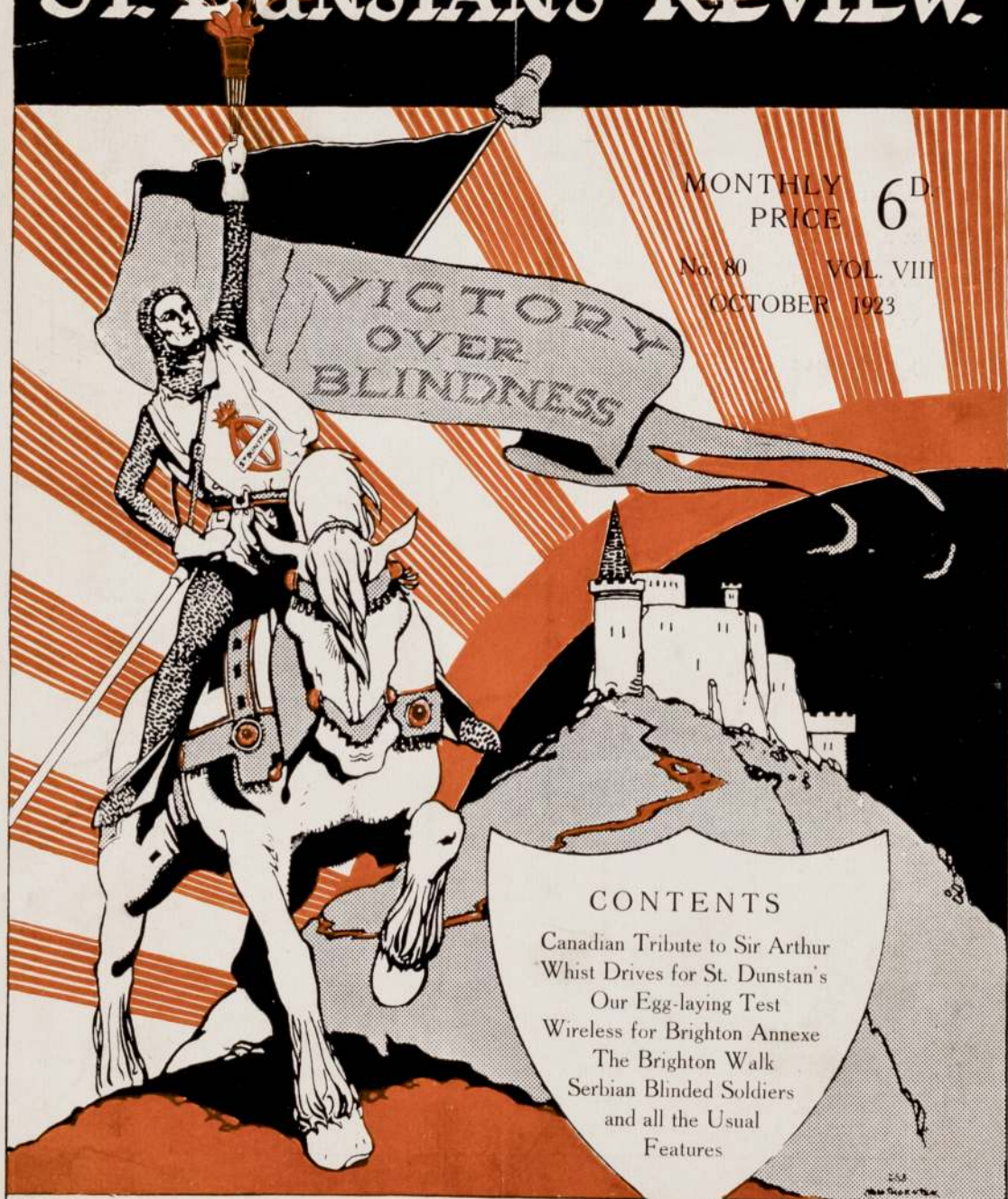


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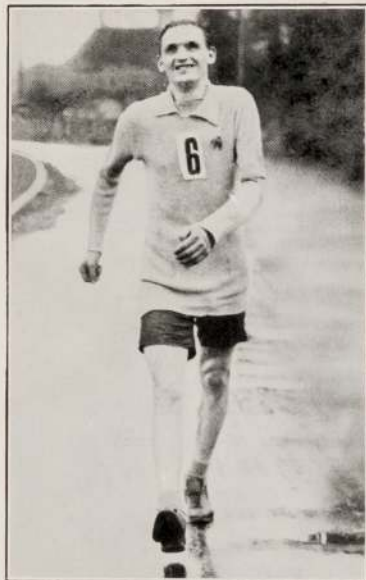
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EDITORIAL

ON another page of this issue will be found an article detailing the efforts made by St. Dunstan's to enlist the assistance of sympathisers with our work in arranging whist drives and other entertainments on behalf of our funds. The letter from Captain Fraser which embodies this request and which is also reprinted in the article referred to, states fully the reasons for promoting this appeal, while the leader from *The Times*, which is also reproduced, tells clearly and emphatically of the urgency of St. Dunstan's need for continued and generous support.

There is, however, an aspect of this appeal which we think demands attention in THE REVIEW. We think we may justly claim that our columns have always given proof of our desire to provide an open forum for the views, the aims, and the hopes of any and every member of the great family of St. Dunstan's. We do not believe, therefore, we shall give offence to any if we venture to express the view that every St. Dunstaner must realise that it is up to him personally and individually to do everything possible to further the success of this urgent appeal for support for our funds.

The men of St. Dunstan's hold an unique place in public regard. We are but stating a bald fact when we say that every St. Dunstaner is, to the small or wide circle of ordinary citizens with whom he may come in social or business contact, a hero deserving of every help and consideration that his fellow-countrymen can give him.

It is a view we share unreservedly, but we will be forgiven for pointing out that there are duties and responsibilities inevitably attaching to the position which St. Dunstan's men hold in the world's esteem, and certainly the first and most weighty of these is to place the interests of St. Dunstan's as a whole before self and personal interests. We honestly believe that this is the spirit that animates every man of St. Dunstan's, and now that the rally call has gone forth for help for the work and the cause which has fathered and helped more than 2,000 St. Dunstaners, we are confident that each and every one of our readers will respond to that call by every means in his power.

There are many ways of giving such help, and it is unnecessary, and in fact impossible, for us to specify, when opportunity and conditions will take such widely varied forms. We only ask, and that with all confidence, that the men of St. Dunstan's will personally emphasise at every opportunity how much our great organisation means to them and their future content and usefulness. Where it is possible that practical assistance in the organisation of efforts in aid of our funds can be given by our men, that assistance will be forthcoming, we know.

In Honour of St. Dunstan's Founder

The world-wide influence of the splendid work which our late Chief did for the whole blind community and the inspiring example of his own virile personality has always been recognised, but of the lasting regard in which his memory is held by those who were brought into close touch with him, and who have been enabled to benefit from his help and advice, we find renewed evidence in the wide attention given in the Canadian press to a largely attended special memorial service held in Toronto.

We are sure all our readers will share the pride with which we quote the report of the service from the "Daily Mail and Empire," Toronto.

A picture of the Memorial Tablet referred to was reproduced, it will be recalled, in our issue for December, 1922.

SIR ARTHUR PEARSON'S INSPIRATION NOT LOST.

SERVICE IN MEMORY OF GALLANT VICTOR OVER ILLS OF BLINDNESS.

HIGH tribute to the memory of the late Sir Arthur Pearson was paid yesterday at a special memorial service held in his honour, the closing event of a three-day reunion of the members of the Sir Arthur Pearson Club for Canadian blinded soldiers. The tablet which had been unveiled some time ago was decorated with wreaths, and the service was held in the hall of the building, which he was instrumental in securing during his visit here. A large number were present, including many soldiers who had attended either St. Dunstan's or Pearson Hall. Those taking part in the service were: Rev. Dr. Bruce McDonald, Lt.-Col. Perritt, of Regina, and Rev. Capt. Lambert.

Mr. L. M. Woods, President of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, in opening the meeting, told of the success which the Sir Arthur Pearson Memorial Fund had met with in England, realising a sum of £49,889, which will be used for the carrying on of the work of which he was the founder.

"Sir Arthur Pearson, when he was stricken with blindness, displayed an indomitable courage and a wonderful vision," Dr. McDonald, of St. Andrew's College, stated. "He taught men by example and by precept that the blinded man is not necessarily dependent on others, but that he can be self-supporting. When Sir Arthur taught us this lesson he did much for the welfare of the State.

But far more than this, he enabled the blinded man to retain his self-respect."

"There are, I believe, difficulties in any man's life. It is only in the overcoming of these difficulties that men are made. When I see men who have lost their physical vision going on about their work, striving to maintain themselves and others and in spite of it remaining cheerful, I take off my hat to them. They are indeed accomplishing Sir Arthur's motto, which appears on this tablet before us. 'Victory over Blindness.' Let us remember, too, that there are deeper things in this war-cry of Sir Arthur's than appear on the surface. It is full of meaning to all of mankind. It is a vital challenge to the great mass of so-called sighted men to-day, for there is a blindness of spirit and of vision infinitely worse."

COLONEL PERRITT'S TRIBUTE.

A stirring message to the men was given by Lt.-Col. Perritt, of Regina, himself blind. He paid a great tribute to Sir Arthur Pearson. "We who met him know indeed what it meant to be with and talk to Sir Arthur Pearson. His interest in us was personal. He knew what it was to suffer—he had suffered—and he met his troubles courageously. Although he passed away in December of 1921, nothing can rob us of his memory. Above all he taught us 'to rise on stepping stones of our dead selves, to better things.'"

Rev. Capt. Lambert led in prayer, following which the audience remained standing for a moment of silent meditation in Sir Arthur's honour.

Whist Drives for St. Dunstan's No Connection with National Championship this Year

How St. Dunstaners Can Help

AS many St. Dunstaners were good enough to assist to raise funds by helping in the organisation of whist drives under the St. Dunstan's National Whist Championship Organisation last year, it seems advisable that all should know of the Committee's decision in regard to this championship for this season. Accordingly, Captain Fraser has asked us to print the following letter, which he has sent to all those people who acted as voluntary organisers in different parts of the country. It will be of great assistance if St. Dunstaners will make the position which is outlined in this letter clear to any persons who are organising whist drives, with whom they may come into touch. If any St. Dunstaners know of persons who would be likely to help to run whist drives this year, and particularly the names of any who ran whist drives last year, we should be glad to have them. These names and addresses should be sent to Mr. Ernest Kessell, the Treasurer. St. Dunstan's wants as many whist drives as possible this season, but, as explained in the following letter, they must be carried out on a voluntary basis, the money must be sent direct to our headquarters, and they must have nothing whatever to do with the Championship.

The letter referred to, which enclosed also a reply postcard promising support, reads as follows:—

St. Dunstan's Headquarters,
Inner Circle,
Regent's Park, London, N.W.1.

DEAR MADAM,

The organisers of St. Dunstan's National Whist Championship have informed me of the splendid services you have rendered them in your locality. I write to tender you the most sincere thanks of the Council of St. Dunstan's, and to inform you of our plans for the ensuing year.

The first year's result was so satisfactory that it seemed justifiable to continue

the Championship for a second year. When, however, the accounts for last season came before our Council it appeared that a considerable diminution in the net return had taken place and the result was a little disappointing. Although the Championship was carried on with the utmost efficiency and care, it is inevitable that with any national effort of this sort the organising expenses must be high, and that unless very large gross receipts are obtained, the overhead expenses will render the risks of so vast a scheme very great. Furthermore, it appeared to us that St. Dunstan's was not receiving the greatest possible benefit from the splendid efforts of voluntary organisers such as yourself, since the very nature of the Championship demanded that a large proportion of the monies you were able to forward had to be utilised in expenses of organisation, advertising, prizes, &c. Accordingly, we have decided that it is not in our best interests to continue St. Dunstan's Whist Championship for another year, and instead we hope to rely upon the help of the voluntary organisers to run drives for us all over the country, forwarding their receipts direct to us. We believe it should be the aim of a great charity to stimulate voluntary service and obtain its funds with the barest minimum of expenditure so that the largest possible proportion of what is collected should go to the objects for which the charity exists. We are confident that voluntary organisers as a whole will share this view, and will help us by local effort to obtain as great a revenue as we had last year.

