

St. Dunstan's Review

A MONTHLY RECORD OF WORK AND SPORT

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ST. DUNSTAN'S MOTTO:

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"What the eye doesn't see, the heart doesn't grieve about."

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Editorial Notes.

H OLIDAYS are close upon us, and in a few weeks the busy hive of St. Dunstan's will have ceased to send forth its hum, and we shall all be scattered for a season. This time we are to have a vacation of nearly four weeks, and I am sure that many of us will find it not a day too long. The best wish that I can give to you all is that you may find your holidays as enjoyable as you have found your sojourn among us. I make bold to say that none could give you a better wish.

There will be no August issue of the ST. DUNSTAN'S REVIEW. Following our custom of last year the next number will appear on September 1st. It will contain all the news up to the beginning of the holidays and the record of the re-assembly. I hope you will all return refreshed and re-invigorated, ready to resume the work and play with the zeal that has distinguished you all since our last break.

Only such a very few applications have been made for the title-page and contents of the first volume that it is scarcely worth while for me to take the matter in hand. Therefore, I advise those who want their copies bound just to strip off the covers and give them to a local bookbinder with careful instructions as to what they wish done.

All that I have to do now is to wish you a good time and a restful holiday. THE EDITOR.

Notes by the Chief

I N the last three issues of the REVIEW I have been privileged to print letters from the Secretary of State for War, the Commander-in-Chief, and the Chief of Staff. This month I am very glad to be able to place before you the following delightful and sympathetic letter from the First Lord of the Admiralty :--

ADMIRALTY.

DEAR SIR ARTHUR PEARSON, -1 know of no more noble work than that carried on at St. Dunstan's. The training and encouragement of our brave Soldiers and Sailors who have lost their sight in their country's service will enable many to forget their deprivations in their efforts once more to resume their place in civil life.

A grateful country can never forget the price they have paid in serving their country, and, in the years to come after the War, it must be our first care to see that all the brave fellows who have been blinded in the War are provided with a proper means of subsistence, and are encouraged in their brave and cheerful efforts.

The Sr. DUNSTAN'S REVIEW is a valuable link between the St. Dunstan's Home and those who have left its doors and will do much to promote a sense of comradeship between the men who have gone out to fend for themselves in different parts of the country.

l wish you every success in your noble undertaking. Yours sincerely,

EDWARD CARSON.

I was asked the other day whether anything is being done for Indian soldiers

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who have lost their sight in the war. I am glad to be able to answer "Yes." The Indian Government have arranged that Indian blinded soldiers should be educated at a school for the blind which is conducted by Miss Askwith at Palamcotta, which, so far as I know, is the best place of the kind in India. Most of you will, I expect, be amazed to learn that in our Indian Empire there are at least 600,000 blind people, almost all of whom are beggars. Blindness is, of course, much more general in the East than in Europe ; but 600,000 does seem a staggering number for even so vast a country as India. For some time past I have had a very interesting correspondence with an educated Indian who has lost his sight and is very anxious to learn things. He now reads Braille quite well, but finds it difficult to do anything else, as the quaint caste rules of India prohibit him from undertaking many things which he could otherwise acquire.

I hope that the number of cases of blinding at the Front may be steadily diminished by the use of the Cruise Visor. This is a little curtain of chain mail which is attached to the helmet. It can be hooked up or drawn to one side or the other. It scarcely dims the sight at all, and entirely prevents injury to the eye by the small flying fragments which have entailed the loss of sight of one or both eyes in so many cases. The Visor is the invention of Captain Cruise, the clever oculist who attends the 3rd London General Hospital, where a great many cases of eye injury not involving blindness are sent, and where some of you have been. There has been a considerable, and quite natural, disinclination on the part of the military authorities to adopt the Visor, for there are undoubtedly some objections to its use from the military point of view. But these, I trust, are in a fair way to be overcome. At the time I dictate these notes Captain Cruise is at the Front

going into these questions with the authorities there, and I trust that on his return the already considerable output of Visors will be speeded up, and that before long they will be adopted to an extent which will save many a man's sight.

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I was very glad to be afforded the opportunity of giving an extra large number of gold watch chains last month to fellows who had passed their Braille writing test. Braille has steadily gained in popularity since St. Dunstan's started. At first it was rather difficult to persuade fellows to tackle the seemingly impossible feat of learning to read with the finger tips, but disinclination to attempt this has steadily declined. I think most of you now realise as I do that in learning Braille you not only learn to read, and thus put yourself back into the normal swing of things in a very important respect, but you also quicken to a surprising extent those faculties upon which we have to learn to rely. Learning to read by a new method undoubtedly helps one to learn to do many other things in unaccustomed ways. I go so far as to say that it would be well worth while to learn Braille, and learn it as thoroughly as the passing of the writing test necessitates, even if one were never to read a line of a Braille book. The exercise and stimulus which Braille gives to the mental faculties is of very real and lasting importance and value.

Last month I said something about the way in which people who have lost their sight in adult life dream, and asked if any of you would give me your experiences. I have received quite a number of interesting communications on this subject, and all of them practically bear out my own experience. The following, sent me in excellently written Braille, is from Private George Jackson, who was for a long time at St. Mark's, and is now at the Cambridge Hospital, Aldershot,

where he is having severe injuries to his face treated, is a typical letter : " I find I dream exactly as you do, and often wish that I had not woke so soon when I was enjoying myself like old times and seeing the faces of my friends and the places I know. And I find the same as you say about the people and places we've known only since we became blind. When I dream of them I can tell where I am and whom I am with, but the faces nor the places never come into view, although I know that they are there." An old journalistic friend of mine, Mr. S. J. Prvor, who occupies an important position on the staff of the Times, read what I said last month on the subject. and wrote me as follows :-

I was very much interested in your remarks in the Sr. DUNSTAN'S REVIEW on "Dreams," Years ago, when in New York, I was writing a series of articles on the general topic of dreams, and the idea came to me that it would be interesting to know what "always blind " people dream about. I made many inquiries, and saw a great many blind people. The net result, which, doubtless, you already of blind people seldom dreams a tall. I have heard people say how interesting it would be to know what blind people see in their dreams. Of course, I quickly learned that they do not "see ' anything. One professor of mathematics told me that the nearest he came to understand what I meant by "seeing" was that a brass band was red in colour! Some of the people I saw confessed almost identical in each case : that of being pursued by a wolf or a bear (which they knew a tree. The net result of all my investigasions at the time was that no one ever dreams of anything they have not previously seen, or heard about, or experienced.

Captain Nobbs has sent me the following interesting personal experience of his sensations when blinded : " The very moment I received my wound which rendered me immediately blind I seemed instinctively to feel that I knew the exact

spot from which the shot had been fired. I have since studied the matter carefully, and taking the direction of the bullet and the position of my head, the shot must have been fired from a strong point which I can remember now was still in the hands of the enemy and at the exact position indicated by the passage of the bullet and the position of my head. This confirms the impression or sensation which came over me the moment I was shot as to the position of the firer." I wonder if any other readers of the RE-VIEW have received similar sensations at the time of their wound? If so, I shall be very glad to hear from them.

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Among distinguished military visitors to St. Dunstan's last month was General Sir William Birdwood, Commander-in-Chief of the Australian Expeditionary Force, who called here the day before his return to the front. General Birdwood and Lady Birdwood unfortunately arrived at St. Dunstan's just as work had ceased, but they looked over the whole place, and the General expressed his appreciation of all our arrangements. I wish that you had all had an opportunity of welcoming the distinguished Chief of the Australian Forces.

Major-General Sir Alfred Turner also paid us a visit last month. This distinguished soldier was some years ago on the staff of General Von Hindenburg, and has an intimate acquaintance with most of the German officers in high command. I hope that one evening after the holidays he will tell us something about them.

This note is particularly intended for the perusal of our many kindly helpers who take St. Dunstanners for walks. I notice that as a rule the sighted pedestrian holds the arm of the blind one, or the other way on. Now I am very clear as to the great advantages of walking

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without any contact at all between the walkers. It is surprisingly easy to do this as long as the sighted pedestrian remembers to give warning by word or touch of a curb or other obstacle. Walking without holding on provides good mental as well as physical exercise, and I do hope that it will become a quite ordinary thing to see all men of St. Dunstan's walking along beside their companions with the same ease and freedom as they would show if they could see.

Lieut. Ellis, who was totally deprived of sight in Mesopotamia, and very seriously wounded in other respects, has had to give up his studies at St. Dunstan's for a while and go in for a complete rest. He is staying in Norfolk, and I had a very interesting letter from him the other day, telling me that he had hired a threeton yacht and was cruising in the Norfolk Broads. He finds himself able to sail the vacht with practically no sighted assistance; in fact, he says that on a long reach he manages her perfectly well by himself. As a rule the only other person on board is a very old man who acts as skipper. I remember hearing some time ago of a blind man who sailed a boat regularly on the Solent, and whose proficiency caused great surprise to other yachtsmen there. Is is really surprising to find in how many directions loss of sight makes no difference. I dare say many of you will remember that Mr. Herreschof, who recently died in America, and who was the sole designer of the racing yachts which have held the America Cup for so long, was totally blind.

Among specially interesting contributions received last month was one amounting to no less a sum than £1,060 6s. 1d., which was brought me by Private William Peary, 10th Northumberland Fusiliers, who many of you know, for he was so badly injured that he has had to spend nine months at St. Mark's. The splendid sum mentioned was the result of an effort in Pearv's native town of Tynemouth, organised by his father, who was honorary treasurer to the fund, and who most generously paid all expenses in connection with the raising of it. In the course of a letter, describing the various ways in which the money had been raised, Mr. Peary senior said : "The children in the various schools excelled all their previous efforts for similar collections, many of them sacrificing themselves in various ways in their earnestness to help our blinded heroes. We know of little girls scrubbing floors for mothers for a few coppers; others having little bazaars and concerts on their own; boys walking to school and saving tram fares, etc. All this shows how the great sacrifice of our brave lads who have lost their precious sight has touched the hearts of the children and drawn the sympathy of all classes." Another interesting contribution received recently was one of £147 from Major Ashley, of Malta, being the result of the sales of toys made by convalescent soldiers in the various hospitals in Malta.

When this number of the REVIEW appears I shall be getting a little insight into the experiences which you fellows have passed through, for I have been so fortunate as to receive an invitation to visit the Front from the 29th June until the 3rd July. I hope to be able to give you a few impressions of my visit in the next number. A, P.

