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By the time these words appear in the current edition of 'Spotlight', a milestone in the working lives of two members of the staff of Suters will have disappeared over the horizon. Yet I am sure that all employees would wish to join in a belated salute to them, for to these men go the distinction of having served the firm for over forty-six years each, together a total of ninety-two years, almost a century of time.

In these days of swiftly changing personnel, it is surely a tribute to the dedication and satisfaction they have given to the firm over the long years and so our congratulations go to both Mr. John Plumtree, presiding over the Linen Department, Uxbridge, and Mr. Charles Aldin, in charge of Despatch, also at Uxbridge.

It was in May 1924 that a small Drapers shop was taken over by Suters, by name Carrick & Coles, and these premises were situated almost opposite our present imposing building. At the time of take-over, both Mr. Plumtree and Mr. Aldin were already installed, as Linen Assistant and Kitchen Boy

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respectively, and both elected to remain with their new employers.

The staff of Carrick & Coles had "lived in" over the premises, though this was discontinued when Suters took over, and Mr. Aldin then graduated to the post of Delivery Boy, trundling parcels round to customers' houses on a bicycle.

On either side of the Drapers shop were a chemist and a grocer, and all have since disappeared, while those members of the Suter family that participated in the running of the business at that time are all now retired. (Not quite true, Ed.) Yet our two stalwarts are still "batting on" and it is to be hoped that they will continue at their wicket until they have notched the century between them. This would indeed be a glorious innings, so let us all hope that when they finally pull up stumps, it will be possible for both to enjoy many years of well earned retirement.

A lifetime in the service of one master is a proud achievement, and certainly worthy of a more fitting appreciation than my humble pen can confer. On behalf of all staff and management our good wishes to both Mr. Plumtree and Mr. Aldin. Keep on batting!

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