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licensing law and, if unchanged, will ultimately absorb it." It may be wondered why the licence-holders of the country submit to this unjust differentiation, for they are compelled to make substantial payments for their licences, to contribute to the compensation fund, and are subject to strict supervision by the police. Apparently the brewers do not object, as they find the clubs to be very good customers, and in some cases, indeed, they themselves promote and finance clubs. It seems most desirable that all clubs should be brought under the magistrates' control, and that no new club should be registered unless it holds a justices' licence authorising such registration. The grant of such a licence should be subject to an annual renewal at the discretion of the licensing justices. Also it is reasonable to prevent the employment of licensed premises which have been extinguished under the compensation clauses of the Licensing Acts for the purpose of a registered club. If they are ever used for this purpose, a considerable period (such as three or five years) ought to intervene after the expiration of the licence.