St. Dunstan's Gossip

W E have been very nearly in the wars ourselves at St. Dunstan's, what with day air raids, night alarms, and thunderstorms. We prefer the raids to the thunderstorms, because the former do us no harm, but we treat them all with good humour. All possible precautions have

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Sergeant Dennison's poem, "The Gunner," which appeared in the February

been taken by Captain Roberts against the raids, and everybody has his post and duty assigned; but we are all helpless against the deluges. Hill 60 was practically demolished by the storm on June 16th, and the floods in the cellars drove everybody upstairs. We got plenty of exercise running upstairs to escape the water and running downstairs to avoid the bombs.

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Among the casualties suffered by us was delay in delivering mat-frames, as the cart had its tail-board blown off, and damage to our guiding rails by a runaway horse, which took no notice at all of boards at the gate requesting vehicles to stop outside.

The hot weather tried some of us a good deal, but on the whole the summer so far has been generally enjoyed. After the severe winter we all felt that we fully deserved it, and the stimulus given to courting has been remarkable. We have not yet heard of anyone at St. Dunstan's who has managed altogether to escape this visitation.

Alphonse Van den Bosch, who was a soldier of the First Class in the Belgian Army, was a recent recipient of welldeserved honours. On June 13th he was summoned to the Belgian Military Office in Notting Hill, where he was presented by the General aide-de-camp of the King of the Belgians with the Order of Leopold II. and with the Croix de Guerre, two very picturesque and attractive medals and ribbons. The awards were for his gallantry in helping to save "the flower of the regiment" at the Battle of Louvain in 1914. Alphonse Van den Bosch was invalided out of the army on October 23rd, 1914, so that he has had to wait some time for his reward. St. Dunstan's is very proud of him.

It is a pleasure to announce that

ner," which appeared in the February number of the ST. DUNSTAN'S REVIEW, has been purchased by the Editor of *Pearson's Magazine*, and will be published in its pages. We always knew that Dennison's ability would receive due recognition.

Sergeant Taylor, who paid us a visit in June, says that he is going to start in the grocery trade at Macclesfield. He also proposes to add mats to his business, and has every expectation of doing well. The Sergeant is a cheery soul, and we wish him the best of luck.

A word of thanks is due to the police at Clarence Gate. They are always on the look-out for our men and hasten to help them across the road. If the truth could be told, there are many eager guides at other fixed points, and not the least among them are the various crossing-sweepers.

Sir Arthur's suggestion that a walking competition between the men should be arranged was carried out at the beginning of the month. A whistle was blown, and the competitors started to walk to the spot. Several heats were necessary; but in the end the first prize was awarded to George Price, the second to Marsh, and the third to Singleton. Each of these three walked practically straight to the whistle, but the exact order of merit is indicated by the prizes.

Captain II. D. W. Wilson, of the Royal Flying Corps, who lived at 20, Portland Place with the other officers for five months, was married to Miss Thorowgood on Tuesday, June 5th. After the wedding ceremony there was a largely attended reception at the De Vere Hotel, Knightsbridge. Amid the good wishes of those present, in which we are

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sure that all St. Dunstanners past and present join, Captain and Mrs. Wilson left for a honeymoon in Scotland.

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An interesting deputation called recently. It was composed of the headmaster of a school in one of the poorest parts of the City of London and about ten boys of varying ages, each of whom had been selected by his classmates as their representative. The headmaster explained the object of their visit. All the boys in the school wished in some manner to celebrate Empire Day, and it was decided that they should drop their coppers into a cap and send the total sum to St. Dunstan's by means of one boy from each class, who, after his visit, would be expected to describe to the others of his class what he had seen in our workshops and schoolrooms. One of the boys stepped forward and handed over a brown paper parcel, which on being opened was found to contain the sum of £1 5s. 8d. in coppers. The boys enjoyed their look around, and on enquiry it was discovered that they all had a father or brother serving with the Colours in France. Mr. Kessell congratulated the boys on the splendid spirit which prompted them to celebrate Empire Day in so practical a manner, and shook hands with each of them.

Mr. Walter Collett is to leave us to take up more important duties in the Works Department to be attached to the new Brighton Annexe. St. Dunstan's owes a great deal to Collett, and his loss will be felt in many directions. His help in the boating was invaluable; he was up at 5.30 every morning to prepare tea and biscuits for the early rowers; he was a good coach, not only for beginners, but for the pairs and fours, and became an excellent oarsman himself; he was at the lake in the afternoons as well, and it is scarcely an exaggeration to say that he never missed putting in an appearance.

He was a great help at the early morning physical drills, and he was on hand at the domino tournaments and the Friday night dances. Last, but not least, he made tea-the excellence of which has passed into a proverb-every afternoon for the weary staff in the Workshop. Walter Collett was always busy and always a willing helper, and his loss to Mr. C. E. Rose, who learned to regard him as his right-hand man, will be almost irreparable. We have no doubt that he will prove as capable a lieutenant at Brighton.

Piper G. G. Madieson, late of the 1/4th Seaforths, was married on the 14th of the month to Miss Daisy Goodman at the Presbyterian Church in Queen's Road, Brighton. Madieson intends to settle at High Barns, Godalming, as a poultry farmer. He is a capital fellow, and if he proves as good a husband as he has been a companion in St. Dunstan's, the young Mrs. Madieson is to be congratulated.

Sergeant J. W. Clare's marriage on the 26th of May was not recorded last month, as owing to the necessities of going to press we cannot insert news of events that happen later than the 24th of the month. The bride was Miss Ethel Joyce, of Leicester, and the wedding took place at the Wesleyan Chapel in King Richard's Road in that town. It is with great regret that we hear that Clare must no longer race at our boating meetings, owing to the state of his health, for in Mr. Calcutt's opinion he was one of our most promising oarsmen and a capital stroke.

Miss Cunyngham, whose name we recently mis-spelled in these columnsby the way, she has two stripes on her arm, so that she is really a corporalis known as the "milkman." This is because she brings glasses of milk

round to the men who need it during working hours. Miss Cunyngham is not a powerfully built lady, and how she manages to bear her heavy load of cans, trays, and glasses around the big domain of St. Dunstan's is a mystery. But nobody ever yet heard her grumble, while the clink of her cans has a cheering effect on those to whom she ministers.

Yet another boating romance ! Robert B. Boyter, who has just left us, is engaged to be married to Miss Vincent, the lady who has regularly steered his boat on the lake for a long time past. The date of the wedding is not vet fixed, but everyone who knows them is sure that they are bound to be happy. Boyter was a stylish little sculler, and he tried hard to win a heat at the races on several occasions. The rowing men would all have rejoiced if he had succeeded, but his very light weight was against him.

Mrs. Holland, the lady who is taking the place of Mrs. Craven, now that the latter has assumed her duties in the New Annexe, quickly earned the good opinion of those over whom she has to rule. Mrs. Holland has a pleasant, quiet manner, which must enable her to get on excellently with everybody at St. Dunstan's.

Miss Margaret Renwick, one of our old sisters, and a popular one, was married on June 20th to Lieutenant-Colonel Raymond E. Negus, D.S.O., at the Temple Church. It was a great pity that the V.A.D. boat races had been fixed for that afternoon, as it prevented some of us from being present at the wedding who would much have liked to be there.

Danny McCarthy became the father of a little girl on the 1st of June, and we can only hope that she will grow up as

pretty as her mother. Danny and his brother-in-law were left to look after the business while Mrs. McCarthy was staying with her mother. What a prolific grandfather St. Dunstan's is becoming ! Mrs. McCarthy has promsed to bring the baby to see us as soon as it shows any inclination to make our acquaintance. If the little girl combines the good temper of her father with the good looks of the mother she will be a lucky child.

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Captain Reginald Waud, of the South Staffordshires, will take up the duties in the New Annexe instead of Lieutenant McMahon, about whom we gave some particulars last month. Captain Waud was wounded in Gallipoli, and in happier times he was an artist by profession. He is an exhibitor in the Royal Academy.

Miss Colver, one of our V.A.D. sisters. was married on June 16th to Lieutenant Leslie Lloyd, R.F.A., at St. Mary's Church, Bryanston Square. Several of our sisters attended the ceremony and the subsequent reception at the Hyde Park Hotel, and we are told that they, one and all, lost their hearts to the bridegroom. Mrs. Lloyd sent a wedding cake to her "table " for afternoon tea, and the men ate heartily to her health and happiness.

Mrs. Edgar (now generally known as "Sister Tommy") returned to us on June 7th, quite impenitent at having recently committed matrimony.

What a lot of marriage events we have to chronicle ! Miss Mabel Russell, after her wedding, sent a huge quantity of flowers to St. Dunstan's, sufficient to supply each of the boys with a buttonhole. It was very kindly done.

We are sorry to hear that Dixon, who so recently left us, is in hospital. We



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hope that by the time this appears in print he will have practically recovered. Dixon is much missed by our boating men.

Our Matron completed her first year's service with us on June 15th. She received quantities of flowers and other little gifts from the staff. To celebrate the event Matron doffed her semimilitary uniform and appeared in a very pretty new blue frock.

Miss Lily Montague has undertaken to form a mandoline band in the autumn. She would have started it sooner, but the men have too many summer engagements to take anything fresh just now. The band ought to be a great attraction.

It is good news to hear that Mrs. Bell, better known to us as Miss Hardcastle, is coming back to help Miss Pain in the Braille Room.

Our old Assistant Matron, Miss Wood, is returning to help at the New Annexe during the holidays, devoting a portion of her own well-carned vacation to this purpose. We shall all give Miss Wood a hearty welcome.

Miss Frances Hill, one of our V.A.D.'s, who has been greatly missed, will, we understand, rejoin us after the holidays. She has followed the growing bad habit of St. Dunstan's in getting engaged, and we are all very angry with the lucky man.

Miss Power, the College Matron, tells us that the whole of her staff worked like Trojans to cope with the floods on the afternoon of June 16th. Four tons of material had to be moved, and the orderlies were up to their knees in water and up to their eves in work.

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Now that the dancing season is drawing to a temporary close, a word should be said for the devoted care and attention with which Miss Prescott teaches beginners and improves the more or less proficient. Ever since dancing began with us in September, 1915, Miss Prescott has scarcely ever missed the Tuesday and Friday evenings, and what she has done for the boys could not be over-praised. Miss Prescott is a very busy lady, and the attention she gives us has often to be done at the sacrifice of other engagements.