You will recall that the National Institute for the Blind has participated in the profits of the championship. We are given to understand that they intend themselves to organise a similar effort this year for the benefit of the civilian blind in England and Wales. While it is not our object in any way to divert sympathy or

assistance from their work, which is admirably carried out and most deserving, nevertheless we think it our duty to give you the following information.

St. Dunstan's and the National Institute for the Blind have in the past frequently conducted joint appeals, but it appeared to both organisations that so much confusion had arisen in the public mind as to what were the exact objects of each, that independent action in the future would be advisable. Accordingly, it was decided that St. Dunstan's, which is the only organisation in England and Wales expressly registered for the care and after-care of blinded soldiers, sailors and airmen, should continue its work for these men alone, while the National Institute should confine its care to civilians.

Many of the voluntary organisers who have assisted in the conduct of the Whist Championship are old and valued friends of St. Dunstan's, and it is our hope and belief that we shall continue to receive their support in order that our work for the men blinded in the Empire's service may go on.

We are aware that a vast championship with big monetary prizes may especially appeal to many, but we venture to ask you to consider whether or not a greater service is not rendered to a charity by the simple process of asking voluntary organisers all over the country to run drives and send the proceeds direct, than by the much more ostentatious scheme in which the ultimate profit available for the objects of the charity is inevitably whittled down by the necessary expenditure involved. If—as we believe to be the case—you and your willing helpers, who have at heart the sincere desire to assist St. Dunstan's without regard to financial gain, share this view, success will be assured.

After reading the article from *The Times*, which appears on the opposite page, may I venture to express the hope that you will fill in and sign the enclosed postcard and return it to me.

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) IAN FRASER,
Chairman.

"The Times" and St. Dunstan's

Apropos of the foregoing, we are sure our readers will be interested to read the leader in which *The Times* dealt with our Eighth Annual Report. The leader, which was reproduced in facsimile with the circular we refer to, gives encouraging evidence of the high regard in which St. Dunstan's work is held by the country, and the desire of the leading organ of public opinion to come to its aid in times of need.

ST. DUNSTAN'S.

St. Dunstan's, we are sorry to say, needs more support than it receives, and we earnestly hope that the statement of its necessities to be found in its eighth annual report, which has just been published, will meet with prompt and adequate response. As an institution it has lately entered upon a new phase, caused by the formal union of the two charities which have hitherto composed it, under a constitution which offers many administrative advantages; and its next annual balance-sheet will be the first to be presented under the new conditions. The present balance-sheet, though the Council are rightly full of hope and courage, is not altogether such as should make self-satisfied reading so soon after the war. Donations have fallen off, and heavy inroads have had to be made into accumulated funds to meet current expenses. If the diminution of income is due to a feeling that St. Dunstan's has somehow done most of its work, there could be no greater misunderstanding; but it may well be that such a misunderstanding exists. The report should dispose of it at once.

The work of St. Dunstan's is permanent, and not likely to decrease appreciably for years to come. In the first place, under the new constitution, it has assumed responsibility for the care and after-care of all members of His Majesty's Forces blinded on service henceforward. Secondly, it is still receiving and training men whose blindness was caused in the Great War or brought on in consequence of it since. At the end of the last financial year there were ninety-three men still in training, thirty-one new cases having been admitted. Thirdly, it has its original

large family of discharged men—over two thousand in number—whose health, business interests, and families it has constantly to watch over. Of these men it is calculated that 1,250 should be living in 1945, and nearly eight hundred in 1955. All through their lives, even if their number should receive no substantial increase, these men, in one way and another, will want St. Dunstan's behind them. Last year St. Dunstan's spent £46,000 more than it could strictly afford. It is not, however, without highly valuable assets in the form of house property, occupied by St. Dunstan's men, and funds tied up for specific purposes, such as the education of children. But as a going and trading concern it has not enough yearly to continue to fulfil its aims. Much as it has

done to make blinded men happy and self-supporting, it will always have to be ready to stand by them in personal, domestic, or economic difficulties. This secondary part of its duties is in every way as important, though perhaps less immediately appealing to the charitable imagination, as its primary. In the days of the war, when Sir Arthur Pearson began his heroic and beneficent work, everyone could see the merits of St. Dunstan's. It is still just as deserving as it was then; and we trust that Sir Arthur Pearson's blind successor, Captain Ian Fraser, and the Council which works with him, will never be out of the public mind. It is difficult, we know, to raise money in these days, but nothing has better claims to help than St. Dunstan's.

The British Empire Exhibition, 1924

St. Dunstan's to be Represented

Competition for Overseas Men

OUR readers will, we are sure, be interested to learn that it has been decided that St. Dunstan's shall have a stand at the British Empire Exhibition which is to be held at Wembley next year. It is felt by the Council that the unique Imperial significance attaching to our work for men of the Empire forces who were blinded in the War should be emphasised both in the interests of the 179 men we have trained and settled in the Overseas Dominions, and also as helping to represent the unity of the Empire in war and peace.

The plans as to the size and character of our representation have not yet been fully matured, but we are very glad to state that we have been given authority to announce through the REVIEW a special competition to be held in connection with this Exhibition which will be open to all St. Dunstan's men resident overseas.

An entry form and the full regulations governing this competition is being sent with this copy of the REVIEW to every St. Dunstaner eligible to compete, and we are confident there will be a very full entry.

This Exhibition provides an opportunity

to carry out a long-standing promise that Overseas St. Dunstaners should have a competition confined entirely to them, and we are sure no one of our home readers will grudge their overseas comrades the privilege of competing for one or more of the prizes to be awarded for the best exhibit sent in, particularly as practically all the competitions we have recently held for readers of the REVIEW have necessarily been confined to St. Dunstaners at home.

It will, of course, be understood that St. Dunstan's display at the Exhibition will not be confined to the goods entered for this competition or those sent from our men overseas. The craftsmanship of our home workers will play its part in attracting attention to our stand, and creating the substantial sales and demand which we are sure will accrue.

Of the fine work turned out by our men at home we have, of course, constant proof in the goods which come to Headquarters, but our men overseas have not these facilities for keeping us in touch with their progress, and this competition offers a very suitable and effective occasion for giving evidence of their progress.



NEWS OF ST. DUNSTANERS

GOOD NEWS, as usual, comes from J. Witham, who is getting on as well as ever in his home near Hull. Of late he has been especially busy superintending the erection of yet another poultry house for his multiplying birds. He now has as many as he can erect on his ground so will have to find a new opening for his activities.

Not far distant from Whitham is C. Temperton, whose little farm also looks flourishing. He has added a small goat to his stock and intends shortly to make a start with a couple of pigs.

Another who keeps busy all day is A. Urry, of Hull, who has a good deal to do in the way of getting things into order—and keeping them there—but all the same finds leisure moments in which to help a neighbour, we are glad to hear.

High praise indeed has been meted out to A. Coulson, of Withermurek. "I have never seen more beautiful birds than those on Coulson's farm," is a report that has reached us. It is good to know that Coulson gets about in a wonderfully clever and independent way and does the whole of the work himself. He is lucky in having a large piece of land in a fine healthy part of Yorkshire, and in addition to his poultry has this season done well with his currants, having had an excellent crop.

From Bristol comes word of the progress of R. Aubrey. A sudden fashion for well mats has set in in his district, and Aubrey happens to be friends with the man who makes the wells. He is in fine fettle for work too, having just returned from an enjoyable holiday at Teignmouth, where he was able to surprise the natives by his independent "St. Dunstan ways" of swimming, boat-

ing, &c. In fact, as he puts it "showing people that we can do most things."

One of those who now find an interest in pigeons is J. W. Birchall of St. Helens. With his brother he has been getting out into the country a good deal of late taking his birds for practice flies.

G. Colbeak, of Louth, is also interested in pigeons, but in a different way. He hopes to do well with pigeon baskets since he is in one of the chief flying counties.

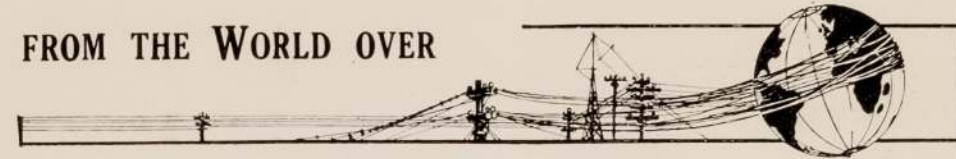
The friends of W. Lilley, of Leigh, will be glad to hear that he is gradually getting his home straight and hopes to be very comfortable in it. Incidentally he is hard at work on wooden curbs and trouser presses, having just secured orders for each.

New quarters, too, are in sight for E. Baron, of Hull, who is looking forward eagerly to the building of a bungalow at Bridlington which he hopes will be ready before Christmas. It will be a great relief to him to have no stairs to negotiate. Baron is another of the long list of St. Dunstaners blessed with wives as splendidly plucky as themselves.

S. Hough, of Winnington, is a little further on than Baron, being actually settled into his new house with which he is delighted, as it is infinitely more comfortable than the previous one. His workshop too, is in a good position and one that should lead to trade. We share in Hough's high hopes of success in the future.

Another who has taken up curbs and trouser presses is A. Billingham, of Northampton. He has special anticipations of doing well with the former, as

FROM THE WORLD OVER



before he realised that they were within his capacity he had received several inquiries for such things.

T. Parrish, of Wellingborough, is still attending sales and picking up bargains whenever such are to be found, although he finds good second-hand articles harder and harder to come by. He has widened the scope of his business and nothing comes amiss to him, from horses to caravans and china to furniture.

Pigs are growing in popularity it seems, for there has just come word that E. Wakelin, of Peterborough, is finding interest and anticipating profit from a couple of young porkers. Incidentally, we may observe, that he has just put up a remarkably well-built poultry house. Wakelin and also I. Corns, of Essex, should have something to say in regard to our Pig-Keeping articles. Corn's pedigree Large White Gilt, by the way, presented him with nine piglings on the 13th inst. All doing well!

One who has put his whole heart into his poultry farm is A. J. Holland, who is out to make a success of his little place in Hants and is already getting the excellent results his efforts deserve. We are proud to know his farm is that of a St. Dunstaner.

On the roll of those who are starting out in new lines this month must come the name of W. Castle, of Birmingham, for he has had his workshop enlarged and proposes to sell corn, birdseed, &c. The idea is an excellent one for there is no similar shop in the district. We look to hear an early account of substantial progress.

Another of our shopkeepers who has found time to smarten things up this

holiday season is C. A. Louth, of Wandsworth, who, we are glad to hear, is now doing a fair trade in his attractive premises.

On the list of hard and conscientious workers there must come, too, the name of W. Robinson, of Lincs., who never seems to have an idle moment. If he is not at work on his mats, then he is in his garden or at string bags. His onions have been remarkably fine this year, and he only just missed securing first prize for them at a local show. Next time we anticipate he will quite pull it off and probably have a "Special Mention" as well.

Very busy, too, is T. R. Green, who is living near Holbeach. Nothing is out of place in his house or garden and his poultry looks in fine condition.

Some fine young birds, too, are owned by R. Gregory, of Colchester, who has something like 200 chicks. We are glad to know that he also is in the best of health, and has returned from his holiday ready to tackle any job that comes along.

Tomato houses, like pigs, are curiously attractive just now, and G. C. Stacey, of Mark's Tey, has just built a most successful affair, which with the ducks and pigs on his farm has kept him exceedingly well occupied of late. We hope he will have a season worthy of his efforts next year.

We are glad to hear that P. Sparkes, of Grimsby, is steadily getting known in his neighbourhood. Fellow masseurs will tell him that a practice is not built up in a day and we add that, knowing his energy, we are sure that success will be arrived at in the shortest possible

time. In leisure moments Sparkes has erected a most serviceable looking cycle shed and workshop in his garden; he is one of the growing band who find a good deal of pleasure in the possession of a tandem.

A fellow enthusiast is D. J. Williams, of Glamorganshire, who is taking a great many rides on his machine accompanied by a brother. One of his most enjoyable excursions was to Aberystwith. This meant negotiating some of the hilliest country, in mid-Wales so it is an achievement of which to be proud and reflects credit on the cycle as well as the riders.

