
THE "CONWAY" CLUB.

ANNUAL GATHERING.

The Annual Dinner was held in London at the Temple Bar Restaurant, Strand, on the evening of July 6th, after being postponed from June 2nd on account of the coal strike. The gathering was held in London as an experiment, and though the attendance was considerably affected by the aftermath of the long stoppage in the mines, the experiment was an entire success, and the probabilities are that the Dinner will in future be held alternately in London and Liverpool.

As usual the Dinner was preceded by the Annual Meeting of the Club, with Sir Sackville Carden in the chair, and business of considerable importance was transacted, three of the Rules governing the Club being altered or amended.

Rule 5 now reads: "The Committee shall be chosen from among members and shall be elected annually at the General Meeting. The number shall be limited to 24, and shall be made as representative as possible. Special services to be represented are the Royal Navy, the Merchant Service, the Royal Indian Marine, and the Bengal Pilot Service. Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and Africa shall be represented, and ten chosen from residents in the neighbourhoods of London and Liverpool, five from each."

Rule 7 is: "An Annual Dinner to be held in London or Liverpool as shall be decided by the Officers of the Club, who shall be responsible for the annual gathering."

Rule 9: "The Officers of the Club shall consist of President, two Vice-Presidents, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, and two Honorary Auditors, who shall be elected annually. The Vice-Presidents shall not be eligible for re-election three years in succession."

"The Officers of the Club shall be ex-officio members of the Committee."

The Officers and Committee were re-elected *en bloc* for the ensuing year. It was not possible to elect a new Committee under the terms of the new Rule 5, but this will be carried out next year.

The Bishop of Liverpool (Bishop Chavasse) and Mrs. Broadbent were elected Hon. Members of the Club, the first-named in recognition of unfailing interest and sympathy with "Conway" boys for many years and as a token of gratitude for unveiling the War Memorial Tablet and his address on that occasion; Mrs. Broadbent in recognition of her services to "Conway" boys and never-failing hospitality to Old Boys.

It was agreed to present a prize for the Management of Boats at the end of each Easter Term from the Club funds of the value of about £10 10s.

The Dinner which followed was a very cheery function indeed. Admiral Sir Sackville Carden presided and entertained as the guests of the Club Admiral Sir Reginald Tupper, K.C.B., C.V.O., and Captain Sir Acton Blake, K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., Deputy Master of Trinity House. Sir Burton Chadwick, K.B.E., M.P.,

was present in the capacity of a Member of the Committee of Management of the Ship. He was to have proposed the toast of The Imperial Forces, but unfortunately had to leave to attend to business in the House of Commons just when he should have spoken, though he returned later in the evening. A number of private guests were also present, amongst whom were noted Mr. Philip Devitt, Laurie McGavin (the well-known surgeon), Captain A. H. Ryley (Trinity House), Commander L. G. Garbett, R.N. (of the Meteorological Office), and Captain M. B. Sayer (of the "Worcester"), the latter three being old "Worcester" boys.

Mr. Devitt took charge of the toast of The Imperial Forces in Sir Burton Chadwick's absence, and in replying Admiral Tupper paid a glowing tribute to the work of the R.N.R. and the Merchant Service generally during the war. Captain Unwin, of River Clyde fame, in proposing "Our Guests," gave an expert treatise on Naval Transport, the training required for same, organisation and control, and dwelt on the urgent necessity and desirability of capturing the guttersnipe and training him for the sea. His speech was punctuated by jokes, sallies and friendly gibes which he scattered freely amongst his sentences and which were greeted with shouts of laughter by a very appreciative audience. It was a very interesting and clever delivery, but one wondered where the "Guests" came in. They suddenly appeared in two sentences, one each at the end, and nobody enjoyed this more than Sir Acton Blake, who replied in his own inimitable and polished style.

Captain Owen Jones (of Trinity House), in proposing the "Conway," and continued success to her, recalled happy recollections of his youth, in which old "Quack" and his cane seemed to loom large. He had still, he said, three precious possessions of his "Conway" days. One was his "Conway" Bible, which had been with him in every ship he had served in. The second was his "Conway" Certificate, and looking at it the other day and reading on the back all the items of knowledge he was supposed to possess at the age of 16, he was astonished at the precocity of his youth. The third was his "Conway" telescope, which he got as the Dufferin prize for manual seamanship. This, he added, was always the most popular prize, as it did not require any brains

to get it! He finished by a complimentary allusion to the position Captain Broadbent held in the Ship as a boy, they both being on board together.

Captain Broadbent, in reply, dwelt on the honour he held it to be to command a ship which had turned out so many eminent men, not only in the calling of the sea, and drew attention to the different walks in life so well represented by Old boys, many actually in the room. Not only the sea, where in the Royal Navy, the Merchant Service, the Royal Indian Marine, the Bengal Pilot Service, the Nigerian Marine, "Conway" boys were found at and near the top, but also in the Church, the Army, the Royal Air Force, politics, art, literature, the law, and various walks of business "Conway" boys after longer or shorter service at sea are to be found flourishing like green bay trees.

He had, he said, no fear for the future and the youngsters turning out from the Ship now and in the future will not shame the older ones.

Morally, mentally, and physically, they learnt how to play the game, and each was encouraged and taught to do his best to live up to the grand "Conway" motto, "Quit ye like men, be strong."

OLD BOYS PRESENT:—S. H. Carden (1869-70); G. M. Montford (1876-77); E. R. McKinstry (1876-78); E. Unwin (1878-80); Colin Nicholson (1878-81); H. W. Broadbent (1880-81); Owen Jones (1880-82); T. S. Earl (1883-85); J. K. Chase (1885-87); John Craven (1885-87); G. C. Holloway (1885-87); R. H. W. Hughes (1885-87); G. Gregory (1887-88); A. J. R. Cochafer (1891-93); F. W. Vincent (1892-94); L. A. Brooke-Smith (1893-95); M. G. Douglas (1893-95); D. Ingram-Halford (1899-00); J. W. Gracey (1899-01); Arthur Watson (1899-01); N. J. C. Lawson (1900-02); L. Vidian Jones (1902-04); G. D. Lock (1902-05); C. W. Tayler (1905-07); D. A. Casey (1905-07); F. E. Raw (1906-08); K. D. Shoesmith (1906-08); W. H. Coombs (1907-09); G. Purrott (1907-09); H. G. C. White (1907-09); E. S. Brand (1909-10); A. J. Barnes (1909-11); T. Q. Studd (1909-11); K. E. Garnett (1911-13); G. W. F. Dalrymple (1913-15); H. O. Beardmore (1915-17); G. Matveieff (1915-18).