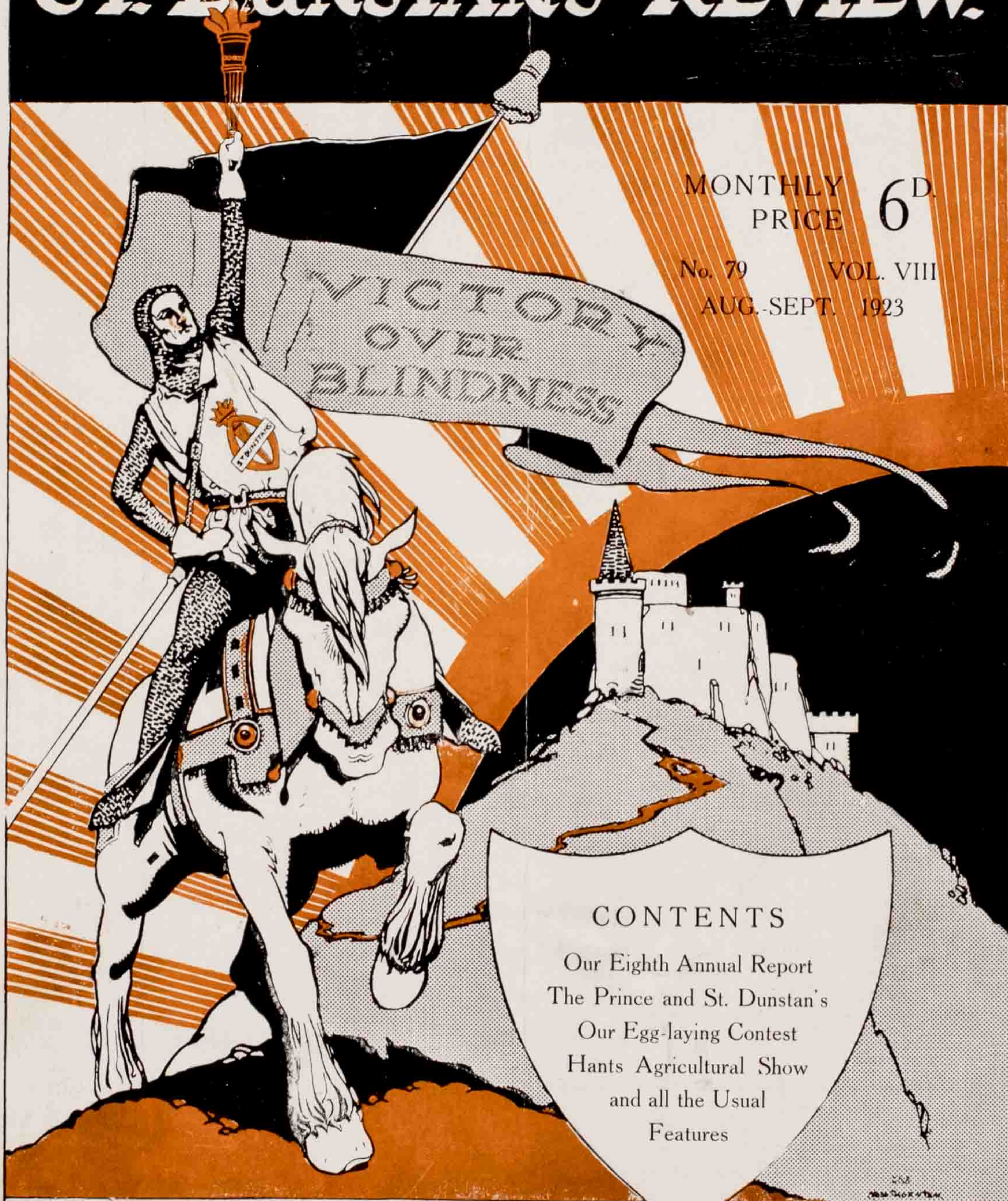


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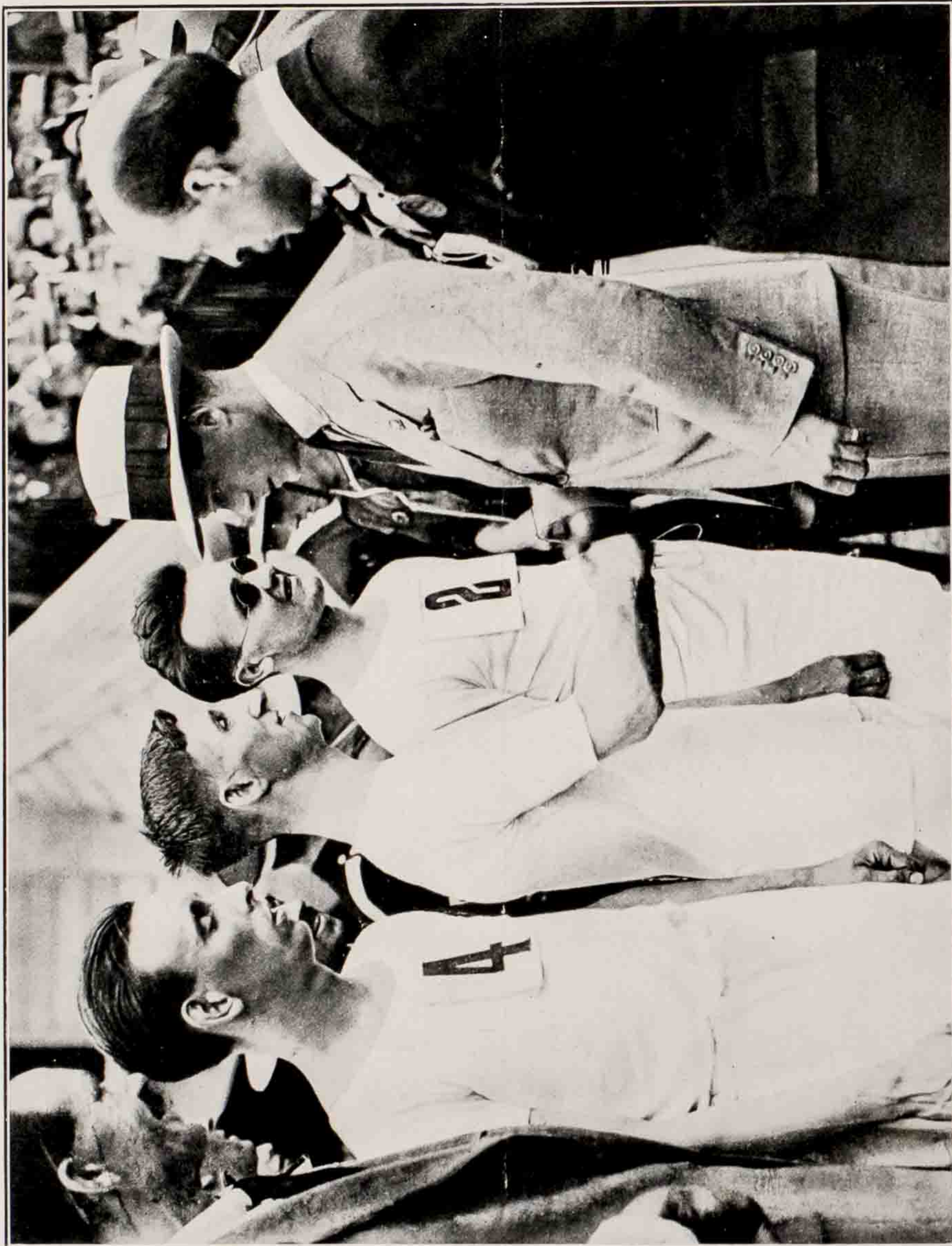
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 His Royal Highness greeting St. Dunstan's Competitors in the British Legion Sports at Wembley.

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EDITORIAL

ST. DUNSTAN'S EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT

THE important place which St. Dunstan's work occupies in the regard of the public makes the issue of our Annual Report a matter of wide general interest.

The eighth number since our foundation was published just before the vacation, and it has received the most generous attention throughout the Press, *The Times* giving a special editorial to it and also a lengthy review in another part of the paper, while many other leading newspapers made editorial mention also in addition to their detailed reviews.

Entitled "The Battalions of the War-Blinded," this year's Report presents in exceedingly interesting and thoroughly readable form the widespread activities of St. Dunstan's, and gives a detailed account of the work of the past year. The cover design shows the banner of St. Dunstan's with our famous crest, being borne between massed ranks of St. Dunstaners of every branch of the services, while the Report throughout is illustrated by photographs of the training, settlement and after-care work, including pictures of important sporting events, St. Dunstan's shop, our baby prize-winners, and a selection of the goods made by our men.

Reference to the formal incorporation of our organisation under the general title of "St. Dunstan's" is followed by a general review of the year's work. We quote below one of the most striking extracts from this:—

"Our appeal to the people of the British Empire is threefold. Firstly, we appeal to the sympathy and understanding which has always moved our people to give consideration to those who have been deprived of normal opportunities of acquiring happiness, sure in the knowledge that we can and shall obtain a response on this account alone. Secondly, we appeal to the sense of justice which is perhaps more developed in our race than in any other. We hold that the late Sir Arthur Pearson, the founder of St. Dunstan's, represented public opinion when he made a promise to nearly 2,000 men who were blinded in the war that the people of the Empire would look after them and see to it that not merely they lived in spite of their reduced and, in some cases, negligible earning power, but that their lives would be made as well worth living as it was in the power of man to ensure. The State, through the Ministry of Pensions, has in general made what, having regard to the condition of national finance, we consider to be fair and reasonable provision by way of pensions and allowances. It has provided, in fact, that our blinded soldiers and sailors can live. It has been the privilege of those associated with the late Sir Arthur Pearson during his lifetime, and on whom has fallen the responsibility of carrying on his work now, to see to it that some measure of happiness should be brought into our men's lives. We believe

the country wished this done, and that we shall not have to ask in vain for the means to continue to do it. Thirdly, we appeal to the common sense of our people, for we claim that our method of securing some measure of happiness to our men is one which is essentially good for the community. Holding, as we do, that true happiness is only enjoyed by those who contribute in some way to the work of the world, *we have made it our ideal to assist our men—physically, and, in some cases, mentally, broken in the war—to become useful and productive citizens, and not idle, unhappy pensioners.* We believe that money invested by the public in such an undertaking which adds to the volume of employment, assists men to work who could not otherwise work, and thus causes a considerable contribution to be made to the productive effort of our country, yields no mean return."