Several St. Dunstaners are reported as prize winners this month, among them C. Negus, who took part in the Wellingborough Catholic Club Flower Fruit and Vegetable Show. His display was mentioned as "a particular feature of the Show" in the local press, and we learn with pleasure that Negus took "a number of prizes." Perhaps he will let us have further details for the benefit of our garden lovers such as J. Levett.

A friend who has recently seen Negus reports that he is looking remarkably fit, and he himself says that he has not felt so well for years—perhaps it is because he started on his holiday with a free mind, having worked hard to finish up all the orders he had on hand before he went gallivanting!

Others who have done well at local shows are G. B. Swanston, of Dockerlie. We are glad to know that this gave him the opportunity of disposing of a quantity of goods and also brought him a number of orders; and A. Chilton of Leighton Buzzard, who carried off first prize and two seconds.

Among the most enterprising of our group must be mentioned J. Burley, of Norwich, who is exceedingly busy with his joinery. He is at work on another bedstead and has recently built himself a

nice little greenhouse at the back of his shed. With it all he remains a keen gardener and always contrives to have some flowers in bloom.

Another who has recently put the finishing touches to a shed is W. Clampett, of Eastleigh. It is an excellent erection also, and thoroughly well made.

Poultry farmers who have entered for the egg-laying test are breathing a little more freely now that they have actually got their birds off. One who has high hopes of being somewhere near the top of the list is T. Hetherington, for he is the only poultry man in Northumberland, so he feels that the honour of the county must be upheld by him. Knowing his keenness and capacity for work we are sure that he deserves success and . . . but then so do all the other competitors!

In Sunderland W. Cavanagh is doing well with his boot shop, working steadily keeping the little place up to date, and always having something in the way of a novelty or other attraction to catch the eye of the passer-by. He has many friends in the district and says that he has had an increase in his circle of customers since his name appeared in the papers in connection with the visit of the Prince of Wales.

On our list of shopkeepers mention must be made of W. H. Whiteside, of Lytham, whose place is very well kept and who, we are glad to hear, continues to give the highest satisfaction to his customers. He is always busy and contrives to get a number of repairs—bushers' baskets, laundry baskets, &c.

In a different line is F. Makin, of Todmorden, whose pigs and poultry are both doing well. His hay crop, too, was particularly good, and as he now has three cows and a calf, he is usually able to sell three to four pounds of butter every week.

Those who have been settled for some time will send their good wishes to B. Sexty, of Nottingham. He has had several orders already, we are glad to know, and the fact that two of them have been "repeats" augurs well for the future. We join with him in anticipating that he will succeed in working up a nice little business in a very short time.

Three months on the way to independence is T. Batt, of Bristol. Business promises well with him too. Is it necessary to warn him that sometimes the spirit is more willing than the flesh? Just occasionally it is advisable to "make haste slowly."

The lines of J. McAvoy, of Scotland, have fallen in very pleasant places his friends will be glad to hear. He is not only in a very healthy district but only a few minutes walk from the village of Mauchline, made famous by Robert Burns, who wrote many of his poems there. In addition, he has the companionship of another St. Dunstaner inasmuch as D. Livingstone, of Glasgow, is now a near neighbour. We congratulate McAvoy on his luck and hope he will find plenty to occupy him on his three acres of land.

A photograph and some most interesting newspaper reports of a Balloon Day have reached us from G. Price, of Clacton-on-Sea. They certainly give good illustration of what a St. Dunstaner can do and Price has every reason to be proud of his effort.

The flag day held in Bridlington, from which G. Lawty hoped great things as mentioned in our last issue, has brought him such a rush of customers that he has almost more work than he can grapple with. We are pleased to know that he counts some of his success as due to the excellence of the raw materials as supplied by headquarters. His little shop looks very smart and suggests, what we are sure is the truth, that good repairs are done on the premises.

Anonymous Donations

We are asked by Headquarters to make grateful acknowledgments of donations sent anonymously by kindly donors to the following:—

To Lady (Arthur) Pearson:—

	£	s	d
Liverpool	5	0	0
Anon.	0	5	0

To the Treasurer:—

Sudbury, Ont.	0	16	0
Swansea	0	10	0
A.F.E., Leicester	0	5	0
Liverpool	0	2	6
Barrow	0	2	6
Forest Hill	0	2	6
London	0	5	0
Kirknell	0	1	0

To the Secretary:—

Anon.	0	10	0
Dunstable	0	10	0
Bexhill-on-Sea	0	10	0
Matlock	0	1	0

Presentation to Mrs. Arnold

We are very glad to accede to a request made by Mrs. Arnold to publish in our columns the following message of thanks for the presentation recently made to her by the men who were connected with the Cheltenham Annexe.

Berryhead,
Cleeve Hill,
Cheltenham.
Sept. 8, 1923.

TO THE BOYS OF MY ANNEXE (LATE
CHELTENHAM).

I want to thank you dear boys of my Cheltenham Annexe, and, I am told, a few of my visiting boys there, for the lovely silver photo-frame I have received from you. I was very touched and very, very pleased with it.

An inscription on it, and a charming letter from C. Gray, shows me that I shall no more be forgotten by you all than I shall forget you, and the happiest days of my life, i.e. the six years I spent with my St. Dunstan's boys, to whom I still feel I belong—indeed, as my brothers' sister I could never feel otherwise.

My very affectionate, grateful thanks to you all.

OLIVE N. ARNOLD.

Poultry Notes

St. Dunstan's Egg Laying Test

OUR competition started in earnest on the 11th inst., and the following remarks by Mr. Guttridge, who has charge of the birds, will be of interest to all the competitors.

"The 11th to 14th September were busy days at King's Langley, for on those four days the laying test birds were due to arrive. It had been arranged for twelve pens of birds to arrive each day, as reception accommodation was limited, and the work of inspection would have been too heavy to deal with adequately had the forty-eight pens all been received on the same day.

"On arrival the ring numbers were carefully checked, and the birds thoroughly examined for any sign of cold or disease. They were then placed in wire show cages and given water and a good feed of corn. The following morning, after further examination and a good dusting with insect powder, the birds were removed to their permanent quarters. The same procedure was followed each day.

"Only two pens were returned to their owners as 'unfit,' but several individual birds were isolated, showing slight symptoms of disease or cold. All have since been returned to the flocks.

"Whilst the general health was decidedly good, a considerable number of birds were inclined to be 'poor.' This fact leads me to suppose that many competitors feed their stock on foods deficient in fats.

"At the time of writing the birds have been in the laying houses nearly three weeks. They are in excellent health and the egg supply is steadily increasing. Some of the more backward birds are making good progress.

"A small amount of wet mash is now given for the last feed, as it was noticed that a small minority of the birds were not taking readily to the dry mash."

When the November issue of THE REVIEW goes to print I hope to be in a position to give a list of prizes.

Yearly subscriptions to the N.U.P.S. are now due, and I would like all members of St. Dunstan's Branch to send me their subscriptions before the end of this month, so that their names may be included in the Register.

There are over 200 St. Dunstan's poultry farmers, but only 67 are members of the N.U.P.S., and as our men are still accepted at a reduced fee of 2s. 6d. I hope many men will avail themselves of this privilege while it lasts and become members.

J. T. B.

News from our Poultry Men

The following extract from a letter from H. Roberts, of Stalybridge, shows that this St. Dunstaner is turning his skill at joinery to most excellent account:—

"I am pleased to say that I have now completed my poultry-house and it is a fine one. I have already got some of my pullets in. It is 20 feet long, 10 feet wide, 7 feet high at the front, and 4 feet 6 inches at the back. It has 23 nest-boxes, five at each end and 13 on the front. They are all outside. It has five windows at the front 30 inches by 20 inches, and two windows under the dropping board, and four bob holes. The house is built in sections. It will come down in ten sections and all the windows open downwards. It is a sound piece of work, and it is my own idea, and I have practically built it all myself."

Success at Shows

From a letter sent by C. Roach, of Darlington, we learn that he has been gaining a number of honours at shows this year. We send him our heartiest congratulations, and are glad to print also some further interesting extracts from his letter. We are sorry Roach is not entering for the

St. Dunstan's Laying Test, but he must be considered the best judge of his chances. He writes:—

"Since your letter informing me of St. Dunstan's Laying Test, I have had a keen desire to be a competitor, but not feeling sufficiently confident in my stock owing to the fact that I have not previously trap-nested them, I thought it policy to wait until another such event.

"However, speaking of trap-nesting, I have made a start with my pullets, as I am assured of the absolute necessity of this process in poultry-farming, and now that I have started I intend to go on in real earnest with the one object, and that is winter eggs. Though I mention this fact I am not condemning my stock, as I have no great reason for complaint, but, as you will understand, there is always room for improvements, particularly in that respect.

"In my laying-shed I have 40 White Leghorns and 30 Ancona pullets, March and April hatched. This house is made of 2 by 3-in. framing and 6 in. by $\frac{3}{4}$ in. T. & G. board. Length of house, 24 feet by 12 feet, 7 feet front and 5 feet back. Along the front and 6 inches above the floor is a range of 20 nest-boxes (outside pattern). Above these is boarded about 2 feet and above this again is wire-netting shielded by a large weather-board going the full length of the house. The back, of course, is all boarded, except for five 3 feet by 18 inches windows, which are fitted at equal distances below the dropping board. At one end of the house is the door, while at the other is a window 5 feet by 4 feet.

"You can imagine how well these birds are housed when I tell you that this is built brick pillars 15 ins. high and fitted with floor of 1 inch T. & G. board.

"The only furnishings to this house are a large grit hopper and a table on which stands the drinking trough, which is in truth a sink similar to those used in a kitchen. From the runaway is a pipe connected to through the end of the house into the rainwater tub. I find this a very useful trough, and by releasing the plug and letting the dirty water drain into the tub it is easily kept clean.

"In one of my 12 feet by 6 feet houses I have 20 White Wyandotte pullets, mak-

ing in all a total of 80 pullets. In other six 12 feet by 6 feet houses I have my next season's breeding stock, which number in all about 96 of the former breeds and, of course, a number of stock cockerels.

"You will be pleased to hear that I have been rather fortunate with a few of my birds in the utility classes at numerous shows this year. The following are the chief ones, where I have been successful: Coatham and Brafferton, two 1st and one 2nd; Fatfield, one 1st; Catchgate 1st, Chopwell 3rd, Stockton 3rd, Harrogate reserve, and South Durham and North Yorkshire two 3rd prizes.

"Last year I did a little bit of showing, but was not quite as successful as I have been this year, though I managed to get first and special prize for White Wyandotte cock at Darlington November last. At this particular show Mr. Powell Owen was judging, and, apart from the prizes, I was awarded the N.U.P.S. Merit Certificate.

"I forgot to mention that this certificate I have had framed and forms part of the laying shed furnishings. You may think this a strange place to have a picture, but the explanation is a simple one. When visitors come to look round my place their first desire is to have a look inside, and on opening the door the first thing that strikes them is the absurdness of a picture in a poultry-house, but when they commence to read it I, with expanded chest, thumbs stuck in the armholes of my waistcoat, and a broad grin on my face, stand like a real poultry-farmer.

"A short time ago I purchased a smart pony, harness, &c., which is a great help on my little farm.

"I have not yet started pig-keeping, chiefly because I have had no previous experience, but of late I have been thinking seriously of going in for them. . . ."

Another Prize-Winner

We also hear that C. H. Brown, of Hollybush Cottage, Bretby Village, Burton-on-Trent, Staffs., has gained two first prizes with White Wyandotte cockerels, and one first for a Leghorn cockerel at local shows.

Listening-in at St Dunstan's Annexe

A GIFT that will give great pleasure to relays of St. Dunstaners has just been presented to the Brighton Annexe by the Brighton and Hove Radio Society. It consists of a complete wireless set, and the fact that the apparatus was entirely constructed by members of that body gave the gift an enhanced value. The presentation was made in the spacious lounge of Portland House, and members of the Society, besides a large contingent of St. Dunstan's men, were present.

NOTABLE SUPPORTERS.

Captain Fraser went down specially to receive the gift, and others present included Mrs. Fraser, Captain E. A. Hoghton (President of the Brighton and Hove Radio Society), Mr. Magnus Volk and Mr. W. E. Dingle (members of the Council), Mrs. Magnus Volk, Mrs. and Miss Dingle, Mr. J. Cowie (Vice-President) and Mrs. Cowie, Miss Maud Longden, Mr. and Mrs. Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Underwood, Mr. Bates and Mrs. Bates (Secretary of St. Dunstan's), Mr. Sydney Parker, Miss Thelluson (Commandant Matron) and Miss Downing (Assistant Matron of the Annexe), and Mr. H. L. Clayden (St. Dunstan's local representative).

