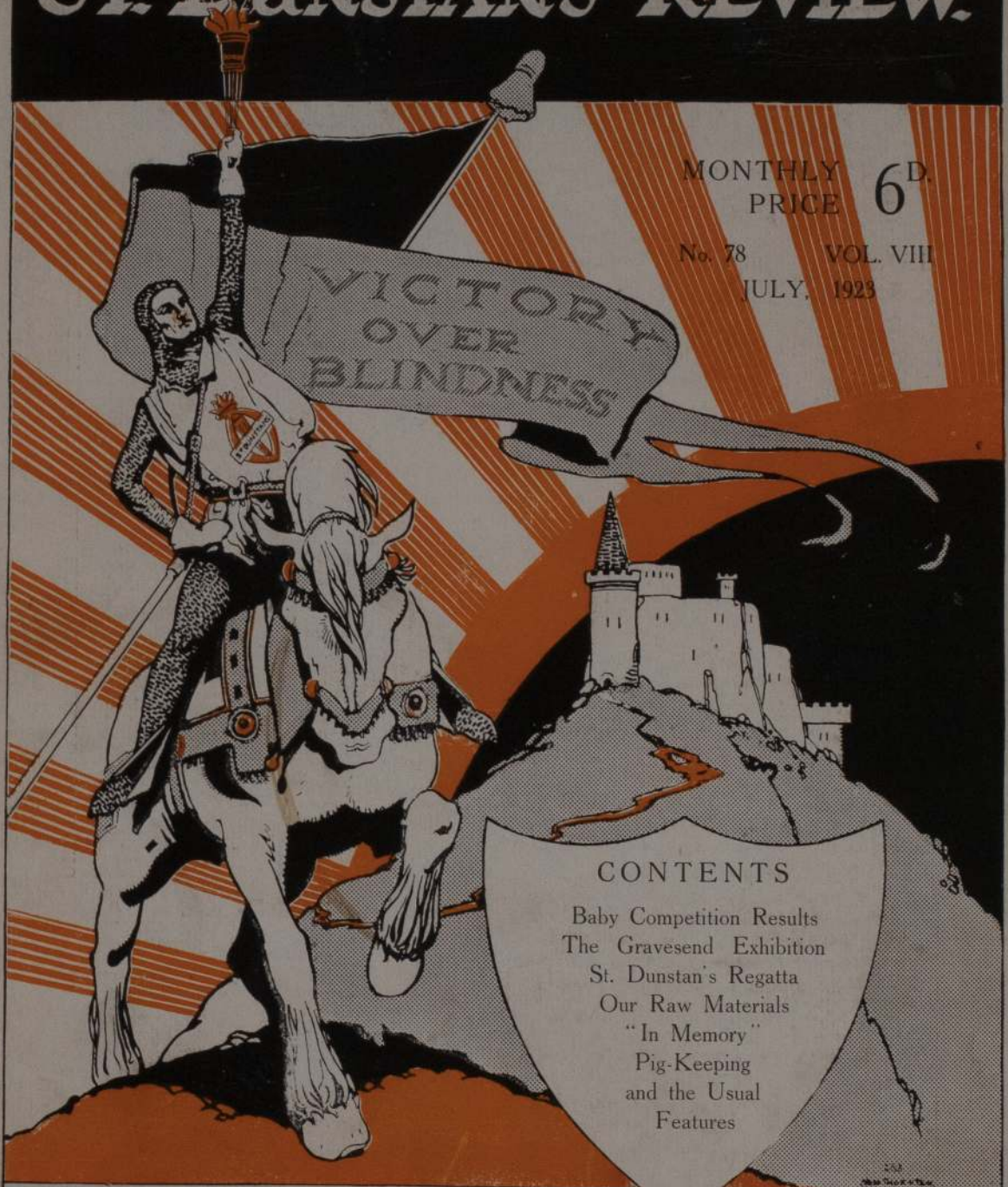


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EDITORIAL

OUR BABY COMPETITION

WHEN first deciding upon this competition, we expected a big entry as well as a very high standard of charm and beauty in the photographs sent in. We must admit, however, that we were hardly prepared for the flood of photographs which from the first have been arriving. Over 500 entries in all, which is double the number sent in for our last Baby Competition in 1921, have been received.

Lady (Arthur) Pearson very kindly consented to arrange a small Judging Committee, and for this purpose enlisted the help of the Duchess of Sutherland and Mr. Noble, the Art Editor of the London *Daily Sketch*. It will be imagined that with such a large number of photographs to consider, the adjudicators were faced with no light task in deciding upon the winners, and we have no doubt that each one of the Judges would have liked to have had many more prizes to award. We are sure, however, that all our readers will agree that the bonny bairns whose photographs are reproduced on the special supplement included with this issue fully deserve their success.

We offer our President, Lady (Arthur) Pearson, the Duchess of Sutherland and Mr. Noble our heartiest thanks for the work they so readily undertook. All were greatly impressed with the splendidly high standard of beauty and health reached by the competitors, as the following messages received will show:—

THE DUCHESS OF SUTHERLAND

states that she found the judging of this competition one of the most delightful and yet most difficult of tasks she has ever undertaken. It was most pleasant to go through the hundreds of photographs of such charming and winsome little ones and to know that all were the children of the men who had fought so bravely for king and country; but the work of selecting from among so many beautiful babes, the actual winners of prizes, she found so hard that she was glad to have the assistance of the other judges. Her Grace asks us to convey an expression of her confidence that these little sons and daughters of St. Dunstaners will always prove a joy and comfort to their proud parents.

LADY (ARTHUR) PEARSON, D.B.E.

THE EDITOR,
St. Dunstan's Review.

July 11th, 1923.

DEAR MR. BARRINGER,—I was more than happy in looking through the numerous photographs sent in for our St. Dunstaners Babies' Competition, to find the standard of beauty in features and form so high. The parents should be very proud of their little offsprings, and I offer to them and to their babies my most sincere congratulations and happiest wishes. May they prove blessings to each other for many years, and through the example of their happiness add their share to the invaluable spirit of St. Dunstan's.

Yours sincerely,
(Signed) ETHEL PEARSON.

From T. J. THEOBALD NOBLE, Esq.

(Illustration Editor, *Daily Sketch*).

July 13th, 1923.

THE EDITOR,

St. Dunstan's Review.

DEAR Mr. BARRINGER,—In congratulating the parents of the prizewinners in the St. Dunstan's Baby Competition, I should like you to convey a message to the parents of the other beautiful children who were not successful.

In the numerous baby competitions I have been associated with, none has shown such a consistently high standard of healthy and fine looking children. This made the task of choosing the twelve prize winners from photographs extremely difficult.

Heartiest congratulations to all concerned.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) T. J. THEOBALD NOBLE.

H.R.H. Again

Another gracious little act on the part of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales is recorded by T. North and G. T. Shaw, of Walsall.

"The Prince of Wales visited Walsall on Wednesday, the 13th June," writes North, "and inspected about 2,000 ex-service men. He shook hands with all the disabled men he saw, and had a little longer talk to Mr. Shaw and me. We were very pleased to have the pleasure of shaking hands with H.R.H. and appreciated the kindness he showed us. I am enclosing a few cuttings from the local papers."

Shaw's letter is as follows:—

"On the 13th June last H.R.H. the Prince of Wales visited Walsall. I was assembled with other Walsall ex-service men. The Prince inspected us and as he passed he noticed my St. Dunstan's After-Care badge. He was much interested and asked me how long I had left St. Dunstan's and what trades I was taught there. I told him baskets and mats and then he asked if I were still able to do the work now I had left, to which question I answered 'yes.' Enclosed are some cuttings from the Walsall papers, as I know they will interest you."

Some Press comments on the incident which we append will also be of interest.

Says one correspondent:—

"A touch of pathos was added to the spectacle by the arrival of the disabled men, who were conveyed to the Arboretum

in Corporation motor 'buses. Some had lost a leg, others an arm, while the faces of some bore traces of the wounds they had sustained in the war. Two of the men were sightless—the last they saw were the trenches in the heat of battle. But in spite of their infirmities there was not a sad face among them. All, by their laughter and jokes, their smiles and their cheery words, revealed how much they were looking forward to a handshake and a word of encouragement and sympathy from the Prince. There were few men in that wonderful parade who were without their medals, and it seemed that almost every other one had a silver badge. It was, in some respects, the most remarkable parade that Walsall has known. They were men who had known the realities of war and now counted it a privilege to stand at attention before the Heir Apparent, who helped to share their dangers in the fighting-line.

Another writer says:—

The greatest consideration of all was reserved for the two dozen scarred and war-worn heroes, who had been disabled by terrible injuries, and the few grey-haired veterans of older campaigns. For everyone he had a few words and a shake of the hand; with a few, notably two men who had been blinded and had thus made the greatest sacrifice which could be conceived short of that of life itself, he conversed for a couple of minutes.

St. Dunstaners at an Art Exhibition

Before the war (that far-off time when St. Dunstan's was not dreamed of) there was held an annual exhibition of art and work in the salons attached to Eustace Miles Restaurant, near Charing Cross. During the war no such exhibition was possible, as the English world of art was busy with war work. Not until 1923 was Mrs. Eustace Miles able again to hold her charming little exhibition. We were glad to avail ourselves of her kind invitation to set up a stall for the sale of St. Dunstan's goods. We think this invitation was a pretty compliment paid in recognition of the beauty of much of our blinded men's work. We are accustomed to agricultural shows, where farmers and country folk can admire and purchase our useful baskets and nets; we have attended the big Olympia shows, where we have offered our own contribution to the making perfect of ideal homes. We know something of flower shows and a good deal about sports clubs; we have not, however, before attended an exhibition devoted to art, and it was up to us to show that we had beautiful and decorative goods as well as useful ones.

The exhibition ran from 25th June to the 30th, and in addition to our sales stall we had a small working party to demonstrate basketry and netting. As usual, this demonstration aroused great interest. The stallholders who were showing lacquer and leather work, eggshell jewellery, embroidery and fancy needlework, and who might, therefore, be considered experts in beautiful crafts, were enthusiastic in their admiration of St. Dunstan's goods. As usual, too, we took an opportunity to distribute literature dealing with St. Dunstan's work in general. Special interest was shown in a beautiful exhibit we had of basketry and joinery sent by George Eades, which was labelled as "made by a blinded Canadian soldier trained at St. Dunstan's." A work-basket standing on legs and a baby basket, beautifully lined with blue silk and finished with the usual pockets, were especially admired.

St. Dunstan's Grandchildren

It is evident that those who are to act as judges in our Baby Competition will have no light task. This month word comes to us that two more little St. Dunstaners have carried off prizes in their respective districts, one for looks, one for achievement.

Roy Gordon, the curly-headed one-year-and-four-day old little son of Mr. and Mrs. Goodwin, of Ramsgate, simply ran away with the first prize at a local show, getting 87 votes and leading by 31. There were 30 entrants, too, necessitating five heats!

The other victorious youngster is Dickie, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Leonard, who, when on holiday at Broadstairs, courageously entered into a singing competition at the Nigger Minstrel show on the sands.

The ages of the competitors ran from 5 to 10 years. Dickie, who is five and a half, tied with a nine-year-old for second prize, and at the second try-off all hands went up in his favour.