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Jock Waddell had an exciting experience in the early morning of June 1st. He had finished his rowing, and was doing walking exercise to improve his fitness when he heard cries for help from the lake. A couple of Boy Scouts out in cances had upset and were out of their depth. Of course, Jock plunged into the water with all his clothes on and pulled the little fellows out. He thought nothing of the matter himself, but it cannot be denied that the boys were in serious danger. It was a plucky thing to do.

A flute was presented to us by Captain Wilkie to be given to anyone that would like it. So many of the boys liked it that we arranged a raffle. The tickets were 3d. each, and after the draw the money, which amounted to 28s., was spent in cigarettes that were divided equally among the subscribers. The winner of the flute was O'Keefe, from the Emerald Isle.

Corporal Frederick Quinlan, of the London Regiment, received the Military Medal from the hands of King George at the open Investiture in Hyde Park. He was the only sightless hero decorated; and St. Dunstan's was full of pride at the event. Our old friend Alfred Back, affectionately known as "Jacky," spent a weekend with us and was warmly welcomed by St. Dunstan's. He occupied his old bed in Townshend House, where he was always a favourite. Married life has evidently agreed well with "Jacky," who looked the picture of health.

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St. Dunstan's had a stall at the Exhibition of Work Done by Wounded and Discharged Soldiers and Sailors, in the capacious premises of Messrs, Sotheby & Co. at 35, New Bond Street. The show was going from June 20th to the 27th, and the opening ceremony was performed by the Duke of Connaught, who was accompanied by Princess Patricia. The Queen paid a visit on Tuesday, and other eminent people have been taking an interest in what is a remarkably absorbing exhibition. Mrs. C. E. Rose, assisted by a number of ladies, was in charge of our stall, and a large number of orders have been taken.

Captain Walker has left us, and the joincry shop misses him. He was a steady, cheery worker, and took the greatest interest in his occupation. As a hobby he should find the joincry a great amusement in his spare time. Of course, his chief reliance will be on his poultry, at which he proved himself an adept.

The sudden departure of Pereival A. Baker, the Australian, on June 22nd was due to a surprise order from Headquarters. He had not expected to go until the first week in July, but ships make startling movements nowadays. We were all sorry to lose Baker, who was a good sportsman and a good worker.

It is hoped to have a farewell concert on Monday, July 23rd, at 8.30 p.m., to celebrate the end of the term and the coming holidays. The performers will consist solely of the boys themselves, helped by some of the V.A.D. ladies, and as usual on these occasions there will be no encores.

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Much interest has been taken in the Great Drawing of pictures, sculptures, and prints in aid of St. Dunstan's. This is under the management of the Chelsea Art Union, and 500 of them by the fore-most artists of the day are included. Tickets are 5s. each, the works are on exhibition at Selfridge's, and the drawing will take place at St. Dunstan's at four o'clock on July 10th. As some of these pictures are worth £200, it is obvious that the prizewinners will be lucky people.

" Mere words cannot show my respect for you, and therefore I have come to St. Dunstan's to see you first before I go to speak to anyone else." These are the words which Sir Ernest Shackleton used when he came to St. Dunstan's quite shortly after reaching London from his thrilling expedition to the South Pole regions, where, as everybody knows, his good ship was smashed by the ice and his crew left marooned for months, whilst he went away north in an open boat to get assistance for their rescue. Six days and nights Sir Ernest spent in that open boat. He recounted some of the thrilling incidents encountered on that perilous voyage, and described the experiences of himself and crew previous to the disaster which necessitated it. Many interesting narratives of one kind and another have previously been given at St. Dunstan's, but never one which was listened to with greater interest and appreciation. Of the forty men who went on the expedition with Sir Ernest, thirty-six, he stated, are now serving at the Front. Just the sort of thing one would expect such fine fellows to do.

Many of our men thoroughly enjoy having good stories read to them. Some

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of our readers probably buy novels in the cheap editions, from 7d. to 1s., which they do not want to keep after they have perused them. We should be very glad if they would send us any that they can spare. If they are addressed to the Éditor, ST. DUNSTAN'S REVIEW, St. Dunstan's, Regent's Park, N.W., they will be gratefully acknowledged.

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Claude Grattidge (late 7th K.R.R.) has started as a newsagent, stationer, and tobacconist in Birmingham. He has also got married; but this is a matter which he desires to keep secret. We do not, therefore, know the lady's name, but we congratulate her and the bridegroom just the same.

Mr. Otto Kahn, to whose generosity we owe the use of St. Dunstan's, has been addressing a meeting of the Merchants' Association of New York. Mr. Otto Kahn, while admitting that his parents were both German, delivered a powerful denunciation of the spirit of Prussianism, which he characterised as " the accursed thing from which Germany, no less than the rest of the world, must be rescued." It is worthy of note that so enlightened a German as Mr. Otto Kahn should express himself so freely, and we are glad to think that we owe a debt of gratitude to him.

Captain Besley, who has been giving very interesting lectures on his journey across South America, went to the College and gave a lecture to the boys, which was much appreciated. Afterwards Captain Besley presented his listeners with cigarettes and promised to pay a return visit so soon as he returned to London. The following Wednesday Mr. Rothay Reynolds, the well-known authority on Russia, gave a most interesting description of Russian life and habits, which was keenly appreciated among the boys and sisters. On Wednesday, June 13th, Mrs. Mary Gaunt, the famous traveller, lectured at the College on her experiences in China just before the war.

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On Friday, June 8th, Miss Rose Buck, the well-known dancing mistress of Sloane Street, who has been giving lessons to the boys at the College for the last two months, gave a dancing competition at her studio in which she distributed £20 worth of prizes. As each competitor gained a prize it is somewhat unnecessary to say which boy won, but the first prize for waltzing went to Private Boyter, of the Seaforths.

Mr. Murray Atkins reports that swimming has been thoroughly enjoyed during the recent spell of very hot weather, many of the boys being excellent swimmers. Special mention must be made of Alexander, who has a strong easy side stroke. The learners are making good progress and are particularly good at diving. Greaves especially enjoys the highest diving board.

Mr. Atkins tells us that he is glad he gave amusement with his unexpected "full dress dip," reported last month. but that he shall try to avoid saving life in future as it makes him so wet.

The "wonderful cake" about which we wrote in the May issue has proved a success. The recipes are sold at 1d. each, and Mrs. Rowley brought us £10 5s. as the result of a month's work. After the paragraph appeared in the St. DUNSTAN'S REVIEW Mrs. Rowley received 400 letters from all parts of the country asking for the recipe; these produced repeat orders to post to friends, and so the snowball grew. With previous sums sent to us, the "wonderful cake " recipes have now produced £20, which is a very useful sum. We are greatly indebted to this lady for her enterprise.

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T was omitted from last month's magazine that Harry Green has taken up a position as pupil teacher in the Basket Shop. He is doing excellent work and has proved a good selection. Green, who, although a Londoner, served with the A.I.F., is one of our keenest oarsmen and physical drillers, is one of the backbones of our Debating Club, and an excellent dancer. Another instance of a good all-round sportsman being among the best workers.

Tom Boteler has fully earned his reward in being appointed pupil teacher in the Mat Department. Tom is also a rower when the weather is cool enough, and one of the most popular of speakers at the debates. He always tells us that the A.S.C. will " come out top," and he is a good proof of his own prophecy.

Charlie Connell has had to leave us to go into hospital. He was remarkably useful as a junior clerk, and it was the despair of Miss Ash to find him enough to do. He was so quick at work that he had finished a job almost as soon as he was put on to it, and his cheerfulness and happy disposition helped us all along. He is greatly missed.

The first officer to take up boot repairing is Mr. Rex Moore, lieutenant in the 15th Battalion, A.I.F. Mr. Moore says that he is not going into this as a hobby, but with an eye to real business. Bravo !

William Chambers will take up Walter Collett's place as chief instructor in the elementary joinery. He is a reliable worker and a good carpenter. We shall all miss Collett, but it is satisfactory to find that we can replace him from among ourselves without having to go outside for help.

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As there seems to be a little misunderstanding among some of the mat-makers, please let it be understood that all mats must be sent to Mr. Rose at the Works Department, St. Dunstan's, unsheared, and that we will get them sheared here. Mats for sale should all be sent to the Workshop, and not to Mr. Hale at Great Portland Street.

Two new assistant teachers have been added to the basket section. They are Mr. W. G. Burman and Mr. T. S. Wilkins. They are both non-sighted, and have proved excellent additions to the staff, taking a great interest in the work and earning good opinions from the learners.

Mr. William Osborne, who is doing so well in the Mat Section, and has proved of great help to Mr. Westward, has rereceived his certificate from the Sudbury branch of the St. John Ambulance Association as being qualified to render "First Aid to the Injured." We congratulate him.

The New Workshop

T 7 E moved into the New Workshop according to schedule, and a capital job it was. As we stated last month would be the case, work ceased in the old shop at the usual hour on the afternoon of Friday, June 1st, and on the morning of Monday, June 4th, every man's place was ready for him in the new building.

As soon as the whistle gave the signal to "down tools" on the Friday, Mr. Cunningham and his merry men swooped into the various sections, dismantling and removing with lightning speed. All the instructors and several of the pupils lent willing aid throughout Saturday morning and afternoon, everybody working hard until late in the evening, when the last stick was put in its place. It

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was really a wonderful performance, and it could not have been accomplished if all had not hustled with the will that meant to have it done.

Sir Arthur came down on Monday to congratulate us, and a little mild housewarming was indulged in after work had ceased.

It is a fine workshop, covering an area of about 10,000 square feet, just twice the size of the old one; but so well laid out, so well lighted, ventilated, warmed and arranged that both workers and teachers have a feeling of new energy instilled.

There is plenty of floor space for each section, which is completely shut off from the others, so that there is no overlapping. Also there are separate entrances to each department, so that everybody can find his own bench, or frame, or chair with a minimum of trouble.

We are all in love with the New Workshop, although we do not forget the many happy hours that we passed in the old one. This, by the way, is now to be used as a storeroom, both by the Settlement Department and by the instructors. It will have a separate entrance into the Outer Circle and should prove of great use. An adequate store has long been needed.