Captain Hoghton opened the proceedings with a few explanations. He thanked members of the Society who had contributed to the gift, and regretted he had not been able personally to take a more active share.

Mrs. Magnus Volk then presented the set in a graceful speech. "It is very little we can do," she said, "but I hope this instrument will give you a great deal of pleasure, and will interest you for many days."

HEARTFELT THANKS.

In accepting the set with the grateful thanks of all connected with St. Dunstan's, Captain Fraser assured the Radio Society that the personal thought, time and trouble that had gone to its preparation made it

all the more appreciated. The fact that the Society made the set for St. Dunstan's gave it an added value. St. Dunstan's was built upon kindly thought, and the sympathy and understanding shown both in great matters and small was extraordinarily helpful. It was peculiarly pleasant to have in that gathering so large a proportion of the membership of the Radio Society represented, and he extended to them from the men a hearty welcome. At St. Dunstan's, since the very early days of the war, it had been their aim to enable men who were blinded, and who found themselves going through all the misery of unemployment with the additional handicap that they were not able to loaf about and watch other people unemployed, to return to a normal way of living and take a part in the world which should be to them happy and interesting.

THE IMPORTANCE OF PLAY.

That demanded that they should be taught to work, and also that they should be taught to play. It was perhaps in that respect that St. Dunstan's differed in its treatment of the men who came under its care from many societies which might have done excellent work, but which did not recognise to such an extent how important play was to a man's ordinary life. St. Dunstan's took immense pains to see that what amusement or recreation was possible for the blind should be available. When wireless telephony came along, and more particularly when broadcasting as a regular thing started, it seemed obvious that here was a great hobby for the blind. It might have been made for them, because, unlike any other hobby in the world, it depended entirely upon hearing. It was a source of such interest to him that he sometimes got into trouble with his wife for not going to bed in time (laughter), and frequently caused him to neglect other things. It was his hope

that a large number of the men of St. Dunstan's would make it their hobby, and one reason why he particularly welcomed an installation there of a sort that could be worked readily by any man who took the trouble to learn about it was that men who came there from time to time because they were ill or required a change might become interested and set up their own apparatus when they got home.

RADIO SOCIETY'S WORK.

Moving a vote of thanks to Mrs. Volk, Mr. Dingle gave a few facts about the Brighton and Hove Radio Society. It had only been in existence about three years but it would be agreed that the work it could and did do, as evidenced by that set, was of some value. It was 120 strong, and they wished to make it a real live Society. They hoped very shortly to issue a programme of music from their own broadcasting station.

Mr. Cowie seconded and it was carried.

A brief demonstration followed, a loud speaker having been kindly lent by Mr. L. S. Sargeant, of Clarence Garage, Eastern Road, sole agent for the Western Electric Company. Unfortunately, the atmospheric conditions were far from favourable, but the "funny stories" and music that came through from the London station of the British Broadcasting Company were listened to with interest.

Captain Fraser's Visit to Sheffield

In the beginning of September Captain Fraser made a special journey to Sheffield in order to speak by wireless on behalf of work done for the blind, and his visit was the occasion of considerable interest as shown by the wide press comments. We append an extract from the *Yorkshire Telegraph and Star* :—

A BLIND APPEAL.

WIRELESS CALL FOR HELP FOR ST. DUNSTAN'S.

SIGHTLESS SPEAKER.

The feature of the wireless programme from the Sheffield station of the British Broadcasting Company, at the house of Mr. F. Lloyd, Ventnor Place, Sharrow,

last night, was an appeal issued on behalf of the men of St. Dunstan's by Captain Ian Fraser, Chairman of the Executive of St. Dunstan's.

Mr. Lloyd, introducing Captain Fraser to his unknown audience, drew a word picture of his personal appearance—a man standing over six feet high, who had lost his sight in the war—and said that they could quite understand the emotions he felt in introducing such a gentleman to the wireless enthusiasts in the area covered by the Sheffield station.

Captain Fraser, at the outset of his speech, acknowledged his indebtedness to Mr. Lloyd and his son for their generosity in giving him the opportunity of speaking on behalf of the men who had lost their sight during the war. One of the difficulties of wireless, he said, was that it did not enable people to see the person addressing them, but he assured the listeners-in that, if they imagined a pathetic picture of a soldier who had lost his sight in the war, they should dismiss that idea from their minds. It might be that blinded soldiers, when they were seen by people who were not blind, inevitably commanded sympathy. He could not say that he hoped that was not so, because the foundation of St. Dunstan's was one of sympathy. But there was another side to the picture. St. Dunstan's had made nearly 2,000 brothers who had been blinded in the war men commanding respect for the way in which they had overcome their difficulties. And he wanted them to understand a St. Dunstan's man as one who looked upon the brightest side of life.

YORKSHIRE'S SUFFERERS.

It was a curious thing, he pointed out, that Yorkshire and Lancashire had a greater percentage of blinded men than any other part of the country, except the Metropolis.

The aim of St. Dunstan's was to convert men who might have become a large group of discontented idle pensioners into a group of happy, industrious, independent citizens. They had been able to attain that in a large measure. Happiness, as they knew, was only to be found

in congenial work. In a city like Sheffield, where unemployment had so devastated their factories for such a long time, there was no need for him to stress the evil effects of unemployment.

Alluding to the subject of wireless and the blind, he described the latter as the men who "were ever listening-in." It was their only method of keeping in touch with the world.

The Rev. Harold Ewbank, Vicar of St. Silas, supported the appeal of Captain Fraser.

The musical side of the programme was contributed to by Mr. Charles Metcalfe, with Mr. Raymond Kaye as accompanist.

W. Burgin, of Sheffield, is one of the many St. Dunstaners who listened-in, and we reprint a letter he sent to the same journal:—

WIRELESS AND THE BLIND.

Sir,—I was listening-in to Captain Ian Fraser speaking from the Sheffield Broadcasting Station and I could hear distinctly, and I heard every word of the programme, and I especially noted the part of our Chief's speech where he called or said that we were all continually listeners in, and I think he is perfectly right, as it is our means of seeing what is going on around us.

I find that I can easily manipulate our set of wireless, and think that anyone could manage to use a set with a little practice. I think that wireless is like motors and has come to stay, and it brings a new comfort to people to whom the getting to concerts or such like is impossible, and thus music and entertainments can be brought even to the sick room to brighten things up a bit.

Mr. Lloyd is to be thanked together with his helpers for the interest and efforts they have so kindly made for the local listeners in.

We also heard your effort to amuse us listeners in when you had your evening, and think it was a success, and perhaps you will have another.

Yours faithfully,
WALTER BURGIN.

Huthwaite Bank Poultry Farm,
Thurgoland, near Sheffield.

Honours in "Wireless"

Members of our wireless band will be interested to hear that M. A. Hutchinson, of East Ham, has succeeded in getting his experimenter's licence. He is heartily to be congratulated.

The other night Hutchinson succeeded in getting Newcastle when using two valves, 6 volts.

"Auntie"

Letters expressing the regret of the writers at the departure of "Auntie" are still coming in, for all are eager to join in sending their remembrances to her. "She will be greatly missed and always affectionately remembered by all who went through St. Dunstan's," writes "one of her affectionate Canadian nephews," while a man on the English list refers to her as "our Florence Nightingale." "I never had the bad luck to be ill, therefore was deprived of the good luck of being ministered to by her," says yet another.

Publicity obtained through having a stall at a show has given a "boost" to the business of B. E. Ingrey, of Herts, and as a result he is grappling with an order for a basket of a very novel shape. We shall be most interested to hear the customers' remarks when the work of art is delivered, and are sure they will be complimentary since Ingrey frequently secures "repeat" orders—an undoubted proof that he puts good work into what he does.

In a former number mention was made of A. S. Ulyatt, once of Retford, now of Southend. His friends will be glad to know that his customers already number sixty-three. May the list continue to lengthen rapidly.

We have not many Belgian comrades on our list of workers therefore all will take interest in the fact that O. Daumon is making excellent progress in his carpentry. We shall look forward to hearing later what form of joinery attracts him most.

"In Memory"

PRIVATE CHARLES KNIGHT
(Queen's Royal West Surreys.)

IT is with the deepest regret that we have to announce the death of this St. Dunstaner. A farm labourer prior to the outbreak of war, Knight enlisted in August 1914. In October of the same year he was wounded and taken prisoner by the Germans. He came back to England, however, with a batch of exchanged prisoners, and being discharged from the Army in March, 1915, came to St. Dunstan's a month later. While at the Hostel, Knight learnt poultry farming and mat making, at which trades he was settled with great success at Ottery St. Mary, where he married. For the past two years he lived at Alfington, but suffering continuously from rheumatism and sciatica, was admitted to the Devon and Exeter Hospital on the 8th September, 1923, where, in spite of the best medical and nursing care, he passed away on the 21st ult. The funeral took place at Alfington, semi-military honours being accorded. The body, covered with the Union Jack, was conveyed by motor hearse to the graveside, where the last rites were conducted by the Rev. G. M. L. Reade (Vicar of Alfington), assisted by Rev. L. B. Stallard (Vicar of Ottery and Chaplain to the Forces), and the Last Post sounded. Amongst the floral tributes was a wreath from Captain Fraser and his other comrades at St. Dunstan's in the form of our Badge. Knight was 41 years of age, and leaves his widow with two little children to mourn him.

A Fine Outing.

One of the most enjoyable outings of the month was that organised by Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Biggs, host and hostess of "The Sultan," and among those fortunate enough to be included in the affair were: H. Wood, D. Hunt, J. Lawlor, R. Paterson, J. Parnell, J. W. Cookson, W. H. Hill, A. Mann, B. G. Inman, T. Watt, C. Brammer, H. Boorman, J. Whittingham, E. Roberts, J. E. Prior and W. Harris.

A particularly kindly thought was the photographing of the group of excursionists and a framed copy of the party was presented to the Matron by Mr. and Mrs. Biggs, and is now one of her most cherished possessions.

Mr. Biggs was the prime mover in the affair, and the customers rallied to his aid in splendid style, a sum of over £20 being collected to defray expenses. The venue was Worthing, and the party started off in a well-appointed char-a-banc shortly after ten o'clock. After a fine run the destination was reached, and a substantial dinner was in readiness at

premises facing the beach. During the meal an orchestra played selections, and later the company repaired to the beach, where conversation and song, coupled with an invigorating atmosphere, combined to put the holiday-makers in the best of spirits.

Later in the afternoon tea was served, and occasion was taken by one of the guests to express the gratitude of the lads of St. Dunstan's to Mr. and Mrs. Biggs, their customers, and the guides for the day's outing. Home was reached at about 11 p.m.—the end of a perfect day, every hour of which had been thoroughly enjoyed by all who took part in it.

THEY were discussing a concert which had been held the night before, and the club bore remarked: "Whenever I hear that song it carries me away."

With a mischievous side-glance at the circle of other members within earshot, a fellow-member said: "Can anyone whistle it?"

The Brighton Walk

THE two great impressions left upon me after our second Brighton Walk were the wonderful pluck shown by the men and the great kindness of the guides and helpers. The men had more difficult conditions than they had in the first walk, for this time we started from Big Ben on a cold, raw and wet morning. Not only was it cheerless and disappointing, but the rain made the roads dreadfully greasy and the competitors found that it was hard to walk without slipping badly, and this naturally had a bad effect on the muscles and some had, in consequence, to put socks over their boots to secure a foothold. But the effect on the body was worse, for the wet garments sticking closely to the skin caused "tummy" troubles later on, and men who have rarely suffered from such difficulties found themselves with excruciating attacks of cramp and colic half-way through the journey and onwards. Luckily the rain ceased after the first twenty miles had been accomplished, but then the damage was done.

It was just 5.2 o'clock on the morning of October 6th when Joe Binks gave the word "go" to thirteen competitors who hailed chiefly from the London district, although Maidenhead, Eastleigh and Frinton were strongly represented. We had hoped that that great sportsman, Earl Cadogan, would give us the order to march, but he was prevented at the last moment. We were sorry also that Cassidy was not again competing, but he is away in the West Indies, whilst Northgreaves, Durkin, Tomkinson and Lever were unable to take part, the first two because of illness.