"Tell Me a Story Dad"

[A St. Dunstaner to his Son.]

Just for a little space the dun cloud parted,
And light broke through that glints on faery
lands;
And you and I were regal and light-hearted
With governance of kingdoms on our hands.
Kingdoms where all that's wrong is bravely
righted,
And none are damned or hopeless of reprieve,
Where folly's always drubbed and virtue
knighted,
The fond and happy realms of make-believe.
Nursing a knee you listened, planned and won-
dered;
A little while the light of Merlin shone.
Yes, I'll remember how the cloud was Sundered,
Though now it's dark again, and you are gone.
Putting away those childish things to-morrow
You'll face the serried facts of common day;
But I'll remember, and perchance we'll borrow
Long after from the child you put away.

ANON.

As the boat was sinking, the skipper lifted his voice to ask: "Does any passenger know how to pray?"

One man replied, confidently: "Yes, captain, I do."

The captain nodded.

"That's all right then," he declared. "You go ahead and pray. The rest of us will put on lifebelts. We're one short."



NEWS OF ST. DUNSTANERS

A FIRM believer in the virtue of co-operation is G. Powell, of Staffordshire. Recently, he wanted a sign-board, so it occurred to him that a deal might be arranged. The idea found favour in the eyes of the maker of sign-boards, and Powell went to work with a will upon an excellent mat. The two pieces of work being finished, they were exchanged to the mutual satisfaction of both parties and Powell now boasts an excellent sign while the other man points proudly to his specimen of the work of a St. Dunstaner.

Powell must be a busy man, for we hear that gardening is his great *forte*. He has set his piece of land out exceptionally well and is lucky enough to have a purchaser who will call and take away his produce for the market.

Another who is making good progress is A. Brown, of Sidmouth. He has a number of friends in the district, with the result that he gets a fair amount of local orders for the excellent baskets he turns out.

From Sheffield comes word of A. Oldfield, who, already busy with boots and a small general store, has now increased his scope to include drapery and toys. Oldfield is another of the fortunate St. Dunstaners blessed with a capable wife who can help him in practical ways, so we have every confidence that the new and plucky venture will bring success when the initial difficulties are surmounted.

All poultry men will sympathise with T. Chaffin, of Leighton Buzzard, who discovered, to his dismay, the other morning that a rat had got into his coops and killed several of his chickens during the night. We are sure that Chaffin will double his vigilance in the future and, with the aid of his many Boy Scout

friends, insure against the repetition of such a calamity so far as is possible. Almost worse was the luck of J. Horsley, of Portsdown, who has had a pen of birds stolen and also a quantity of garden produce. We hope the culprit did not know he was robbing a St. Dunstaner and share Horsley's wrath at such a dastardly theft.

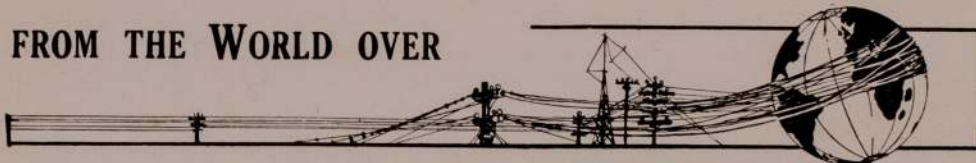
One who has a double reason for wishing for good weather is J. Rose, of Longniddy, for, seeing a possibility of trade with summer visitors, he has opened up a little shop on the beach. So far the chilly days have been against him, but even with this handicap Rose has done well at the week-ends and we feel sure that with the sun will come good profits.

All friends of W. Farnell, of Peacehaven, will be glad to hear he has found plenty of pleasurable, if hard work, in connection with his bungalow, but now feels that it has repaid all his efforts. Not only has he made a concrete path all round the house, fenced the garden and made a gate, but has now built on a covered porch all himself. He has just finished painting it, and we are looking to receive snapshot evidence of his successful achievement.

Basket makers who take pleasure in working new shapes will, we are sure, be interested to know that a new kind of order has come the way of A. H. Rodgers, of Barrow-in-Furness. A large pigeon basket has just been commissioned, and as the district is a pigeon race centre, we join Rodgers in hoping that the first order may be the forerunner of many. Has any one else pigeon clubs in their locality?

Another basket maker who is usually busy is P. Austin, of Higham Ferrers.

FROM THE WORLD OVER



At the moment he has no less than twenty baskets on order, all of varying shapes and sizes, which lends variety to the work. The report of his progress is excellent we are glad to hear, and it is in a great measure due to his keen attention to detail.

Netting used to be quite a hobby with J. Woodhouse, of Derby, as those who worked with him will remember, but he rarely gets time for it now, he tells us, as, in addition to his poultry—he has had a splendid hatching season and the hens are laying well—he has seven cows to milk morning and evening.

Another whose farm it is a treat to see is that of C. H. Brown, of Burton-on-Trent. Like Woodhouse, he reports a splendid hatching season.

A busier farmer still is F. Makin, of Yorkshire, for he has added both pigs and cows to his poultry. He is now well on his feet and we congratulate him on the fight he put up during the spell of bad luck through which he has pluckily fought his way. May there be a clear road ahead of him.

From W. Burgin, too, comes word of a successful hatching season. He finds the sale of "day-old" chicks lucrative, and the providing of these keeps him busy, but not so much so that he can find no leisure for wireless. He is one of our latest recruits in this direction, has been busy erecting his aerial masts and is anticipating many a pleasant hour when his installation is complete.

A fellow enthusiast is R. C. Botley, of Surbiton, who is very pleased with his new wireless set, and spends many a spare

moment "listening-in." He reads all he can get hold of on the subject, and with added knowledge says it grows more fascinating.

Who said holidays? T. Rhys, of Bangor, is planning an ideal tandem cycle trip, and before this appears in print will have started off on his tour. We are sure that his friends would like to hear of his itinerary, so perhaps Rhys will let us have "The adventures of a St. Dunstaner a-wheel" for a later issue?

Some day perhaps we may take a census of the businesses run by St. Dunstaners, and perhaps prizes may be offered for the most attractive window displays. When this comes to pass we feel sure that E. Lake, of Scarborough, will make a good running, for we hear that his toy and stationery shop "looks most attractive." He has made an excellent start, and we offer him our sincere congratulations. The fact that his very capable wife has been in business before is an enormous asset.

It certainly is an ill wind that blows nobody any good. A sudden burst of prosperity has fallen to the lot of J. Boyce, of Belfast, one of our masseurs, and he puts it all down to "tennis elbow." Clients are flocking to him to have their stiffness eased.

Hastings is one of the towns that begins its summer season early. A carnival has helped things on, and G. Brook has, therefore, been rejoicing while doing an excellent trade in dinners and teas.

We hear the shop is considerably improved since he took it over.

Tourists are also important in the eyes of A. Tanner, of St. Ives, who, while keeping fairly busy with fish baskets, is hoping for increased prosperity with the advent of the summer visitors. For his sake we hope the season will be unusually lengthy.

It is not often that people rejoice in being "well known to the police," but T. McCann is ingratiating himself with members of the force to his financial reward. One stalwart constable gave him a mat order a short time since, so bringing him to the attention of the district inspector, from whom a kindly turn is now anticipated.

J. Brockerton, of Ireland, may also be said to be moving in official circles, since he recently secured an order from the Town Hall and another from a bank. He turns out excellent work and we congratulate him on being a credit to St. Dunstan's. His chickens, too, are doing well, and he has a fine stock of young birds.

Once upon a time it was the fashion to refer to children as "encumbrances," but S. Kemp, of Hayle, Cornwall, counts his large family his greatest asset. When a visitor dropped in to see him the other day he found the place a perfect hive of industry, eight out of the eleven children being happily absorbed in as many jobs. With such a competent staff to assist him, Kemp should go far along the road to prosperity.

In these times of house shortage it is good to hear that H. Faulkner, of Yorkshire, is delighted with his new home. He is busy from morning to night and intends to spare no effort to make a success of things. No doubt he will encounter obstacles, as have done, and are doing, his fellow wayfarers, but a determined onslaught does a good deal to reduce a mountain to, if not a molehill, at least a mound of negotiable proportions.

Another who has made a good start in a new abode is R. Fitchie, who is now near Ormskirk, and among kindly neighbours, one farmer ploughed up a piece of land for him, and another sent a gift of seeds. With a wife who is a splendid assistant, a pursuit like poultry and the making of wool rugs as an indoor craft, Fitchie should be able to face the future in true St. Dunstan spirit.

One of the youngest craftsmen on our lists is H. E. Raymond, of Newbury, who, not so long since, celebrated his twenty-first birthday. We congratulate him on the fact that his work is always exceptionally neat, clean and well-executed.

Our walkers will have to look to their laurels. We hear that W. Castle, of Birmingham, is already taking an amazing amount of exercise in order to get into the pink of condition so as to be ready for the next race!

Kindness does a great deal to make the world go round and R. Boyter, of Roxburghshire, is one who realises that he owes a special debt of gratitude to a little group of ladies who never fail to remember when opportunity arises. Among them is Lady Margaret Carr, Lady Stratheden, Lady Victoria Gosling, Mrs. Bethune and Mrs. Paton. Orders for goods with which to supply "sales of work" come from some of these ladies year after year, and Boyter cherishes a little pile of letters telling him that "his baskets sell well and are very pretty."

Word that yet another St. Dunstaner is in touch with officialdom. F. James, of Hove, has just completed orders for the Electricity Department of the Brighton Corporation and is now on with a nice order for the Shoreham Poor Relief officials. Who will be the first to receive a commission from the House of Lords? A St. Dunstaner does shoe repairs for a royal palace already.

The Gravesend Exhibition

By a ST. DUNSTAN'S CORRESPONDENT.
(June 19th, 20th and 21st.)

IF the townsfolk of Gravesend did not know of St. Dunstan's before, they certainly do now. With Brammer and S. W. Smith I had the pleasure of accompanying Miss Witherby to that ancient town to demonstrate the work done by St. Dunstaners and to show the people that the goods they were purchasing so generously were actually being made on the spot. We were given a most cordial welcome and two fine cars were put at our disposal to convey us to and from the grounds, a distance which I estimate at about two miles.

The ground chosen was a large park called Wombwell Park, and it was admirably suited for the purpose.

My first impression was the same as that experienced by most people, on arriving at a camping ground, to find the transport has not turned up—just an empty marquee, nothing more. The soldier's old instinct came back, and we soon improvised a rack for the ladies' coats and our own and opened up the tent, while awaiting the arrival of our van, which had come down by road. By this time everyone in the party was beginning to speculate as to whether the van had broken down or lost the way, but before we had become convinced of this, our good friend Heyward hove in sight and the real business commenced. We were pretty busy for an hour or more getting the large assortment of baskets, rugs and nets, hammocks and other goods, which we hoped to leave there. I may say here that our van came back a lot lighter than it went.

We were most generously entertained to lunch each day by the Co-operative Society and also to tea by the North Kent Club.

We found good friends in the shape of two firemen dressed in gorgeous uniforms, who were on the spot to advertise their patent fire extinguisher. Happily, their services were not called upon in their professional capacity, but they proved a most splendid guard for our tent at night. Rain on the first two days brought mixed blessings. The indefatigable Miss Witherby invited the people into the tent, and

there were few of them who went out without a basket or something else, thus adding to our steadily increasing takings.