Reference is made to the extensions of the activities permitted by the Authorities under our new constitution, by which St. Dunstan's will admit for care and after-care members of His Majesty's forces who have been or may be blinded in any military service under the Crown since the Great War. "It is obvious," the Report says, "that our organisation, specially devised and specially suitable for the care of young and vigorous men suddenly deprived of the ability to see, should not confine its attention solely to men blinded in the Great War, but should extend its power of assistance to similar cases which may arise in the future."

Under the heading "What St. Dunstan's has done," there follows a stimulating description of the achievements of St. Dunstan's in the years since its initial foundation, and a following section of the Report "What St. Dunstan's is Doing," deals in similar detail with our present and future activities. Both features embrace many extracts from letters actually written by St. Dunstaners themselves.

The essential reduction of our Annexe establishments and staffs with fewer new men now coming for training, the new arrangements for convalescent and medical services, the opening of St. Dunstan's shop, our social and business re-unions, sports and recreations, and the work for Overseas St. Dunstaners, are dealt with under a separate heading. The detailed Balance Sheets and Auditors' Certificates follow, and nearly three pages are necessary to give even the briefest acknowledgment of the splendid help in every direction which we have received from all sections of the community.

An appeal for continued support for our work and a reference to the arrangement come to last year between St. Dunstan's and the National Institute for the Blind, by which St. Dunstan's, and St. Dunstan's only, appeals for money for the furtherance of its work, concludes one of the most interesting and notable Reports which our great organisation has published.



Again the Prince

YET another proof has recently been given of the really affectionate interest which His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales takes in every man of St. Dunstan's. During his recent visit up North, the Prince expressed a personal wish to see the St. Dunstan's men of the district while he was in Newcastle, and twenty of our men were invited to meet him. Sixteen of these were able to be present on the occasion, namely:—

J. Ball. W. Cavanaugh.
T. Cockburn. J. Cox.

W. Bonner. W. Walker.
W. S. Pearey. H. Finkle.
W. Paul. C. Roddy.
F. Green. R. Humble.
R. Usher. S. Purvis.
T. Gildea. J. Simpson.

The Prince shook hands with and spoke to each man separately and spent altogether a considerable time with them. Afterwards our men went with their wives to the Drill Hall near by, where refreshments had been provided for them. The weather was all that could be desired, and the men thoroughly enjoyed the day, which will certainly live long in each one's memory.

Our Babies Competition

WE have received many congratulations upon the outstanding success of this competition, and it is evident that the awards made by the Judging Committee have given general satisfaction. It is only human nature, of course, that all parents should regard their own little ones as "beyond compare," but nevertheless, competitors generally have recognised that all could not win the prizes, and the decision of the Judges has been accepted in most sporting spirit.

The organisation and handling of the many hundreds of photographs submitted entailed very heavy work on the Editorial Staff, and we venture to take some pride in the fact that the whole of the photographs submitted have now been safely returned to the senders without any hitch.

We should like to mention that owing to a misunderstanding the photograph of little Teddy Jackson, which was awarded one of the Consolation Prizes by the judges, was entered in the REVIEW Competition in error. Immediately he received the announcement that his son had been awarded a prize, L. Jackson, of Rock Ferry, wrote to us pointing out that the photographs of his children had been submitted only for the competition originally intended, and that owing to Teddy being over the age-limit of eight years for the ST. DUNSTAN'S REVIEW Competition, he did not wish him to be a competitor for this. Accordingly, and with the full approval of Jackson, the next competitor in order of merit, Yvonne Cecilia Girling, of 9, Castilian Terrace, Northampton, was awarded this consolation prize. The misunderstanding was really the fault of no one, and we should like to make acknowledgment of the sporting promptitude with which Jackson put matters right.

At some future date we may be able to arrange a competition which will give some of the older grandsons and granddaughters of St. Dunstan's a field to themselves, and another intention we have in mind also is to devise a competition somewhat on the lines of the one just completed, but confined to sons and daughters of overseas St. Dunstaners.

In conclusion, we thank the many corre-

spondents who have written congratulating us upon the effective and artistic manner in which the photographs of the winners were presented in the July REVIEW.

Extract from "The Glory of the Garden," from Twenty Poems, by Rudyard Kipling, 1s. net, Methuen & Co.

St. Dunstaners on St. Dunstans

AT a smoking concert organised by the Efficiency Institute recently two old St. Dunstaners, R. G. Bowen, our only barrister, and A. D. Kirstein, a masseur now practising at Cape Town, were present, and the former delivered a most interesting address on the work of St. Dunstan's. The following is an extract of his speech taken from the *Cape Argus*:—

"The St. Dunstan's method of instructing those who have lost their sight has revolutionised all other blind organisations and institutions. Blindness has been made less of an affliction, more of a handicap, less of a calamity, more of an opportunity. The spirit of St. Dunstan's is a and resolute disregard for what has been lost a cheerful pursuit of the things that remain.

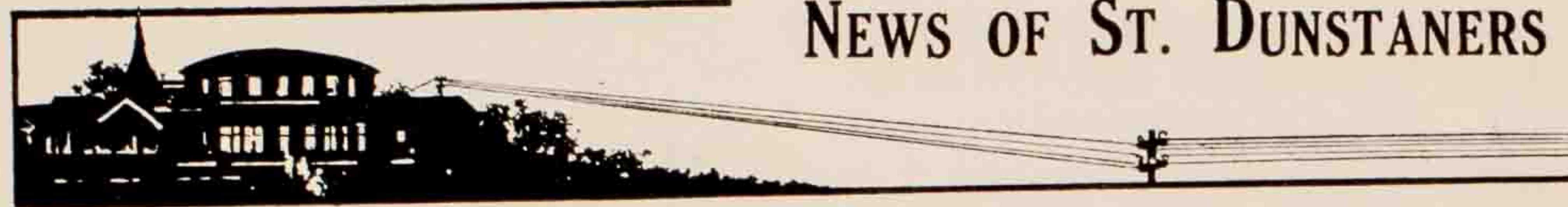
"It was early recognised by the head of St. Dunstan's that the first essential to contentment was occupation. If you can keep a man occupied and interested in his occupation, he is almost without exception a happy, contented man. This interest and contentment make for efficiency, and this is the reason that all those who have passed through St. Dunstan's have achieved success in a more or less degree."

It is good to know that St. Dunstaners who have achieved outstanding successes are never too busy to help forward the work of the organisation and pay tribute to all that work has meant for them.

Guests of the King and Queen

Among those who were fortunate enough to be included in the September Buckingham Palace party, organised by the "Non-Forgotten-Association," were:—

C. Brammer, A. Mann, J. Lawlor, J. Whittingham, W. Murphy, A. Chiverton, T. Stringer, J. E. Prior, B. G. Inman, F. Pawley, J. Lovell, G. H. Wootley, E. Roberts, G. Matthews, C. Wilshaw and T. Ashe.



NEWS OF ST. DUNSTANERS

FROM Botley, Oxford, comes word of the progress of T. W. Grove, who has been fortunate enough to secure the interest of several firms around, all of whom place what work they can in his way. He has won golden opinions in a certain direction, we hear, for the way he repaired a lawn mower and a churn. The very fact that Grove tackled such unusual jobs shows that he has enterprise—which means that success, for him, is merely a matter of time and “sticking-to-it.” We hope to hear of further advances and more praise.

Another who is undaunted when faced with an unusual job, large or small, is H. R. Escall, of King's Walden. He has built some excellent poultry houses and several foster-mothers entirely on his own, and we hear that they are really excellently made. No wonder Escall is able to report good progress with his poultry.

Perhaps owing to summer weather the boot trade in Peckham has not been so good as usual according to H. Dakin, but on the principle that “God helps those who help themselves,” Dakin has been stirring around to find more business and introducing himself in various directions where opportunity offered. As a result he has created interest and received valuable promises. We are looking to hear very shortly that he is well established with a sure and flourishing trade.

F. Hemsworth, of Doncaster, is becoming quite a specialist in motor mats, and is willing to tackle any shape or size required. All his customers have been pleased with his excellent fittings.

Another whose work deserves mention is J. W. Chapple, of Bush Hill Park, it is always of good quality, clean and well finished.

The friends of P. Chapman, of Bath, will be pleased to hear that he is finding trade good. The little shop has been re-decorated and looks most attractive. Chapman is yet another on the long list of those St. Dunstaners who have married wisely. His wife is as eager to make a success of things as Chapman himself, and is unsparing of herself in her effort to help.

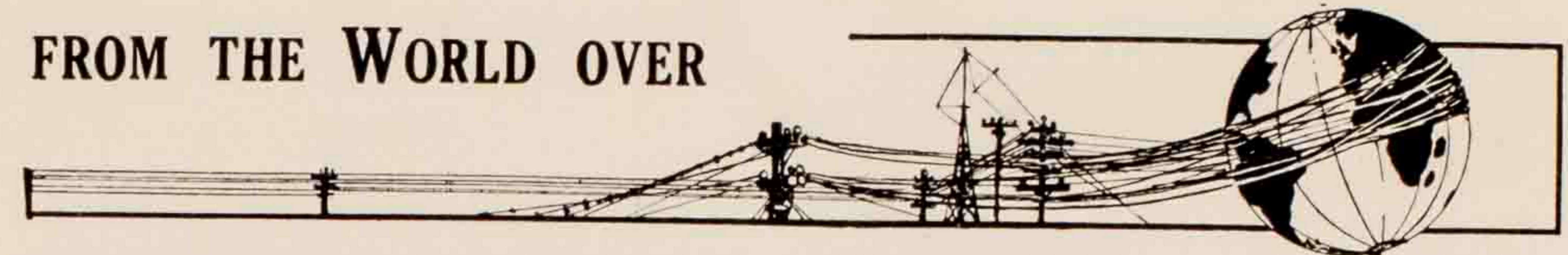
With baskets, G. F. Furness, of Bolton, is doing fairly well, especially in the repairing line, but rush seated chairs have been keeping him busy of late. He recently completed a very difficult order for the reseating of four of these with sea-grass, and is now looking forward to a repetition.