The start, in spite of the wet, was quite picturesque. The motor cars, guides, the boys lined up in walking kit under the shadow of the great clock, the river and the lights of the Embankment, the ladies!—well, they deserve a paragraph to themselves. They were

there under the guidance of Matron, and we all thought it just splendid of them to get up in the early hours of the morning to come down to give us the cheer and support of their presence. The Sisters indeed gave a sense of brightness and charm to a morning which, but for their presence, might have been very dull. I should say that owing to the fact that there were no available beds at headquarters the main body of competitors with their guides stayed the night at the Buckingham Hotel, near the Straad, and were looked after there by our old friend Monty.

Our general arrangements were similar to last year. Our food cars were looked after by Sisters Paterson, Gamble, Notley and Hodgson. Miss Paterson had splendidly helped this department by supplying us with egg and ham sandwiches—bananas (Yes! we had some bananas)—grapes, Brand's extract, oxo, eggs, &c.

Our ambulance car, generously supplied by Major Bamberger, D.S.O., and driven by "Chaufeur Jim" and in charge of Masseur Buckley, did splendid work. The luggage car was again the old bus under the manipulation of Tiny and in charge of Instructor Tovell. These two worked like Trojans all day and must have been more tired than when they reached headquarters about 6 a.m. Sunday. A good friend of St. Dunstan's, Mr. Anglis, generously lent his car and not only came himself but filled up any available time in selling programmes for Treasury notes! A char-a-banc, with spare guides, and the officials' cars completed the procession.

My digression has permitted our competitors to get thoroughly into their stride and to get well on the road to Brighton. In spite of the difficult walking condition, the men appeared to be walking better than last year. Indeed, I feel that had they had similar conditions they would all have beaten their excellent

performance of 1922. At South Croydon—nearly 10½ miles out—the order and times were as follows:—

1. Birch .. ..	.. ..	1.54.49
2. Ingram .. ..	.. ..	1.57.58
3. Lenderyou .. ..	.. ..	1.59.29
4. Boorman .. ..	.. ..	1.59.31
5. Meighen .. ..	.. ..	2.0.11
6. Gamble .. ..	.. ..	2.1.35

It will be seen that for the day the walking was truly great. Birch held his place for the whole journey, closely followed for some time by Ingram. Unfortunately Ingram had a very bad time, and it was only his dogged pluck and Mr. Horton's care that kept him on the road. During the last fifteen miles Meighen put on great pace—but he, too, suffered with Ingram's complaint at Dale Hill, and again it was only his courage and determination that enabled him to finish. At the 25 miles post every one of our competitors was on the road, a wonderful achievement; but the next ten miles spoilt our proud record, for Boorman and Webster were compelled to retire through muscular trouble at Povey Cross (half-way) and Gamble, after a courageous attempt to carry on, had to withdraw at Handcross Hill, nearly ten miles further on.

At Handcross Captain and Mrs. Fraser joined us and did fine work on the road assisting the competitors—Mr. and Mrs. Kessell and Miss Kessell also met us here and took care of us until the end. Miss Hamar Greenwood, Mrs. Broughton, Miss Brant and many other friends showed their great interest in coming with us.

So the journey continued. Hour after hour the boys walked on with a courage and determination impossible to describe. Birch had his bad time but finished strongly in the first place in the wonderful time of 10 hrs. 33 mins. 2½ secs.; over 12 minutes quicker than Cassidy's fine record and 22 minutes better than his time last year. This represented splendid walking and great credit is due to his guide, Mr. Travell, of the Q.P.H., who not only took him through but has most generously given his time and talent to look after Birch's training for months

past. It was more than kind of Mr. Donoghue, the Q.P.H. Secretary, also to see Birch through the journey.

Meighen came in second in 11 hrs. 8 mins. 20¼ secs. He had walked remarkably well from the start and in spite of setbacks kept cheerily on and did a great performance. Ingram stuck it wonderfully and deserves great praise for seeing it through in 11 hrs. 28 mins. 1 sec. Gransby walked a glorious race and finished fourth in 11 hrs. 32 mins. 48 secs., being 12½ mins. better than last year. Ernest Fairfield was fifth in the excellent time of 11 hrs. 34 mins. 11¼ secs., a first time performance to be proud of, especially as he did his training on his own! Lenderyou also made a fine journey in finishing sixth, in 11 hrs. 39 mins. 13½ secs., and his guide, Mr. Stupples, who has given much time to his training, must feel very proud of his pupil's performance.

The seventh to arrive was Chiverton in 11 hrs. 41 mins. 37¼ secs. after walking extraordinarily well all the way. Mr. P. Brown has been most kind in coaching Chiverton carefully and brought him through the long journey in magnificent style.

T. Ashe came in eighth in 12 hrs. 5 mins. 45 secs.—a praiseworthy record, for during the last thirty miles he was suffering torture with blisters, but was determined not to give way.

We are grateful to Mr. Hardwick for all his goodness, not only in looking after Ashe in the trip, but for training him beforehand.

W. J. Lowings was ninth—12 hrs. 29 mins. 31¼ secs.—and I think his was one of the pluckiest walks ever seen. From half-way he suffered terribly from cramp and had to be frequently massaged to enable him to keep the road. His guides, who included Mr. Schofield, Mr. Hurley and Mr. Rathbone, were just splendid.

Pawley finally came in last in 13 hrs. 9 mins. 21¼ secs. He walked pluckily all through after having a miserable time early on with his boots. Both he and his excellent coach, Mr. L. R. Cox, are deserving of great praise.

Thus, out of thirteen, ten completed

the course, over 77 per cent.—truly a grand record; whilst, in spite of harder conditions, the average time per man was less than 9 mins. worse than last year.

I think we are justified, therefore, in saying that this walk was eminently successful and each man who took part can feel that he has worthily upheld the honour and reputation of St. Dunstan's.

Before closing this short summary might I say how grateful we all are to Mr. Binks, Mr. Mills, the Surrey Club, and the many other prominent clubs for providing guides and officials; to the guides themselves, especially to those like Messrs. Stone, Brown, Stupples, Hardwick, Cox, Horton, Travell, who willingly gave their time in assisting our boys in their training. Also to those who lent cars, and especially to the good-hearted proprietors of the "Red Lion," Handcross, for their splendid hospitality; to Miss Gamble not only for providing a food car, but for driving it herself, and to Messrs. Harry Brevett, Stone, Anglis, Downes, &c., for the clever way they disposed of programmes to St. Dunstan's financial gain.

The County Club at Brighton once more showed their goodness by entertaining our boys and officials to a splendid dinner at the clubhouse. Not only did

they do this but awarded special prizes to the first three and also silver cigarette cases to all who finished the course.

Excellent speeches were made by the Deputy-Chairman of the Club and by Captain Fraser, who most kindly distributed the prizes, which included the 100-guinea trophy presented by Mr. Sampson, and which will be held by W. Birch for a year.

The officials and men also all returned by road, but our adventures were not yet over, for the lights of Tiny's car, after going a few miles, went on strike and although Tiny, by kindness and otherwise, endeavoured to coax them into renewed activity, they successfully resisted his efforts. The result was that the car had to remain in the Surrey lanes all night, with the boys sleeping inside, and Tiny, Instructor Tovell and Friend Burles keeping up their courage on the driver's seat outside. Up to the time of going to press word has not reached me as to their remarks on that occasion, but I expect they were suitable to meet the case. In the early hours of Sunday morning, however, a car driven by Tiny "strolled" into the yard at Headquarters, and those from inside, with those from outside, immediately went off to bed and there we leave them, the only evidence of life being their loud snoring.

COMPETITORS AND GUIDES.

No.	Name	Regiment	Guide	Club
1	Boorman, H. G.	The Buffs	Mr. Stone	Belgrave
2	Ashe, T.	R.I.C.	.. Hardwick	Ranelagh
3	Pawley, F. R.	Middlesex	.. Cox and Mr. Rathbone	Belgrave
4	Chiverton, A.	Berks	.. P. Brown	Surrey
6	Birch, W.	1st Life Guards	.. Ward and Mr. Travell	Q.P.H.
7	Meighen, J. P.	R.F.A.	.. Thomas and Mr. Pateman	Surrey and N.L.H.
8	Ingram, J.	Seaforths	.. E. C. Horton and Mr. Goodwin	Surrey
9	Lowings, W.	Royal Fusiliers	.. Schofield	Surrey
10	Gransby, H.	17th London	.. R. Fieldes	Belgrave
11	Lenderyou, F.	Bedfords	.. Stupples	Ashcombe
12	Gamble, S.	Leicesters	.. J. R. and Mr. S. Booker	Surrey
13	Webster, S.	R.S.L.I.	.. Collins and Mr. G. Brown	Surrey
14	Fairfield, E.	2nd Canadians	.. H. G. Nightingale and Mr. Smith	Surrey

J. E. W.

Profitable Pig-keeping

The interesting article under this title in our August-September issue has evidently been much read, judging from the contents of our post-bag. We append some notes on the same subject by F. W. Matthews, who takes exception to some of Williams' points while agreeing with him as to the interest and profit to be derived from such a side-line. A further article from J. C. Williams, our previous contributor, will appear in our next issue.—Ed.

My first object in writing these notes is because I do not want to see any boys who may settle in the country and have been used to country life deterred from keeping pigs in a sty. According to my experience sty-kept pigs are by far the best. Many boys not lucky enough to have a field for the purpose may have a good-sized garden. Well, a sty at the end of this garden (or even two) is very good, as in all houses there is a lot of waste.

Well, now, to get down to a few details. A sty twelve feet by fourteen or even a trifle smaller is quite large enough to keep a sow in, or even three or four pigs for the purpose of fattening.

Railroad sleepers, as advocated by Mr. Williams, are certainly an excellent building material, but if it is not possible to obtain these get six oak posts and then a stack, or even a part of a stack, of wood called rough stabling. Divide your space into half, using part as a run and the remainder as a house. For the roof I suggest a thin layer of boards to begin with if you are going to use galvanised, otherwise this draws the heat in winter and the cold in summer. The roof should be six or seven feet high, sloping down at the back. If you have a chalk foundation I do not consider there is any need to put anything down as a floor except a bit of straw, which can be kept clean by the aid of a fork. I have been into my sty this morning, and, although it has been raining for a week, the sleeping compartment is dry as a bone, except, of course, just in the doorway.

By the way, speaking of chalk, it is a good plan to keep a lump or two about the sty, as it contains a mineral which pigs require. If they have access to this they will hardly ever require any medicine; it is most amusing to see the pigs eating up quite a big lump.

Should any of those reading this decide to go in for breeding, it is a good tip to have the sties close together so that the little pigs can be run off when old enough—say about six weeks. Take away one or two at a time as this gives the sow and the remaining piglets a better chance.

With regard to feeding, I always feed my own pigs on barley meal and at eight weeks old I feed them twice a day, morning and evening, with greenstuff at midday. I keep an old saucepan which holds a pint and a half of water. I fill this once every meal per two eight-week pigs, and gradually increase it till when they are 18 weeks old I am giving them three and a half saucepansful per meal. This is dry meal, which I place in a bucket three or four hours before feeding time and cover it with water. Sweet fresh meal, well soaked, is good for the pig, inasmuch as it swells before it reaches his inside, and so after eating it he lies down in comfort. My pigs kept and fed in the way described have turned five score at eighteen weeks and this, I know, takes some beating.

Recently I had a race with two other people, each of us trying who could get our pigs on best, all having come from the same litter. When it came to killing my pigs fetched £2 and 30s. more respectively than did those of my competitors. My present pigs are leading by a score.

Pigs should always be treated kindly. Never put fresh food in with stale. If they do not eat up everything wash out the trough and give them less next time. Should this not answer miss a meal entirely. They will soon learn to eat when they should.

Pigs are quite interesting animals to deal with when properly treated. If I do not happen to feed mine myself they invariably hear me when I go into the garden, and begin to grunt, nor will they

stop until I have been to pat them. I have trained these I now have to put up a foot and shake hands! Having gone through this performance they tear off and lie down contentedly.