Much admiration was bestowed on the wonderful work of S. W. Smith, who so steadily worked away at his wool rug, and C. Brammer's hammock came in for a lot of attention and admiration. There was an "opposition show" of baskets, but everyone said that they did not come up to the standard which we achieved, although I am bound to say that the proprietors were very kind in offering the use of their tank for soaking any cane which I required. This was a kindly action, and is typical of the treatment we received at the hands of all concerned with the Exhibition.

It seems strange to me that a town so close to the great metropolis should know so little of our work, although, of course, there were some who knew St. Dunstan's, or thought they did. For instance, there was the lady who knew this place quite well, and she was surprised at the wonderful way the "boys play tennis," if you please! She wonders at the skill with which the blind boys hit the ball over the net every time. I think she is still wondering!!

Then there was the dear old lady who asked Smith how he knew the different colours. I think, *entre nous*, that he told her he could *smell* them! Wonderful??

While one lady was heard to remark that the basket-maker did it all with his hands!

Miss Witherby had the able assistance of Mr. Ottaway on the first day. I believe a country show is a new experience for that gentleman. I know that he enjoyed it very much, but the call of the workshops was too pressing, and he gave way to Miss Westcott on the following two days. Mrs. Reid also encouraged us with her cheery presence, as did Miss Taylor, and all worked with great smoothness and that feeling of good comradeship and co-operation which is so essential to the success of such an undertaking. The expenses of the whole business were to me surprisingly small, although nothing was lacking which would add to the good working of the scheme, and the amount of propaganda work performed was a matter for congratulation to all concerned.

W. LOWINGS.

St. Dunstan's Regatta

We were fortunate to have secured a very beautiful day for our rowing regatta which took place at Putney on Thursday, 28th June. Once more the Thames and Vesta Rowing Clubs placed their boathouses at our disposal and, as on former occasions, we used the Thames for our tea and the Vesta for dressing purposes. The regatta, in every way, was both enjoyable and successful, and we had between fifty to sixty boys present to row. Unfortunately, we were unable to have our old rowing instructor, Gibson, to start us, because it happened to be the same day that the Westminster crew were rowing Eton, and Gibson was busy; but we were very lucky to have Mr. Martin, of the Thames R.C., to start the races for us.

Our judges consisted of Mr. A. D. B. Pearson, the famous Cambridge rowing blue, Mr. Brown, of the Vesta R.C., together with Mr. Bates and Mr. Kessell, and so we were well served.

Mr. Finch, of the Leander Club, with Mr. Franckeiss, of the Vesta R.C., and C/Major Tovell, with our old friend, Monty Brooke were most efficient stewards, whilst the following ladies rendered magnificent service as coxes:—

Mrs. Fraser, C.B.E., Miss Bell, Miss Hodgson, Miss Woolrych, Miss Paterson, Miss Stacey, Miss Gamble, Miss Wootton, Miss Drury, Miss Duly, Miss Abbott (Bedford College), Miss Drake (Bedford College), Miss Gilroy (Bedford College), Miss Little (Bedford College).

We were fortunate in receiving splendid prizes—Captain Fraser gave a set of handsome cups for the Open Fours, Doctor Bridges supplied cups and silver match-boxes for the old boys' Double Sculls, Mr. Johnson gave the prizes for the Pair Oars, Mr. Franckeiss, on behalf of the Putney Constitutional Club, gave cups for the one-armed pairs, whilst Mr. Huskinson again sent along a cup for the Old Boys' Single Sculls, T.B.

The racing generally was very close except when J. Doubler and B. Inman won their races by five and six lengths respectively. The present boys' Single Sculls was well won by H. G. Boorman, whilst perhaps the most exciting event was the Double Sculls of the present boys, which was won by W. Muir and B. Inman by one foot only from T. Clarke and J. Salt. H. V. Thompson again won the Huskinson cup by one length from J. Macfarlane. The Pair Oars proved a fine race with J. Spink and E. Turnock winning by one length. There was a great fight amongst the old boys in the Double Sculls, but W. Bawden and P. Conlin finally won by two-thirds of a length from H. M. Steel and W. T. Scott, and now came the great event of the day: the Open and Invitation Fours, in which the winners of our three heats had to meet the Fire Brigade. It was a fine race all through, but unfortunately, A. James' crew had an accident with one of their oars which lost them their chance. Thompson's crew rowed splendidly, but could not prevent the Fire Brigade winning by three-quarters of a length.

Everybody now was glad to get to tea, and after tea there was just time for a wash and brush up before we proceeded to the Hotel Cecil for our rowing dinner. As usual, this was a most enjoyable function, and a delightful wind up to a very happy day. Mr. Kessell saw that everything possible was done for our comfort, whilst Mr. Kingston Stewart who is well remembered at St. Dunstan's, brought along an excellent concert party to entertain us. Miss Hill (contralto), Mr. Stanley Hill (comedian), Mr. Alexander Price (baritone), Mr. M. Rais with Mr. Beckers (violin), and Mr. Kingston-Stewart at the piano. Captain Fraser took the chair and right from the commencement everything went with a good swing.

Many excellent speeches were made, in which the competitors, coxes, prize-

givers and indeed all who had taken part and had contributed towards the success of the Regatta were heartily thanked. Special reference was made to the success of the Fire Brigade, and amid loud applause, Captain Fraser's cups were presented by Colonel Ball, the Chairman of the Fire Brigade on the L.C.C.

But all good things must come to an end and so shortly after 11.0 p.m. a number of very tired, but very happy competitors, wended their way back to Cornwall Terrace for the rest they had so well earned.

Before concluding this little account of the Regatta may I add how very grateful we all are to Colonel Ball, Chief Officer Dyer and the members of the Fire Brigade crew for coming up and giving us such a sporting contest. As we won last year the score is now one each and already our fellows are looking forward to next year for the opportunity of winning the rubber. I know that the Fire Brigade would wish it to be stated that Miss Hodgson coxed them most efficiently.

RESULT OF RACES

Event	1	2	3
SINGLE SCULLS : P.B. T.B.	Boorman 1½ lengths	Davies 1 length	Ashe
SINGLE SCULLS : Old Boys, S.S.	Doubler 5 lengths	Shelton	—
SINGLE SCULLS : Present Boys, S.S.	Inman 6 lengths	Coman	Cookson
DOUBLE SCULLS : Present Boys	Muir and Inman 1 foot	Clarke and Salt	—
ONE-ARMED PAIRS : Special Event	Downs and Neighen 3 lengths	—	—
SINGLE SCULLS : Old Boys, T.B.	H. V. Thompson 1 length	McFarlane	Wiltshire
PAIR OARS : Open	Spink and Turnock 1 length	C. F. Thompson and Nuyens	Prior and Boorman
DOUBLE SCULLS : Old Boys	Bawden and Conlin two-thirds length	Steel and Scott	Gimber and Ashworth
OPEN AND INVITATION FOURS . .	Fire Brigade J. W. Spurgeon, E. Duggan, T. S. Gibbons, F. E. Gooch three-quarters length	Doubler, C. F. Thompson, Toomey Nuyens	Spink, Turnock, Ashe, Jervis

J. E. W.



SPORTS CLUB NOTES



OUR sportsmen have been working very hard during the last month, for not only have we had our Regatta, but we have also had our team walk against the Queens Park Harriers, and the preliminary trials for the British Empire Sports at Wembley. It can be seen, therefore, that when the Football Competition, Saturday Sports, Jerks and Swimming are added to these, there has not been very much time lost from the sports point of view. I notice that everybody has been grumbling about the weather, but it has been very kind to us during this time, and we have been permitted to carry on all of our events under most favourable circumstances.

The Saturday Sports are still going strong, although our numbers are not as great as they used to be. At the present moment both H. G. Boorman and H. Prior are straining every nerve to keep their place at the head of their respective sections. The following list of the points which the leaders have scored gives an idea as to progress:—

SATURDAY SPORTS.

LEADING POINTS TO JUNE 30th.

S.S.		T.B.	
H. Prior ..	595	H. G. Boorman	695
W. Muir ..	455	G. H. Wootley	500
J. W. Cookson	440	T. Ashe ..	490
B. Inman ..	425	A. Chiverton ..	250
H. Barker ..	315	J. Spink ..	140
A. Jarvis ..	235		
J. Salt ..	105		

WALKING.

One of the most interesting walks which we have yet taken part in took place on Monday, 2nd July, at 7 p.m., when we placed two teams on the road to walk against a team representing the Queens Park Harriers. We were allowed to put six men in each of our teams with the first four in of each team to count, and we were also given by the official handicapper of the A.A.A. handicap allowances of 23 and 28 minutes for A.

and B. teams respectively. The handicap was worked out upon the lines that a Queens Park man should be able to walk the three miles race in at least five to seven minutes quicker than our boys. With this idea A. team had 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ minutes and B. team 7 minutes per man.

The teams turned out as arranged, whilst the Queens Park entered Messrs. A. J. Burnett, W. F. Baker, A. Unstead and J. Worrell.

The teams, of course, all started together, Captain Fraser giving them an excellent "send-off," and the time was taken of each man as he came in. As was quite expected, the Queens Park men finished in the first four places with their leading man, J. Worrell, doing the journey in the wonderful time of 21 minutes 34 seconds. All those who have walked the Outer Circle in days gone by will know exactly what this time means. Their last man completed the course in 23 minutes 1 second, but, hard upon his heels came Ingram, who completed the course in the time of 24 minutes 50 seconds. This is simply a magnificent performance, and is the best thing we have yet done. As Ingram was the leading man in B. team, he gave his men a wonderful opportunity which they took full advantage of, for their remaining three finished in the sixth, eighth and ninth places respectively. As A. team only secured the sixth, seventh, twelfth and thirteenth places they had lost their chance. The final result worked out that B. team's total time was 109 minutes 52 seconds, which amounted to 81 minutes 52 seconds when the handicap was taken off; A. team's totalled 111 minutes 11 seconds, amounting to 88 minutes 11 seconds with the handicap taken off, whilst Queen's Park totalled 88 minutes 41 seconds.

It will, therefore, be seen that the B. team consisting of Messrs Ingram, Boorman, Ashe and Lowings obtained

first place; A. team second, and Queens Park third. The winning team secured the medals whilst Birch also obtained a medal for being the first man in the losing team, and Rhodes obtained his because he had shown the greatest improvement compared with the last walk. This time, he completed the course in 2 minutes 53 seconds less than before.

After the race was over Matron most kindly entertained teams and escorts, and whilst the supper was in progress she most kindly and graciously presented the medals to the winners.

The thanks of the men to Mr. Donoghue, the Queens Park Secretary, to his team and to the escorts who had so kindly helped us, were ably voiced by Charlie Durkin.

It was certainly a most interesting event, and I think that everybody was surprised at the excellent walking of our boys. (Full results table on page 24.)

WEMBLEY.