B. B. Bowering, of Bristol, has quite a variety of live-stock on his little place, having fowls, ducks and geese, in addition to his pigs, so finds plenty to do. His wife is as energetic as himself and the two now report with pride that they have just whitewashed and painted their cottage. Needless to say it looks most spruce, and we offer our congratulations on the achievement.

If ever a competition is run in which prizes are offered for St. Dunstaners' gardens, we think J. Levett, of Kingston, will be very near the top of the list. We hear his garden is a perfect picture and has been a veritable blaze of colour. The best of it is that Levett has created it entirely by himself. It is indeed a garden of which to be proud. By the way, has Levett ever read Kipling's poem on a garden? It can be had in the 1s. edition of “Twenty Poems,” and we feel sure it would give him pleasure.

One of the many who believe in display is B. E. Ingley, of Letchworth, who recently seized the opportunity afforded

FROM THE WORLD OVER



him and had a stall at a local exhibition where he did well, finding a good sale for the netting work he attractively displayed.

Not finding his hands entirely full with his poultry farm, T. Eastham, of Lancs, has gone into the grocery business with his father, and after seeing to things generally in the morning, hands the care of his farm over to his wife, daily, and sets out to pull on his second string in Preston. He has made an excellent start we hear, and we hope trade will develop even better than he anticipates.

Another on our trading list is G. Craddock, of Whittlesea, who is doing very well in tobacco, a line he manages entirely himself, serving his customers with remarkable celerity and keeping his stock in most excellent order.

We are looking forward to receiving many reports of enjoyable holidays in time for inclusion in our next issue. So far all such pleasures are in the realms of anticipation. Of the few who have mentioned holiday delights L. King, of Hove, is one, he being very keen on rowing, and is manœuvring a holiday in which leisure and sport shall be equally mixed. Luckily, his fiancée enjoys his favourite pastime as much as King himself, and is never happier than when on the water.

All the many who are house hunting and longing for comfortable homes in this time of shortage will offer congratulations to G. Lawlor, of Dublin, who has now moved in to his new abode in which he hopes to be most comfortable. It is one of the little villas built especially for disabled soldiers who have served in the British Army, and is fitted with many labour saving and comfort-making con-

trivances; it even has hot and cold water laid on. Lawlor is indeed to be envied.

The next to report progress in this direction will, we think, be L. H. Poole, who anticipates securing a good modern house at East Cowes very shortly.

For some reason or another masseurs do not seem good letter writers, hence considerably less news of them appears in THE REVIEW than of, say, poultry farmers. Word of the progress of W. Strachan, of Motherwell, is the more welcome. We hear he is steadily building up a connection for himself and adding to his list of recommendations from satisfied patients.

The way has been made a good deal easier for Ch. McIntosh, of Dumfries, since he was lucky enough to induce his father to live with him. The united work of the two men has made a great difference in the appearance of his eight-acre farm. Three acres are in oats, the same in hay, and a good proportion is laid down in potatoes and other vegetables. In addition, with his wife's valuable assistance, McIntosh has managed the hatching of something like 300 chickens.

Another on our Scottish list is T. M. Fisher, who has managed to procure a piece of land at Lonforgen and is going to build a house thereon. He hopes to get in by the end of the year, in time for the next breeding season, and is looking forward to making a good start with poultry.

The lines of F. Scot, of Bucks, have fallen in pleasant places inasmuch as he has friendly neighbours who are eager to put work in his way and highly commend his efforts. His little business is steadily

progressing, and his wife is lending her aid to build up the ice-cream side of it. For Scot's sake we wish the summer had been both longer and hotter.

It is now twelve months since L. Howell started business in the Haywards Heath district, and he has been reviewing his progress as a masseur. This has been "steady if slow," he tells us, and realising that as a rule it takes three years to become known, Howell is looking forward to the future with every anticipation of success. An interesting announcement concerning him, or rather his family, will be found in the Births Column.

Howell is one of the many who has read with absorption the "Life of Sir Arthur Pearson."

The latest purchaser of a tandem bicycle is G. Lawly, of Bridlington, and we hope soon to hear news that it has brought him all the happiness he expects. Of late he has taken part in an exhibition arranged on the occasion of a Flag Day, and we, like Lawly, are eager to know the result of the show.

Among the interesting photographs received this month was one of G. Chapman, of Northants. It shows his shop and Chapman himself at work at his frame and bench. Another very natural "snap" was one taken by a friend unknown to Chapman, just as he was leaving his work. We are pleased to have both to add to our gallery of notabilities.

J. Stibbles, of Perthshire, is taking particular interest in baskets just now and reports several orders in hand. We are glad to hear that he made excellent progress while the instructor was with him and hope that he now feels capable of tackling any commission, however large and complicated.

We have not many tea salesmen on out lists of "Home" men, but of the few, F. D. Tomlinson, of Retford, is one, as seven months ago he was appointed agent for the Braille Tea Company. He

is doing well with it and attends four markets, so keeps busy.

Another very busy man is F. Marsden, of Blackburn, whose trade and sidelines include boots, clogs, poultry and gardening. His birds number over the hundred and his garden grows celery (he intends to compete at the forthcoming Celery Show), cabbages, lettuces, tomatoes, &c. He is now at work, aided by his sons, on a greenhouse some 27 feet in length, so will soon have yet more things agrowing. No wonder he is doing well and meets visitors with a cheery call: "Heav are they goin on at Sant Dunstan's?" (How are they all at St. Dunstan's.)

One who is trying a new line is A. C. Clewlow, of Harlesden. He is going in for dog breeding which should be interesting as well as profitable, but so far we regret to say Clewson has had anything but good luck, having lost three valuable dogs, by poison, strychnine, according to the "vet." which must have been flung over the wall.

We share Clewlow's feelings in regard to this dastardly act.

How many other St. Dunstaners are in the position of W. Walter, of Warwick? He finds his active young family of eight keep him so busy repairing their boots and shoes that he really has little time for outside work in this line! All his leisure he puts in to mats and is to be congratulated on the fact that so far he has been able to dispose of all his work locally.

The good wishes of all our band of traders will go to A. S. Ulyatt, who, at Southwall, is working again to build up a small business and eagerly looking forward to the day when it will show as good returns as did the one at Retford.

From Sheffield comes word of J. Batty, who has been exhibiting a few baskets at a local fête, and as a result has secured some useful orders and hopes for more.

There is nothing like display and publicity of all kinds for helping sales along.

One of the very busiest of our comrades is J. Burley, of Norwich, who has been hard at it of late, improving both his home and his workshop. He has replaced old cupboards with new, concreted his yard and garden paths, and is now building himself a garden house. Just in odd moments, too, he has made a typewriter desk and a small table. His next ambitious intention is to deal with a wardrobe—then he intends to try his hand at trouser presses!

Another interested in trouser presses is S. Bull, of Spilsby, Lincs, but his main line, in which his wife is able to help him considerably, is a small general dealing store which includes tobacco among its commodities.

All the friends of A. J. Holland, of Rushden, will, we are sure, be sorry to hear that he has had various strokes of bad luck lately. For instance, his wife was laid up for some time with a bad foot, and then what with frost and blight, a great deal of the fruit on which he had counted was spoilt. Luckily, he has had excellent success with his poultry, and we are looking forward to receiving an interesting article for the REVIEW, which should be of genuine value to those going in for ducks. Holland has a particularly successful way of feeding and managing, and is willing to let others benefit by his experience.

The people of Northants must be exceptionally warm hearted, for another who is loud in the praise of his neighbours is W. Wells, all of whom take almost as keen an interest in Wells' farm as does its owner, and are always willing to lend a hand when there is need . . . a neighbourly trait that makes life much more pleasant for Wells than it would be otherwise, a fact which we know he keenly appreciates.

The summer brought hard if pleasant work to both A. Coulson, of Hull, and his wife, who not only had hay to make but fruit to pick. Those who are town dwellers will envy Coulson his employment, and looking back on it with the fatigue forgotten and the sunshine remembered, Coulson and his wife will not be surprised at their envy.

Another who finds country occupations engrossing is W. Last, of Llanllioyni, who returned from his holiday at Brighton "ready for anything." This was lucky, for he had hay to get in, vegetables to attend to in the garden, a cow to milk and butter to make.

We hear with much interest that D. Munro, of Woodside, Aberdeen, has been reaping quite a harvest of prizes at a recent exhibition at Banff. His awards included two first prizes for lunch and message baskets; a second prize for rugs; and also a special prize. It is not surprising to hear that, in view of the excellence of work which these successes promote, Munro has plenty of orders in hand to keep him going.

To have their loss of sight doubted because of the excellence of work done is by no means an uncommon occurrence with our St. Dunstaners. The latest example of this proof of capacity comes in a report as to R. Biggadike, of Boston, Lincs, who has recently been spending a healthful time in the open air with a local farmer, pea-picking. It was piece work, and Biggadike earned more than double the amount of some of the sighted workers with him, a fact which of course pleased him greatly. A slower competitor asserted that Biggadike could see, but as the doubtful one pointed at the same time to Biggadike's artificial eye, the laugh was very much on our St. Dunstaners' side. We hear also that his fancy rabbits are a very interesting hobby with him, and he is hoping to get a prize or two in the local show for them.



BOOT DEPARTMENT.

IN addition to those men to whom we referred in July as finishing their course, we wish to convey our good wishes to J. J. Jerrard and K. J. Howes. The steady, persistent work which both these men put in during the whole of their course was very marked, and we sincerely hope that they will reap great benefit through the practice of their trades, which they have so patiently acquired. J. Lawlor, since his return to us in May, has maintained steadily and consistently his usual high standard of work. Practically all our visitors to the shop are attracted by the excellent and dainty finish which he is able to get in his ladies' work. The good progress which A. Chiverton was making has been well continued, and we feel that he has the making of a good workman. During the short time he has been working at mat-making, his advance has been quite satisfactory. C. Brammer is another man who is getting a good idea of the work throughout; he has had useful, steady experience with ordinary repairs and is handling them in quite the right way. As he resides near Wigan, it has been decided, upon his suggestion, that Clogs would be a most suitable trade for him, and he commences right away.