Grass is good for pigs, so put all you can into them. It is a good plan to carry a kit-bag with you when out for a country walk and collect hog weeds from the hedges. My little girl, aged two years and nine months, has already learned to find these and delights in taking me to look for them down quiet lanes. She pulls them off for me to put in the bag. It is excellent exercise for me, good for baby, and a relief to her mother, who then knows where she is—and it is good for the pigs!

Always keep a good supply of green-stuff in your garden and boil up the small potatoes for them. When giving these you need not give so much meal.

I will not mention the different utensils useful in pig-work, as no boy would feed a pig from a pie dish any more than he would carry away the manure in his kettle.

As to breeds, some do better in one county, some in another, so I will not venture advice. This is a point the pig-keeper must settle for himself, so I'll just ring off, hoping other St. Dunstaners will be as interested in my notes as I was in Williams' article.

F. W. MATTHEWS.

In a review of the career of Mr. Arthur Haddon, probably the most important critic of the drama to-day, it is mentioned that in his early days, after many struggles, he found himself quite stranded, and one day boarded a train to London and arrived on the embankment. Drifting into the office of the *Daily Express*, he found a friend in our late chief, Sir Arthur, and for twenty years wrote dramatic criticisms for that paper. There are many pressmen, no doubt, who have as grateful memories of Sir Arthur.

Mats do not offer, as a rule, much scope for originality, but H. W. Strawbridge, of Surrey, has just made one with a trap-door in it! Can anyone equal this record?

At Buckingham Palace

The two last of the delightful series of afternoon parties which the King, Queen and Princess Mary have given through the "Not Forgotten Association," to men still suffering from the effects of the war took place last month at Buckingham Palace, being the fifth and sixth for the present season and the twenty-fourth held since their Majesties first showed their sympathy in this deeply appreciated manner to those as yet unable to leave their hospitals. The total number entertained this year is about 1,000.

As usual, a generous number of invitations were sent to St. Dunstaners, and among those able to accept were J. Halloran, J. Lawlor, W. T. Muir, B. G. Inman, A. Chiverton, W. H. Hill, J. E. Prior, A. Mann, E. Roberts, W. Murphey, A. Jarvis, R. Paterson and J. Parnell. Every item of the concert by Miss Southgate, Miss M. Cracknell, Miss Jeane Paule and Mr. Robert Anthony, Mr. Ernest Groom, Mr. Peter Graham, Mr. Harrison Hill, Mr. Harry Wyatt, the Frank Ivimey Orchestra and Miss Helen Mar was heartily applauded, and there were encores for everything. Mr. Percy Armitage read the telegram from the King and Queen, which was cheered to the echo, and a dutiful reply was sent. There were cheers for all who had helped, including Superintendent J. Smith, of the Palace Police, upon whom has devolved so much of the arrangements for the comfort of the men. Lastly, there was the spontaneous offering of the men themselves of a magnificent bouquet to Miss Martha Cunningham, the founder and moving spirit of the "Not Forgotten" Association, as their tangible proof of the gratitude they all feel towards her for untiring efforts to brighten their lives.

A Letter of Thanks

"Very many thanks for the beautiful gift I received when I arrived home," writes S. W. Taylor, of Shepstead. "My wife and I wish to thank you and the Committee very much indeed for the tea-pot, also for your kind wishes and congratulations.

Workshop Notes

G. H. Wootley has now completed his work in the Mat Shop, and is showing some improvement in his work on boots, at which he is engaged all day. Since the holidays G. Anderson has been making steady advance on mats, each one being better than the other. His last mat was quite good in both thrumming, cutting and bordering. The steady perseverance of G. H. Gilpin is enabling him to master the requirements of boot repairing. He does sound work, and has been getting well on top of it lately. J. Whittingham has also continued to do well. He makes excellent use of his time, and is getting quite an all-round average knowledge of the trade. J. E. Parnell has also been turning out a good amount of very useful work; he gets all the "tips" he can, and makes practical use of them, taking all repairs as they come in, and working very independently.

Since our last reference, W. T. Harris has made dog beds and a good number of square arm baskets, some clothes-baskets and barrels, and is to be congratulated on the consistent improvement he has made. W. Murphy is also advancing, and has been doing similar work. When he gets hold of what is wanted, he sticks tight to it. H. Smy has also been getting a very varied experience with laundry hampers, suit-cases, washing baskets, square work and some three-cornered soiled linens. He has recently revised the whole of his course, and did exceptionally well with a large range of work.

F. W. Tarry is getting along fairly well with his joinery experience, and has lately completed a very good sample trouser press and toilet cupboard. D. Hunt and J. Lovell are getting along very well with meat safes, the mortise and tenon joints being exceptionally good.

Mr. Le Bas, having finished his poultry course, is taking the elementary joinery course. His work is very neat and creditable.

W. H. O.

Braille Publications

Notification has been received from the National Institute for the Blind that, owing to the high cost of production as against their limited circulation, it has been decided to withdraw the two Braille periodicals *Nuggets* and the *Massage Journal*. The current features of *Nuggets* are, we understand, to be incorporated in *Progress*, and the Institute will send particulars of *Progress* and any other of their magazines to St. Dunstaners who are interested.

Masseurs should note that new articles and current literature dealing with Massage will be published and available in pamphlet form. Full particulars can be obtained from the Massage Librarian, or from the Institute's Publishing Department, 224-8, Great Portland Street, London, W.1.

A St. Dunstaner who is producing really excellent work is G. Pell, of Leatherhead. He has made flower screens, plant-pot covers, corner cupboards, tables and a wireless cabinet. His workmanship is of first-class quality and both proportion and design are good. Pell's wife is a fellow enthusiast and decorates his work with art shades which enhances its value. Pell is indeed a lucky fellow and we take off our hat to Mrs. Pell!

Many of our basket workers are not afraid to tackle new jobs. A. H. Rodgers, for one, has plenty of courage and was undaunted the other day when a customer suddenly demanded a large basket to go on the top of his motor to be "delivered in record time." We look to hear the commission was carried through to the mutual satisfaction of Rodgers and the motorist.

We hope in our next issue to be able to add the name of A. T. Turrell, of Yorkshire, to our list of prize takers. He is working hard with string bags and netting as he is to have a stall at the forthcoming Handicraft Guild Exhibition. His poultry, too, is doing well, and he has every reason to be proud of his birds. The other day he had an offer of 50s. for one of his pullets.



DEPARTMENTAL NOTES

Braille Room Notes

Heartiest congratulations to the following men who have passed their Braille Reading Test: Mr. C. Le Bas and T. Ashe.

There are no writing test results to report this month owing to the August holidays.



Typewriting

We congratulate the following men on having passed their typewriting test: T. Stringer and A. Chiverton.

D. A. P.



Netting Notes

We print below an account of an Exhibition and Sale of Work held at Whiteley Village, Walton-on-Thames, on September 14th and 15th. By kind invitation of the Rev. G. E. Pouncey, of the Chaplaincy, Whiteley Village, and of Mr. Cooke, the General Manager, Miss Witherby, with other members of St. Dunstan's staff, took a working party to demonstrate rugs and netting, with a fine assortment of baskets, nets and mats to sell on both days. E. Dawes, who has written an account of the two days' Exhibition, demonstrated with E. Roberts the netting, and the rug work was carried on by W. Allen, who came from Darwen, Lancs., to stay at Headquarters especially for this exhibition, and to show what splendid rugs our blinded one-armed men can make. The residents of Whiteley Village—which, as some of our readers may know, is a settlement of over 300 cottages founded on a large sum of money bequeathed by William Whiteley, for the purpose of providing homes for old people—gave us

a most appreciative welcome. We were most hospitably entertained for the two days spent in this interesting and beautiful settlement. We hope that we may visit again this friendly community where so much interest has been displayed in St. Dunstan's work as a whole.

G. H. W.



A Visit to the Whiteley Village

After much agitation as to whether we should catch the early train at Waterloo, which we did by a short neck, we arrived at Walton-on-Thames and were met by a motor-bus that took us to the Whiteley Village where we were made very welcome. The show took the form of several exhibits, including Dr. Barnado's Musical Boys, and to us was allotted a place extending 50 feet on one side of the spacious hall. We quickly got to work and displayed all our goods. The visitors showed great interest in the netting. The rug-making was done by W. Allen, who has only one hand, and this clever work attracted special notice.

It was quite impossible to answer the thousands of questions that were showered upon us during the two days we were there, but we are sure that all the visitors know a good deal more about St. Dunstan's than they did! We were most kindly looked after and catered for, and our thanks are specially due to all those who personally entertained us during our stay.

Unfortunately, the weather was not too kind to us on the Saturday, which probably prevented many attending from the outlying districts. However, on the whole, we feel our visit was more than successful, and we brought away with us many happy memories of our two days' visit, and we hope we shall some day be able to renew our acquaintance with the Whiteley Village.

How the Blinded Serbian Soldiers are Trained

We have much pleasure in printing the following account of a Serbian School for Blinded Soldiers, forwarded to us by Miss Brown, who, with Miss Pain, visited this School during their summer holidays.—Ed.

DURING our holiday in the Balkans this August we had the opportunity of seeing what had been done for the Serbian soldiers blinded in the war. We think the following account may interest St. Dunstaners, especially as one of their original V.A.D.'s, Miss McFie—now Mrs. Dimitrijevic—took a prominent part in the starting of the Training Centre at Zemun. Mrs. Dimitrijevic left St. Dunstan's in 1915 and went to Bizerta in North Africa, to help re-train and look after the disabled Serbian soldiers. She was naturally specially interested in those who had lost their sight and corresponded with Sir Arthur as to the best methods of teaching them. When in 1918 that gallant remnant of the Serbian army, with the Allies' help, made their marvellous advance from Salonika and drove the enemy out of their country, Mrs. Dimitrijevic went to Belgrade to help with relief work.

A very energetic and sympathetic Serbian, Monsieur Ramadamovic, seeing the necessity of training the blinded soldiers, wrote to the Queen of England asking for help; a committee was formed and money sent out which enabled him to convert some old Austrian barracks on the outskirts of Zemun into a school. Zemun, which formerly belonged to Austria, is situated on the Danube, on the opposite shore to Belgrade. Help was also given by the Americans and the War Relief Fund, England sending out supplies of tools, appliances and Braille watches.

Very soon a bigger Training Centre being needed, an appeal was made to the King of Serbia, and money was granted to enlarge the premises, which to-day consist of a very fine group of two-storied buildings built round a courtyard and standing in their own large grounds. There are about 143 blinded Serbian soldiers capable of being trained, of these 103 have been trained or are still in training and the remainder are waiting to be admitted.

We were on the fringe of the Orient, 1,000 miles from London, surrounded by people speaking an unknown language, yet the first remark we made on entering the school was: "It is exactly like St. Dunstan's." We went through large airy workshops, wards, each bed with its locker, wash-houses and kitchens. In the basket shop men were busy making open oval laundry baskets, waste-paper baskets and various other kinds of lighter work. They were also making raffia covers for wine bottles; as Serbia has many vineyards throughout the country this should be a lucrative employment.

Then we came to the shoe-repairing shop; here, instead of clogs, we found them making "opankas," these are a special type of leather sandal worn by all Serbian peasants. The opanka has a soft leather sole, turned up slightly round the edges and brought together in a sharp turned-up point at the toe; in the place of a solid "upper" narrow strips of leather are fixed to the sole across the instep; as a fastening leather thongs are attached to the back of the shoe, which are wound round the ankle. By slightly altering the native pattern of "opanka" a design was found which blind men could make entirely by themselves. The instructor was a pupil-teacher, who had been an opanka-maker before he had lost his sight. The sandals were of excellent finish and charming design.

Braille and typewriting were being taught, their methods of teaching being similar to ours. We saw several familiar No. 10 Remingtons, the only difference being that the Cyrillic alphabet keyboard was used in the place of the Latin. On passing an examination the men receive a typewriter of their own.

Serbian Braille is uncontracted, but as their alphabet has more letters than ours they use the dot 6-line to express these extra signs. The school prints its own Braille books by means of a French

printing-frame; Braille type is set up and damp paper mechanically pressed on to it. By this means any amount of copies can be made, but only one side of the page can be used, and the dots are not very good or lasting. Formerly this department was worked by the pupils themselves, but is now kept going by sighted people until more blind workers are available. Braille books are given to the students on leaving, and when the director receives from them a resumé of what they have read he sends them others. The school also has some hand-embossed books which are lent out.