Poultry Notes

MIOUGH the last poultry examinations held by Mr. Clem Watson took place in May, we did not receive the results in time to include them in last month's Poultry Notes. The maximum marks for the Second (or Final) Course were 100. Hopper passed first with 92, Eden and A. Smith were bracketed second with 86, Jennings and Hudman took third place with 85, and were followed by Megson, Sergeant Price, Colling, and Stokes with 83, Cocker 82, Captain Appleby 80, W. H. Smith and Morton 79, Wilding 69, and Palmer i. 66. Best congratulations to the men upon the way in which they have distinguished themselves.

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In the First Course Examination Burgin created a record by securing the maximum number of marks, viz., 50 out of 50. Wright and Barnett took second place with 46, Nelson and Heatherington came third with 45, and were followed by Webb, Coulson, and Sergeant-Major Adams with 44, Green, Vigar, and Blaney 43, and Palmer ii. 42. The latter was unfortunately called away, owing to his wife's illness, and was obliged to take the examination somewhat hurriedly. There is again much cause for congratulation, both to students and instructors, on the above results, and the latter are very proud of Burgin's achievement.

The Poultry Joinery Section has lately received an encouraging number of orders. Cocker and Morton have constructed rabbit hutches, while Slattery and Hudman have suppled a special type of chicken run. Sergeant Price, Captain Appleby, Stokes, W. H. Smith, A. Smith, and Palmer i. are responsible for crops, troughs, grit-hoppers, etc., though the above list by no means covers all the work of the poultry appliance makers during June. Mr. Wooding, who is in charge, teaches economy as well as joinery, for nearly all the cups and poultry house fittings are made from odds and ends of timber, thus considerably reducing the cost of production.

Mr. Capper has undertaken a certain amount of the routine work of the Farm, and most successfully carries out the different tasks allotted to him, such as maintaining the birds with a constant supply of fresh green food, feeding, egg collecting, and so forth.

Mrs. Bourne, of Garston Manor, Watford, has kindly presented the Farm with

a couple of Old English Game hens. We have also received the gift of a White Leghorn cockerel from Mrs. Browett, of Ryton-on-Dunsmure, Coventry, and that of an incubator from Mrs. Wayman, all of which are most welcome additions to our stock and plant.

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By Sir Arthur's arrangement, and through the kind permission of Dr. Chalmers Mitchell and Mr. Seth Smith, the poultry farmers made several visits to the Intensive Poultry Culture Exhibition in the Zoological Gardens. The Exhibition is in the charge of Miss Saunders, who was more than kind in personally conducting us round the various types of houses and explaining the special features of each.

The St. Dunstan's poultry farmer has his own idea of what constitutes a good poultry house, and was therefore much interested in going over those in the Zoo Exhibition and taking note of various new features and improvements. It is really important that a poultry farmer should develop a strong critical faculty in a world in which there are poultry dealers and appliance makers who would have us believe that all their geese are swans. Miss Saunders also most kindly permitted us to handle specimens of such breeds as Sicilian Buttercups, Old English Pheasant fowls, and a few of the more unusual birds which we do not possess at St. Dunstan's.

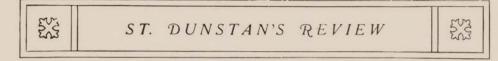
On Tuesday, June 5th, Mr. George A. Palmer, the well-known poultry expert, gave a lecture in the Outer Lounge to an audience of nearly fifty poultry farmers. Mr. Palmer is a poultry specialist and breeder and owns a farm at Wykin, Hinckley. He possesses a wide experience of general farming, and therefore of all kinds of stock ; but he has specialised in poultry. We felt that we were fortunate in hearing his opinions and conclusions, derived from a lifelong study of farming problems. We much hope that Mr. Palmer will find time to visit us again at a later date, as we feel sure that he has plenty to add to that which he told us a few weeks ago.

The Poultry Farm is now the headquarters of the Poultry Aftercare, which has been handed over to Mr. Neville Bushell, who is already known to most of the poultry farmers who have left St. Dunstan's.

Mr. and Mrs. Neville have been installed at the St. Dunstan's Poultry Farm, King's Langley, Herts, since the beginning of June. Mr. Neville has already done much without, and Mrs. Neville within, to get the place into order. The chickens are thriving, but the pens for the adult stock cannot be laid out until some ten acres of hay have been cleared. We have transferred a pen of Light Sussex, also about 200 of this season's chickens, from the St. Dunstan's Home Farm to the St. Dunstan's Stock Farm. Mr. Neville has re-adapted an old brooder house, which is proving verv useful.

Sir Arthur suggested opening a rabbit section, and so far this consists of seven young Flemish Giants, which share the tennis court with the chickens. There is plenty of green stuff to be had for the asking, so their life is one long meal.

Some interesting suggestions with regard to King's Langley have been sent to us by Sergt. Curtis-Willson. We shall hope to make fuller use of them when the farm is properly established. There is already a carpenter's shop on the Stock Farm, and the carpenter in charge has a very large programme ahead of him. He is somewhat hampered in its execution by the troublesome delays in obtaining timber. The question of buying food in bulk, and of its re-distribution to St. Dunstan's poultry farmers, is certainly one of our most important aims.



That the new farm shall be as permanently and practically useful as is possible to the St. Dunstan's poultry farmers is. of course, our one object, and any suggestions to that end are warmly welcomed. D. L.

Entertainment Notes

TTE have more than once had parties of entertainers composed entirely of ladies, and they have demonstrated that the fair sex has capabilities equal to men in matters musical as well as in other professions and industries. The Ladies' Orchestra was a further confirmation of this. It was composed of ladies engaged daily in munition work, and Mrs. Douglas Hoare, who conducted, did so with great vigour. The singing of Miss Dorothy Grey and Miss Milner added piquancy to the entertainment.

" I don't mind that a little bit so long as I can sing and give pleasure," said Miss Marie Lohr when I apologised for the poor quality of the piano. I found her one day in the Inner Lounge, and she treated those present to song after song, from twelve o'clock until the dinner bell was rung. Her kindness was much appreciated, and she was rewarded with three cheers.

The dancing on the lawn on the 7th of June was a great scene, but what a hot day it was ! Still, everybody seemed to enjoy the novelty, even the cinematograph operator. The Horse Guards Band, under the direction of Mr. Bilton, turned out in full force and did justice to the occasion. A lady happened to call at the height of the fun, and was so enamoured with what she saw that she immediately wanted to arrange for a similar thing on a much bigger scale,

fuller reference to which is made in another note.

The visit of Mr. Philip Pilcer with his Ragtime Sexette Band was a great success. The pieces played lent themselves to dancing, and naturally those who felt like it did so to their hearts content. It is evidently becoming the desire to dance at every opportunity, even though the sun is grilling everything, as it was on this occasion.

Whenever Lady Newnes comes to St. Dunstan's she can be sure of an appreciative audience, for she can whistle as can few other ladies. She came with the party organised by Mr. Granville Rubeck, who accompanied throughout the entertainment. The programme was so crowded with fine things that it was not possible for her to give an encore, though it was greatly desired. Mr. Johnson sang "Shipmates o' Mine " so splendidly that he also had to refuse an encore. Miss Kathleen Chadwick's singing was greatly admired.

Sunday evening concerts were popular during the month, no fewer than three having taken place. The first was given by Dr. Walford Davies's Male Voice Choir, under the conductorship of Mr. Harry B. Denham. Part songs and pieces suitable for the occasion were beautifully rendered by this famous choir. Dr. Davies was present. The second concert of this nature was provided, on the 17th, by the Central London Choral and Orchestral Society. The programme was divided into two parts, the first consisting of orchestral selections and the second of miscellaneous items. Miss L. Ashford was the organiser and Mr. David J. Thomas conducted. It was a wonderful evening of music, and it will require a very strong party to beat it. The third took place on the 24th, and our thanks for it are due to the kindness of Miss K. S. Richardson.

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The A.I.F. Depôt Band from Hurdcott Camp came in full force on the 18th and played from noon until 2.30. Programme music as well as light pieces were rendered. It was kind of Major St. John Clarke to arrange for his wonderful band to visit St. Dunstan's, and hearty thanks were accorded him and the bandsmen for the pleasant time which they had given. One of the bandsmen remarked to me at the end of the performance that he had played hundreds of times previously, but he had never before felt so much pleasure in playing as he had that day.

Mr. Maxwell one evening demonstrated the methods of the Pelman Institute. Although of an educational nature it was quite an entertainment for everybody who heard him, and some were so interested that they are most anxious to undergo a special course of the wonderful Pelman System. If arangements can be made more will be said about the matter.

Mrs. Swinden deserved three cheers, and she got them. On Thursday, the 21st, a splendid treat was given by her. Not content with providing the band of the 1st Life Guards, she also defraved the cost of a constant supply of ices, gingerbeer, and cakes for everybody, staff and visitors included. A further treat was the fine singing of Mrs. Edgar Mayer and Mr. Thorpe Bates, each of whom sung several songs. The entertainment lasted from 4.30 to 6.30, two jolly hours of happiness.

Mr. A. L. Birt gave us a nice little surprise after lunch on the 20th. He brought the Orchestra from the Metropolitan Music Hall, and the popular " hop " was enjoyed for an hour.

A monster entertainment is being arranged for Wednesday evening, July 4th, at 8.15. It will be equal to a show at a first-class variety house, for most of the performers will come direct from the houses at which they are appearing. I hope on that occasion the Outer Lounge will be full.

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"Should Blind Men Marry?"

THIS was the subject for the Chief's debate on June 21st; but when Sir Arthur opened the discussion he amended the resolution to : "Should Blind Men be Married?" He was very brief in his remarks, contenting himself with putting the case in a nutshell from both points of view. Mr. Chisholm followed with a thoughtful little speech, and Mr. H. Green was, as usual, well on the spot. Captain Appleby was very humorous, and expressed himself in favour of polygamy for blind men only, so far as it could be made to harmonise with the pension. Mr. Hopper followed with some good criticism, and Lieutenant Fraser drew the distinction between the civilian with no pension and the soldier.

Mr. Blundell created much amusement by asserting that the resolution amounted to counsel that a man already in trouble should be saddled with further penalties: while Sergeant-Major Middlemiss, making his first appearance at the Debates since his return from America, pointed out the disadvantage of lodgings compared with home, and advised the plunge being taken at once. Corporal McIntosh made some lucid remarks, and Lieutenant Langton was of the opinion that out of one hundred girls that he knew he could not find more than two that he would care to marry.