I am sure that all the St. Dunstan's men who have been assisted in their training by G. Ellis, who was until recently a blind instructor in the workshop, will be interested to know that he has started business on his own account, having the assistance of his son, who has been engaged in the trade for a year or two. He has already succeeded in maintaining the turnover which the business was doing before he took it over in July. We take the opportunity of assuring him that he has the good wishes, not only of his fellow instructors, but of all the St. Dunstan's men who knew him.

BASKETS.

We have to record, with sincere regret,

the death of George Davies, who will be remembered by a number of basket-makers as giving instruction in the workshop, before we moved across the Park. We remember him as a real craftsman, who took true pride in his work, and who was always most painstaking in everything that he undertook. We desire to join our readers in offering to his wife our very sincere sympathy in the loss she has sustained.

The independent spirit which G. Matthews always maintains gives him a thoroughly sound grip of his work. Since doing square-arms, he has also made some waste papers, work-baskets, oval-arms and letter-baskets, so that we look to him as a man who will have a good range of work. E. Roberts has also had very useful experience in square work, and has since taken some smaller round articles in hand. J. E. Pearson has completed his course in centre cane work; he works neatly and steadily and his baskets have a very pleasing appearance when finished. We feel confident that he will be able to adapt himself to future requirements.

MATS.

J. Goodison put in some very useful work during last term, paying careful attention to instruction and benefiting considerably thereby. G. Cole made a steady improvement with each mat he made. He is now going very strong, putting in extra time and watching every point. Before going to King's Langley, A. E. Coman made a very useful advance in his mat work. He has now completed his poultry course and has returned full of zeal to tackle his poultry joinery, and to complete his mat work, at which we anticipate he will do well.

W. H. O.

Will all St. Dunstaners please note that the address for the future of Sister Read ("Auntie") is 109 Upper Richmond Road, Putney, S.W.

Profitable Pig-keeping

We publish with pleasure an interesting article received from J. C. Williams, a St. Dunstaner who is an expert on this subject and who has previously contributed interesting notes thereon.

I am writing these few lines for the benefit of my fellow St. Dunstaners who are asking themselves whether there is any money to be made out of pig-keeping.

The answer is decidedly "Yes," if the question has been well gone into and local conditions considered. If the pig-raiser looks after his pigs himself and thus avoids a labour bill, pigs must pay their way, and leave a margin on the credit side. Pigs, like most animals, do best when their daily rations are mixed with good treatment and kindness.

The prevalent idea that a pig should be shut up in a filthy hole and fed by anyone at any old time, on any old kind of rubbish, is obsolete. In the country of my birth, pigs are often allowed to wander as they please in the houses of their owners. I do not suggest that we should emulate the "Distressful Isle" in this respect, but pigs would certainly do much better if kept on these lines than if shut up in a filthy hole called a pig-sty, which has always been looked upon as the official dump for anything unfit for human consumption and the home of all refuse. Hence the old familiar saying, "As filthy as a pig-sty." To get good bacon or pork we must have good pigs, and no pigs thrive on filth. If pig-keepers in this country were to pay more attention to getting a good type of pig and maintaining this standard when once arrived at, English bacon would be far more popular with the British housewife than it is to-day, and our friends across the sea in Holland would find it a little more difficult to get rid of the vast quantities of their very excellent bacon that enters this country yearly.

The preparations for pig-keeping depend largely upon what accommodation is available, if any. Pigs should be fenced in and must lie warm. It is immaterial whether the home is cold and airy as long

as it is not damp and draughty. Pigs must have a good solid floor to lie upon. Plenty of height and room is required for breeding sows, as it is very convenient to have easy access to them at the time of "farrowing."

Any old out-buildings can be made into good pig homes. If none of these are available, it adds to the initial outlay, but this can be considerably curtailed by a tour of the local ex-Government disposal stores, and generally sufficient good material can be collected to construct a good substantial pig home at a moderate cost. I made my own pig home out of old railway sleepers, which make a very serviceable and comfortable sty. This took me a long while to complete, and was good solid work, especially as I started in the fall of last year, and had some very bad weather to contend with. Railway sleepers measuring nine feet long, eleven inches wide, and about five or six inches thick, sodden with rain and clotted with mud, want a fair amount of handling.

I am extremely satisfied with the result of my labours, as, in addition to having a first-class pig home, I have saved about £25 on the work, as the local builders' estimate was that amount in excess of what my pig home cost me. This did not include a drainage dump, which collects all the manure and sweepings at the back of the sty. This is a decided advantage, as, in addition to facilitating the washing out of the sty, it collects the very valuable droppings, which are the best possible thing for the garden.

The floor of the home is made of 2-inch elm boards, and this is made in sections so that it is easily taken out and cleaned. The boards are placed an inch apart on joints to allow the droppings to fall through.

The roof is made of six by one tongued and grooved boards, on which are placed galvanised sheets. The whole affair is

very satisfactory, and will most probably last much longer than I shall.

For anyone who does not want to go to the trouble of making his own home or shelter, I would suggest that he bought an ex-Government grooved steel store shelter. These can still be had for £3 10s., and make very excellent homes for pigs. Of course, the ends need to be boarded up, and should it be found necessary, a partition can easily be put up in the middle of the shelter, thereby making a double abode.

Other than this there are some very good types of pig-houses made by the following firms: Messrs. Boulton & Paul, of Norwich, and Messrs. Pearce, of Bristol Bridge, Bristol.

I always make a point of collecting all the best possible kinds of catalogues and choosing what I think is the best design after careful perusal. As they all have some outstanding advantage, this is a very interesting job, although it is not altogether conducive towards very happy matrimonial relations, if one's wife is not skilled in what Mr. Atkinson would call the finest trade in the world, viz. Joinery.

Fencing is another important item, but a few stakes of a substantial character on to which is fastened some ordinary mesh wire will generally suffice to keep one's pigs in their allotted space; a strand of barbed wire should be run along the bottom to frustrate any attempt at wandering. My pigs are quite content to stay within the bounds of my field, which is about six acres. They are, of course, well rung to prevent rooting.

If it is intended to run pigs on waste ground which wants breaking up, it would be profitable to the pigs and to their owner to have them unringed, as they would quickly convert his waste land into good garden soil on which almost anything can be grown.

Having got a suitable home and such fencing as is necessary, two good strong barrels are required for mixing. These can be obtained from any farmer friend who keeps dairy or other cattle. Two strong buckets, a serviceable broom, a shovel, a hand bowl, and a boiler are also necessary. A good boiler can be obtained from any ex-

Government store, but if it is intended to start with a couple of small store pigs, this will not be necessary, and a dixie will be found useful to fill this gap. A new dixie costs 4s., and is a good investment for anyone, as it is both well made and serviceable, and, in addition to this, has a lid, which is a distinct advantage over an ordinary bucket.

A good type of pig-trough is required, and for this purpose I recommend the rood end pig-trough which is made by Messrs. Pearce of Bristol. There are numerous types of troughs on the market, and all have their goods points. It is for the pig-keeper to decide which he thinks will best meet his requirements. Some people will advise wooden troughs, but to my mind these are not nearly so serviceable as an iron one, which is more sanitary and more easily kept clean, and above all will stand more knocking about. This is an essential point, as pigs consider it quite the thing to walk over their troughs if they have the inclination.

Furthermore, pigs will, as a rule, chew anything, and a wooden feed trough saturated with feed is a great temptation to a pig when his next meal is due, and he is a little tired of waiting for it.

Pigs do not, as a rule, drink a lot of water, but it should be always within easy reach of those who desire it. Further, it saves a considerable amount of labour if the house is erected near a water supply.

A farrowing rail should be fixed to the walls of the sleeping quarters of every breed sow's home. This rail should be fixed about nine inches from the floor, and about six inches from the walls, thus preventing the young pigs being crushed by clumsy mothers. A good rail can be made out of old galvanised piping, which can be bought very cheaply. It need not be fixed until it is decided to keep a sow.

A strong wheelbarrow is also necessary, and has a thousand uses, and last, but not least, a smock, as pig-keeping is a messy job, if nothing else.

Get all your preparations made before you think about your pigs. Don't get your pigs first and your accommodation afterwards.



I AM so sorry that, after all, the date of our Brighton walk has had to be altered. It was found that September 1st was a most difficult date to obtain the necessary escorts, for those who were entering for the Surrey walk on the 14th were rather diffident about attempting such a long walk beforehand, and running the risk of being knocked up. We are hopeful that our walk may be held on Saturday, 6th October, and I will let competitors know definite details as soon as they are arranged.

SATURDAY SPORTS.

Last term's sports ended in great personal triumphs for H. G. Boorman and H. Prior, who splendidly headed their respective classes. The leading points scored throughout the competition are as follows:—

S. S.		T. B.	
H. Prior	.. 700	H. Boorman	.. 800
W. Muir	.. 555	T. Ashe	.. 605
J. Cookson	.. 530	G. Wootley	.. 595
B. Inman	.. 425	A. Chiverton	.. 325
H. Barker	.. 400	J. Spink	.. 140
A. Jarvis	.. 235		
J. Salt	.. 105		

We are going to try and carry on this term, but the fact that we have not many men in training makes sports rather difficult to run. The boys who are here are very keen, and so we must have a certain measure of success.

PHYSICAL JERKS.

Corpl. Major Tovell's class in the early morning is excellent, and already he has had out a remarkable percentage of the men who are here. We all realise the health value of these morning jerks and are convinced that this department of sport will continue to be successful.

SWIMMING.

Instructor Jones is keeping on his classes on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and if there are any old boys in the London district who would like to come along

to the Marylebone Baths—just opposite the Marylebone station—any Friday evening at 6 for swimming practice, Mr. Jones will be delighted to see them. The Baths Committee are most kind in granting our boys free admission when accompanied by Mr. Jones, so I trust that those who want to become Channel swimmers will avail themselves of the opportunity.

Miss Briggs, the Secretary of the Surrey Ladies' Swimming Club, most kindly invited four of us to take part in their Swimming Gala at Kingston Baths on Wednesday, 29th August, and accordingly we sent along T. Wilson, W. Birch, F. A. Jackson and Paul Nuyens to represent us.

