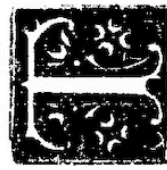


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THE Annual Dinner of the "Conway" Club, held in London on November 9th, serves to remind us of the wide-spread organisation of our Old Boys' Society, and the desirability that all Old "Conway" Boys should belong to it, and, when possible, attend the annual gathering, which next year will be held in Liverpool. The feeling of the

great majority of Old Boys to the Ship is one of deep affection and pride, but sailor-like this by no means implies that they will take the trouble to join the Club or, if a member, keep up the annual subscription which finances the annual issue of a list of the 1,100 and odd members and their whereabouts, and provides several prizes for the Cadets during the year for Sports events.

The Club, which was founded simply and solely as an organization for social intercourse, has in many cases been of material benefit to members, inasmuch that Old Boys have been able to discover one another, and in many instances help one another to a considerable extent. Probably, if the need arose, the Club could exert a considerable amount of influence on public opinion, but though that is outside the scope of original intentions, it is well that it should be so, and every effort should be made to strengthen the ties that bind Old "Conways" of all ages together throughout the world. This can only be done effectively by all Old Boys joining and remaining active members, and we would appeal strongly to all those

it afforded him as President of the Old "Worcester" Association to meet so many old "Conway" friends.

Commander G. M. Montford proposed the toast "The Ship and continued success to her," and recalled pleasant days and pleasant memories. Alluding to the Registrar's statement concerning the Board of Trade Examination Passes, he said he hoped and believed the "Conway" would always be first, but they had no objection to the "Worcester" as a good second.

Captain Broadbent, in responding, corrected Captain Young's statement concerning the origin of the "Conway" Dinner. Sir Hamilton Gould Adams and himself founded the Club, and at the inaugural meeting in Liverpool in December, 1910, the Dinner was decided on as one of the objects of the Club. Captain Thomson was not even present then. He was, he continued, delighted to meet so many Old Boys and considered that from his point of view especially, the London Dinner was a great success, as it enabled him to meet occasionally many of his old boys he would otherwise never see. Alluding to the years he had spent on board since he joined the Ship as Chief Officer in 1898, he continued, "I sometimes wonder whether I hadn't better have stuck to the sea. But it has been an interesting life, and when Old Boys blow in to see me or write from here, there and everywhere, when I meet a gathering like to-night and more especially when I contemplate the glorious war record of Old 'Conway' boys, I am proud to think that I have had the honour to command and should have had a hand in the moulding of the character of so many fine men."

Commander Brooke Smith asked leave to correct an omission by Captain Montford, in proposing the toast of the Old Ship, coupled with the name of Captain Broadbent, who had said something about a daughter. "I," he continued, "would like to say a few words about a wife. Every shipmaster knows what love for his sea wife is. There is an Old 'Conway' present who is more lucky than us all for he has two wives, his sea wife and his own wife, always together, and that man is the Captain of the 'Conway.' Years after leaving we go on board the old Ship in the Mersey and there is always a wonderful welcome—a wonderful tone in the Ship—the woman's influence is there for all to feel. Captain Owen Jones and Canon Brady have spoken of speech-making. I can't make a

speech adequate to the occasion, but I give you a toast, 'Mrs. Broadbent.'"

Captain Broadbent, in replying, said his wife would be grateful for and deeply touched by their kindness. She loved them all from 1862 to 1922, and no words were adequate to express what her help and comradeship had meant and done for him.

Sir Burton Chadwick, in proposing the health of the President, alluded to the great services he had rendered to the country in the Senior Service. He could not, much to his regret, call himself an Old "Conway" boy, but he had known so many and was so fond of the Ship that he was almost one, and he always liked to attend the annual gathering. The toast was drunk with musical honours.

Admiral Carden, in reply, expressed his great appreciation for the kind way in which the toast of his health was received, and in the course of his remarks referred to the sports section of the Seven Seas Club. He was afraid he would not be of much use to the cricket eleven as a player, but as umpire he might render them yeoman service!

It was a very cheery gathering, and old friends meeting after many years were loth to part again at the end of the evening.

#### OLD BOYS PRESENT:

J. H. Pearson	1862-64
J. F. Ruthven, F.R.G.S., A.I.N.A., R.N.R.	1864-65
W. L. Broun, R.N.R.	1865-67
Sir Sackville H. Carden, K.C.M.G.	1869-70
G. M. Montford, R.D., R.N.R.	1875-76
E. R. McKinstry, C.B.E., R.D., R.N.R.	1876-78
C. de H. Bell, R.N.R.	1876-78
C. H. Ward	1876-78
Colin Nicholson, R.D., R.N.R.	1878-81
H. W. Broadbent, R.D., R.N.R.	1880-81
Owen Jones, C.B.E., R.D., R.N.R.	1880-82
F. W. Bate, O.B.E., R.D., R.N.R.	1884-85
G. Gregory, C.B.E., D.S.O., R.D., R.N.R.	1887-88
B. Metcalfe	1888-90
S. S. Richardson, O.B.E., R.D., R.N.R.	1891-93
F. W. Vincent, O.B.E.	1892-94
L. A. Brooke-Smith, R.D., R.N.R.	1893-95
M. G. Douglas, R.D., R.N.R.	1893-95
G. H. Lang, D.S.O., R.N.	1896-97
Claude Hamilton, R.D., R.N.R.	1896-98
R. Tatham, R.N.R.	1897-99
C. R. Kettlewell	1898-00
J. W. Gracey, R.D., R.N.R.	1899-01
A. Watson	1899-01
F. E. Bourdillon, R.N.R.	1906-10
H. C. Forgham, R.N.R.	1907-09
R. Trimble, R.N.R.	1907-10
W. H. Coombs, F.R.G.S.	1907-09
N. S. Richardson, M.M.	1907-11
F. W. Hayes, R.N.R.	1909-10
F. N. Patterson, R.N.R.	1909-10

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A. J. Barnes .. .. .	1909-11
T. Q. Studd, D.F.C., R.A.F. .. .. .	1909-11
C. F. De C. Roupell, R.A.F. .. .. .	1910-11
G. E. D. Billam .. .. .	1910-12
H. G. White, R.A.F. .. .. .	1911-12
A. W. Daly, R.A.F. .. .. .	1914-16
A. G. Harrison .. .. .	1915-16
J. W. Passmore Edwards .. .. .	1915-16
H. Beardmore .. .. .	1915-17
H. D. Lavender .. .. .	1917-18
R. Bucknall .. .. .	1917-19
L. H. Mitchell, R.N.R. .. .. .	1919-22

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