I expect that the majority of the boys know that we have been invited to send two teams to the British Empire Sports at Wembley on 14th July. Quite a number of entries have been received for the privilege of representing St. Dunstan's in the 100 yards sprint, and in the walking event, and so, in the former case, we had to have our preliminary races, with the result that J. P. Meighen, H. G. Boorman, E. Turnock, P. Nuyens, H. Kerr, with T. Ashe, as reserve, have qualified.

I cannot give the names of the walkers yet, as I am not sure as to whether they will allow us to send twelve or only five; it depends upon the distance of the race.

BRIGHTON WALK.

May I remind the men that this year's Brighton walk is down for Saturday, the 1st of September, and I shall be glad if any T. B. boys who wish to enter, will kindly let me know immediately, as entries cannot be received after the end of July. I think that all will understand that they must make their own training arrangements, because careful preliminary training is absolutely essential for a walk of this description, and also, as there is

absolutely no spare accommodation here, every man must make his own arrangements as to fares and hospitality.

FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

We have just completed yet another competition and it is extraordinary that each time we have had most exciting finishes. Right up to the last day the Championship was in doubt; the Brightonians had an excellent chance of heading the table had they have beaten the Muir Swankers in the last match, but this they found impossible, so that the Muir Swankers, who last month were at the bottom of the table, found themselves in second place, with the Oddfellows once more champions. It is a great performance to secure the league in successive competitions, and great credit is due to the Oddfellows for consistent play. They only had one bad patch, but recovered safely. The Muir Swankers did not lose a game during the second half of the season, so that their success is splendid. It is interesting to note from the table how that each team leads the other by but one point from the Watlings to the Oddfellows, which certainly shows how close the competition is.

As regards the goal scorers the T. B. have had a wonderful season, and it is splendid to see comparatively new footballers like E. Roberts and W. Hill at the head of their section with twelve goals each. They have yet to play off to see who is champion. H. Prior once more heads the S.S. list with 17 goals, whilst F. McMahon and H. Smy did excellently with 15 and 14 respectively.

RESULTS.

Date	Match	Goals
June 5th:—	Muir Swankers v. Regent Villa ..	6—2
	Bow Bells v. Oddfellows ..	3—3
June 7th:—	Optimists v. Brightonians ..	4—4
	Watlings v. Oddfellows ..	4—3
June 8th:—	Regent Villa v. Bow Bells ..	2—1
	Muir Swankers v. Optimists ..	3—3
June 12th:—	Brightonians v. Watlings ..	2—2
	Bow Bells v. Optimists ..	1—0
June 13th:—	Regent Villa v. Oddfellows ..	5—0
	Bow Bells v. Brightonians ..	4—3

June 15th :—		
Muir Swankers v. Oddfellows ..	..	5—2
Regent Villa v. Watlings ..	..	4—4
June 19th :—		
Bow Bells v. Watlings ..	..	3—0
Oddfellows v. Optimists ..	..	4—3
June 22nd :—		
Muir Swankers v. Watlings ..	..	3—2
Optimists v. Regent Villa ..	..	4—3
June 26th :—		
Oddfellows v. Brightonians ..	..	4—4
Muir Swankers v. Bow Bells ..	..	7—3
Muir Swankers v. Brightonians ..	..	4—3

FOOTBALL LEAGUE TABLE.
Goals

No.	Name	P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Agst.	Pts	
1.	Oddfellows	12	6	3	3	45	39	15	
2.	Muir Swankers	12	6	4	2	42	38	14	
3.	Brightonians	12	5	4	3	39	30	13	
4.	Optimists	..	12	5	5	2	34	35	12
5.	Bow Bells	..	12	4	5	3	31	38	11
6.	Regent Villa	12	3	5	4	34	36	10	
7.	Watlings	..	12	3	6	3	22	31	9

GOAL-SCORERS.

No.	T.B.	Goals	S.S.	Goals
1.	E. Roberts	.. 12	H. Prior	.. 17
2.	W. Hill	.. 12	F. McMahon	.. 15
3.	J. Cookson	.. 9	H. Smy	.. 14
4.	H. G. Boorman	7	A. Coman	.. 11
5.	G. Glover	.. 7	H. Baker	.. 11
6.	W. Lowings	.. 7	R. Edwards	.. 10
7.	A. Kelly	.. 7	S. Aldridge	.. 9
8.	T. Ashe	.. 6	J. Hallaron	.. 7
9.	P. McGloin	.. 6	B. Inman	.. 6
10.	E. Turnock	.. 6	J. Lovell	.. 6
11.	R. Watt	.. 5	A. Jarvis	.. 5
12.	G. Matthews	.. 5	W. Muir	.. 5
13.	G. Wootley	.. 4	E. Pearson	.. 5
14.	A. Lillie	.. 3	W. Parnell	.. 4
15.	W. Farmery	.. 2	D. Hunt	.. 4
16.	A. Chiverton	.. 2	S. Annis	.. 3
17.	E. C. Wheeler	.. 2	—, White	.. 3
18.	G. Gilpin	.. 2	J. Salt	.. 2
19.	J. Davis	.. 1	J. Anderson	.. 1
20.	H. Jacklin	.. 1	W. Chappell	.. 1
21.	C. Wilshaw	.. 1	J. Stringer	.. 1

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A Much Appreciated Courtesy

Leicestershire St. Dunstaners are particularly favoured in one way as the proprietors of the Leicester Palace Theatre place a certain number of free seats at the disposal of local men and their escorts every week. Lately this theatre celebrated its twenty-second birthday and, in honour of the day, provided a particularly splendid programme. Among the guests invited on this occasion were A. Biggs, H. Wells and W. Storer.

Advertising—A Warning

While most forms of advertising will be to the benefit of St. Dunstaners, it should be remembered that in entering into any such arrangements every care should be taken to ensure that value for the outlay entailed is going to be obtained and further that in the signing of agreements or contracts for such purposes their exact terms and the responsibilities they involve are fully understood. The After-Care Department will always be very glad to advise upon the value and liabilities of advertising contracts. St. Dunstaners may be considering, and we strongly suggest that such documents should be submitted before the signature is given.

We are aware of one case not long since in which a St. Dunstaner, under the impression that he was paying 12s. for an advertisement slide at a cinema, discovered after that he had committed himself for a similar expense in fourteen other cinemas, a number of which were so far out of his district that the announcement on the screen therein could not possibly have brought him orders.

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The versatility of our St. Dunstaners and their willingness to tackle any and every job is amusingly illustrated in the following extract from a letter received at Headquarters. This correspondent says: "I am pleased to say that we are getting along well, and we always have some work to do. Since I have been here I have had some very peculiar jobs. Among the first to come in was a Night Commode; this I was able to repair. Then we had a dog kennel to make; following upon this, we have had to put a ferrule on a gentleman's walking-stick, and the last of the funny jobs was a lady's grey costume, which came in to have grey eyelets put in, and we made a really smart job of this."

The humour of this record of work done as well as the proof of our contributor's capacity lies in the fact that his real trade is that of a boot-repairer!

From the Chairman's Post-bag

ONE of the most valuable functions of "ST. DUNSTAN'S REVIEW" is that it provides a regular means of all St. Dunstaners keeping in touch with old comrades, and we are always very glad to give special prominence to request from our readers to hear from friends they made while at the Hostel. C. R. Gray, of 204, Walton Road, Woking, makes this request in a recent letter sent to Captain Fraser, from which the following is an extract:—

"I am very pleased to say that I am keeping quite fit, also I think that the business that I have recently been settled in is going on as good as I can expect. Of course, I have only had a month here at present, but each week according to my books, shows more, but I am expecting it to be much brighter within the next three or four months.

"I am very pleased to say that the public here, are very pleased to have a St. Dunstan's boy in their district, as they have done so much for them.

"I frequently hear from some of my old St. Dunstaners who tell me that there are a lot of the old boys enquiring for my present address. Of course, I cannot let them know all at once, as I find that it is more than I can do, and I would like to ask you if you will be good enough to insert a small paragraph in the magazine for this month, giving my name and address, so they could write to me if they wish. Of course, I am better known in St. Dunstan's as Charlie, and I shall be glad if you would mention this fact.

The following letter from a Canadian St. Dunstaner, and Captain Fraser's reply, will be of general interest. A copy of the issue containing the announcement of Ingram's marriage has been sent to our correspondent:—

Edmonton, Alberta,
11512-89th Street.

DEAR SIR,—It is quite a while since I wrote you, so as I have a few minutes

to spare, I thought I would let you know just how things are going with me.

First, I know you will be very interested to hear that I am now a married man, I was married to Miss Grace Halford, formerly a music teacher at St. Dunstan's, at the first Presbyterian Church, Edmonton, Alberta, on 21st May. I am sure this will be interesting news to many old St. Dunstaners and to many readers of "THE REVIEW."

I am very pleased to say that my work with the Government is just to my liking and I enjoy it very much and I am quite assured of a position here so long as I wish to stay, so naturally I am satisfied that I am giving satisfaction to my employers.

I am keeping as healthy as a person could do, taking lots of exercise, especially walking; I have three miles to go to work, which takes me exactly fifty minutes to walk, though during the winter months I cannot make it on foot owing to the snow; however, I make the most of it during the good weather. I have been doing a whole lot of dancing this last winter as well as lots of skating, which all goes to make a person feel well.

I heard some little time ago that Jimmy Ingram had got married, though I did not hear the announcement read out of "THE REVIEW," so apparently I did not get that particular "REVIEW," and as I am very much interested, I would be glad if you would forward me a copy of the announcement which appeared in the "REVIEW," or better still, if possible, forward "THE REVIEW" of that month.

Please remember me kindly to all my friends around the old home and tell them all I was asking for them and accept my regards for Mrs. Fraser and yourself and believe me to be ever a St. Dunstaner.

Trusting to have a line from you in the very near future.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd.) CHAS. F. HORNSBY.

DEAR HORNSBY,

Many thanks for your interesting letter.

Congratulations upon the news it contains. May I wish you and your wife all possible happiness and success.

You are quite right to attach importance to exercise. In my experience it is the most difficult thing for a blind man to get enough. I do a bit of rowing on the lake which helps to keep me fit.

I am asking the Editor of "THE REVIEW" to look up the number which contained the announcement of Ingram's marriage, and hope he will be sending you this without delay.

I am sure many St. Dunstaners will be interested in your news, and accordingly I am printing your letter in the July number of "THE REVIEW." I fear it is just too late for this issue.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,
CHAIRMAN.

In a recent letter to our Chairman, another Canadian, J. W. Ogilvie, of Toronto, writes to say:—

That he has sold his old house as it was situated too far out of Toronto and has moved to the following address:—53 Brook Avenue, Parkdale, Toronto, Canada, where he is very comfortably settled. He says: "I am now getting ready for the Exhibition here, as I am going to put in a work and spool basket combined. It is a pattern of my own, so I don't know how I will come out with it, but it is a very pretty thing. I haven't decided what else I will put in yet. I am still doing a little work for the C.N.I.B. whenever I am able to do it. We are just starting to get some nice weather here now, as it has been very cold this winter over here. I never knew anything about gardening, but I did put a little garden outside my house, and I think it must look fairly well for the man next door said he was going to do his just the same as I did, so I take it from that that it must be all right."

A fine record of hard work and the success it inevitably brings is provided by the experience of W. C. Stamp, of Keelby, near Habrough. How this St.