The boys got a glorious reception from a most appreciative audience, and gave a very fine exhibition of swimming. Their power and style and the wonderfully straight course they kept delighted the spectators, and it was only after a great struggle that T. Wilson won from Birch by three-quarters of a yard, Jackson and Nuyens being third and fourth respectively.

The boys, who were the fortunate recipients of charming prizes, had the additional pleasure of meeting Mr. Sullivan, the famous cross-channel victor.

Mr. Sullivan, in a speech, heartily congratulated our men, and said how that he had always advocated the teaching of swimming to the blind in America. He would tell America of the excellent show St. Dunstan's had given that evening. He has promised to come and see us at Headquarters, and if he does come he will be sure of a warm welcome.

We have also had an invitation from Mr. Walter Brickett, the old swimming champion, to take part in his Gala on Monday, 17th inst., at the Prince of Wales Baths, Kentish Town. We will be delighted to send a party along, and are very grateful to Mr. Brickett for his kindness in asking us.

J. E. W.

Prince of Wales at Wembley

I feel sure that all those men who represented St. Dunstan's in the walking and running events at the British Legion Empire Sports at Wembley on Saturday, July 14th, thoroughly enjoyed the experience. First of all we had a beautifully fine day, and, secondly, our prize-winners had the honour of being presented to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. The Prince had specially come along with Earl Haig to present the prizes to the winners, and after each event the winners had to walk up a long incline in the Grand Stand to where the Prince was. It was characteristic of His Royal Highness to vault over the barrier and hurry down the slope when he saw our men approaching. Earl Haig was deputed to carry the prizes, and so our men were lined up at the foot of the stand whilst the Prince gave them their rewards and had a little chat with each man. We thoroughly appreciated his thoughtfulness, and I think he will long remember the intensity of St. Dunstan's cheers, especially as he received them at such close quarters.

Some of the men suggested that a message should be sent to the Prince saying how grateful the boys were for his goodness. This was done, and a gracious reply was received thanking us for our message and saying how glad the Prince was to meet us.

In both the running and walking events our boys put up splendid performances.

The walk was exceedingly well won by Jock Ingram, who led practically all the way from Birch in the excellent time of 8.48 4-5ths minutes, only a little more than a minute over the time taken in the "sighted" walk just before. Unfortunately two or three of our competitors were not placed because in the excitement of the last few yards they failed to walk according to the A.A.A. rules. Cassidy walked well and came third, with Tomkinson fourth, Gamble, Rhodes and Northgreaves, fifth, sixth and seventh respectively. The splendid prizes given for this event were the gifts of Lord Glanusk, C.B., D.S.O.

The 90 yards sprint proved to be a fine race. The men were close together all

the way but finally Nuyens won in 10 2-5 seconds, with Meighen second and Boorman third. The first prize—a gold watch—was given by Captain Towse, V.C., C.B.E.

J. E. W.

Guild of Blind Gardeners

We wish to express our sincerest thanks to the Hon. Secretary and the Committee of the National Rose Society, who for the third year in succession erected a tent for the exhibits of the Blind Gardeners' Guild at the Society's Rose Show, held at the Royal Botanic Gardens on June 28th. The Society also generously gave a donation for prizes and judged the Guild's exhibits.

Owing to the backward season some of our usual exhibitors were unable to compete, but in spite of the smaller number of entries the exhibits were of a higher standard than last year and all the competitors are to be heartily congratulated on the success of their efforts.

Mr. Minchin, of Worplesden, who had exceptionally fine exhibits in nearly all classes of fruit, vegetables, and flowers, was awarded the St. Dunstan's Challenge Bowl for the year, for the best all-round exhibit; and we offer him our sincerest congratulations.

Amongst the other prize winners were the Misses Walker and Hotham and Messrs. Botley, Cole, Duncombe and Hazel.

The exhibits were grown from the seeds of Messrs. Carter & Sons, who very kindly supplied them at half price to members of the Guild.

Since the starting of the Guild of Blind Gardeners in 1920, instruction in gardening has been given by certificated teachers at many blind and myope schools near and around London; the pupils, who are very keen on the work, numbering over 300. The Guild hopes in the future to be able to extend its teaching facilities, and when funds allow to start a small training centre of its own.

All information may be obtained from the Hon. Secretary:—

CHAS. E. ROSE, Esq.,
23 Daleham Gardens,
Hampstead, N.W.3.

"In Memory"

PRIVATE J. G. NICOL.
(5th Gordon Highlanders.)

WE have to record with much regret the death of this St. Dunstaner. A quarry mason prior to the Great War, Nicol enlisted in September of 1914 and served his King and Country faithfully and well until wounded at Arras on the 13th May 1917. Receiving his discharge from the Army, he was admitted to St. Dunstan's the same year, where he passed his typewriting and Braille tests and learned the occupations of Poultry Farming and Mat-making, gaining a first-class certificate for the latter. He was settled at poultry farming at Aberdeen, and progressed well, but on the 4th July 1923 he was taken ill and removed to Aberdeen Infirmary, where he was operated upon for appendicitis the same evening. He passed away on the 3rd September. Amongst the floral tributes at the funeral was a wreath from Captain Fraser and his other comrades at St. Dunstan's.

PRIVATE WILLIAM P. PHELAN.

Enlisting in 1917, this St. Dunstaner had served only just under a year when he was wounded at Asiago Plateau. He was admitted to St. Dunstan's in 1918, where he was trained in shorthand, typewriting and telephony and afterwards set up in business with his brother as a commission agent. He left St. Dunstan's in July 1923, but the result of his war services necessitated the amputation of a leg, following which Phelan died at the Royal Berkshire Hospital on 1st September. Amongst the tributes laid on the grave was a wreath from Captain Fraser and his comrades at St. Dunstan's. This was in the shape of our badge and composed of green laurel leaves with the torch in crimson chrysanthemums, St. Dunstan's name being carried out in crimson on a background of white chrysanthemums.

PRIVATE J. BULLOCK.
(4th Battalion, A.I.F.)

A tragic accident caused the death of this St. Dunstaner. He was drowned in the river Gipping at Ipswich by the capsizing of the boat in which he, with three companions, was taking a short pleasure cruise during a visit to Ipswich by char-a-banc tour. Bullock's companions were rescued, but he sank almost immediately, and in spite of the heroic efforts of a lady spectator of the accident, Miss Rene Ashton, of Ipswich, who jumped into the water and dived repeatedly, his body was not recovered for some time. Artificial respiration proved of no avail. Such was the tragic ending to a life which, since this St. Dunstaner made the sacrifice of sight for King and Country at Pozieres in July 1916, had been one of gallant struggle against the added handicap of general ill-health. Bullock enlisted in August 1915, was admitted to St. Dunstan's in February 1917, and was settled at Little Thurrock, Grays, two years later. A naval fireman prior to the War, his ill-health, which included paralysis of his left hand, only permitted him to learn string-bag making. Bullock was given the honour of a full military funeral, and was buried at Grays Cemetery on 1st September. The coffin was borne on a gun-carriage from the "Exmouth," and sailors from the same ship sounded the last post. Miss Woolrych, one of our social visitors, represented St. Dunstan's at the funeral, and among the many fine floral tributes was a wreath sent by Captain Fraser and his comrades at St. Dunstan's, composed of red and white roses in the shape of our badge. Bullock was unmarried and leaves a mother to mourn him.

PRIVATE CHARLES WILLIAM SAWYER.
(South Lancashire Regiment.)

The health of this plucky St. Dunstaner was so affected by his disablement in the war that he was unable to follow any course of training whatever. Sawyer was a regular soldier before the war, having enlisted in the Army in 1899. He was blinded in 1914, and admitted to St. Dunstan's in 1918. Owing to the complete break-up of his health, he spent the whole of his time since admission to St. Dunstan's at one or another of our Annexes, with the exception of a year spent at another Hospital. He died at our Brighton Annexe on 22nd August. Sawyer was married, and leaves two little children.

From the Chairman's Post-bag

Huthwaite Bank,
Thurgoland, near Sheffield,
31st August 1923.

DEAR CHIEF,

I am just dropping a line or two to tell you that I think the wireless is a jolly good thing to us, as being out in the country and pretty busy with the poultry farm, we don't get much spare time to get into town to hear concerts, &c. The trains are so bad we could not get home at night, and thus, by using the wireless we can now get any programme that is offered in this country by the B.B.C. and if we get fed up with one station we can switch on to any of the others.

We have a three-valve set, and I don't find any difficulty in operating the machine and I guess that by its use as far as entertainments and news lectures are concerned, I think it makes living in the country as good as being in the towns, with the additional benefits of country life and pure air thrown in.

No St. Dunstaner need trouble about fixing up wireless, as I think it is an easy job, and I have rigged up our installation and the actual work only took ten hours.

I did not attempt to buy my own machine, and had the assistance in that matter of the hon. secretary of the Sheffield Wireless Society, Mr. Crowther, whom I thank very much for getting me a good three-valve set at a moderate price.

We shall be able to pass the long winter evenings on much better with the aid of the wireless, and other than this many an hour can be pleasantly spent listening in to various stations, and different items provided.

We don't use the three valves all the time, as the machine is so made that I can switch off one valve and thus use less power when it is not needed.

I think we have done well to get fixed up as we have been very busy with our poultry and have some beautiful pullets and fine stock cockerels, and have been busy re-wiring old pens and making further provision for new pens.

We have got two second prizes and one third for our eggs in local shows and third for a R.I. cockerel and several very highly commended with other birds, and in the great Yorkshire Show we got Reserve Prize for a White Leghorn pullet, and should have done better if we had sent an older bird.

I will now close, wishing you and all St. Dunstaners the best of good luck, comfort, and good health.

Yours sincerely,
(Signed) WALTER BURGIN.

Heathfield,
Perrymount Road,
Haywards Heath.

DEAR CAPTAIN FRASER,

Since I have been at Haywards Heath I have not written to you to let you know how I am getting on with my work, &c., although, of course, I have seen Mr. Nace, and other after-care visitors, who, no doubt, informed you as to whether my progress is satisfactory or not.

