), replying on behalf of the ex-Service members, expressed their great appreciation to Mr. Duncan, and to the Directors, for all they had done to ensure the evening's success, and to Mr. W. Hurford and his staff for the excellent service and "spread." He asked all present "to rise and toast our Board of Directors and Mr. Duncan Simonds." This was done with enthusiasm and the Chairman very briefly replied. Musical honours were accorded to our worthy host, "Bill" Hurford, whose wholehearted efforts can always be relied upon in anything which concerns the Firm's interests.

We shall not soon forget the pleasure which this gathering gave, and especially the family atmosphere which permeated the whole evening. One or two of our own "stars" contributed in no small measure to the party's conviviality, while even the Chairman was prevailed upon "to dance the light fantastic" just before the close of this post-war celebration, to the huge delight of us all. A grand finale!

May this vital spirit of comradeship long remain in this great Company of ours, as an integral part of its traditional heritage and as its proudest bulwark—against which neither alien jealousies, nor totalitarian ideologies can prevail.

The retirement at the end of 1946 of Mr. F. W. Gleed (Chief Clerk) and Mr. H. D. Long (Cashier) was a dual event of sincere regret to many. Each had given to this Brewery nearly half a century of loyal and devoted service. But Old Father Time tarries for none, as our two old colleagues realised only too well, and so by the generosity of our ever kindly Directors they are able to contemplate the future with no undue anxiety.

On Friday, February 21st, a very happy little ceremony took place when Mr. Gleed was presented with a leather travelling case and Mr. Long with a case of cutlery, as tokens of esteem—from every department of the Brewery—before a very representative gathering in the Board Room. Mr. J. H. Law, before making the presentations, specially referred to Mr. Gleed's good work as Secretary of Messrs. W. J. Rogers Ltd. from 1935 to 1938, and the "unremitting and loyal contribution" which he made in the merging of the old interests and the new during those years. His

concise and orderly commercial mind and administrative ability has kept Bristol Branch Staff work at a very high level for many years past.

Mr. Law also paid tribute to Mr. Long as "one of the soundest Jacob Street investments during the past 49 years, his quiet integrity and loyalty, and especially his untiring efforts as Hon. Secretary of our National Savings Group since its inception."

In making the presentations, Mr. Law said: "It is my great privilege to hand you these tangible tokens of our past, present and future affection. May they be a constant reminder of our friendship for many years to come. We wish you and yours good health, and every blessing, as some reward for your labours within these walls, and the traditions you have so well set before us."

Mr. H. H. Robertson also congratulated both on their "mental and physical fitness, despite the arduous weather." He also paid tribute to the great contribution each had made to H. & G. Simonds' interests since 1935, and wished them many years of good health to enjoy the fruits of their labours amongst us.

Mr. H. C. Hillman, Mr. F. W. Lawrence, Miss G. Cockram and other old colleagues present also spoke of the full co-operative spirit which has always been so pleasing a feature of Mr. Gleed's and Mr. Long's years of service, and of the high example they had set for those who follow them.

Mr. Gleed, in replying, was in merry reminiscent mood, and delighted his listeners with many amusing comparisons of Trade conditions in the Edwardian days, when the "topper" was an essentiality to many of the "black-coated gentlemen" who then represented Brewers' interests, and the "go-as-you-please fashion" of to-day.

He expressed his most sincere gratitude to the Firm for their great kindness to him, and to all those at Jacob Street who had in such a practical way confirmed those sentiments which he had always endeavoured to foster among them. He ended: "This gift will be a valuable and permanent treasure to me of your friendship and of the happy years I have spent here. I can only wish all of you the very best of luck in the future and express my deepest gratitude for all you have done."

Mr. Long also very briefly expressed thanks for all the "undeserved tributes," and for the splendid gift, which had been made to him. He wished "the Firm and all his old colleagues

the fullest success in the future." They will both long be revered in "Hop Leaf" circles.