Dunstaner is making good can be best gathered from the letter to the Chairman which we quote below:—

DEAR CAPT. FRASER,

It seems ages since I wrote you concerning my business and daily life. We read with interest the doing of numbers of St. Dunstaners in "THE REVIEW," but being an early St. Dunstaner myself, I do not often see the names of men who were in No. 9 Ward at the house in 1916. Up to March last I was only what you might call a temporary St. Dunstaner, as I had only a temporary pension, but a final board fixed me up with the 100 per cent. pension for life, so now I feel that I am one of the regulars. Since this time I have sought to still further push my business, and find means of getting orders, instead of having to depend upon the after care to do all the work. I am looking forward to having Mat on view at the Lincolnshire Agricultural Show this year, as last year I had at the Royal Show at Cambridge. Lettered mats and designs are my chief makes for shows. Since I left St. Dunstan's I have made and sold locally, in over fifty villages and towns between two and three hundreds of fibre mats of all sizes from a No. 1 up to 50 inches and 56 inches, and have had repeated orders from many customers. Of course, I have the boot repairing as well, which has its fits and starts, sometimes a lot, and then only a few. There is then the string bags and silk bags, and of these I have sold locally over one thousand, and have orders in up to the present day for these. I also sell tea, and a number of other articles for the Braille Tea Agency, as there was no civilian blind person in this district to take it on, and I had the chance, and for these articles I call upon 104 customers each week. In spare time, with my wife taking the lead on the Tandem, and our two children behind me we have a ride out. How many St. Dunstaners have a wife who has nerve to tackle a Tandem with the husband and two children behind her.

With all best wishes,
Yours faithfully,

W. STAMP.



NEWS FROM THE WORKSHOPS AND STORES

ONCE more the end of term enables us to congratulate our men upon the way in which they have followed their cheerful predecessors in overcoming their handicap. The success of the pioneer is always most noticed, but it must not be forgotten that each blind man has to meet the same difficulties, and requires patience, courage and perseverance in equal measure to those who have gone before. It is not a bit easier for them in actual practice, and their success deserves as much recognition.

We would particularly offer our congratulations and best wishes to those men who are concluding their course of training this summer. We feel confident from what we have seen of their work in the shops that they will advance upon their new ventures with energy and determination, and will maintain the standard of work equal to those who have gone before.

BASKETS.

E. C. Wheeler has been concluding his course with some rather larger work, such as square clothes-baskets, hampers and soiled linens. He is rather modest concerning his capabilities, but he has no reason whatever to be disappointed with the result of his work. J. Papps has been steadily advancing on previous lines, and has met with much more success on round work than he thought he would. W. Buckle has covered a good range with the baskets made to stock his shop, reaching a very good standard, particularly with some barrels, oval arms and work-baskets. T. H. Brewer has been struggling manfully against ill-health, and has wisely confined his work to the small type of basket.

J. W. Roylance has covered a larger range, and has included in his stock work-baskets, centre-cane trays, barrels, hampers and oval clothes baskets. He would, we think, do particularly well with the larger work, if he develops it.

J. Moeller has been having a revision course this term, and we should like

particularly to mention his success with square hampers. He has got a sound idea of these right through, and several that he made were of a remarkably good standard of workmanship.

At the centre-cane table we have had some very keen competition, each man appearing desirous to out-do his companion. The workbaskets were very much in favour, and W. Lowings made a number of these, some trays with beaded handles, and also bread baskets and tea-pot stands. He will, we are sure, quickly establish a reputation for his business. P. McGloin's interest has grown considerably during the last few months. He has done similar work to Lowings, and also made some bag baskets, barrels and oval arms, the latter being particularly good. W. Ellinson has also covered a large range of work. He has shown considerable ability and a great desire to undertake new shapes and strokes, so that, with his cheerful disposition, we feel confident that he will develop all his work on quite the right lines.

MATS.

E. Brockie has made excellent use of his time in the shops, and the little set of mats made by him with the red scalloped borders have been admired by many people. C. Wilshaw has, during the last few months, improved considerably in every part of the work, his thrumming and cutting is particularly good, and in his last mat he succeeded in getting a nice shape, and improved much in bordering. H. R. Prior rapidly gained a good idea of the work, and has already made two mats with five-diamonds, the design of which was quite correct. He has also been doing very consistent work in the boot shop, he rivets well, gets a good shape, and makes a nice clean finish, every job being done much about the same.

BOOTS AND CLOGS.

W. J. Parnell has been doing fairly well with elementary work, and has recently

shown advance. R. Paterson gets some fairly good results at times, and recently turned out quite a nice job of gent.'s boots with quarter rubbers. J. Melling is taking up a post as boot and clog repairer at the Wigan Workhouse. His wife will be able to render him valuable assistance, and we feel that he will be very happily placed. His recent advance on clog work has been noticeable. Since our last report C. H. Aldridge has turned out some quite good jobs, but there are still points to which he must give attention in order to be able to say that his standard is uniform. Our best wishes go to H. A. Baker, who recently left us. He showed real interest in his work at all times, and we have every reason to think that he will be well suited to the business. W. A. H. Farmery has covered a full range of repairs from heavy boots to single soles. His bench work is very good, and he has had a complete experience with all classes of repairs. We feel confident that he will be able to manage his business on good sound lines. A Lillie has continued to do remarkably well with clogs, each job showing some marked advance. E. Turnock has been engaged recently upon the difficult task of wax-end making and hand-closing. His test clogs reached a distinctly good standard.

JOINERY.

C. E. Bolton has completed his short revision course, during which he made a pair of steps and oak octagonal table and bedstead, all this work being very nearly and carefully executed. J. Spink has had valuable experience, and his prospects are undoubtedly good. The quality of the work done by S. Holmes throughout his course has been first-class, and we confidently anticipate that his future success will be as assured as any other joiner who has left us.

PROFICIENCY CERTIFICATES.

The following have been issued during the month:—

Buckle, W. ..	Willow Baskets
Papps, J. ..	"
Wheeler, E. C. ..	"
Roylance J. W. ..	"
Lowings, W. ..	Centre-cane Baskets
McGloin, P. ..	"

Pearson, J. E. ..	Centre-cane Baskets
Sexty, B. C. ..	"
Aldridge, C. H. ..	Boots
Melling, J. ..	"
Baker, H. A. ..	Boots and Mats
Farmery, W. A. H. ..	"
Hallaron, J. ..	"
Lillie, A. ..	Clogs
Turnock, E. ..	"
Holmes, S. ..	Joinery
Spink, J. ..	"
	W.H.O.

The Ship that came Home

'Twas not the painted galleon that set the city free,
'Twas not the ship men doted on that brought the blessing back.
A fierce sun drowned at close of day what time she put to sea,
A people's lust went out with her along its golden track.
But when she cleared the beacons twain her 'dizened plumage flapped,
The brazen bauble in the west was turned to sullen fire;
Then like a traitor's plighted word her rotten mainmast snapped,
And men grew sick to look upon the ship of heart's desire.
A saug three-decker kissed the tide, and held upon her course,
With canvas white as albatross, and hull as black as raven,
Of sappy pine and tough teak, shaped with sweat and grim resource,
By blackened and unlovely serfs within a lonely haven.
And as the watchers blenched to see their darling sprawl and sink,
The homely craft obeyed her helm and took the fiery track.
Men lifted eyes, and saw her dark against the sea's red brink,
And at the dawning of the day she brought the blessing back.
'Tis not the painted galleon that sets my spirit free,
The gaudy ship of heart's desire is sport of blast and foam.
But all the while I dreamed and planned my foolish argosy,
Was wrought the ship of heart's distress that brings the blessing home.

C.R.A.

Hardy Upton (trying on a new suit):
"Ah, Isaacs, this suit looks very creditable—very creditable indeed."
Isaacs, the tailor (excitedly): "Dot suit vas noddings ov de kind. Dot suit neffer leafs der shop except for ready money!"

Our Raw Materials

Hemp, Flax and Oddments

LAST year we used about ten tons of hemp in our workshops, this year we hope the amount will be even larger, for, as the price of raw material falls, a readier sale is found for St. Dunstan's products.

Hemp is used for all sport and garden nets, a very heavy tanned hemp for tennis and boundary nets and Italian line for pig nets. It was all very difficult to procure during the war, for imports were prohibited, but, owing to careful buying, we managed to secure enough Italian line for our own use; and, as workers will remember, sold it to St. Dunstan's men all through at a level rate of 2s. a lb., even when the outside price rose 300 per cent. above this.

There are several kinds of hemp. It is an annual and the plants grow five to fifteen feet high. The fibre which we use is obtained from the long leaves that envelope the stem and these are sometimes twenty feet long. An acre of hemp yields about 13½ tons of fresh leaves and from every ton of leaves should be extracted 50 lbs. of fibre.

The manilla hemp plant is a sort of banana tree, and it grows in Russia, China, Japan, Austria, France, New Zealand, the United States of America and the Philippines. The Russian peasants used to bring it to the markets in the winter piled high in their sleighs. We use this manilla hemp for goat nets, as goats persist in eating out nets with their hay sometimes, and goat-owners consider the manilla variety more digestible than Italian; this last can be used for horse nets, however, as their digestions are proverbial.

Once upon a time hemp was the fibre used in the manufacture of underwear. It was considered a great luxury when Catherine de Medici wore "undergarments of fine hemp."

Other people found another use for

hemp, for the Scythians produced a syrup from it which they called Haschisch and from this word comes our word "assassin," the inference is that the drink was strongly alcoholic.

For one kind of rabbit purse net we use green flax, and this, too, was practically unobtainable during the war as the Government absorbed the whole Irish output.

Flax is a fibre obtained from the outer layers of the stalk of the flax plant, which is an annual sown in the spring and pulled in the autumn. Flax grows in various districts of Ireland where it is often called "the rent paying crop." First grown on the banks of the Nile it was introduced into Great Britain by the Romans. At one time farmers were compelled by law to grow a rood of flax or hemp for every 60 acres of land cultivated.

Until the nineteenth century flax and hemp spinning went on in the same primitive method as that evolved by the early Christians.

The Phœcians, who settled in Ireland, took with them a knowledge of spinning and weaving as learnt from the Egyptians, but perhaps the most marvellous spinners were the Hindoo distaff spinners, for, by means of a slender wooden spindle, no thicker than a knitting needle, and weighted with a tiny pellet of clay, they could spin a round of cotton to a length of 250 miles.

In the time of Elizabeth an official report ran:—

"Ireland yields much flax which the inhabitants work into yarn and export. They of old had such a plenty of linen cloth that the natives used to use 30-40 ells in a shirt, all gathered round, wrinkled and washed in saffron. . . . They never put them off until they were worn out."

This excellent state of things had been brought about in Ireland by the efforts

of certain leading citizens, who, seeing the value of flax as a crop, and weaving as a trade, had done their best to induce the people to cultivate and spin and weave. Weavers, for instance, were exempted from certain taxes and duties, the best houses in the villages were offered rent free to the best workers, a "tablet of honour" being put over the doors of such with an inscription reading: "This house is rent free for the superior industry of the possessor."