Mr. Raylor thought that one should remain a bachelor unless one could support a wife in the luxuries she had been used to; and Sergeant Nicholls, in an excellent maiden speech, was all in favour of not marrying in haste. Mr. Collins seemed to think that it was

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necessary for a blinded man to look after him, and that a wife was the best help. Captain Nobbs thought that blindness should not be made an excuse for marriage, and that the wedded state should be looked at on its own merits alone. Mr. Boteler was of the opinion that if the lady was a lady she would have plenty of money to keep her husband; and Mr. Cross considered that if you had a pound in your hand you could get married and chance it. Mr. Clarke decided that a blind man had a poor chance of escape, as a women could catch you when you could see, and Mr. Burgin took the view that a blinded man should choose as a wife a woman that he had known when he could see.

Sir Arthur wound up with an excellent speech, in which he combated the point that a blinded soldier should rely upon being a war curiosity, as he could make himself a good living, and that he could regard with equanimity the cost of keeping a wife. He deemed it true that a blinded man became an abler citizen; and after complimenting the debaters on the steady improvement in their speaking, he concluded with a moving little peroration, in which he argued that as every woman was a mother at heart, the wife of a blinded man, if she loved him truly, loved him both as a mother and a wife.

On a show of hands the Chairman announced that the meeting was unanimously in favour of an affirmative answer to the resolution.

June Debates

THE subject for the meeting on the 7th of June was "Should discharged soldiers have to pay the increased railway fares?" This was opened by Mr. Green in one of his clear and well-reasoned speeches, and led to a very lively debate, in which we had the support of one or two promising new speakers and a few old members. be made of Mr. Blundell and Mr. Sheehy, who both spoke well and to the point; while of the latter, a cordial welcome was given to Mr. Holmes and to Mr. Edward Bates, who both paid us an unexpected visit. It was a pleasure to hear again the quiet humour of the latter and the vigorous opinions of the former. Excellent contributions to the discus-

Of the former, special mention must

sion were furnished by Messrs. Trendall, Hopper, Vigar, Chisholm, and Boteler the latter has a happy knack of touching the spot and conveying the popular opinion in a rollicking way; while Sergeant-Major Cope made some helpful remarks, and other speakers included Mr. Heeley, who always makes a good point on the rare occasions when he favours us. The voting was somewhat divided, but the majority was in favour of the increased fares not being enforced.

It was Mr. Hopper who suggested the resolution for June 14th. This was : " Does drink lead to poverty to a greater extent than poverty leads to drink?" Unfortunately, Mr. Hopper's throat was affected, so that he did not feel equal to opening the debate, although he attended and spoke. Mr. Blundell stepped into the breach and dealt with the subject in a masterly way. He has a quiet, reasoning way of speaking which is very effective, and he has the knack of interesting his listeners and carrying them with him. Mr. Blundell is a great acquisition to the Club. He spoke chiefly in favour of the first part of the resolution, and was followed by Mr. Hopper, who thanked him for fathering his idea in so excellent a way.

We were lucky in having Mr. Raylor present, who delivered some logical and convincing arguments from both points of view. It is always an intellectual pleasure to listen to Mr. Raylor, and it is with much regret that we know we must soon be debarred from his assistance, as his massage duties will take him 523

elsewhere. Mr. Wilson, happily restored to health, made a useful contribution, and both Mr. H. Green and Mr. Boteler spoke well, as they always do. Mr. Jobe put in a welcome reappearance and gave us a few remarks; while Mr. Rowley, from the College-we are always glad when the College men can find time to come to our debates-made a useful little speech. Mr. Blundell wound up the debate clearly and well and received much applause. There were over forty members present, but only two supported the view contained in the second part of the resolution, the remainder voting for the first part.

It is gratifying to find that, in spite of summer attractions, so many of the boys turn up at these debates, evidently realising the probable future use of them; while several V.A.D. ladies, as well as Mrs. Craven, are regular listeners. The meeting held on June 28th was too late in the month for us to be able to record it in this issue.

Boating Gossip

T T has been a busy month with the boating men, for not only was there the June race meeting to prepare for, but the July regatta's approach stimulated everyone to bestir himself in the hope of being selected for the great events of our boating year. The Four has been now definitely selected, and Stokes, Waddell, Matheson and Shields have received their colours, which take the form of a cap and blazer. The double scullers, pair oars, and singles have not vet been finally decided upon; but it is probable that Parker and Christian will be chosen for the pairs, and either Fleming or Mr. Fraser for the singles. For the double scullers, among the likely competitors are Rowley, Jennings, Smith iv., Green, Welland, Chambers, McNab, and Milner. Of course, no men will be selected for more than one class of rowing.

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We are delighted to know that St. Dunstan's "Past" will consist of the original Four, who may well be described as the pioneers of our rowing. They are Jock Steel (stroke), Tom Milligan (No. 3), Edward Bates (No. 2), and William Pettit (bow). It is very sporting of these four Old Boys to give up their time-their holiday time-to this purpose. They will come to town on July 1sth; they will be provided with lodging at Putney, and "Bossie" Phelps has generously consented to take them in hand and put them through it. They will row against St. Dunstan's Present Four and the Worcester Old Boys.

We cannot vet give the programme of the Regatta on July 25th, but it will include, in addition, races between St. Dunstan's and Worcester Old Boys in fours, pairs, double sculls and single sculls, and there will be a contest with Emanuel School. Happily, there is every hope that Sir Arthur himself will be present this time. It will be remembered that last year illness kept him away, and his absence was keenly regretted by us all. There will be the usual dinner in the evening, at which the Worcester and St. Dunstan's Old Boys will sit down with their St. Dunstan's rivals and toast each others successes. Sir Arthur will, of course, be in the chair.

Mr. James Boyton, M.P., has made us a generous offer. He is giving the winners of our races presentation oars and sculls, decorated with the record of each race after the accepted manner of the universities and leading rowing clubs. He is doing this in memory of his son, Lieutenant H. J. Boyton, of the Grenadier Guards, recently killed in action, who was himself a keen oarsman.

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His offer has been gratefully accepted, and the rowing men accord him their deep sympathy in his loss.

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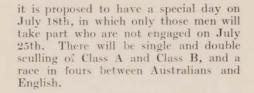
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It is with much gratitude that we record the invaluable daily help given us by the coxons, both men and ladies. The Rev. L. G. Tucker comes down night and morning; Mr. Calcutt has been giving us three evenings a week instead of two; Mr. Vian, an old rowing man, has attended regularly; Mrs. Wrinch-Johnson is on the landing-stage morning and evening; Mrs. Damer Wynyard, Miss White, Miss Nowakowski, Miss Hutton, Miss Hazle, Miss Johnson, Miss Austin, Miss Sharpe, Miss Coleshill, and other ladies give us their constant time; and a number of V.A.D. sisters and Boy Scouts help to provide us with all the aid that is needed. For the indefatigable lady coxons, who come from all parts of London to the early morning rowing, we cannot sufficiently express our thanks; but we know that they do it from a keen sense of duty, for which these thanks are really superfluous. Nevertheless, we must put them on record.

We are all glad that Mr. Thomas and Mr. Fraser have joined our rowing. They are both promising single scullers, and should prove worthy successors to Mr. Baker and Captain Öwen, whom all the old rowing men remember with pride. There was some talk of getting up an officers' four, but this was found to be impossible.

His Honour Judge Wakely has presented us with £2 2s. for the boating men, and we propose to use it in the fund for acquiring sculls of the proper length for practice work. We wish to express our gratitude for his kindness.

As it will not be possible to fit in any of the House races on July 25th, owing to the number of events to be pulled off,



An Australian Four is now practising hard on the lake. It consists of Smith, Marshall, James, and McNab, a very good and promising crew. It will be the duty of Welland's crew to give them a good race.

V. A. D. Boat Races

O^N the afternoon of June 20th the V.A.D. sisters' races took place at Putney. Mr. Calcutt was the starter and Mr. Rose the judge. The programme was a lengthy one, but it was carried out promptly, thanks to the excellence of the work of the various helpers. Following are the results :—

St. Dunstan's doubles first heat was won by Miss J. Brett and Miss M. Brett, and the second heat by Miss Boothby and Miss Oakes. The College double race was won by Miss Warden and Miss Dyson, second place being secured by Miss Bennett and Miss Cope.

The single sculls of St. Dunstan's first heat was won by Miss Howell, and the second heat by Miss Simpkin; while the College singles were won easily by Miss Warden.

In the final of the doubles Miss Boothby and Miss Oakes (St. Dunstan's) beat Miss Warden and Miss Dyson (College); while in the final of the singles Miss Howell (St. Dunstan's) passed the winning post two and a half lengths in front of Miss Warden (College).

The early morning coxons had a race among themselves, which was won by Miss Hutton and Mrs. Wynyard (Miss Hazle and Miss Johnson being second). It was their intention to row the winners of the doubles, but as time was pressing they agreed to row in the final doubles, and failed to secure a place.

It is perhaps dangerous to comment upon the performances of these various ladies, but we must speak of Miss Howell, who showed that she possessed the grit to spurt when necessary and to let herself go when necessary. Miss Warden also proved herself a powerful sculler, but she lacks what may be called the spurting power. Plucky racers were Miss Simpkin, Miss Ash, Miss Marrow, and Miss Smail, and we should like to have seen some of these ladies more successful; but their sporting instincts were appreciated and their sturdy efforts on the water much applauded. Cups were presented to the first and second in each race where there were more than two competitors, and medals to the heat winners.

After the races Lady Wolsely invited the rowing ladies to strawberries and cream at the Ladies' Park Club, which was at once accepted and greatly enjoyed.

June Boat Races.

THERE was a very good meeting on June 20th, when over thirty men took part in the races. The following account is taken from the Sporting Life of June 21st :--

"The third regatta of the season for the blinded soldiers from St. Dunstan's Hostel took place at Putney yesterday. A programme of five events was carried through under the management of Mr. C. E. Rose (St. Dunstan's) and Mr. R. J. Calcutt (Vesta R.C.). The sport was good, the finishes for the most part being very close. Results :—

"Single Sculls (Class B).—First Heat: Marshall (Australians) 1, Gover (East Surrey) 2, James (Australians) 0, Meader (Devons) 0, Stevens (Yorks Regiment) 0. Second Heat: Horsley (Rifle Brigade) 1, McDougall (Highland L.I.) 2, McNab (Australians) 0, Sterno (Royal Navy) 0, Howell (West Surrey) 0. Third Heat: Maskell (Devons) 1, Clarke (Royal Fusiliers) 0. Final: Marshall 1, Maskell 2, Horsley 3. Won by half a length; bad third.