The following staff appointments date from January 1st, 1947:—

Mr. H. C. Hillman	...	Assistant Manager.
Mr. F. W. Lawrence	...	Chief Clerk and Accountant.
Mr. R. A. Derrick	...	Cashier.

We wish each of them good health and the fullest success in their new appointments.

PORTSMOUTH.

H.M.S. "VANGUARD'S" VOYAGE.

Portsmouth, as the first naval port of the British Empire, has always been conspicuous for its loyalty to members of our Royal Families, and from its earliest days has played a prominent part in the many historical journeys made by kings, queens and members of the royal families started from our dockyard. Never, however, has a pending Royal departure created such intense interest and enthusiasm as that of H.M.S. *Vanguard* which, on Friday, January 31st, embarked King George VI and Her Majesty the Queen and their two daughters, the Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret, for their long voyage to South Africa—the first visit ever to be paid to that Dominion by a reigning monarch and his Queen.

It was a splendid and characteristically thoughtful gesture on the part of Their Majesties that arrangements should be made to ensure that Portsmouth citizens should be afforded every possible facility to witness the arrival of the Royal party at the Town Railway Station and their drive to H.M. Dockyard, and the streets *en route*, lined by thousands of loyal cheering subjects, presented an animated, gay and picturesque spectacle. Most elaborate precautions were taken and, characteristic of the Royal Navy, who were mainly responsible, everything, even to the smallest detail, was so meticulously organized that there was never the slightest hitch.

BRITAIN'S SEA MIGHT.

H.M.S. *Vanguard*, the Royal Navy's biggest and most modern 42,500-ton battleship, was lying alongside the South Railway

Jetty, ready for the embarkation, and she looked a perfect example of Britain's sea might. She has a complement of 1,800 officers and men, and for months past she has been a veritable hive of industry while workmen were engaged in completing alterations and preparations for the voyage.

But for the fact that it was deemed advisable to show Britain's latest example of that last word in battleship construction and equipment on such a memorable tour, it is probable that a liner would have been utilized for the voyage. It having been decided that the *Vanguard* should make the trip, no effort was spared to render her in every way suitable. Special attention was, of course, devoted to the Royal accommodation. It is entirely self-contained, and was made as complete and comfortable as possible for its Royal occupants. Much of the furnishing was specially made, the colour scheme being chosen by Her Majesty the Queen. A good deal was taken from the Royal Yacht, *Victoria and Albert*, and the remainder from naval stores, and the entire suite, when finally completed, was perfect in design, decoration and comfort.

The voyage started from Portsmouth on Saturday, February 1st, and was timed to take 17 days. The *Vanguard* had an escort of two cruisers, one aircraft carrier, one destroyer and various aircraft, and the procession down Channel was a sight that those privileged to witness will remember for a very long time.

During the last few days preceding the start of the voyage a hectic time was experienced getting in stores, and we ourselves were kept busy at our Branch shipping H. & G. Simonds' beers which were specially ordered for delivery to the Royal caterer and Ward Room Officers' Mess, and we felt honoured to thus take some small part in Their Majesties' epoch-making tour.

L.V.'S BEREAVED.

Since the notes for the December issue of THE HOP LEAF GAZETTE were penned the Trade in Portsmouth has sustained two poignant losses by the passing of Mr. Gordon M. C. Pannell and Mr. W. H. Wren. Both were esteemed Past Presidents of the Portsmouth, Gosport and District Licensed Victuallers' Society, the first named having been in the chair during the last three years of the second world war, and Mr. Wren, a much senior member, having presided over the Society at an earlier date, and having been one of its Trustees for many years. Both had rendered

one of the best known figures in the licensing world and a senior partner in Edlins Ltd., which controls a number of licensed houses in this district, many being noted for their picturesqueness.

We would like to take this opportunity of apologising to all our customers for the recent further reduction in supplies, due to the coal shortage and the ban on the use of electricity, and to assure them that every effort will be made to meet their demands as soon as circumstances permit.