Lack of space prevents us tracing out the history of cotton waste, from which our pretty coloured twines for hammocks, swings, bags, &c., are made. Of the galvanised iron rings, and those of brass and bone, there is little to say, while of the many wooden accessories such as the straight and bent spreaders for the stands of swings and hammocks and the maisonetta crib we regret to confess that they are foreign in workmanship. Bent wood work is an Austrian speciality and a field yet to be conquered by Englishmen.

We shall always need twines of very high quality, as rough materials cannot be used satisfactorily by out men, so St. Dunstan's wares can never be cheap in comparison with the prices charged for goods of inferior materials, but as our sales are steadily increasing we believe our customers appreciate the splendid wearing qualities of all we turn out and have discovered the truth of the old adage: "The best is really the cheapest in the end." E.T.C.

St. Dunstaner's Festivities

ONE of the most enjoyable entertainments of the month was that offered to fifteen of the College old boys by Lady Waldie Griffith when the lucky guests were entertained by her personally as she is on a visit to England. The music was much enjoyed, and the splendid tea revived memories of the never-to-be-forgotten wedding banquet held last December at St. Dunstan's in celebration of the marriage of Miss Griffith, once V.A.D. at the College and the Bungalow to Sir Richard Waldie Griffith.

In one way this last entertainment was

even more enjoyable than the December affair, as then the bride and bridegroom were only represented by deputies.

"THE DIVERTISSEMENT."

Eight other St. Dunstaners enjoyed themselves mightily at "The Divertissement," held by Miss Marta Cunningham at Claridge's, which they attended as guests of Lady Violet Astor and Lady Kylsant. As usual, the programme was excellent. Miss Tina Ilish sang Russian songs, and the artists included the Frank Ivimey trio, Mr. Peter Graham, Miss Marta Cunningham, Mr. T. C. Sterndale-Bennett, Mr. Selwyn Driver, Miss Jeanne Paule, and Mr. Robert Anthony. There was also dancing by children.

The men who went were G. B. Inman, W. H. Hill, H. Wood, C. Wilshaw, W. T. Harris, B. C. Sexty, G. Matthews and I. Stamp.

AT WIGMORE HALL.

Almost every St. Dunstaner in residence attended at the last Sunday concert of the present season at Wigmore Hall, when opportunity was taken to offer recognition of the splendid work done by the Alan Adair Wounded Fund.

There were speeches from the stage and from the hall, and among the many pleasing incidents that occurred during the afternoon was a presentation made to Mr. and Mrs. Adair on behalf of men from ten different hospitals. The gift took the form of a very handsome silver set, consisting of tea and coffee pots, with milk jug and sugar basin. Men from St. Dunstan's, K. Howes being one of those selected for the honour, presented Mrs. Adair with a floral tribute and Mr. Adair with an autograph book, bearing the signatures of all those who regularly attend the concerts. The programme was shorter than usual, but was heartily enjoyed, not the least acceptable features being provided by Alan Adair (whose abilities as an exponent of magic are well known) and Margaret Leakey (Mrs. Adair, who possesses a delightful soprano).

These concerts will be resumed on 23rd September, and it is interesting to record that over 32,000 men have been entertained by the Fund since its inauguration September 1921.



CHAPEL NOTES

ONCE more we are nearing the end of yet another term. This means that we will be losing many of our boys who have finished their training and who are commencing their new life. They all know that they are carrying away with them the best wishes of all at St. Dunstan's for their happiness and success, and I am sure they will be helped by the knowledge that they are remembered Sunday by Sunday. Several of those who are leaving have told me how we will be in their thoughts, especially during our service time, so we can feel that our Intercessions are reciprocated. I am personally grateful to those who have been so faithful in backing up our services so regularly—their presence has been a real encouragement to all those who are so keenly interested in the spiritual welfare of the men.

Baptism

On Sunday, 17th June, at St. Dunstan's Chapel, EILEEN MAY, daughter of FRANCIS WALTER and IDA ROSE TARRY.

Births

On 6th May, to the wife of H. H. BARNARD, of Dalston, a son (Kenneth Neville).

A Man among Men

An interesting competition has been run by *The Evening News*, in which an award of £3 3s. was made for the best letter on "the greatest individual achievement of the last twenty-five years."

The highest number of votes went to Marconi, as the inventor of wireless, but one of those published suggested our late Chief:—

THE BLIND LEADER.

SIR,—The leader of the blind gave a great part of his life to the benefit of present and future generations thereby bringing light into thousands of hitherto darkened lives.

(Mrs.) H. J. ATKINSON,
30 Julian Avenue, Acton, W.3.

On 10th May, to the wife of W. WOODROW, of Horsehay, a daughter (Elizabeth May).

On 19th May, to the wife of A. WERNHAM, of Binfield, a son (Oliver Albert).

On 25th May, to the wife of L. STRAW, of Nottingham, a son.

On 1st June, to the wife of R. PIDCOCK, of Nottingham, a daughter.

On 4th June, to the wife of D. A. PURVIES, of Middlesborough, a daughter.

On 6th June, to the wife of F. MEADER, of Barnet, a son.

On 9th June, to the wife of J. H. DEBNAM, of Nant-y-Holywell, a son.

On 14th June, to the wife of E. SAYERS, of Upper Holloway, a son.

On 20th June, to the wife of W. CUBITT, of Norwich, a son (Stanley Reginald).

On 23rd June, to the wife of E. V. DAWES, of Southsea, a daughter (Iris Betty).

On 23rd June, to the wife of G. H. RICHARDS, of Moss Side, Manchester, a daughter.

On 26th June, to the wife of P. CASHMORE, of Birmingham, a daughter.

On 30th June, to the wife of A. STERNO, of Bath, a son (George Edward).

A Suggestion

"Would it not be a good idea," writes a correspondent, "to have half a column or so devoted to the quaint sayings of our children?"

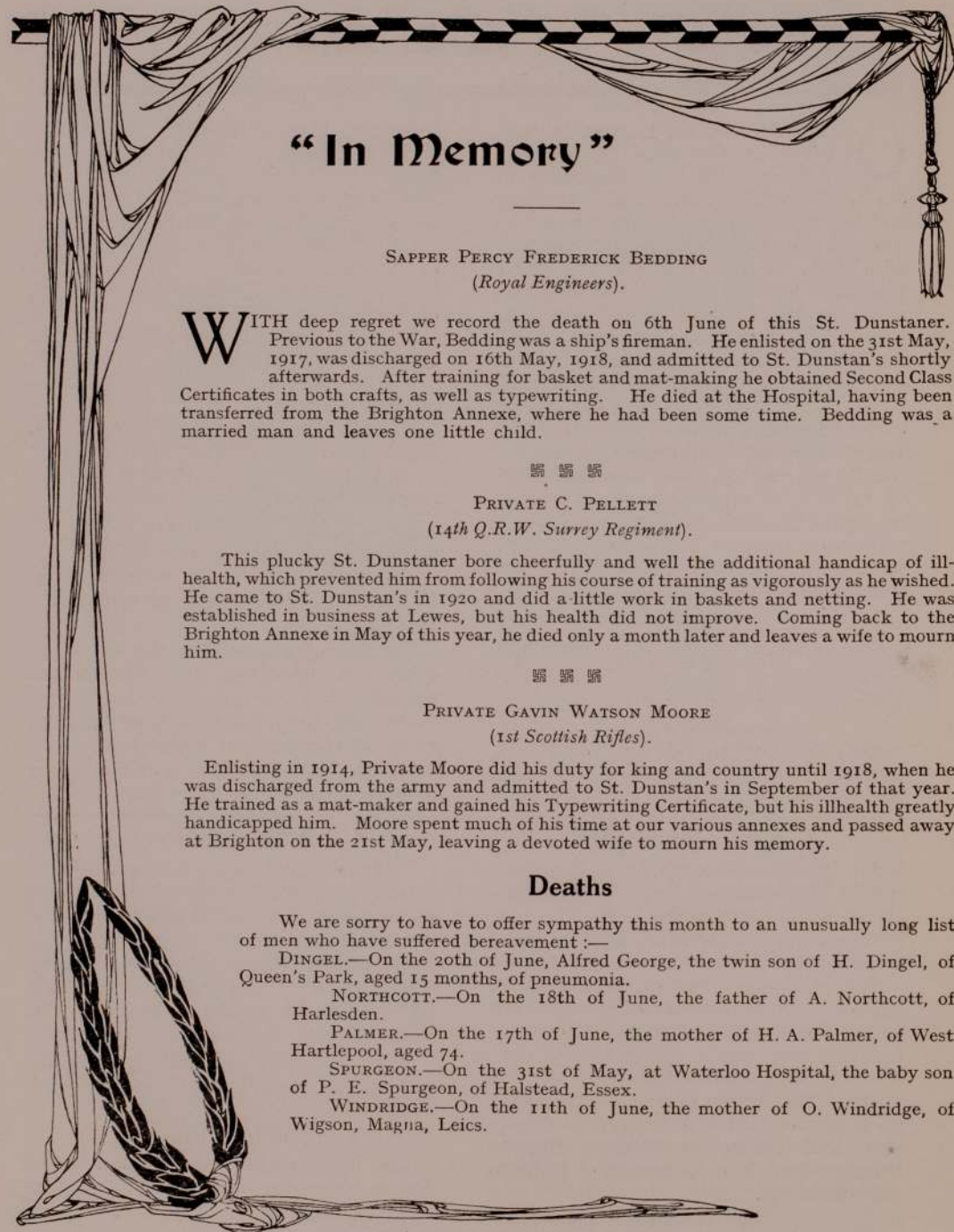
Would it? What think our readers? Let us see what they can send in. Meanwhile Albert Prettejohn, of Bournemouth, leads off with a tale of his little son:—

"My little boy was walking down the passage scraping his feet as he went, so the wife said:—

"Pick up your feet, Sonny."

The boy stopped the scraping, looked first at his mother in a puzzled way, then down at his feet:

"But I can't, Mummie."



"In Memory"

SAPPER PERCY FREDERICK BEDDING
(Royal Engineers).

WITH deep regret we record the death on 6th June of this St. Dunstaner. Previous to the War, Bedding was a ship's fireman. He enlisted on the 31st May, 1917, was discharged on 16th May, 1918, and admitted to St. Dunstan's shortly afterwards. After training for basket and mat-making he obtained Second Class Certificates in both crafts, as well as typewriting. He died at the Hospital, having been transferred from the Brighton Annexe, where he had been some time. Bedding was a married man and leaves one little child.

PRIVATE C. PELLETT
(14th Q.R.W. Surrey Regiment).

This plucky St. Dunstaner bore cheerfully and well the additional handicap of ill-health, which prevented him from following his course of training as vigorously as he wished. He came to St. Dunstan's in 1920 and did a little work in baskets and netting. He was established in business at Lewes, but his health did not improve. Coming back to the Brighton Annexe in May of this year, he died only a month later and leaves a wife to mourn him.

PRIVATE GAVIN WATSON MOORE
(1st Scottish Rifles).

Enlisting in 1914, Private Moore did his duty for king and country until 1918, when he was discharged from the army and admitted to St. Dunstan's in September of that year. He trained as a mat-maker and gained his Typewriting Certificate, but his illhealth greatly handicapped him. Moore spent much of his time at our various annexes and passed away at Brighton on the 21st May, leaving a devoted wife to mourn his memory.