"Fixed-Seat Fours.—St. Dunstan's: Stokes (Duke of Wellington's L.I.), Waddell (Scots Guards), Matheson (Australians), and Shields (A. and S. Highlanders), 1. College Crew: Parker (M.G.C.), Christian (Cheshire Regiment), Pratt (London Scottish), and Milner (King's Own Liverpool), 2. No. 3 Crew: Green (Australians), Welland (Middlesex), Potts (Yorks), and Chambers (R.E.), 0. A magnificent race, St. Dunstan's winning by about a foot.

"Double Sculls.—First Heat: Smith (Australians) and Welland (Middlesex Regiment) 1, McNab (Australians) and Baker (M.G.C.) 2, Green (Australians) and Chambers (R.E.) 0. Second Heat: Rowley (West Yorks) and Jennings (Duke of Wellington's L.I.) 1, Shields (A. and S. Highlanders) and Colley (Royal Scots) 0. Final: Rowley and Jennings 1, Smith and Welland 2. Won by three lengths.

"Single Sculls (Class A).—First Heat : Matheson (Australians) 1, Rowley (West Yorks) 2, Lieutenant Thomas (L.R.B.) 0, Jennings (Duke of Wellington's L.I.) 0. Second Heat : Lieutenant Fraser (Shropshires) 1, Fleming (Coldstream Guards) 2, Smith (Australians) 0. Final : Matheson 1, Lieutenant Fraser 2. Won by about half a length.

"Pair-Oared Race.—Stokes (Duke of Wellington's L.I.) and Waddell (Scots Guards) 1, Parker (M.G.C.) and Christian (Cheshires) 2. Won by nearly three lengths."

It ought to be said that Matheson was decidedly out of health and ought really not to have been rowing, so that he did very well to hold his own. Rowley looked like beating him in the singles, but failed to last the course. Mr. Fraser, one of the officers, made a very good first appearance and proved himself a most promising sculler. The College

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Four showed improved form and led all the way until close to the winning post, when St. Dunstan's answered the call with spirit and just forged ahead. Among others who deserve special mention are Rowley, Jennings, James, Marshall, Gover, Smith, and Welland.

At the luncheon which followed the races the cups and medals were presented as usual and the customary little speeches were made. Mr. Vick very kindly gave cups and medals to the winners of the single and double sculls, for which he was warmly thanked. Mr. Boyton's promise of decorated sculls and oars was also received with acclamation.

Department Reports

BRAILLE ROOM NOTES.

June has been a very busy month in the Braille Room, and we are glad to have welcomed many new men.

We congratulate the following officers and men on having pased their tests :--

Reading Test.—Park i., Mr. Hutson, Vaughan, Caldwell, Palmer i., Fleming, Nelson, Sorgeant Caple, Yates ii., Blackett, Mackey, Chisholm, Colley, Heeley, and Vigar.

Writing Test.—Rennie, Taplin, Campbell, Hill, Exall, Pratt, Sergeant Parker, and Sergeant Price.

The following have sent in their writing tests and have not yet heard the result : Benning, Mullins, Stokes, Barnett, Smith v., Parker i., Baker i., Mr. Hutson, Palmer i., Jones ii., Yarrow and Drummond.

Before this month closes the holidays will have begun, and as they will last for more than three weeks we feel sure many of the boys will want to include a Braille book in their luggage. To be sure of each man getting the right book all requests should be made to the Braille staff before the last week of term.

A friend of Miss Oliver's has had a short story by E. W. Hornung, "The Chest of Silver," transcribed into Braille especially for the use of St. Dunstan's readers. We can thoroughly recommend it, and the demand has already exceeded our present supply, and a fresh consignment from the N.I.B. is being eagerly awaited.

Will all men who are reading library books kindly bring them to the Braille Room before the end of term?

D. P.

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TYPEWRITING NOTES.

Our new room, which is between the Braille Room and the new Workshops, is nearing completion, and we hope to be in it very shortly. The shorthandtypists, who have their lessons at present in the Outer Lounge, will then return to us.

Hearing that the men who have left St. Dunstan's find a difficulty in obtaining their typewriting paper locally, we have made arrangements to enable them to get it direct from the Typewriting Department here. It will cost 2s. per half-ream (240 sheets). All a man has to do is to write and order it from Mrs. McLaren, St. Dunstan's, who will send it to him post free on receipt of a P.O. value 2s., which is the actual cost, buying in large quantities.

We congratulate the following officers and men on having passed their test: Rymil!, Moreton, Mr. Bellis, Mahoney, Marsh, McNab, Tucker, Megson, Warden, Gover, Singleton, Chambers, Kellog, Captain Nobbs, A. Smith, Trendall, Maskell, Hague, Wright, Read, Printie, Murray (Lock), Clare, Ackland, Maedonald, Ulvatt, Worgan.

E. M.L.

NETTING NOTES.

Everyone who is fortunate enough to possess a currant bush and a raspberry cane means to make jam this year, and there has been a very large demand for fruit nets. We have been unable to undertake all the orders offered us, but we mean to work hard through the autumn and winter and accumulate a good stock of nets for next season's certain demand.

We offer Purchase a special word of congratulation on a fine large net, quite four times bigger than any we have yet turned out. This was made in his own home, and it sets a new standard for us in the workroom. We mean to do our best to live up to it.

Our numbers have so greatly increased that it has been found expedient to subdivide the direction of the workroom. Miss de Bruyn has kindly undertaken to act as superintendent of the daily work, and we are all very grateful for her capable help. G. H. W.

MASSAGE NOTES.

The results of the May-June Massage Examination were eminently gratifying. All the nine candidates satisfied the examiners of their fitness to undertake any ordinary case of massage, and what is better, they all gained sufficient marks to place them in the first division. The number of marks required for this was over 65 per cent. This result was very satisfactory to all concerned, and Messrs. Brighurst and Way must be congratulated.

The names of the hard-working members who achieved this excellent result are Colley, Gray, Harper, Hudson, Pugh, Raylor, Richardson, Smith, Toft, and to all of them we say "Well done," Mesars. Colley, Gray, and Pugh start work in July at the Alderhey Hospital, Liverpool, and the others, with the exception of Toft, will be working in London at the Great Central Hotel.

The work of our massage students has been so well appreciated at the Middlesex Hospital, where on a average thirty patients daily are treated by them, that the governors have asked for a larger class to be sent down, so that more patients may receive attention.

During the absence of Mr. Odell from the massage operating room his work was carried on by two of the massage students (under supervision) with great success.

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Professor Wood-Jones, the eminent anatomist, who examined the original class sent up from St. Dunstan's, paid us a visit in June. Both he and Mrs. Wood-Jones were pleased at the scope and possibilities of training the blind, as examplified by our results.

CHAPEL NOTES.

Mention has often been made of the interest taken by the boys (notably by the Choir members) in the Chapel and the services. The time has come to record the help and practical work and interest of Matron and the sisters. Ever since the dedication of the Chapel Miss Howard has regularly and beautifully arranged the flowers. In this and in many other ways the sisters have not perfunctorily fulfilled a duty, but have done it with a tact and grace which has commended itself to the men and has helped forward the services and everything connected with them.

Canon Bickersteth (well known for many years as Vicar of Leeds) took part in the service and gave the address on Hospital Sunday, June 24th.

July 22nd will be the last service before the holidays. It will take the form of a Corporate Communion. This will be a good way to "wind up," especially as some of our members will be there for the last time.

Mr. A. Kingston Stewart, who has been a cathedral organist in Australia, and has played the accompaniments at the concerts in the Outer Lounge, is now very kindly acting as organist. The Choir members have given him a hearty welcome, and Matron has very kindly procured us a large two-manual organ. We miss Sergeant-Major Cope very much. Fortunately, however, new Choir members are coming along, and after reassembling after the summer vacation things ought to simply " romp."

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CATHOLIC CHAPEL NOTES.

His Eminence Cardinal Bourne (Archbishop of Westminster) paid his long promised visit to St. Dunstan's on Tuesday afternoon, June 12th, accompanied by his Private Secretary, Very Rev. Mongr. Canon Jackman. He was received by Sir Arthur Pearson, Bart., with whom he had a lengthened private interview, afterwards making a tour of inspection of the various workshops and instruction rooms, and was introduced to the heads of the various departments and many of the inmates.

The Cardinal visited the Chapel of Our Lady and St. Dunstan, and expressed his thanks to Sir Arthur Pearson for having placed the building at the disposal of his co-religionists, and to the kind benefactors who have furnished it and subscribed to the Chaplain's Fund.

An oak credence table has been made and presented to the Chapel of Our Lady and St. Dunstan by Private George Price. It will shortly have fixed to it a brass tablet inscribed : "A.M.G.D. The handiwork and gift of Private George Price, a blinded soldier trained at St. Dunstan's Hostel. Pentecost, 1917." It was greatly admired by His Eminence Cardinal Bourne.

The Rev. Perceval Howell has been appointed Catholic Chaplain at St. Dunstan's. He is leaving St. James' Church, Spanish Place, W., to take up the work, and no doubt he will receive a hearty welcome at St. Dunstan's. The Catholic inmates number over sixty.

Settlement Notes

A STRIKING proof of appreciation of creature comforts afforded at St. Dunstan's is given by the small number of men who are saying "farewell" this month, and the request that they would come in in greater numbers and discuss their future plans has apparently given quite an unnecessary fright. With the few who have done so there is a strong desire to remain " until the holidays." This is not to be wondered at when taking into consideration the extra scope the new Workshops offer, but there remains the question of the ever-increasing numbers of newcomers who have an equal call upon the enlarged staff.

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An important change has taken place in the disposition of the staff of the Settlement Department, in that Mr. Thomson Brown will in future devote his energies almost entirely in the direction of helping to settle the poultry men, and his extensive knowledge of their requirements will be invaluable in the selection of places and in planning for their outfits.

It is recognised that supplies of raw material to the men who have left must be continued during the holiday period, July 26th to August 22nd; but the staff in the packing department, as in others, is in need of a well-earned rest, and it is hoped that the men to whose notice this request is brought will send in their holiday orders immediately, and wherever possible in such dimensions as to last them through the holidays.

