

SOME RECOLLECTIONS. By Admiral Sir Cyprian Bridge, G. C. B. London: Murray. 12s. net.

find in an autobiographical narrative.

lack of consideration and forethought on great tact. In the first place, he had to with the methods and results. the part of the authorities. Pay was low. keep peace among savage tribes, each of money; they provided practically the the British and the Colonial-and their whole of their mess equipment themselves; views did not always coincide, and, thirdly, and compasses every instrument used in to contend against the ignorance of the of their own pockets ; the surgeons had to self as a singularly urbane, long-suffering, find all the medical instruments; even and discreet writer, and he must have the carpenters and shipwrights had to been sorely tried to allow himself to say supply their own tools (in return for an that naval officers " too often found themallowance of a penny a day tool money). selves ' up against' the bureaucratic What is still less comprehensible is that stolidity of Foreign Office clerks doubled

could be regarded as personal were met rate men." by the officers. They paid for such nec-

essary articles as paint :---

If the ship were fitting out in the always hard and often dull, and for that stream, which was most likely, the men who entered would be sent off in watermen's boats to the hulk at the captain's than those descriptions which abound in expense, until enough men had joined to amusing and thrilling incidents. More man boats belonging to the hulk. It may could have been made of his adventures be mentioned that refunding of expenses incurred by the captain and officers on than he sees fit to make, but the most exbehalf of the Service in fitting out a ship citing of them never come to a head, for was never claimed.

Here it may be remarked in parenthesis lows were too watchful. Twice his ship. that the penury to which the naval officer searched for slaves off Havana but never was exposed was mitigated-or aggravat. saw one; "our cruisers were so active that ed-by windfalls. The deliberate parsi- Transatlantic slave-trading no longer mony of the Pay Department was not in- paid"; once a shark came nosing in shore compatible with wastefulnes. It would when he and a bluejacket were in the almost seem as if officers were not re- water, but he had dragged his companion

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which there was no convenient rubric the danger; and there were times when in the cashier's books. "The three years' the islanders might have made a meal of command of the Pacific station must at him if he had not recognized the signs of one time have brought in the comfortable an attack in the sending away of their sum of £10,000, over and above all ordin- women and children. Sir Cyprian's career ary official emoluments!" A warship recalls those breaks at billiards in which was the safest means for the conveying the player knows his business too well to of bullion from Mexico to England, and have to make the all-round-the-table shots one such service resulted in Sir Cyprian's with which the amateur delights the captain receiving £2,750 as his share of gallery. One gets the impression that he the freight. But there were no pickings would win his naval battle because he had apparently for the juniors. Their holi- seized the better position and kept it.days, as has been said, were few and The Times Literary Supplement. dat mule foh half a minute an' you gine-

short ; and how hard midshipmen were worked may be gathered from the writer's statement that, in addition to his other duties, he was officer of the watch from 4 a. m. to 12.30 p. m. with but one hour off. Their cabins were small, low and dark; and their food anything but appetizing. With the biscuit which replaced bread there was no butter, but so

many weevils that it was a matter of routine to shake them out by hitting the L estry, it is found in France. Its forests, biscuit on the table before biting it. "By developed by many years of care, are smearing eggs with grease, or burying available and usable now in the hour of them in salt, they were made to seem supreme need, which shows the value of fairly good for a surprisingly long time." French forestry in the past. It has been Men like the author found compensations very carefully administered. Prior to the for the hard living, but before these are war, France imported much of her timber touched on reference must be made to and had many little mills throughout the the crews they commanded.

been introduced into the Navy at the time al market has been supplied by importa-Sir Cyprian entered it. Some of the men 'tion. When, therefore, need suddenly who joined a ship when she was com- arose to provide timber and fuel, not only missioned were new to the Navy. The for the French people and the French captain had to rely on his own efforts for army but also for the tremendous needs the collecting of most of his crew; he set of the American army, France was ready. about it by issuing some such placard as this :--

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Captain John Brownsmith, R. N. Come, my lads, don't be silly, Pick up your bags and join the Lily. reported to have been cutting rather reck-

Some convenient publichouse was nam- lessly, so that they may not be able to ed as recruiting station, and an officer continue their exports of timber. It is attended there daily to choose the crew- said that that 15,000,000 acres of forest in so far as the numbers who presented the Baltic Provinces have been practically themseives permitted any choice. As so ruined by the fighting between Germany many of the men entered the Service in- and Russia. Germany has begun already dependently, the officers had to devise a to exploit the Russian forests and indeed system of training suitable to the ship's had begun to do so before the war.

company. This varied from ship to ship. An enormous amount of timber will be The code of discipline varied, also; there needed after the war for reconstruction. was not even an official list of punish- This country is likely to be called upon, ments. Sir Cyprian served while the old and we have not in this country any too order was giving place to the new, but extensive supplies, nor have we been realizing that there are many writers who handling them with too great regard for

share his knowledge of the modern Navy, the future. he devotes most of his space to describing The situation in France is about out of his own experience conditions which follows : have now passed away; some of them From the Pyrenees Mountains to the seem to be Elizabethan rather than city of Bordeaux is a great pine country Victorian. (Maritime pine), which with our own pine

As has been suggested, there must have forests provides from 75 to 90 per cent of been compensations to induce men in the all the turpentine used. This great plain

to marry me."-Baltimore American.



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France and England, too, for that mat-Mathias Foley, Oil City. Ont. Joseph Snow, Norway, Me. Charles Whooten, Mulgrave, N. S. Rev. R. O. Armstrong, Mulgrave, N. S. ter, are going to be well drained of timber time to recover their neglected forests. Pierre Landers, Sen., Pokemouche, N. B. France will have to import. England will

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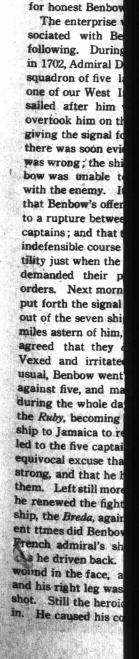
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