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THOSE GOOD OLD DAYS

WHEN Hugh Barrymore is asked why he took up the stage as a profession he recalls the occasion in 1909 when, a boy with a good soprano voice, he was tutored by the organist of King's College, Cambridge, in a solo from one of the oratorios. "I was to sing it," he says, "at the opening of a new mission hall. On the day of the concert I did not feel at all sure of myself, so besides the oratorio music I put into my pocket the music of a sentimental song which had been popular during the South African War. On the platform I hesitated a moment and then put on the piano the music of the sentimental song.

"It was not quite what the audience expected, and I can't say it was an un-



HUGH BARRYMORE

qualified success; but the unexpected happened. A man with a Staffordshire accent said the song would go down well at smoking concerts and asked me if I would sing it the following week at a hotel smoker at which he was to give a turn."

The song went over much better at the smoke concert, and young Hugh Barrymore felt grateful to Ernie Garner, the Staffordshire comedian, for the introduction.

Hugh Barrymore, who now lives in Christchurch, is to be heard in Mainly for Women from 3YA at 2.0 p.m. on Tuesday, January 26, giving the first of a short series of theatrical reminiscences.
"In talking about the theatre and people whom I've met I want to limit myself very largely to the 'good old days'-the days of the portable theatre and the fitups," he says at the start. And in keeping with the spirit of his talks he has called them An Old Stager Remembers.

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