Deaths

We are sorry to have to offer sympathy this month to an unusually long list of men who have suffered bereavement:—

DINGEL.—On the 20th of June, Alfred George, the twin son of H. Dingel, of Queen's Park, aged 15 months, of pneumonia.

NORTHCOTT.—On the 18th of June, the father of A. Northcott, of Harlesden.

PALMER.—On the 17th of June, the mother of H. A. Palmer, of West Hartlepool, aged 74.

SPURGEON.—On the 31st of May, at Waterloo Hospital, the baby son of P. E. Spurgeon, of Halstead, Essex.

WINDRIDGE.—On the 11th of June, the mother of O. Windridge, of Wigson, Magna, Leics.

Letters From St. Dunstaners

From F. Mowtell, of Cramlington, comes a most appreciative letter of thanks for the assistance given by our After-Care visitors and instructors. Mowtell mentions these all by name, but in deference to the modesty of those concerned, we refrain from quoting these. All the same, every one of the St. Dunstan's staff appreciates very highly such wholehearted proof that the work they do is valued so much.

The following is an extract from a letter received from A. Prettejohns, of Bourne-mouth, who is to be congratulated upon his fine work.

"You will be pleased to hear that I received a Highly Commended certificate from the Dorset Arts and Crafts Exhibition Committee this month for work I sent to Shaftesbury Exhibition last month. As I had to purchase a 3d. arts label for each article sent and carriage, I only sent a dozen baskets, trays, barrels, waste papers, &c. Everything sold. I must add I was only accepted as a St. Dunstan's man through the Bournemouth Blind Aid Society, as I come in the Hampshire county, the Exhibition being for Dorset county. I had, of course, to compete with all other blind and sighted basket workers. In February, I also sent and sold all the work at the Arts and Crafts Exhibition, Bournemouth, where I was able to show my work at the Blind Aid Stall."

From another Habrough St. Dunstaner, T. W. Chamberlain, comes a cheery and optimistic letter, which we quote below.

"Many thanks for the letter received the other day congratulating me on my work. Of course, it is no use me bragging about my work, but as the old saying goes, 'The proof of the pudding is in the eating,' and as I get work from such places as the Yarborough Estate, it is proof

that my work is appreciated. I am now nearly out of orders for baskets, only having part of a week's work in, but that does not trouble me as I can always find a job amongst the poultry. I am pleased to tell you the birds are doing well, and the young stock is coming along grand and should turn out the munitions in the shape of shells (not the shells that go off pop) but the ones that are nice with a slice of home-fed ham. That just reminds me, you will remember the two pigs that you saw when you were here, well, I got one of them up to twenty-five stone, and the other one up to thirty-five stone dead weight, so you see they were nice little pigs when their time had come to be turned into bacon. I am at last sending you a photo of the chicken house I built last year. I promised you one and never got it sent off, but never mind, better late than never.

I am now interested in wireless and am having a set installed. I will write to Captain Fraser about it when I get time. I shall tell him all the details when I write to him, so you will have to wait for the account of that till Captain Fraser gets my reports. Well, Sir, I think I have told about all the news this time so will close. With kindest regards."

The photograph of the chicken house sent proves what a substantial, well-finished structure Chamberlain has turned out.

The following is an extract from a letter received from M. H. Oldroyd, of West Town, Dewsbury:—

"I have no time to make clogs now. I am pushed out of the shop with repairs. I have started selling new boots as well, and I am doing well. I think many a time how I used to grumble at Mr. Banthorpe when he used to give me all the old jobs to do when I was at St. Dunstan's. He used to say: 'You will get all these

jobs when you get out on your own.' I used to say: 'If they bring me jobs like these I shall throw them at them.' But what a difference when you get out. People don't want *new* boots repaired, and I began to think there wasn't a decent pair of boots in the town. I had to do the bad jobs or nothing. The first six months nearly broke my heart, and then the good jobs started to roll in and all the customers I started with are still coming, and only one did me in for 9s., so you see I can still keep my end up. I have got the confidence now. I don't want to boast, but I think I made the best of my time at St. Dunstan's. I shall always be thankful for the help I got from you all when I come to think of it. I don't know how you had the patience to bother with some of us. Well, I bet when you have read this you will be saying: 'I wonder if he wants to borrow something.' Well, I don't, as I have plenty of my own and what makes it sweeter, I have earned it."

Books for the Blind

THE NATIONAL LIBRARY.

BY FREDERICK MARTIN, M.P.

CONSIDERED from one point of view the National Library for the Blind may be regarded as a monument of piety and learning. Its past success and its present troubles have been created by the labours of good men and women up and down the country, who have devoted many hours of patient toil to the transcription into Braille of all that is best in our literature. From small beginnings, from the unselfish enterprise of two ladies, the library has grown until now its stock of books numbers many thousands, and blind folk in this country, in the Dependencies, and in foreign countries can draw upon its resources for all the reading they desire. It is no light task to learn to become a proficient writer in Braille. In this system of embossed writing there is no place for mistakes. Absolute accuracy is essential, and corrections are not possible.

The Moving Finger writes; and having writ,
Moves on; nor all thy Piety nor Wit
Shall lure it back to cancel half a line,
Nor all thy tears wash out a Word of it.

This is more true of Braille than of any other mode of setting down the characters of the alphabet. Tiresome to acquire and difficult to practise though it be, Braille writing has been taught by the staff of the National Library to hundreds of voluntary workers, with the result that the stream of books rendered available to the blind grows wider and deeper every day. Mechanical aid has been pressed into the service, and a very efficient press is constantly at work at the National Institute for the Blind in Great Portland Street, W., and so the store of books accumulates.

EXTENSION SCHEMES.

The present troubles are a natural and inevitable consequence of past success, for the National Library has outgrown its present accommodation at Tufton Street, Westminster, and a scheme of extension has been undertaken for which funds are required to the amount of £50,000.

For the first time in the forty years of its history the library is appealing to the public for funds. Hitherto its most valuable work has been carried on quietly and unostentatiously, but the time has now come when the general public must help and the present appeal may be specially commended to book-lovers. To the community of the blind a central library is a real necessity. Books in Braille are bulky articles; each volume measures 14 inches by 11 inches, and is 2 inches thick; 38 of these volumes go to the Bible. It is, therefore, quite impossible for the private individual whose means and whose housing accommodation are limited to maintain in his own possession anything like a sufficient selection of books.

The studious man going upon a holiday and desiring to take with him a few of his favourite authors would have to include a pantechnicon in his luggage. The National Library solves all his problems. It is free to every blind reader who cares to take advantage of its resources, and at the present juncture it must have money. Donations are already being received by Captain Lachlan Maclean at the National Library, 18 Tufton Street, S.W., but the desired figure has not yet been reached, so that the opportunity of helping in a great and valuable work is still available.

Pig-keeping

[As promised last month, J. C. Williams has sent the following interesting and practical notes for publication.—ED.]

TO anyone who intends to commence pig-raising I would suggest that he asks himself the following questions:—

Firstly, am I going to raise pigs for bacon, and, secondly, am I going to grow pigs for the local butcher? Not the least important item is, What am I prepared to lay out on pigs, as there is ample scope to waste money in pig-keeping, which is, if taken as an amusement, a very unlucrative kind of pastime, and there are many other sorts of more congenial types of amusement for the man who wants to waste money.

If it is intended to raise pigs for bacon it is very essential that the potential pig-grower be within fairly easy access of a bacon factory, as the cost of transport is a big item in these days.

If on the other hand it is intended to keep pigs for the local butcher, it is immaterial whether there is a bacon factory within a thousand miles of one's homestead.

As I have within ten minutes' walk of my homestead two or three of the largest bacon factories in the county, the obvious thing for me to do was to raise pigs for bacon.

Accommodation was a very big consideration, and as I intended to run my pigs on free range I had a very fair amount of fences to be made good. Personally, I found that my pigs are quite willing to stay within the boundaries of my field, and I can safely say that they have never once attempted to wander very far away from the spot where their "tummies" are filled.

As a rule, any pig that is well fed and taken care of will not wander very far from home, and will most assuredly let the person know who is responsible for him when his next meal is due.

Of course, I would not suggest that pigs should be turned out in a field with gaps

in the boundaries that will permit them to wander where they please. Should this be done, the owner of these pigs will most certainly get the trouble he is asking for, and probably a few miles cross-country exercise in addition.

Points well worth consideration for the potential pig-grower are that pigs eat a great deal, and unless one can grow a very considerable amount of roots and the like to subsidise their ordinary ration, the commissariat department will be a very expensive one.

I personally have under cultivation about half an acre of potatoes and a considerable quantity of roots, with which I intend to feed my pigs during the ensuing winter. Potatoes could be bought in the vicinity at about £2 10s. a ton this year, and consequently they did not pay for growing except for pig food.

Carrots, parsnips, &c., all of which pigs enjoy, were also to be had for next to nothing.

But such will not always be the case, and I have this year planted my own and hope to be independent in this direction.

There are a hundred and one points to consider, and the foremost of these would be, I should think, what one is prepared to spend on pigs.

To build a fairly decent and substantial pig home entails a considerable expense, and to fill that home with respectable specimens of its breed is more expense. To fill the "tummies" of the inhabitants of such a home is still more expense, especially as pigs' "tummies" as a rule have a very large carrying capacity and one which is always willing to be filled.

So the whole question boils down to £ s. d., and to what limit one is prepared to go in this direction.

Having decided to commence to raise pigs, the pig-raiser should start to think about accommodation, &c. These items I hope to take in due course, and if there is anything I can do to help or advise anyone interested in pigs I should be very pleased to do so.

I am, yours faithfully,

J. C. WILLIAMS.



DEPARTMENTAL NOTES



Netting Notes

WE are glad to be able to announce that St. Dunstan's has been given the contract for all the garden netting required by the new Regent's Park Country Club at Hanover Gate. The Club has not yet opened, but by the time these notes are printed, our tennis boundary nets and playing nets will have been erected on the new hard courts. We are also supplying the golf driving nets for a small enclosure, and are providing with these, as well as with the tennis nets, all necessary frames and supports. We tendered for all these sports nets in open competition with other business firms, and it is satisfactory and very encouraging that the splendid quality of our nets has again been recognised.

G.H.W.

Below is the full record of starters and times received too late for insertion under "Sports Notes."

RESULT.

THREE-MILE TEAM RACE.

QUEENS PARK HARRIERS v. ST. DUNSTAN'S A & B TEAMS

MONDAY, 2ND JULY 1923, 7 P.M.

No.	Name	Escort	Time	Order of Finish
			m. sec.	
1	W. Birch ..	Mr. Travell ..	26 17	6
2	H. Gransby ..	" Lloyd ..	28 41	12
3	F. M. Cassidy ..	" Bollom ..	27 10	7
4	H. Northgreaves ..	" Hire ..	29 3	13
5	J. Ingram ..	" Watts ..	24 50	5
6	T. Ashe ..	" Stupples ..	28 24	9
7	H. Tomkinson ..	" Brown ..	28 36	11
8	H. G. S. Boorman ..	" Prior ..	28 11	8
9	W. J. Lowings ..	" Barker ..	28 27	10
10	S. Webster ..	" Brockhurst ..	30 49	15
11	F. Rhodes ..	" Horton ..	30 46	14
12	C. Durkin ..	" Robinson ..	35 8	16
13	A. J. Burnett ..	—	21 52	2
14	W. F. Baker ..	—	22 14	3
15	A. Unstead ..	—	23 1	4
16	J. Worrall ..	—	21 34	1

A. Team Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 11, 12
 B Team " 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10
 Q.P.H. " 13, 14, 15, 16
 1st: B Team, 81.52.
 2nd: A Team, 88.11.
 3rd: Q.P.H., 88.41.