Fifty of the trained men have been settled on the land in a colony, where they live with their wives or relations, keeping cows, poultry or bees. Bee-keeping, however, is not very profitable. We also heard of four men working together in a joint shop at baskets and brush-making. This idea of working in co-operation should prove very successful in Serbia, as it is a national characteristic to live together in large family communities, and to till their land in common.

The School is also training nearly 50 blind boys and girls; these have separate class-rooms from the soldiers, but are being taught in the same excellent up-to-date way.

One small boy read aloud to us from the Braille a Serbian translation of an English story, and then wrote us a charming little message of welcome on the Stainsby Wayne which our very fluent interpreter translated into English. The same small boy then planned out for us, on an embossed map, our trip to Dalmatia, pointing at and naming the different towns and rivers we should pass on the way.

Our next visit was to the music room, where the children played English and Serbian tunes on the piano, and sang several unaccompanied part-songs very beautifully. They then danced the "Kola," which is the national dance; the dancers holding hands and placing themselves in a row or circle, execute a variety of steps as they move round the room in time to a quick plaintive tune.

As it was now dinner-time, we went to the large dining-room, and here the chil-

dren sang a very beautiful grace before they sat down to an excellent dinner of soup, meat and vegetables.

Games are played and independence encouraged in every way; in fact, we felt the spirit of St. Dunstan's everywhere. This no doubt is very largely due to the wide sympathy and indefatigable work of the director, Monsieur Ramadamovic. But may not St. Dunstaners take a little pride in the fact that, owing to the help and advice of one of their earliest workers, Mrs. Dimitrijevic, the Serbian blind school has been modelled on St. Dunstan's lines?

D. G. N.

Presentation to Mr. H. D. Black

At a meeting of representatives of St. Dunstan's staff, Mr. H. D. Black, who has been responsible for some years past for important work in connection with our After-care and Settlement activities, was presented with a testimonial from Heads of Departments and others with whom he has worked so long and so harmoniously. Mr. Black, who has been seven years with St. Dunstan's, is finding scope for his wide technical knowledge and organising abilities in new fields of labour.

The gathering, which was quite an informal one, was presided over by Captain Fraser, who, in asking Mr. Black's acceptance of a silver cigarette case, suitably inscribed in Braille, and a gold wristlet watch, paid tribute to how much he, Captain Fraser, owed to Mr. Black's personal assistance in the early days of St. Dunstan's when their respective offices adjoined. He was sure he was voicing the thoughts, not only of those present, but of all with whom Mr. Black had been brought into contact, when he wished Mr. Black a future of happy labour and successful achievement.

In replying, Mr. Black thanked very sincerely all those who had contributed to the testimonial, and said that he had particularly grateful recollections of his reception in the early days of his joining the staff of St. Dunstan's, when the great kindness with which he had been received by Mrs. Fraser (then Miss Mace), Mrs. Bates and Mr. Kessell had greatly heartened him in the carrying out of his work at St. Dunstan's.

Mr. Black subsequently made a tour of the various departments at headquarters, and the workshops and classrooms, in order to bid a personal good-bye to his many friends.

We understand that a fund is also being raised amongst the men of St. Dunstan's to provide a testimonial of their own to Mr. Black and further details as to this will appear in our next issue.



Our Saturday Sports are once more in full swing, and already some very good performances have been witnessed. At the present moment Ashe heads the T.B. Section, with Boorman in close attendance, whilst Inman is but 10 points above Prior. There will be some exciting events before the competition closes.

LEADING SCORERS.

T.B.		S.S.	
Ashe	345	Inman	290
Boorman .. .	325	Prior	280
Pawley .. .	230	Cookson .. .	255
Wilshaw .. .	210	Muir	230
Wootley .. .	80	Barker .. .	100

FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

I am so glad that we have been able to keep our football going. Again we have managed to get seven teams of many fancy names, such as the Snobbers, Piehards, The Geordies, The Foresters, as well as our old friends, the Oddfellows, Watlings and Muir Swankers. G. Zipfel has kindly taken up goal again, and the strength of each team is reduced to four—2 T.B. and 2 S.S.

Already some exciting games have been played, and the Geordies are the only undefeated team in the league up to now.

RESULTS.

Sept. 26.—Oddfellows .. .	4	Watlings .. .	3
26.—Snobbers .. .	3	Muir Swankers .. .	0
27.—Foresters .. .	4	Piehards .. .	1
27.—Geordies .. .	4	Watlings .. .	3
28.—Oddfellows .. .	3	Swankers .. .	0
28.—Snobbers .. .	5	Foresters .. .	3
Oct. 2.—Geordies .. .	4	Piehards .. .	1
2.—Swankers .. .	6	Watlings .. .	3
4.—Snobbers .. .	6	Oddfellows .. .	2
4.—Geordies .. .	4	Foresters .. .	2
9.—Geordies .. .	2	Swankers .. .	2
9.—Piehards .. .	6	Snobbers .. .	5

Gilpin and Wilshaw, with five each, are so far the crack shots of the T.B.'s, whilst Prior (7) and Parnell (6) head the S.S. section. Inman was in great form when he scored four goals in the match between Swankers and Watlings.

STAFF SWEEP.

There was great excitement at Headquarters during the progress of the Brighton Walk. Matron kindly made her

office a "receiving station" for messages as regards the Walkers. In addition a sweep was arranged with the following results:—

Miss Sharlot .. .	1st Prize, drew Birch
Mr. Barringer .. .	2nd Meighen
Miss Berry .. .	3rd Ingram
Mr. Smith .. .	4th Gransby
Miss Kessell .. .	5th Fairfield
	E. W.

A Brighton Outing

Too late for insertion in our last issue, we received from W. J. Pearce, of Hove, a report of the outing for Brighton St. Dunstaners provided by the busmen of Thomas Tilling's, Limited, and the South-down Motor Services, Limited. This, the third outing arranged by these kindly hosts, was, in spite of rain which continued nearly all day, thoroughly enjoyed by about 50 of our men. By motor coaches a visit was made to Portsmouth, where, after a splendid dinner at Madden's, music and other entertainments were enjoyed.

Tea at Chichester on the return journey was made specially interesting by presentations from our men. To Mr. Mark Richards, who organised the outing on this occasion, was given a handsome cigarette case with monogram and the following inscription: "Presented to Mr. Mark Richards as a token of esteem by the men of St. Dunstan's in appreciation of his kindness. August 29th, 1923." A further presentation was made to the veteran regulator, Mr. Phillips, of Worthing, who has worked unremittingly in the collection of money for the outings. He was presented with an ebony walking-stick.

After the presentations, the coaches set out for Sompting, where, at the "Marquis of Granby," an impromptu concert was enjoyed, the men arriving back at Brighton at 10.30.

Everything possible to ensure our lads' comfort and enjoyment was as usual provided, and we are asked to express on their behalf their most sincere thanks and appreciation of a day which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.



CHAPEL NOTES

IT has been very encouraging to us to know that in spite of the decreased numbers of men in residence we have been able to regularly carry on our services. The After-Care boys have frequently joined us, and one boy and his wife have come miles each Sunday to be present with us. We were glad to have Lowings with us in the morning after his terrific struggle in the Brighton Walk; such keenness and enthusiasm is inspiring.

Unfortunately we have not been able to secure a regular organist in Miss Stewart's place, but we have been able to carry on in spite of the noise the Chaplain makes on the organ, and I am hopeful that Miss Parkinson and Miss Warren may be able to come along sometimes to help us.

E. W.

Births

ARNOLD.—On Wednesday, 4th July, to the wife of A. Arnold, of Wimbledon, a daughter.

BAKER.—On 24th August, to the wife of R. Baker, of Chopwell, a daughter. Both doing well.

CALDWELL.—On 20th August, to the wife of A. Caldwell, of Wallasey, a son (Allen Peter Kinson).

DODDS.—On Sunday, 2nd September, a daughter (Ivy Evelyn) to the wife of R. Dodds, of Springwell.

GREEN.—To the wife of H. Green, of Hornsey, a daughter, on the 2nd July.

GUISELEY.—On 4th July, a son to the wife of F. Guiseley, of Cleckheaton.

HOWELL.—At Haywards Heath, on 9th July, to the wife of L. Howell a son.

KELLY.—To the wife of A. Kelly, of Liverpool, a son, on 27th September. Baby doing well but the mother is seriously ill.

MARTIN.—On 15th August, a son (John Joseph), to the wife of B. Martin, of Bray, Co. Wicklow, Ireland.

MORRIS.—On 17th September, to the wife of H. Morris, of Wandsworth, a son. Both doing well.

MUMMERY.—To the wife of H. Mummery, of Saffron Walden, twins (a son and daughter), on July 5th.

O'BRIEN.—On 15th September, to the wife of J. O'Brien, of Beech, a daughter.

PALMER.—to the wife of H. Palmer, of Upper Norwood, a son (Ronald), on the 1st of September.

SHINNERS.—On the 7th August, to the wife of M. J. Shinnars, a twin son and daughter (Dorothy May Elsie and Ronald William Thomas).

SHUTE.—At Braintree, Essex, on 30th September, to the wife of W. Shute a daughter.

THOMAS.—To the wife of C. F. Thomas, of Honor Oak Park, on the 14th August, a daughter (Laura Elizabeth).

WEBB.—On the 21st August, to the wife of A. Webb, of Birmingham, a daughter (Edna).

Marriages

COATES—LONGTON.—On 23rd June, at Longton (Lancs.), Parish Church, H. T. Coates to Miss Clara Alice Edmonds.

HOWES—HENRY.—At 23, Dorward Road, Montrose, on 19th September, 1923, by the Rev. R. F. Lockhart, Kenneth James, eldest son of James Howes, Berkeswell, Coventry, to Florence, youngest daughter of James Henry.

STEW—HUDMAN.—On 14th July, at St. Mary Magdalene's Church, Twynning, Frederick Stew to May Hudman.

Deaths

GREAVES.—We send our sympathy to J. H. Greaves, of East Lancs., who suffered the loss of his sister on 6th September.

HOLMES.—Also to Mr. and Mrs. W. Holmes, of Co. Durham, whose baby boy, born on 8th September, died the same day.

McNICHOLLS.—And to Mr. and Mrs. J. McNicholls, of Manchester, whose child was still-born.

Letters from the Overseas

FROM New Zealand comes word from J. P. Robinson, who would like fellow St. Dunstaners to know that he is getting a clock as a wedding present in memory of his time here.

"We are getting on well," he writes, "and of late I have been finding the days too short. I have been building a fowl house and on the whole have got on better than I expected. I have some fixing up inside to do, and then it will be ready for the fowls. It has a frontage of 12 feet by 17 feet deep, as that is the type of house recommended here. The building of it has been a great interest to me and I have had a lot of pleasure out of it although it has taken a long time. I had to get someone to give me the level for the piles and see that the building stood square on them, beyond that I have done the work entirely by myself.

"Since writing last we have had a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Clutha MacKenzie. He has been travelling the district on behalf of the Sir Arthur Pearson Memorial Fund and has had good success. He and Mrs. Clutha MacKenzie came out to morning tea with us.

"This (August) is our first month of official spring, and it seems as though we were to be allowed to have a touch of it before getting the final kicks of winter. I have the typewriter out in the porch facing towards the mountains. The sun is shining right in on me and the birds are singing beautifully.

"Yes, we are looking forward to the day when we may pay a visit to England. May it come soon!

"Now I must cease. Please accept best thanks from us both and the hope that all goes well at St. Dunstan's. Again thanking you for all the kindness shown, which we much appreciate.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) J. P. ROBINSON."

Much to the point, if short, is the letter from Ch. Hill, of Sydney, N.S.W., Australia, who reports that he is still going strong, and accounts for his lack of leisure by announcing the arrival of his first-born son, who, by the way, is named (or at least called) John, not Charles.

Another Australian letter comes from T. P. Drummond, who says that the country is just emerging from the "wettest winter ever known in South Australia." He is still at work at the Adelaide Hospital, but could find time for a few more private patients than luck has sent him so far.

Apparently we shall have an influx of men from the overseas next year, for, according to a letter from J. Thompson, another New Zealander, berths are already being booked in order that people may make sure of coming over in time for the Empire Exhibition. He infers that his own country will be temporarily depopulated.