H. D. B.

The Suggestion Box

ROWING man suggests that those who are acting as pupil teachers should row for the "old boys," and not for St. Dunstan's. As the races in which they take part are St. Dunstan's past and present, it is obvious that so long as they are here they must row for the "present."

"Anon." thinks that everybody here should try to help everybody else, but should also "only do his own work." This strikes us as being a little mixed, but we quite agree with the general sentiments as intended. The suggestion of "A Fisher" about a jug of water has received the attention of the authorities.

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A suggestion that it would be nice if the men at the dances wore cotton gloves on account of the ladies' dresses can, of course, be acted upon by any who so desire. It would be quite a nice thing to do, and we commend its adoption.

Arrangements shall be made to inform men when others come to us from their own districts. They may have much in common to talk about.

Locks shall be provided for men to secure under their own control anything of value which they possess.

After-Care Notes.

A VERY interesting letter has been received from our old friend C. Hills, of Australia. The following is extracted :---

The operation (which, you will remember, I wrote of in my previous letter) turned out to be a complete failure, despite the most of nurses. It was a bit of a blow to me, but my anchor held, and I soon regarded it as an extra handicap, as Sir Arthur put it in his it always gives a sort of satisfaction to know that you are running successfully under a heavy weight. Of course, with the operation pending, I was not able to see to it as regards searching for a suitable piece of land to set up the farm on. I have made a few enquiries and have ascertained that a little district out on the Illawarra line is very popular among the fanciers of our feathered friends. I have seen several of the vacant allotments in it, and have decided to settle down there. It only remains to pick out the block, and then to get to work on it and set up the runs. By the way, I had a letter from Spratt's L-mited. of London, advising me that you had despatched a pen of White Wyandottes through them to me, and telling me to get into touch with their Sydney agent. On enquiring at his office, I learned that the ship that they

had shipped them by had been torpedoed in the Atlantic.

Our lady visitor, calling on A. Brown, of Spalding, found him very busy, quite well, and happy. He had been digging in the garden with his new arm, and found he was able to use it quite nicely. The same visitor reports that W. Leonard, of Soham, is very busy in his workshop at mat-making. We wish him every success.

Williams, of Michaelston Fewd, is developing into a regular farmer, since he has added a cow to his stock, and we are pleased to hear that the pasturage is good and there is every prospect of a good hay crop. He has also a large number of ducks all thriving.

Evans, of Newport, Mon., has now finished his six months' work at London House, Newport. He has done very well there, and has given every satisfaction. He now starts on his own, with quite a number of orders to execute. He has certainly a month's work ahead of him. His latest investment is in a tandem bicycle. We are glad to hear that he is going in for exercise and also that he is keeping up his Braille reading.

Street, of Evesham, finds it difficult to get sufficient practice in rowing. He is very well, and is keeping quite busy, and as he certainly needs more exercise we hope he will succeed in getting someone to cox for him.

Fleetwood, of Littleham, Devon, has at last found a warmer and more congenial clime in which to settle. For the present he has given up poultry-keeping and has stored his houses. He has a charming little cottage and is very busy at mat-making. One gentleman, a shipowner, has given him a very large order, and he has, besides, orders from local tradespeople.

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Our friend Pinner, of Rochampton, has made a very good beginning. The first week he opened his shop he repaired eleven pairs of boots.

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Friends of Sergeant Mayell will be pleased to hear that he and his wife have arrived safely in Canada and are quite well.

R. J. Vine, of Hammersmith, is getting on very successfully with his firm. He is also filling up his spare time in making fancy baskets, for which he appears to get a ready sale.

Т. Н. М.

A Dancing Competition

TEVER was a more successful function held in the Outer Lounge than the Dancing Competition on Monday, June 11th. The dancing was of a high standard, and the merits of the competitors so close that the judges several times failed to arrive at a decision until the heats had been repeated. The scene was a gay one, for the day was the hottest for the summer up to that date, and therefore the ladies were able to bedeck themselves in their pretty and diaphanous dresses. They were the wall flowers along either side of the room, whilst the orchestra occupied the stage, and other visitors, competitors and friends were placed at the end nearest the corridor entrance.

The judges were seated in the little alcove in the centre of the left-hand side of the room, and the arduous task of judging was undertaken by Mdlle. Genee, Miss Unity Moore, and Mr. Nelson Keys, who were heartily cheered at the end for their kindness. Before departing they each took a first prizewinner as a partner in a waltz. Miss Prescott must have been proud of her pupils as they gaily sailed around the room, and the boys, to mark their appreciation of the eare and attention she had bestowed on them, presented her with a charming little lady's companion. The Duke of Newcastle was present throughout the entertainment and thoroughly enjoyed it.

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A word of congratulation is due to Mr. Vaile for his organisation of the competitions, and to Matron for her splendid selection of prizes.

Prizewinners in Class A were: 1st, Private W. C. Dies, partnered by Sister Phillips; 2nd, Rifleman G. H. Heeley, partnered by Sister McCallin; 3rd, W. R. Dunning, partnered by Miss Bedell.

Prizewinners in Class B were: 1st, Private Jones, partnered by Sister Spurling; 2nd, Christian, partnered by Sister Cope; 3rd, Tueker, partnered by Sister Butler.

Prizewinners in Class C were: 1st, McDowall, partnered by Sister Phillips; 2nd, King, partnered by Miss Taylor; 3rd, Sergeant Clare, partnered by Sister Marrow. E. K.

News from Old Boys

R UFUS SHAW writes that he cannot come up for the Old Boys' rowing as he is too busy with his work. "Boots are coming in too fast for me to cope with, but I can assure you that I am putting in as long a time each day as is possible. I have been asked to collect for the benefit of St. Dunstan's, so I am doing my duty in another way."

"Taffy "Davies, of South Wales, says in a letter that the magazine is "just the things for the boys, both old and new, and it is with much pleasure I look forward to receiving it at the beginning of each month."

Sergeant Dennison, writing from Stoke-on-Trent, says that he is at present disposing of about 800 eggs a week, and that he hopes soon to reach the 1,000. William Robinson tells us that he has an order for five dozen mats, so that he will be kept busy for some time. He has sent us a short account of his life at St. Dunstan's, which is very well written and interesting, and from which we hope to print some extracts next month. He is settled at Welby, near Grantham, in Lincolnshire.

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A note from W. Horsnell informs us that he has hatched sixty chickens this season and is generally getting on " all right" with his poultry.

J. R. Brown is full of gratitude to Sir Arthur Pearson for thinking so much of all the men. He says that he is getting on very well with his work and is doing a fair amount of trade locally. He receives a good deal of praise for his baskets.

Corporal Tarry sends us some verses on his married happiness, from which we cull the following :—

Just a pair of turtle doves, Cooing all the day, Living in a paradise From whence cares flow away. Nothing else to live for, Except to hug and squeeze, Which they do in publie As careless as you please.

Of course, all married couples know their own business best.

J. Spinks writes from Ashton-under-Lyne that the chemical works explosion was only 250 yards from his house. He had all his front windows blown out, the walls split, and much other damage done. His eldest son was knocked down and buried for a time, while several boys were killed within a few yards of him. Quite an exciting experience.

William Girling writes from Brighton that he finds his massage work at the hospital very interesting, and that he has been able to cope with all the cases given him for treatment. He says : "It is certainly very satisfactory to realise that, despite my handicap, I am able to do some work of real importance, which gives one a feeling of independence and comfort."

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A Queer Conversation

O^{UR} old friend J. Spinks, of Ashtonunder-Lyne, sends us the following account of a strange little episode :—

"This is perfectly true, although it must appear queer. My wife and two other relatives were present and can support my word. It happened shortly after I arrived home from St. Dunstan's last year. We were all out together one evening, and after a walk we adjourned to a place of refreshment. It was rather full, and a vacant seat was found for me next to a deaf and dumb man. I had known him for some years previous to my blindness, and naturally enough he wanted to communicate with me.

"It was no use for him to write on paper as he generally did for those who could see; but we both rose to the occasion. I know the inger code of speaking, so I just told him that I could no longer see; but it was at first puzzling to know how he could reply. He promptly saved the situation. With his fingers he made the letters on my fingers, and I found that I could follow him easily. This caused no little astonishment to the other people present, for never before had they seen a nonsighted man and a deaf and dumb man in conversation.

I have often wondered since if any of the St. Dunstan's boys have had a similar experience. For my part I think it must be unique; but please do not sandbag me when next we meet."

[NOTE.—If anybody has ever had an experience of the kind we shall be glad to hear about it.—EDITOR.]

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The glory, the echo of falling years, With never a debt to be paid in tears."

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Oh ! Weeder at work, midst the crumbling soil.

Tell me what lightens your load of toil; Tell me the secret, that I may slay The shadow which haunted me yesterday.

"Stranger, Thy shadow is but a weed,

Which smothers thy hope while still in seed :

If thy soul stares on to a hollow fate, Thy seeds decay, and thy weeds grow great."

Oh ! Weeder at work, uncover your head, Your earth is moist and your leaves are dead;

Gone is the blossom, and broken the bud-

Oh ! Weeder at work, is your heart a-flood ?

"Stranger, no tears from my eyes shall roll

While Hope has its refuge without my soul;

Though cruel the bite of the northern frost.

I'll toil till my labour acquit the cost."

Oh! Weeder at work, with your snowwhite hair,

In your labour divine I must learn to share.

Oh! Weeder at work, with a voice sublime.

A-calling my spirit from wastes of time.

Oh! Weeder at work, will my dreams come true?

Shall I in the years be as wise as you? Oh ! Weeder at work, with your joys

complete. And the fruits of a harvest beneath your

feet.