Twelve months ago last October I actually started my work in this district, and since then there has been a steady improvement—slow but sure. Of course, I am not likely to be asked to pay super-tax just yet, but I have nothing to grumble at, when I consider that it takes at least three years to get really started on the road, and of course much longer to become firmly established, for we are not allowed to advertise, and therefore have to rely entirely on the doctors' and our patients' recommendations, this particular business cannot be pushed on, except by obtaining good results; this, I think, I have done without exception. I look forward every month to the REVIEW, and enjoy reading the letters received from old boys in various parts of the Empire. I notice that maseurs do not often write for the REVIEW, the reason being, not lack of interest, but the nature of their work, for it is not easy to write much about one's practice, for one could not say old Mr. So-and-so with his

flat feet is doing well and so on, whereas with poultry-keepers it is different; they can mention how their various birds are getting on, number of eggs, &c. The same applies to other home workers.

I have a very important item of news to tell you. No, it is not that I am going to have a wireless set fitted with a loud-speaker; instead, I have just had a one-valve loud-squeaker presented to me by my wife, in the shape of a baby boy, born this morning, and both the babe and my wife are going on very well.

A fortnight ago I sent for the book "Life of Sir Arthur Pearson," and have enjoyed reading it immensely. In the second chapter of the book, where a few details are given about the various articles our old chief used to write in his spare time, and used to send them up to one paper after another, he certainly tried every path and in the majority of instances succeeded in getting his copy accepted. It ought to be a good example to us, and shows quite clearly that the only thing to do is to keep pegging away, never giving up hope.

Well, I shall have to draw to a close now. Please excuse the disjointed manner in which this letter is written, but as you can imagine, I am feeling rather excited to-day, and cannot seem to concentrate my mind on letter-writing.

I should like to take this opportunity of thanking you for the splendid way in which you have looked after our interests as Chairman of the Committee.

I sincerely hope this will find you and other workers of St. Dunstan's in the best of health, and trust you will all enjoy your summer holidays.

Yours sincerely,
(Signed) L. HOWELL.

Alpha, Portland Road,
Christchurch.

DEAR SIR,

Some three months ago I purchased a three-valve set from the Wireless Supply Co., Boscombe. I manage to pick up all the B.B.C. stations, as well as the French, Cardiff and Paris being the "star" turns for this neighbourhood.

Two amusing incidents have occurred to us lately in connection with wireless. I

went into the newsagents' for *Popular Wireless*, and when I said "I want *Popular Wireless*," the old newsagent, who is rather deaf, said, "We don't stock 'Purple Violets.'" Another old man, a real country specimen, asked me, "How do you get on with them 'ere wires?" I said, "We get the concerts fine," which brought forth the remark, "Do ye really hear them or imagine you do?" Some nights between the howls and weird noises we fancy the last part of his remark was correct. A good tip I found, when tuning in, that other St. Dunstaners might not have tried, is to use the forefinger on the condenser in much the same way as reading Braille, it seems to make the adjustment fine.

Hoping you will not find this letter too long.

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) J. McANDREW.

The following are interesting extracts from a letter received by Lady (Arthur) Pearson from F. J. W. Westaway. We are glad to know that Westaway is doing good work both privately and in a public capacity:—

"... I am taking the greatest pleasure in sending these few lines to you, hoping to find you in the very best of health, as it leaves my wife, son and myself at present.

"I must say how very sorry I am not to have written to you before this, as I have been so busy with one thing and another.

"I should like you to know that I have been a member of the Executive Committee of the British Legion (Yeovil Branch) for the past twelve months.

"I do my very best on this Committee to further the interests of all ex-service men, especially my blind comrades.

"I should also like to let you know how very much I appreciate the good work that you, Captain Fraser and the whole of St. Dunstan's are doing for us blind ex-service men."

Westaway concludes with an expression of good wishes for the best of good fortune in the furtherance of St. Dunstan's work.

Poultry Notes

ST. DUNSTAN'S EGG-LAYING TEST.

Arrangements have now been completed for our Laying Test to be held at King's Langley Farm, and which starts on 11th October and will run for a period of four lunar months, finishing on 28th February 1924.

The Test will be divided into two sections only, viz. light and heavy breeds, and four pullets will constitute a pen.

Forty-six of our poultry farmers, whose names are given below, have decided to compete by sending one pen of birds, so there will be 46 pens in all, and these will be accommodated in four large new houses kindly loaned by Mr. C. A. S. Hanaford, of Hamworthy Junction, Dorset.

These houses have been placed on perfectly fresh land which has not had poultry running on it hitherto, and as the birds will be given every attention and the best of foods, they will have every opportunity to do their best.

The various competitors have now been advised when to send their birds to King's

Langley, and have also been supplied with special marking rings.

The Test may be inspected by competitors and visitors on Mondays or Thursdays between the hours of 2 and 4, and at other times by special arrangement.

LIST OF COMPETITORS.

Messrs. Horsnell, N.; Owen, W.; Whittingslow, J.; Tindall, J. H.; Hamilton, B.; Wright, W. H.; Bisset, L. A.; Woodcock, W. J.; Hetherington, T.; Capper, A. H.; Griffen, A.; Burgin, W.; Holmes, P.; Webb, W.; Levett, J.; Woodrow, W.; Maclean, D.; Bulman, C. R.; Woods, E. L.; Harriss, F. J.; Trigg, A. E.; Boyter, R.; Carlton, W.; Clark, R. A.; Brown, C. H.; McIntosh, C.; Hargreaves, H.; Boorman, F.; Letch, S. J.; Irvine, T.; Pink, A.; Coulson, A.; Littlejohn, D.; Crabtree, F.; Condon, T.; Ramsden, N. A.; Nelson, H.; Melling, D.; Stamper, T. D.; Smith, G. R.; Steel, McLeod, N.; Irish, H.; Maclaren, D.; Fowler, J.; Hawkins, G. H.; and Tebble, E. J.T.B.

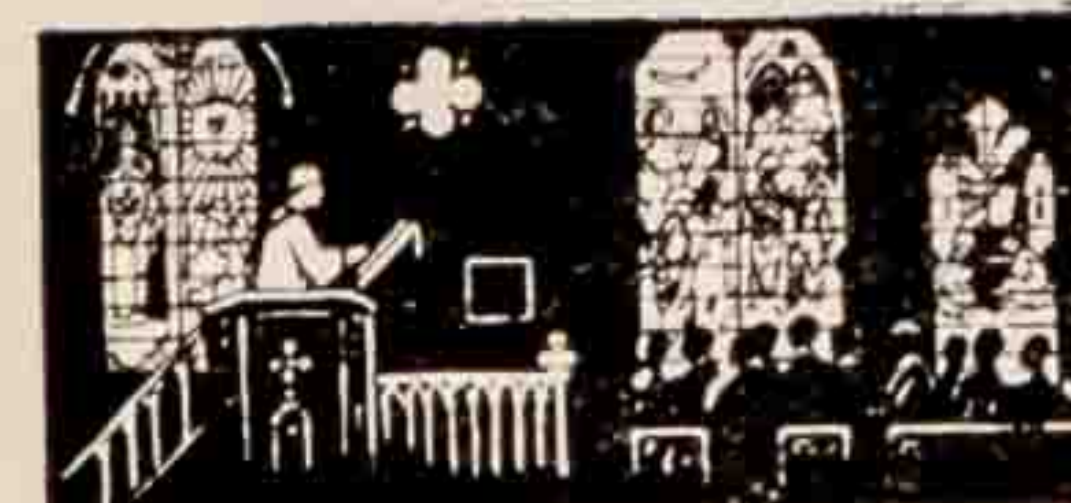


The St. Leger Sweepstake

Most people have heard of the big St. Leger Sweepstake organised by the British Legion for which over 50,000 half-crown tickets were sold. By the time these lines appear it will be something of an old story, in that the race will have been run and the prizes won, but we think all will be interested to hear that the men who did the actual drawing were two St. Dunstaners, E. B. Davis and W. H. Hill. The latter gives a most interesting account of the proceedings. He and Davies were taken to the offices of the British Legion and ushered into what appeared to be the Committee Room where they found some twenty people assembled, one of these being a lady. The first process was to select scrutineers, the solitary lady was chosen at once, then one of the

gentlemen. Davis was allotted the drum in which were the names of the horses, while Hill went to work on the larger one. Into this, after it had been carefully examined, was poured the 50-odd thousand ticket numbers, the parcels containing them being burst open, then each drum was shut, locked and rotated until all were satisfied that a thorough mixing must have taken place. Next came the unlocking; each man thrust a hand into his respective drum, and the name of the horse on the one ticket and the number of the other read out. Then each drum was again locked and rotated and so the process continued.

Small wonder that it took 1 hour and 44 minutes (timed by Hill) to complete the draw, for something over 120 horses were down to run.



CHAPEL NOTES

As the number of men in training is so greatly reduced I have been wondering if we would be able to carry on our services each Sunday. It would be a thousand pities for our Sunday morning worship to be discontinued, if it were possible at all to carry on. However, we did make a start on Sunday, 2nd instant, and were encouraged to find a very good muster.

It may be that there are some After-Care boys who would like to join us each Sunday, if so, I would be so grateful if they would give us their support and come along. The service commences at 11 a.m. and lasts about three-quarters of an hour. Holy Communion is celebrated after the morning service on the first Sunday in the month.

I am exceedingly grateful to Miss Stewart for her splendid help as organist, and am so sorry that we are unable to have her assistance this term. May I also add an expression of our indebtedness to Miss Boyd Rochfort, her keenness and enthusiasm helped us greatly. J.E.W.

Baptism

On Sunday, 2nd September, at St. Dunstan's Chapel, JOYCE IVY, daughter of HARRY and IVY SMY.

Marriages

COLLINS-ROBINSON.—On 19th June at Bloomsbury, William Collins to Nita Robinson, both of London.

DAVIES-EMMINS.—On Wednesday, July 18th, at St. Marylebone Church, John Davies to Dorothy Emmins.

HALL-SMITH.—At Wesley Hall, Lower Tydenham, Albert William Hall to Coraline Dorothea Smith, on 28th July (both of Tydenham).

