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highly enlivening speech which was received with the enthusiasm it deserved.

Major Mountford replied for the guests and in doing so enlightened the apprentices on many points concerning their position in the factory. One of the suggestions that he made was that the apprentices should have their own badge which could be worn on their overalls. This suggestion was enthusiastically received and we sincerely hope that we may see the badge being worn by apprentices in the near future. He went on to say that he thought the standard of apprentices at the factory was higher than it had ever been, he said he had two apprentices on H.N.D. sandwich courses and he hoped more would follow. Major Mountford concluded his speech by thanking the apprentices on behalf of the guests for inviting them to the dinner.

Then followed the presentation by John Taylor on behalf of the apprentices of an engraved pewter tankard to Mr. Sandilands on the occasion of his leaving the Company.

In thanking them Mr. Sandilands said how overwhelmed he was with the gift which would serve to remind him of the pleasant years spent with the Company as Apprentice Supervisor.

The evening was rounded off by entertainment in the guise of a singer, comedian, and a scabrette together with saxophonist and pianist. This was enjoyed by all and the evening ended at 12.30.

As most of you will know, the dinner was a bit of a mix up financially; and you will be wondering why it should cost so much. The price per head works out at £1. 6. 0d. each, the odd 6/- of which, I am pleased to say, was collected from each apprentice after attending the dinner, with only a little grumbling. In all fairness, therefore, I am publishing a balance sheet below. You will see that, without the assistance of the management, for which we are grateful, the price would have been nearer £2. 0. 0d. What a pity a few more of the apprentices could not attend, because the more that go the lower becomes the cost per head, also with an attendance of about 35, the manageress would never have moved us into a room without a piano, and the Artistes bill would have been reduced by £3. 15. 0d.

J. Moore. Treasurer.