T. H. Dennison.

Alexander, Private W. D., 22756 Bailey, Private J. S., 85250 ... Bennett, Private H., 3237 Cooke, Lance-Corporal H. G. 5471 Dainter, Private W., 40820 ... Dies, Private W. C., 541331 ... Dixon, Private J. B., 1203 ... Evans, Private W. T., 25305 ... Foreman, Private J., 16159 Finch, Private R., 15463... Fuller, Private A., 23398 Gamblin, Private T., 709849 ... Gibson, Private B. H., 4704 ... Gibson, Private A. E., 24621 ... Hamilton, Private B., 22070 ... Hampstead, Private W., 40618 Holmes, Lance-Corporal P., 12682 Housden, Private J., 6582 Learmouth, Lance-Corp. H. D., 290518 Marshall, Private F., 5864 McDonald, Rifleman R., 5/417 McLean, Bombardier W., 7671 McNab, Private J., 2299

Newcomers in June

25th Company R.A.M.C. 1/6th Gloucesters. 10th Royal Warwicks. 1st Worcesters. 50th Canadians 9th D.L.I. 2nd Essex Regiment. 33rd Battn. Lab. Res., R. Fusiliers. 1st Worcesters. 4th Bedfords. 26th Canadians. 23rd A.I.F. 11th Lancashire Fusiliers. 6th K.O.Y.L.I. 6th K.O.S.B. 6th Bedfords. 1/8th Irish King's Liverpools. 7th Northumberland Fusiliers. 17th A.I.F. 3rd Rifle Brigade. R.F.A. 16th A.I.F.

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Music

LL over London, every day and night, a lot of people spend a lot of good money to go to musichalls and hear so-called music. If these people want to hear music-music with a large capital "M"-let them come to St. Dunstan's some day. Our happy little home in Regent's Park is the one, original, unparalleled, and not likely to be paralleled music-hall. It is the home of music. We have here the finest collection of assorted music ever gathered together under one roof. There has never been a place like it before; we hope there never will be again.

Our selections range all the way from a one-finger pianoforte solo of " Another Little Drink" to an East Indian war dance by the Matron's brass band, or "Bonnie Dundee" as dispensed by a one-man pipe band. The one-finger solos are very popular; they commence early in the morning and last until late at night. They have their advantages, too. Our supply of pianos is limited; but with the introduction of the one-finger method this shortage is not felt. Four or five men can perform on the same instrument at the same time. Four or five men on the same piano-their selections varying from "The Policeman's Holiday " at one end to Dvorak's "Humoresque" at the other-give a very pleasing effect. We recommend this particular form. If you do not care for solos, however, you may have an accompaniment on a wailing, protesting concertina, a tin flute, or a sixpenny mouth-organ. If you prefer string instruments we have a fine assortment of violins, mandolins, 'cellos, guitars, etc., etc., etc.; trombones, clarionets, piccolos, cornets. Everything that the ingenuity of man has vet devised to make music will be found here.

Our list of vocal performers is as long and as varied as our instrumentalists. We have baritones, tenors of all kinds, falsettos, tremolos, groanolos—anything

you want. They sing about everythingroses and gardens, spring time, moonlight nights and perfect days, old love letters, and young soldier boys. The long-suffering Southern States come in for their usual quota, as do Honolulu and Hawaii. We don't know just what this "Hula-Hula" business is; we presume it is some kind of a dance. If it's as bad as it sounds, we think that General Smith-Dorrien and his "protection for Tommy " crowd ought to visit Hawaii at once.

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One of the delightful features about our musicians is that you never need to look for them. They have no special place of entertainment. They perform all over the place; you can hear them the minute you get into Regent's Park. Another feature is the fact that the supply of musicians never diminishes; as fast as one man leaves another takes his place. When the newcomer arrives he is taken in hand by our experts, who decide whether he should learn to play the Jew's harp, the mouth-organ, or the saxaphone. Failing in these he is given a gramophone or a grind-organ. You need never come to St. Dunstan's fearing that there is any kind of music that you will not hear. The musical company is always up to strength. D. J. M.

The Weeder

ITHER the day with spade and rake,

The soil to turn, and the weeds to shake.

To bury the leaves now in decay Which were fresh and green but vesterday.

Oh ! Weeder at work, the song you sing, As glad as the smile of the sun in spring; Give me a measure that I may sup One drop of glory from out your cup.

" Stranger, 'tis wisdom that snatches the song

From the lips of time as it moves along;

2nd K.O.S.B.

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Pamplin, Private J., 5320 Perry, Private G., 6815 Rankin, Private J. H., 6051 Rhodes, Sapper Frank, 1007162 Rhys, Corporal T., 113270 Robinson, Sergeant M., 38462 Sargent, Private W. V., 61569 Shaw, Private W. C., 17855 Shaw, Corporal N., 12959 Smith, Private G. J., 11527 Smith, Private H., 5281 Taggart, Gunner E., 85774 Taylor, Private W. H., 26787 ... Ward, Gunner T. H., 1378 Westwood, Private R., 6573 Windridge, Private O., 3093 Woods, Private E., 22816 Woodward, Private A., 300088 Young, Private R., 460519 Gibbins, Private F. J., 22777 Kemp, Private S. N., 4769 Pearev, Private W. C., 18713 Skelly, Private T. E., 24117

4th Res. Essex Regiment. 2nd S. Staffs. 1/4th York and Lancs. 6th Canadian Railroad Troops. No. 1 Mortar Company, Royal Engineers. Sth Canadians. 10th Royal Fusiliers. 12th Royal Fusiliers. 7th East Lanes. 2nd Grenadier Guards, 2/5th West Ridings. 63rd R.F.A. 10th Cheshires. 43rd, Aus. Field Artillerv. 7th East Lancs. 9th Leicesters. sth K.O.R. Lanes. 6th Duke of Wellington's Regiment. 42nd Canadians. 23rd Middlesex Regiment. 3 4 D. of C.L.I. 10th Northumberland Fusiliers. 2nd West Ridings.

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Arnold, Pte. L., 61, Richmond Road, Dalston. Carnell, W. C., Kiln Cottage, South Molton Adams, G., Hale House, Hale, Nr. Laverpool. Alexander, E., 63, Canning Rd., Highbury. Allcock, R., 6. Bank Rd., Ipswich. Allen, W., 53, Lord St., Leigh. Arnold, A., 41, Wycliffe Rd., Wimbledon, Back, A. W., Sandy Lane, Rendham. Baker, P. A., Kia Ora, Roberton St., Mudgee N.S. Wales Barley, J., 44 Dale St., Crosby, Scunthorpe, Batchelor, J., 15, Tooting Gr., Tooting. Bates, E., 17a, Prince of Wales Rd., Battersea, Bell, J., The Oaks, Ewhurst, Surrey, Bocking, A. J., 93, Franklin Street, Oldham. Brundrett, P., 7, Maurice St., Pendlebury, Biggadyke, R., 41, Tower St., Boston, Bolton, C. E., 7, Broughton Cottages, Otford, Boswell, E., 7, Foster's Yard, Church St., Gainsborough, Lines. Bowers, W. J., 4, Tenelby Road, Tolworth. Braithwaite, F. G., I, Chestnut Rd., Guildford, Brown, A., East View, Weston Hills, Spalding.

Brown, J. R., 11, Mount St., Nuneaton. Brown, G., Greenside, Ewhurst, Surrey, Brown, J., Warren Hall, Spout Lane, Brenchley, Brown, P., Wilson's Cottage, Borden Road,

Alton, Hants.

Rd., Bampton, Devon. Catlow, S., 32, Wenning St., Nelson, Lancs, Champniss, F., 239, High Rd., Willesden Green, Chapman, G., Aldion Yard, Finedon, Northants, Chapple, F., Prince of Wales Cottage, Parsonage Lane, Enfield. Clarke, E., High St., Edwinstowe, Clarke, W. W., 94, Hderton Rd., Bermondsey, Colle, M., 120, Dawes Rd., Walham Green, W.

Coles, G. B., Beckingham, Notts. Collins, W. H., Chalkman's Knoll, Bygrave Rd.,

Ashwell, near Baldock. Colville, H., 32, Cranley Gardens, Palmer's Green, N.13,

Cook, H., 20, Walton Village, Liverpool.

Cooper, T. S., 36, Tavistock Avenue, Newlands,

Crane, H. J., 109n, Church Street, Croydon, Chamberlain, T. W., Melton Brickyard Cottages, North Ferribly, Yorks

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Holings, Buruley, Lanes, Curtis-Willson, Sergt., Woodglade, New Chapel Rd., Lingfield, Surrey.

Daumont, O., 61, Carlton Vale, W.

Davidson, W., Gortmacraire, Kilsea, Co. Down, Ireland Davies, J. E., Cloth Hall, Prengwyn, Llandyss S. Wales. Davies, W., 48, Higson Street, Old Trafford Salford. Davis, G., Rose Villa, Great Burstead. Dennis, T., 31, Copnor Road, Portsmouth, Dennison, T. H., Draycot Road, Forsbrook, Blyth Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent. Devlin, T., 61, Toutin Street, St. Helens Dixon, J., 101, Poplar Walk Road, Lough borough Junction, Brixton, S.W. Dowson, T., 49, Welford St., Middlesborough Duxbury, W., 2, Holly Bank Cottages, Ashley Lane, Mostyn Lane, Manchester, Dyson, Sgt. F., Victoria Cottage, Pick Hill, Uppermill, Nr. Oldham. Eames, H. S., Battlers Green, Aldenham, Nr. Watford, Herts, Eaton, T., 40, Wenning St., Nelson, Lancs, Edmund, W. E., West Barn, Dunbar, N.B. Elborn, H., 25, Manaton Rd., Peckham, S.F. Evans, A., 1, Carlisle Pl., Newport Mon. Featherstone, P., Uplands Cottage, Ferriby, Flett, H., 39, Woodview Rd., Golders Green, Fleetwood, F., Kingsley Cottages, Littleham, Nr Bideford, Devon Foster, F., 34, Clarence St., Plymouth. Foster, T., 2, St. Dunstan's Bungalows, Worting, near Basingstoke. Foxon, W. H., 143, Valetta Rd, Acton Vale, W. Gardiner, H. A., 159, Wick Road, Homerton, N.E. Girling, W., 14, Queen's Road, Brighton. Grattidge, C., Back of 57, Upper Highgate St. Birmineham Graves, R., 5, Inglewood Rd., West Hampstead, Goodeson, P., 66, Lower Mount Street, Dublin, Gordon, W., 365, Featherstall Road, Oldham. Green, Lionel, Langdale, St. Edward's Road, Gosport Groves, T. W., 48, Claremont Terr., Fleetwood, Hallam, W. J., St. Dunstan's, Garden City, Sandiacre Hale, G., BirmingLam Road, Blackheath, B'ham, Hale, H. W., 27, West Street, Croydon Hall, A. W., 130, High St., Sydenham Halls, W. C., 42, Upper Jackson St., Hulme, Manchester Hamlett, A., 273, Station Road, Winsford,

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Harker, J., Vivery Cross Rd., Southwick, near Brighton.

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