Braille Room Notes

We heartily congratulate the following men on having passed the Braille Writing Test:—

W. H. Hill, H. R. Prior and H. Jacklin.



Typewriting, Shorthand & Telephony

All good wishes to D. Pettitt, who has obtained a post as shorthand-typist in Nottingham. Also to F. Glover, who began work as telephonist to the Chart Department, Cricklewood, and to J. McNicholl, who is working in the same capacity at the Chatsworth Mills, Gorton, Manchester. We wish them all the very best of luck.

Our sincerest congratulations to the following men on having passed their typewriting test:—

A. Jarvis, H. A. Mann and C. Brammer.
 D.A.P.

SUMMARY.

Q.P.H.:				
1	..	..	..	21.34
2	..	..	..	21.52
3	..	..	..	22.14
4	..	..	..	23.1
Total Time				88.41
ST. DUNSTAN'S:				
A. Team—1 26.17				
2 27.10				
3 28.41				
4 29.3				
Less Handicap Allowance				23.0
Total Time				88.11
B. Team—				
1 Ingram 24.50				
2 Boorman 28.11				
3 Ashe 28.24				
4 Lowings 28.27				
Less Handicap Allowance				28.0
Total Time				81.52

"I simply love horses."
 "I guessed so."
 "How?"
 "Saw you riding with your arms round one's neck."

Wild Life across the World

By CHERRY KEARTON.

(The Famous Game Hunter and Traveller).

ONE of the greatest forms of amusement a man can have, and, if lucky, can live through, is lion hunting without either dogs or guns.

Most explorers have used guns, but few, if any, have, like myself, done any lion-spearing or lassoing—two of the most fascinating forms of clean sport one can possibly indulge in.

One of the most exciting times I had was while lion-spearing man-eaters in the equatorial region of Mount Kenia. The man-eaters were rounded up without dogs or guns. In the early morning four Somalis rode out to cut the lion from the plain and sparse bush before he got to the thick bush. When they found him he made for cover without delay. Then the Somalis galloped to him and surrounded him.

By that time, having been summoned by a man who had detached himself from the rounders-up, I arrived with my camera along with nine Masai, and the fight began. When he saw the Masai coming towards him, the lion made a "bolt for it," and there was a running fight for about a mile.

Altogether, on this trip, we speared three man-eaters out of five we saw. The first two—a lion and a lioness—were found within 300 yards of a native kraal. They had been picking off the women-folk of the natives. And very cheeky brutes they were, too.

I was for twenty days on the back of an elephant in the jungle of India. I particularly wanted to get a tiger—I had got bison, elephants, pythons; in fact, most things from an ant upwards in size, but no tiger. Within a short distance of a village I found a part-eaten bullock that had been pulled by the snout into the bush.

Having discovered the tiger, we had to catch it. Nets twelve feet high, with a mesh of about three inches, were obtained from the village, and by clever manœuvring the animal was encircled in the nets. Big fires were lighted round them, and then

came my opportunity to photograph the tiger. I got inside the nets—was therefore caged for a time in the jungle with a tiger—and snapped him. But not before one of the natives, who had got in the way of the beast, had been killed by him. At length the tiger made a bold dive at the nets and, breaking through, made good his escape.

Others of my adventures have been amongst the head-hunters and orang-outangs of Borneo; with the pygmies, cannibals and gorilla in the Ituri Forest in the Congo; I have crossed Africa from east to west with a cinematograph camera—the only man to do it. There is talk at the present time of sending out an expedition to make film-records from east to west of Africa, and, incidentally, to get pictures of the missing "link."

Now, I have got the "missing link"—or, rather, I gave it to the Zoo. His name is Toto of the Congo, and is a chimpanzee, with a touch of the human being about him. He does some of the most astonishing things, and has never been taught to do them. In fact, he imitated everything I did as quickly, if not quicker, than the average native. When I was ill with fever he would bring me my book, my glasses, and my pipe. He often tried to have a smoke himself. He is considered to be the most intelligent animal that has ever come out of Africa. He was very fond of whisky. One day at Mombassa, while I was lecturing, Toto went into a public-house, put his elbow on the bar, and held out his hand for a glass of whisky. Until he got a "tot" he shouted hard at the barman.

At Nairobi Toto collected in a box over 400 paper rupees on behalf of St. Dunstan's. When he was unable to get the notes through the aperture in the box he tore them up in halves and pushed them into the box as best he could. One man, thinking himself clever, gave Toto a handful of cents, but Toto threw them back in his face.

The life of an adventurer is brimful of narrow escapes; but I am more nervous of crossing Trafalgar Square than I am in the jungle.

Paying Hobbies

As the following article suggests, a way in which a hobby may be made paying, or, at least, self-supporting, we reprint it from "The Smallholder" for the benefit of those who do not regularly read that interesting little paper.

WHEREVER pigeons can be given a good deal of liberty squab-breeding for table can be made a highly profitable industry and if you are so situated you would do well to give such a sideline a trial.

Squabs is the name given to the young pigeons before they leave the nest and the time to sell them is just before they leave the nest.

Directly the birds leave the nest they are no longer squabs but squeakers and in less demand for table.

A USE FOR THAT EMPTY SHED.

If you happen to have a vacant, fairly large shed you can easily fit it up to your purpose. If not, make or buy a roomy wooden structure and cut plenty of entrance holes high up in the gable, which should face south.

It is absolutely essential to have plenty of entrance-holes, for if there are not many an aggressive cock can, to a great extent, prevent the other birds getting in or out.

Inside the cote fit up plenty of nest-places. The usual plan followed is to provide 12 in. square "pigeon-holes" to fit up against the walls. You must also fit up plenty of perches in the cote.

You should stock your pigeons in pairs, each pair consisting of a cock and a hen. Odd birds, particularly cocks, cause trouble in the breeding department, so have your pairs guaranteed at the time of purchase. Each pair of stock pigeons requires a pair of nests, so your cote will accommodate just as many birds, *not* pairs, as you can provide nests.

Why two nests to the pair of birds are required is that the hen usually lays eggs again before the young previously hatched reach the time for selling.

Pigeons will nest in the nest-places without needing any other fittings, but it is advisable to provide a proper nest-pan

to each nest. These nest-pans can be bought cheaply, those ribbed inside being the best. The right size for table pigeons is the 9-inch pan.

Pigeons do not dust-bathe like fowls; they require water for bathing. Baths are obtainable from any pigeon-appliance dealer, and may be either square or round. They should be 18 inches across and 4 inches in depth. You should fill these baths to a depth of 1½ inches with clean water and place them in the loft every afternoon, removing them at dusk.

Drinking-water should always be available within the loft and for this the ordinary poultry water-fountain cannot be beaten.

Failing a proper water fountain, you can use a shallow earthenware dish.

As nesting-material there is nothing better than good-quality, dry oat straw and you should place a handful from time to time on the floor of the loft. You should also provide a supply of grit.

Bed the cote deeply with dry deal sawdust.

Feed the birds on hard grain only—beans, peas, wheat, tares, maize and barley. When the weather is mild and open one feed per day, at sunset, is sufficient. In bad weather, particularly during high winds, feed in the morning as well.

Feed the birds on the ground near the cote in fine weather; inside the cote when stormy.

WISPS OF WISDOM.

Make stepping-stones of your stumbling-blocks.

He knows much who knows when to hold his tongue.

Avoid the pleasure that holds the penalty of future pain.

The Leisure Hour

By HOROS.

SOLUTIONS TO LAST MONTH'S PROBLEMS.

1. C ow L
2. U n I (form)
3. P arsni P

A WORD SQUARE.

S I R E N
I M A G E
R A N G E
E G G E D
N E E D Y

BAXTER'S DOG.

It is obvious that Baxter will overtake Anderson in one hour, for each will be four miles from the hotel in the same direction. Then, as the dog has been running uniformly at ten miles an hour during that hour, he must have run ten miles!

OUR CHESS PROBLEM. No. 4.

White to play. Checkmate in two moves. To set the board:—

- 1 B. W. Rook (or Castle).
- 1 E. W. King.
- 2 D. Blk. Rook.
- 2 H. " "
- 3 E. Blk. Pawn.
- 4 C. W. Pawn.
- 5 B. W. Knight.
- 5 C. Blk. Pawn.
- 6 B. Blk. Bishop; 6 C. Blk. King.
- 6 D. Blk. Pawn. 6 E. W. Pawn.
- 7 E. W. Rook.

PUZZLE.

Four friends who had not seen each other for a long time met in a restaurant. Of course, they shook hands effusively. Each grasped the other energetically by the hand, as they renewed their acquaintance. How many separate handclasps were made before the greetings were finished? Each of the four shakes hands with the others, so that looks like eight handclasps, doesn't it? But is that the right number? Just work it out before consulting the answer below.

THE PUZZLE OF THE RUNNERS.

Two men ran a race round a circular course, going in opposite directions. Brown was the best runner and gave Tompkins a start of one-eighth of the distance. But Brown, with a contempt for his opponent, took things too easily at the beginning, and when he had run one-sixth of his distance he met Tompkins, and saw that his chance of winning the race was very small. How much faster than he went before must Brown now run in order to tie with his competitor? The puzzle is quite easy when once you have grasped its simple conditions.

FOURTH TIME LUCKY.

Now, I have heard my father tell
How in the distant days
A stranger tried to gain these shores
In quite four different ways.
Upon the southern coast he tried,
But there the wild waves ROSE,
And, beaten back, undaunted still,
To Ireland next he goes.
His vessel nearly foundered there
Upon a large SHAMROCK.
With haste he leaves the treacherous coast,
In Wales he tries to dock.
But there, alas! to his dismay,
He found no friendly creek;
His bark was filling rapidly,
He found he'd sprung a LEEK.
Again he tried to reach the shore,
Fair Scotland hove in view;
He blithely sailed right up the Clyde,
And murmured "THISTLE do."

A. PAULINE BRADLEY.

ACROSTIC.

As far apart as East and West you'll find—
"Frozen" and "sunny" leap into the mind.

1. "Learn of the little—— to sail,
Spread the thin oar, and catch the driving gale."
2. A book (that's vague), but of a size
That very often meets the eyes.
3. Begin again—but, as you see,
You must have naught to do with me!
4. Greeted with cheers, and yet, alack!
Very often on the rack!
5. Better than cold meat, some would say—
Don't make it of your answer, pray!

Trade Advertisements and Notices

[We have decided to devote some space each month to advertisements of goods made or supplied by St. Dunstaners, for which there may be a demand from others of our readers. No charge will be made for the insertion of these announcements, which, as our space is limited, must be as short as possible. They can only be accepted from men who have actually been trained at St. Dunstan's, and we undertake no responsibility with regard to them.—ED.]

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