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Albert Aucher (here sighted by Prior) is chairman of directors of a Sydney firm he himself founded in 1928. It imports, exports and makes articles ranging from cork to electrical appliances. It deals also in trochus-shell; "Aucher-grading" is as well-known in shell circles as "A1 at Lloyd's" is in shipping. Speaking of shipping—Aucher is berthed in an office with Darling Harbor handy to starb'd, a telescope in one drawer, a model of a close-stowing anchor as paperweight, and pictures of windjammers all around. The furnishings stem from Aucher's having



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first reefed a sail in 1899, and his being entitled to preface his name with captain. President of the Wholesale Importers' Association of N.S.W., and treasurer of the Australian Exporters' Federation, he sinks his business interests on one salt-laden, chanty-filled night of this month each year—presiding at the reunion of the 400 members of the League of Ancient Mariners.

Our congratulations to Captain A.J. Aucher on his retirement from the Hon. Secretaryship of the League of Ancient Mariners for a good job well done over a long period.

Many captains of overseas ships in Sydney Harbour were among visitors at the annual smoke-oh of the League of Ancient Mariners of N.S.W., held on October 15.

It was the occasion of Captain A. J. Aucher (who has for so many years held the position of honorary secretary to the League, and who has contributed so largely to the success of the many functions by his personal ability and charm of manner) to hand over that position to Captain J. Simpson (Acting Harbour Master at Sydney).

In commenting on his retirement from the position of secretary, Captain Aucher said he thought a younger man should occupy the position, and Captain Simpson would capably fill the vacancy, while Mr. C. C. Croft, accountant with his firm, would assist.

The Retiring Secretary

Mr. Cliff Tanner spoke of the work done by Captain Aucher as secretary of the League, and, in reply, Captain Aucher said the success was due to the co-operation, thoughtfulness, and friendliness of the people who had helped, and the League had a lot of friends. He added that he left the League secretaryship with a great deal of confidence in Captain Simpson, Captain David Craven, and Mr. C. C. Croft.

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● **Sea dogs**

It was our honor to join the Ancient Mariners at their annual smoke on Friday night—200 old Sea Dogs home at last from the sea.

It was a stirring moment for any landlubber to hear these sailors singing the strong, rolling notes of Sons Of The Sea

A strange bit of philosophy came from one old Merchant Mariner.

Grasping an old mate by the arm, he said, "We've been mates since we first went into sail over 50 years ago. . . . Know why we're mates all those years? . . . We've never met each others wives; women would end a friendship like that in no time."