CIRENCESTER.

RETIREMENT OF CAPTAIN E. T. CRIPPS, M.C.

We are sorry to record that for reasons of ill-health Captain E. T. Cripps, M.C., has retired from the Chairmanship of the Cirencester Brewery Ltd., which office he has filled for the past nine years.

The fine success of the Company has in a large measure been due to Captain Cripps' connection with the business over the past 47 years, and no greater tribute can be paid to him than to refer to the steady and continual progress which has been achieved.

His courtliness and geniality, combined with his profound and intimate knowledge of the trade, born of long experience, have earned the confidence and high esteem of all with whom he has come into contact and have endeared him to all the employees of the Company, who regret his departure from their immediate midst.

Mr. W. P. Cripps (Director and Secretary) has been appointed to succeed his father as Chairman, thus maintaining a succession of three generations in that office, from grandfather to grandson, and thereby ensuring that the high traditions and prosperity of the Company will continue.

Mr. R. Matthews has been appointed Secretary of the Company in place of Mr. W. P. Cripps, an office also held by his father and grandfather.

Mr. E. D. Simonds, second son of Mr. F. A. Simonds (Chairman and Managing Director of H. & G. Simonds, Ltd.) has been elected to the Board of the Cirencester Brewery Limited.

As readers will know, the lowest temperatures in the country were recorded within a few miles of Cirencester.

Extremely severe weather has been experienced in these parts for the past two or three months—deep snow and severe frost being the order of the day.

A word of praise is due to all the Office Staff who worked in overcoats and scarves, and also the Outdoor Staff for the discomforts endured—particularly the Transport Department. One of our drivers and his mate having been to the Hare and Hounds, Foss Cross, and the Red Lion, Northleach, returned and attempted to reach the Seven Tuns and Waggon and Horses at Chedworth, which trip was successfully completed. Another pair arrived within about 500 yards of the New Inn at Winstone, and proceeded to truck and roll supplies to the House and brought the empties home.

The following changes of tenancy have taken place during the past few months:—

The Pig and Whistle, Quenington, from Mrs. L. F. Smith to Mr. T. H. Woodman.

The Queen's Head, Cirencester, from Mr. W. Keylock to Mr. W. J. Keylock.

The Masons Arms, Purton, from Mrs. H. Gough to Mr. H. J. Varney.

SALISBURY.

It is with regret that we record the retirement of Mr. W. Giddy. Mr. Giddy entered the Firm's service at London Branch in 1923, and served at many Branches before being appointed Chief Clerk at Salisbury in January, 1934.

To mark the occasion, Mr. R. Paice, on behalf of Salisbury, Blandford and Ludgershall, made a presentation to Mr. Giddy and wished him the very best of luck and many happy years of retirement.

Congratulations to Mr. H. Nuttall, Junr., formerly of Ludgershall, on his appointment to Chief Clerk at Salisbury.

We are sorry to record the death after a short illness of Mr. Robert Eggleton, Manager of the Fisherton Arms Inn, Fisherton Street, Salisbury, for the past eighteen months.

Mr. Eggleton, an ex-sergeant-major with 22 years' service in the Royal Artillery, was a well-known member of the British Legion and took a great interest in Legion work all his life, and was also a keen committee member of the Salisbury Branch of the R.A. Association.

He will be greatly missed by many, and our deepest sympathies are extended to Mrs. Eggleton and her family in their great loss.



Late Thomas J. Paterson.



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Tamar Brewery "Welcome Home to the Forces Dinner."



Tamar Brewery "Children's Xmas Party," 1946.



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 Bristol Branch "Welcome Home" Dinner over which Mr. E. Duncan Simonds presided.

The Goddard Arms Hotel, Swindon.



The Dining Room.

The Goddard Arms Hotel, Swindon.



The Bar.

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The Advisory Council which was appointed by the Board to consider and advise upon the various problems which arose during the last war. The Council functioned from 23rd February, 1940, to the end of December, 1945.

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