THOM-WILLIAMSON.—On 31st March at Sunshine Presbyterian Church, J. W. Thom to Mrs. Sara Williamson.

Births

ALEXANDER.—On 29th July, to the wife of W. Alexander, of Tereggles, a daughter (Agnes Jane).

COX.—On Thursday, 26th July, a daughter (Elsie May) to the wife of J. Cox, of Felling.

FERRAND.—On 19th June a daughter (Audrey Davis) to the wife of H. Ferrand, of Bradford.

HARRIS.—On 9th July, to the wife of F. C. Harris, of Cheltenham, a son.

HILLING.—On 18th June a daughter (Monica Marian) to the wife of F. Hilling, of Acton.

HOWARTH.—On Sunday, 22nd July, to the wife of W. Howarth, of Trimley Green, a son.

HOWELL.—On 9th July, a son to the wife of L. Howell, of Haywards Heath. Mother and child both doing well.

KENNEDY.—On 25th June a daughter to the wife of S. Kennedy, of Barnhill.

KENNY.—On 29th July, to the wife of J. Kenny, of Cork, a daughter.

LANE.—On 9th August, to the wife of M. Lane, of Waltham Cross, a daughter.

MITCHELL.—On Saturday, 21st July, a daughter to the wife of J. Mitchell, of Leith. Both doing well.

PANNIFER.—On 12th July, to the wife of E. Pannifer, of Salford, a daughter.

POWELL.—On 7th July, a son (Ernest Edward) to the wife of G. Powell, of Staffs.

REDHEAD.—On 2nd August, to the wife of W. T. Redhead, of Wallsend, a daughter (Evelyn).

RHYS.—On 8th August, to the wife of A. P. Rhys, of Wimbledon, a daughter.

RIDLEY.—On 23rd July, to the wife of J. R. Ridley, of East Finchley, a son.

SAYERS.—On 14th June, a son (George Frederick) to the wife of E. Sayers, of Harbleton.

SMITH.—On 6th August, to the wife of S. W. Smith, of Northwood, a daughter (Lilian Florence).

SPACKMAN.—On Thursday, 9th August, to the wife of F. W. Spackman, of St. Albans, a son.

Letters From St. Dunstaners

AMONG the many oversea men who have voiced their regret at the loss of "Auntie" is J. R. Macpherson, of Victoria, B.C., who adds "but we are glad she is still likely to be around when we arrive home next year; we are looking forward to clasping her, and you all, by the hand once more." Macpherson enclosed a "snap" of himself, his wife and "Beauty," a prize bull-dog, and all three look so completely happy that it is difficult to know which to admire most.

Another of E. Twomey's breezy and interesting letters has reached Headquarters from Australia. As usual it is full of news of our Australian comrades, with many of whom Twomey is in close touch. Only a week or so before writing he had seen Watson and Carter, the two tall Australians many will remember, and also Marshall, who is happy and content in his work with the tea company. Payne is doing business for the same firm, distributing its wares in his home town of Maitland, some 120 miles from Sydney. Pedro and Folland are also "with the tea," and the latter was married last Easter. The news of Baker is bad, as he has had a severe attack of rheumatic fever brought on from sleeping between damp sheets while travelling, and is only just beginning to get about again. As for the Queensland men, Burchell gets through a fair amount of work at home, mostly in netting string work, and Farrell finds employment in similar lines.

Twomey himself has had a most startling experience recently, an acetylene factory blew up just behind his house, blowing in the window of the room in which he was sitting. All together seven explosions took place during the night and scarcely a house in the district but suffered in some way. The only man working on the premises was killed outright. Twomey says that for the time he "fancied himself back in France or Belgium."

Another interesting letter comes from

Jock Nisbit who is finding plenty to occupy him on a New Zealand Sheep station where he was sent by the kindness of Mr. Clutha Mackenzie. The station is situated on Lake Wakatip, across which, some eight miles distant, is Queenstown, quite a famous tourist resort. The scenery must be very fine for the lake is surrounded by mountains and is called after one of the highest peaks on which the sheep graze some thousands of feet up. Owing to an accident Nisbit has just spent three weeks in hospital, but is now well and about again, finding many jobs to which to turn his hands.

Evidently the achievements of our home St. Dunstaners in recent walking races have proved an inspiration to their overseas comrades. We cull the following from the *Bulawayo Chronicle*, South Africa:—

A remarkable feat has been performed by a blinded soldier, C. van Blerk, and Frank Butler, a civilian, who is also totally blind, and who live at George. A few days ago they walked, unaided, to Mrs. C. H. Vincent's farm, which is four miles out of George. The road is by no means an easy one for blind men, as there are deviations leading to other farms, as well as ruts and water furrows to cross, but, nothing daunted, they cheerfully walked on until their destination was safely reached, after a tramp of one and a half hours. They are now wanting to take on sighted men in a race to the farm, and are quite confident of being the winners.

Death

CAPLE.—The sympathy of all who have children will go to Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Caple, of Cardiff, who, on July 13th, lost their baby son aged six days, as the result of sudden convulsions following on a heat stroke.

From the Netting Room.

All St. Dunstaners past and present who are interested in netting will be proud to hear that the excellence of their work is being appreciated by the general public. Below we give a few extracts from recent letters:—

From Hereford:—

"The netting has come and is quite satisfactory. The other is wearing well. I have had it two years, and it is still quite sound."

From Hunts:—

"I am very pleased with the net, and several people at my party remarked on it; some, I hope, will send in orders. Everyone said, 'How well it is made!' It is also very well finished off."

From Middlesbrough:—

"The secretary of my club obtained one of your nets and wishes me to let you know how very pleased he is with it. It is a much better article than any we have previously obtained from other sources. If opportunity offers we shall be very glad to recommend your nets." G. H. W.

Hants Agricultural Show

(From a St. Dunstan's Correspondent.)

HAMPSHIRE is not only famous for Southampton football club, but for its hogs and other agricultural products, and last but not least, for its hospitality.

We had proof of this when we were offered and gladly accepted for the fourth time in succession a tent at the Annual Show of the New Forest Agricultural Society.

The show was a comprehensive one with some of the finest stock in England exhibited there. I was able to pick up the party from St. Dunstan's under the charge of Miss Witherby, at my home station and was glad to hear voices that I knew in the old netting room, and by the time I had asked after old friends there we arrived at Southampton, that place which we swore at on our way out to France and swore by on our return.

Here we were met with a fine car by

the very obliging chauffeur of Mr. Louch, who took us in charge from the time we arrived on the show grounds till we left at night. This kindly act saved us a tiresome change at Southampton and a wait for a local train to carry us on to Totton and we were well on our way before we should have caught a train and soon passed Totton and so out to Bartley Cross.

We had the use of a fine marquee, and some tables and chairs were produced from nowhere it seemed to me, and soon all hands were busy unpacking the varied stock of St. Dunstan's goods which had previously been consigned to Mr. Othen. We had a varied selection of weather, calculated to suit all tastes, from heavy rain to brilliant sunshine.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin were there, having met the party at Winchester, and very good friends they proved, especially when the stock had to be hurriedly taken inside to escape the rain.

I had previously made up my mind that this show was going to benefit me, and went prepared for this with a show card, telling visitors that I was a local St. Dunstaner and was out for orders. I also took a good supply of small cards which I distributed liberally, and this led to quite a lot of orders coming my way.

C. Reddish worked very hard on a hammock, when the rain would let him, outside, and for the rest of the time inside the marquee, and, as is usually the case, we could have done quite a lot of trade when it was time for us to pack up and get ready for home, but the return journey to London takes two hours, and I expect by the time the London contingent arrived back in town they had had enough of travelling as they could not have reached Waterloo till about 9.30.

I do not know the result, but I think that Miss Witherby is satisfied and is even now seeking fresh fields and pastures new, not only for the sale of St. Dunstan's goods but for very good and useful propaganda work, and the maintaining of public interest in the work of St. Dunstans.

W. LOWINGS.

The Leisure Hour

BY HOROS.

EXPANDING WORDS.

A naval correspondent sends this:—

Though . know .. is a ... being restricted to a special .., the .. feeling (the .. cause of which may have been my employment in a factory) has gone. I feel sure, however, that the of of food a means for avoiding the of one's health by dyspepsia.

Each successive word contains an additional letter, though the order of the letters may, of course, be varied to any extent.

OUR ENIGMA.

My first two letters are a man, my first three a woman, my first four a brave man, and my whole a brave woman.

Solutions to July number problems:—

CHESS PROBLEM NO. 4.

1.—W. Castle from E7 to C7 (giving check). Black Bishop from B6 to C7* (taking a piece and giving check).

2. W. Knight B5 to A7 (giving check-mate).

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RUNNER'S PUZZLE.

While Brown has only run one-sixth, or four twenty-fourths of the course, Tompkins has run the remainder five-sixths, less one-eighth, or seventeen-twentyfourths. Therefore Tompkin's pace is seventeen-fourths times that of Brown. Brown has now five-sixths of the course to run, whereas Tompkins has only one-sixth. Therefore Brown must go five times as fast as Tompkins, or increase his own speed to five times seventeen-fourths, that is eighty-

five-fourths times as fast as he went at first. But the question was now how many times as fast, but "how much faster," and eighty five-fourths times as fast is equal to eighty-one fourths times faster than Brown's original speed. The correct answer is therefore $20\frac{1}{4}$ times faster.

FRIENDS' PUZZLE.

The four friends greeted each other with six handclasps. This is how the answer is arrived at. Let us call the four men A, B, C, D.

A shakes hands with B, C, D, i.e. 3 handshakes.

B shakes hands with C, D, i.e. 2 handshakes. He has already greeted A.

C shakes hands with D, i.e. 1 handshake. He has already greeted A and B.

So A, B, C, D have shaken hands with each other with only six handclasps.

Braille Room Notes

We heartily congratulate the following men on having passed their Braille Tests:—

Reading: W. T. Harris, E. V. Dawes, B. Inman, H. Wood, and Mr. K. Gow.

Writing: G. Matthews and P. McGloin.

Typewriting, Shorthand and Telephony

All the best of good wishes to J. Brown, who has obtained a temporary post as shorthand-typist in the Enemy Debts Dept., at Cornwall House, Stamford Street, S.W., and to J. MacFarlane, who has been appointed telephonist at the Overseas Trade Dept., Basinghall Street. MacFarlane has been with Dick's Asbestos Co. for over two years, but unfortunately the firm has recently closed down.

