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has been organized by a few enthusiasts who, believing that a right understanding and appreciation of good food and good wine is an essential part of personal contentment and health, desire to bring together and assist all those who share this view, in an attempt to raise the standard of eating and drinking throughout the country.

It is proposed to give effect to the objects of the Society (which are printed at the end of this leaflet) by arranging inexpensive practical demonstrations of the art of the table, at restaurants and elsewhere, in and out of London, under the guidance of M. André Simon, the President, one of the greatest living masters of the art of good living, and an advisory council of well-known experts.

The organizers desire to show that thought and care in matters of eating and drinking offer far greater rewards than mere satisfaction of appetite, and that good meals can be achieved without great expense. In this connection (of great importance

to those whose incomes are limited) members will be able to receive free and disinterested advice from the Society when they require it.

Although the study of good food in England will be the Society's chief concern, it will also organize gastronomic tours abroad, when not only the wines, but also the food and cooking of different countries will be sampled under favourable conditions.

It is also intended to issue a *Gastronomical Gazette* from which members will be able to benefit by the experience of each other in learning what hotels and restaurants to frequent (and avoid) in various parts of the country. The *Gazette* (which it is hoped to issue without charge to members) will also deal in general with the history, nature and enjoyment of food and wine.

The Society, as such, will have no propagandist intention nor ulterior motive beyond that of cultivating the art and enjoyment of good living; but it is hoped that it will act as an effective deterrent to legislative restrictions which tamper with

reasonable freedom in the time, place and choice of eating and drinking in England.

Membership is not restricted to men; indeed it is hoped that feminine members will add largely both to the Society's membership and to the spread and practice of its doctrines.

Immediate application for enrolment is invited from all who are in sympathy with the objects set out overleaf.

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OBJECTS AND RULES

1. The name of the Society shall be THE WINE AND FOOD SOCIETY.
2. The objects of the Society are:
 - (a) To promote a greater interest in, and knowledge of, food, wine, and the arts of the table.
 - (b) To organize, periodically, luncheons, tastings and dinners at which experimental and inexpensive dishes will be tried, accompanied by suitable wines.
 - (c) To supply advice and assistance to members in all matters relating to food and wine.
 - (d) To publish books and pamphlets relating to food and wine, and their history.
 - (e) To collect from members, and publish, information as to hotels and restaurants where good food and wine may be enjoyed.
 - (f) To oppose legislative restrictions prejudicial to the enjoyment of food and wine.

- (g) To maintain a library, which shall be accessible to members, relating to the art of good living.
 - (h) To organize tours by members of the Society to the vineyards in vintage time under favourable conditions.
3. All members shall pay an annual subscription of one guinea, which shall be payable on election to the Society, and thereafter on the 1st of January in each year.
 4. Members shall have no financial responsibility other than the payment of their subscriptions.
 5. The direction and government of the Society shall be in the hands of the President and Secretary, with the assistance of an Advisory Council.
 6. The Council shall have power to bestow Honorary Membership upon anyone who, by service to the Society, or for some other reason, seems to the Council to deserve such a privilege.

7. The Council shall be entitled at any time in their absolute discretion, and without assigning any reason therefore, to suspend any member from the privileges of membership, and in such case should the suspension not be rescinded within one month thereafter, such member shall, *ipso facto*, cease to be a member of the Society.
8. The Council shall be entitled to impose an entrance fee should it regard this step as desirable, but in that event no entrance fee shall be required retrospectively from members already admitted.

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Form of Application for Membership

TO THE SECRETARY,

I, the undersigned, desire to become a member of the Wine and Food Society, and agree to abide by the Rules in the event of my election.

NAME IN FULL

ADDRESS

OCCUPATION

BUSINESS ADDRESS

SIGNATURE

Annual Subscription to the Society is One Guinea.