Sincerest congratulations to the following men on having passed their Typewriting Test:—

H. A. Mann, C. Brammer, T. Ash, J. Lovel and E. Roberts.

D. A. P.

From the World's Press

Garnered by SYDNEY KENDALL

Praise in Print

We reproduce with much pleasure the following article from a recent issue of the "North Eastern Magazine."

MR. T. S. Cooper, district superintendent's office, Hull, who was blinded in the war, has done his utmost to triumph over his disability, and thanks to the training he underwent at St. Dunstan's, has managed to do so with a great measure of success. He is very popular and is one of the most cheerful young men one could meet. In company he can hold his own in a surprising way, even at whist, &c., which he plays with cards marked in Braille at the corners. It is said that in the garden he can distinguish flowers, &c., by sense of touch and smell. In response to an invitation from the editor of this magazine, Mr. Cooper has sent the following letter telling of his methods of working. The letter was typed by Mr. Cooper without a single slip:—

"Referring to conversation at York the other day, I have pleasure in sending you a few lines as requested. Prior to the war I had been in the office of the Superintendent of the Line, Hull & Barnsley Railway since 1906, and for the latter part of that time was personal clerk to the superintendent. I enlisted in 1914, and after training in Hull and Newcastle left for the Ypres section in France, and lost my sight through a bullet wound received in the Kemmel trenches in June, 1915. After treatment at the hospital in London, I was passed on to St. Dunstan's Hostel, where a new education had to commence with the learning of the alphabet, &c., in Braille, and after passing a test in the reading and writing of ordinary Braille, I started on the shorthand course, which is a very abbreviated form of Braille with contractions and phrases similar to those adopted in Pitman's shorthand. The pencil and notebook are replaced by a

small machine with six keys which punches the Braille characters on to a roll of narrow tape-like paper, and the notes are then read with the finger, a sentence or part of a sentence at a time, and then typed on an ordinary typewriter.

The only difference on my typewriter is that raised dots are placed along the number scale at the front of the machine to show the exact position of the carriage.

I should like to mention here the splendid treatment and opportunities given by the St. Dunstan's organisation. The manner in which real work, useful hobbies and amusements were blended at that hostel renewed one's hopes and aspirations, and, in short, demonstrated practically how it was possible to think, act, and do what otherwise would probably never have been attempted or dreamed of, and gave a lift and pointed the way to a useful career and life of interest.

Since the amalgamation of the North Eastern and Hull & Barnsley railways, I have been in the wagon control section of the district superintendent's office at Hull, and have settled in my new surroundings comfortably."

We take the following report from the *Birmingham Mail*.

Regatta by the Blind at Stratford-on-Avon

On Wednesday last week a number of rowing and sculling events, the competitors being blinded men of the Birmingham St. Dunstan's Sports Club, were held on the Avon under the supervision of the Stratford-on-Avon Boat Club. An interesting programme was gone through, consisting of pair-oar, double sculling, and single races, and each of the crews had lady coxs. Some excellent rowing was witnessed, and a good race was that between a Stratford crew (R. Bailey stroke and E. Eborall bow) and a St. Dunstan's pair, when the latter proved victorious by a length.

Mr. J. Butcher acted as judge, Mr. H. Fox was starter, and Mr. P. Kennard performed the duties of steward, while these gentlemen were assisted by several members of the Boat Club, who acted as clerks of the course, and members of the Swimming Club, who were present for the purpose of offering assistance in the case of accidents. Miss Hodgson acted in the capacity of local secretary.

[ED. NOTE.—To give the affair more personal interest, we may add that amongst those present were Messrs. Street, Dennick, Moss, Shaw, Webster, Read, Castle, Cashmore, Cook, Coles, Daintier, Hines, Hughes, Lilley, Shaylor, Trott, Whitten and Valley, also the Rev. H. Gibbs. The prize-winners were Shaw, Read, Dennick and Cashmore.]

Transport from Birmingham was arranged by Mr. Thomas, and after the very successful event Miss Hodgson invited all the St. Dunstaners and their escorts to tea at her home. Everyone much enjoyed the very successful affair and highly appreciated the kindness and courtesy of the Stratford Rowing Club in the help given and the generosity with which boating house and grounds were placed at the disposal of the Birmingham St. Dunstaners.]
From *The Natal Advertiser*.

Mr. W. T. Archibald, of Gillitts, who was blinded in the war, and who subsequently attended St. Dunstan's (London) Poultry School, secured first prize and a special for the best English games at the Pine-town Show on Saturday. Splendid work has been and is being accomplished at St. Dunstan's, and it is very gratifying to see that one of our residents has benefited so wonderfully as a result of his experiences at that institution that he is able to breed such splendid birds.

We take the following report from the *Middlesex County Times*. It is accompanied by a portrait of Bawden, whom we heartily congratulate upon his fine showing in the event described:—

An interesting competitor in the five-miles race for the Long-Distance Amateur Swimming Championship of England on Saturday was W. G. Bawden (Ealing S.C.), who, although almost blind, finished

the course, and was placed fourteenth. The course was from a stationary barge moored opposite the Anglian Boathouse, Kew, to the University Store, Putney Bridge.

Mr. Bawden is an Australian, and he lost his sight as the result of wounds received in France whilst serving with the Australian Imperial Forces. He distinguished himself on several occasions in France, and was awarded the Croix de Guerre with Palm and Star.

He recently commenced practice at Helena Chambers, Ealing Broadway, as a masseur and medical electrician, for which work he was trained at St. Dunstan's. For some months he has given voluntary service as masseur at Ealing Hospital.

Mr. Bawden is, in spite of his disability (he is left with only a thirtieth of normal sight), still an enthusiastic sportsman, and on Thursday afternoon he took part in the Hammersmith Regatta, rowing for St. Dunstan's against the London Firemen. He only recently joined the Ealing Swimming Club, but although he did a large amount of swimming in Australia, he has done very little in this country until just recently. He hopes to enter for the Long Distance Championship again next year.

To Prospective Timber Purchasers

Will all St. Dunstaners who are thinking of purchasing timber for poultry houses, fencing, &c., be very careful to make sure that the firm to whom they send their orders is a reliable one? Several cases have been brought to our notice recently where money has been sent with the order and inferior timber supplied, and in one particular instance the money was acknowledged, but no timber was forthcoming.

The After-Care Department will always be glad to advise to the best of their knowledge. One firm can be recommended by Mr. Swain as being thoroughly reliable and selling at competitive prices—Rush & Park, Timber Merchants, Seaforth, Liverpool—and if a man will mention the fact that he is a St. Dunstaner when placing his order, he will receive a special discount of five per cent.

Another St. Dunstan's Romance

Several comrades from St. Dunstan's were among the guests at the wedding of J. Davies, of Nelson, near Cardiff, on the occasion of his marriage at Marylebone Church on the 18th July to Miss Dorothy Emmins, of Willesden. The wedding marked one of many romances begun at St. Dunstan's, where the bridegroom, after being discharged from the army through failing sight, learnt the trade of mat-making and netting.

Miss Emmins, who shares the ownership of a laundry at Willesden, became a voluntary worker at St. Dunstan's. It became her duty to take Mr. Davies to Paddington, whence somebody was to accompany him to Wales. But the escort did not turn up, and Miss Emmins performed the duty instead, returning to London by the next train. So began the romance which was crowned by this happy wedding.

St. Dunstan's gift to Mr. and Mrs. Davies was a silver tea-pot.

More St. Dunstaners honoured by the Prince

Another St. Dunstaner to be honoured by the Prince is A. Chapman, of Bath, who, on the day His Royal Highness visited Bath, happened to be at the British Legion Club Room, when the Prince, seeing him, and finding that he was a St. Dunstaner, came and shook hands both with Chapman and his wife, to whom he spoke most kindly.

The little event is perpetuated, for an excellent picture of the trio appeared in the *Daily Mirror*.

Even yet the tale of the Prince's kindness is not complete, for when visiting the Royal Welsh Agricultural Show, he went to the stall occupied by the North Wales Home Teaching Society for the Blind, and there young John Worthing was presented to him. Speaking to Worthing as a "comrade in arms," the Prince, after shaking hands heartily, plied him with questions as to his home, his service, and the progress he had made at St. Dunstan's, then gracefully accepted the pair of silk socks Worthing had been commissioned to present.

Birmingham St. Dunstaners enjoyed a fine wireless concert at the Farcroft Hotel, Handsworth, just before the holidays. The kindly host was Mr. Murphy, who gave such generous assistance, it will be remembered, on the occasion of our Birmingham walk. The concert was held in the Hotel Gardens, and was greatly enjoyed by the following St. Dunstaners:

P. Cashmore.	W. Castle.
H. Cook.	W. Daintier.
W. Hines.	H. Hughes.
H. Kirkbright.	J. Lea.
G. Lilley.	E. Moss.
E. Read.	W. Trott.
E. Varley.	V. Wicken.

"His work is first rate, and he deserves all the success he gets." This is the gratifying opinion of one of our technical visitors as to the work of W. Stamp, of Keelby, boot-repairer and mat-maker. Stamp is a very busy man. He gets orders from all parts of Lincolnshire, many far from his own door, and he evidently spares no trouble in working exactly to his customers' wishes. We wish him continued success.

Many St. Dunstaners will remember Miss Cotton, who came to us in October 1918, and who, after eighteen months of willing work in the London area, was engaged on After-care in the South of England. Miss Cotton left us at the end of August, and will carry with her all good wishes for her future happiness.

A WELCOME GIFT.

Our men in residence at headquarters and also at Brighton have been enjoying recently a fine consignment of English-grown cucumbers.

These were the generous gift of Mr. F. Wilkinson, of Glazenwood, Braintree, Essex, whose kindly thought has naturally been very much appreciated.

BACK NUMBERS WANTED.

The Editor will be grateful if any St. Dunstaners having in possession copies of ST. DUNSTAN'S REVIEW, No. 40 for January 1920, and No. 45 for June 1920, which can be spared, will send them along to him at Headquarters.

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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