It is probable we may mention that St. Dunstaners and St. Dunstan's work will be effectively represented at the Exhibition, but of this more anon.

Fellow Feeling makes us Wondrous Kind

"Treat me well, I have done my bit" is inscribed on the Mons medal of Jack, a handsome bay horse which came out of the great retreat with both eyes blinded. He has since been employed in Brighton as a cab-horse.

Jack, the pet of the town, is again in hospital suffering from a broken knee, a damaged hip and other injuries. A motor omnibus came into collision with the rear of his cab recently, and he was thrown down. Mr. W. Paine, his owner, is inconsolable, and remains in his stable night and day.

Our Patron Saint

The Legendary History of Saint Dunstan

ON May the 19th, 924 (no, the cypher has not been omitted) a baby was born in a South of England hamlet. His father was a Saxon noble and the boy was christened Dunstan. Even before his birth a great future was foretold, for, when his mother was at church on the previous Candlemas Day, all the lights suddenly went out, but hers was re-lit by invisible means and from this flickering flame all the other lights were re-kindled, so it was prophesied that her unborn child should prove "a minister of eternal light."

Dunstan proved a bonny boy and a favourite everywhere. He learnt easily, rejoicing both in books and handicrafts. He cast bells so well that for 300 years a peal for which he was responsible hung in Abington Church, and, in addition, he became a skilled farrier.

Legend has it that one day when Dunstan was at work in his forge the Devil appeared with a request that his single hoof should be shod. Recognising his client Dunstan tied him up very securely before beginning operations, and then set out to cause the maximum amount of pain. In a trice the Devil was screaming for mercy, but Dunstan would neither desist nor free him until the Devil had promised that neither he, nor his servants, would ever attempt to enter a place where a horse-shoe was displayed; hence a custom that endures to this day—the hanging up of a horse-shoe "for luck."

St. Dunstan is also known as an "ice-saint." This is said to be because, being interested in the brewing industry, Dunstan strongly objected to the popularity of cider as a national drink, so used his miraculous powers to bring about frosts and damage the apple crop. Either in connection with his trade as a brewer, or in an effort to check quarrelling among drinkers, Dunstan devised standard measures. He instituted a system of pegs which could be thrust into the side of public

drinking cups so as to mark the share of each drinker, and thus became responsible for the phrase "a peg too low," an expression many have used without being aware of its origin.

One of Dunstan's greatest delights was music and he always carried his harp in his hand when going on a journey. Thus his intelligence and bright temper made him a favourite wherever he went, and when a mere child he was sent for to court, in order that he might become the playmate of Prince Edward, the reigning king's young brother, and a friendship was begun that was to have great influence on the future of England.

Unfortunately the royal favour created jealousy and enemies set to work to poison the king's mind about the young Saxon. Opportunity came when Dunstan, who had the gift of ventriloquism, played a boyish trick and scared the court ladies. Quick to seize the chance, Dunstan's enemies accused him of sorcery and the frightened boy found himself condemned to undergo the "ordeal by cold water." The culprit so sentenced had his hands and feet bound, and was then mounted on a horse which, by shouts and strokes, was driven into deep water. If the unfortunate being undergoing the test succeeded in swimming to shore he was held to be innocent. If he drowned—well, all were convinced of his guilt and there was no more to be said.

Thanks probably to royal favour, Dunstan, although driven into the water, was mounted unbound, so escaped with his life, struggling out of the cess-pool chased by barking dogs and yelling men.

Having three bishops as kinsmen the terrified boy sought sanctuary with one of them at Winchester. This prelate decided that his nephew should become a monk. At first Dunstan fought hard against the decree but finally yielded, was ordained as a priest and sent abroad to a Benedictine monastery. Later, love

of his own country brought him back to England and he settled down to live as a hermit near Glastonbury where he built himself a tiny cell, five feet long by two-and-a-half deep. It was here, while mortifying spirit and flesh alike, that St. Dunstan is said to have been "tempted by the Devil," but put him to flight after he had seized him by the nose with a pair of hot tongs!

Gradually St. Dunstan's fame spread and he became confessor to a niece of the king, who coaxed him from his cell to mix with men of his own standing at her house, so kindling again in him the ambition that had seemed dead, and enabling him to widen his sphere of service by appointing him her almoner. When she died this lady left St. Dunstan her whole fortune, and later he became yet richer owing to an inheritance from his father.

Once again St. Dunstan found himself in court circles and once again was he driven away by jealousy. But this time the king, his erstwhile friend, was uneasy in his conscience and when one day he was saved from sudden death by what seemed a miracle he saw his own injustice, and calling his frightened retinue together rode without pause to St. Dunstan. Summoning his friend to mount by his side the king rode on to Glastonbury, and with his own hand placed St. Dunstan in the abbot's chair.

Backed by royal favour St. Dunstan then set to work to carry out a vision he had had as a child. He restored Glastonbury and there built up a school of learning that became famous. When a few years later the king was assassinated his successor appointed St. Dunstan guardian of the royal treasure and showered favours upon him. For nine years the influence of St. Dunstan was supreme. Then this king died and his young successor flung aside the Abbot's restraining hand. Finding his life in danger St. Dunstan left the country, but his exile was short, for driven frantic by royal laxity and misrule the people rebelled, banished their good-for-nothing king, appointed his brother to reign in his stead and recalled St. Dunstan, who

found himself made Archbishop of Canterbury, and in fact, if not in name, ruler of the kingdom. He restored order in the State as he had done in the Church and inaugurated an era of peace. But with the succession of yet another king, St. Dunstan, who had been the adviser of four, found it possible to retire to his favourite abbey to end his days in peace and meditation. But still he worked for the good of the people, teaching his monks, defending the weak, and becoming so known for his love of little children that they prayed to him for protection against harsh teachers. Warned by a vision that he had only three more days to live St. Dunstan selected a site for his tomb and died, but lived on in the hearts of many as one of the favourite saints of England.

E. T. C.

"Teasers"

THE following are some of the questions recently given out to a group of blind children as a general intelligence test. How many of them can St. Dunstaners answer without experience?

Name six materials used in building houses.

Who are meant by Light Blues and Dark Blues?

Why is the drawing-room in a house so called?

What is meant by Direct Action?

What is meant by decontrol of coal?

Who is now Chancellor of the Exchequer?

What kind of Ministry is now in power?

Why does the owl come out at night?

Where are the Pyramids?

In which English county is the greatest number of dairy farms?

Who are the hewers and putters in a coal mine?

What countries are represented by the Rose, Thistle, Shamrock, Maple Leaf, Kangaroo, Chrysanthemum, and the Leek?

Which is the reverse side of a coin, and what is the other side called?

How many ribs has an umbrella?

Our Wireless Band

To the ever growing list of radio enthusiasts must now be added the names of W. Last, of Carm, and W. J. Hallam, of Hever, Kent. The former has not actually equipped himself with a set yet, so far as we know, but intends to shortly—he is about eighty miles from the nearest broadcasting station. Hallam is further on and says that he read with keen interest Captain Fraser's recent wireless article in *Progress* and now wants an instructional book of wireless in Braille. As others may be in the same position as Hallam we may mention that Captain Fraser recommended "Wireless Telegraphy and Telephony," by Fortescue, which may be obtained from the National Library. He adds a warning that the book is highly contracted, however, having special contractions for such words as "electricity," "oscillations," &c., which makes it difficult reading.

Although twenty-eight miles from London Hallam gets concerts very clearly on his crystal set.

Has anyone any novel ideas as to how trade may be improved? W. Trout, of Exeter, is cudgelling his brains just now with a view to the introduction of such into his business as he wants to extend his circle of customers. Another of his desires is to join our wireless group and we look forward to hear that he is shortly grappling with the fascinating intricacies of radio.

G. Pell, of Leatherhead, finds that his wireless set has given him employment in a fresh direction, and is now hard at work on a small table of a suitable firmness to hold the instrument. He recently made some ornamental flowerpots and certain small articles of furniture which were so beautifully finished that we hope they will be exhibited at some future show in his locality.

Yet a third wireless recruit is A. I. Gwyn, of Lowestoft, and in his case it should be a valuable aid to business, for

he is running a tea garden. Given good weather he ought to have a prosperous summer, for the garden certainly looks very attractive. Meanwhile, his 500 birds are keeping him pretty well occupied.

Protecting Wireless Aerials

A rough-and-ready method of insulation, in case of a sudden storm, is to pull the lead-in wires out of the house and let them dangle from the aerial.

An expert at Marconi House says that so long as the aerial or trailing wire offers no path to the high-frequency electric current, which is what lightning is, the electricity would not be attracted to it. "If the end of the leading-in wire were near the wall of the house, or near the ground," he added, "the current would run through it and jump, but as the wall would probably be wet, there would be an easy path for the current to spend itself harmlessly in the earth." The danger of fire from lightning is when there is high resistance to its path, or where it has to jump a space and cause a spark; consequently all the wireless user need do is to make sure that there is a straight and easy path from his aerial to earth.

One way of doing this is to fit a lightning arrester, such as is used in telephone installations, on the aerial circuit. An efficient device of this kind can be made by connecting an insulated square copper plate to the leading-in wire on the outside of the house, and placing close to it, but not touching it, another square plate connected by a copper wire straight to another copper plate buried in the earth.

Another plan is to connect the aerial wire to the earth wire by means of a switch when the set is not in use. Provided the earth is a good one, lightning will run through harmlessly. If a water pipe is used as an earth, it is essential that it should be a main pipe running into the ground, and not a supply pipe ending in an electrical *cul de sac* such as a cistern.

The Editor thanks those readers who so kindly forwarded the back numbers asked for in last month's issue.

Leeds Blind Hero

[We take the following from a recent issue of the "Yorkshire Evening News."—Ed.]

SACRIFICES PINT OF BLOOD FOR GASED NEPHEW.

A REMARKABLE instance of a blind ex-Service man giving a pint of his blood in order to save the life of his nephew has occurred at the Leeds Infirmary.

Henry Stead (26), of 4 Ebberston Terrace, Hyde Park, had been gassed during the war, and it was found necessary to operate upon him yesterday. It was essential, however, for the success of the operation that a supply of blood—at least a pint—should be available. Sergeant J. Mitchell, of 10 Reservoir Street, the young man's uncle, at once volunteered to make the sacrifice and the transfusion was performed last night.

When a *Yorkshire Evening News* reporter called to see Sgt. Mitchell to-day he was little the worse for this tremendous drain upon his vitality. He said that immediately after the transfusion he felt quite normal and could barely feel that anything extraordinary had happened. This morning, however, he suffered from a slight giddiness which quickly passed off.

Sergt. Mitchell modestly disclaimed any heroism in this matter. It was, after all, he said, merely a duty to a fellow-being which anyone could have done. One is sure, however, that such a noble sacrifice will not pass unnoticed, especially in view of the fact that it has been made by one whose "light is spent," and who lives in a world of darkness.

He enlisted at the beginning of the war in the Northumberland Fusiliers, and as a bombing sergeant he saw much service abroad. He was wounded on the Somme and there lost the sight of both eyes. Since his discharge from the army, Sergt. Mitchell has devoted himself to the work of St. Dunstan's and is the local representative of this institution in Leeds.

DECOY FOR OTLEY "SWEEP."

This, moreover, is not the first blood transfusion which Sergt. Mitchell had

undergone. In 1916 he gave a pint of his blood in a London hospital.

A few months ago he had an exciting adventure as serving as the decoy for the Otley "Sweep" draw. It was given out that he was to make the draw and he was consequently kept under close observation by the authorities. He was followed to Otley while the draw was actually taking place in Leeds.

Most of our St. Dunstaners are philosophers we know, but not all of them have the ability to put the articles of their creed into such crisply expressed truisms as J. C. Williams, of Trowbridge. Here are a few examples of his philosophy:—

Never ask a man what he knows, but what he can do. A fellow may know everything that has happened since the Lord started the ball rolling, and not be able to do anything to help keep it from stopping.

Whatever mind can conceive it can do. Always believe in progress. Never say: "It can't be done." You can't do it—perhaps another may.

One has to learn to live carelessly, as well as carefully.

The man who can lose himself in his work is the man who will succeed best.

A very good account of the work turned out by J. Wishart, of Durham, a mat maker, comes from one of our instructors via Headquarters. The report reads as follows:—

"His work is excellent, his design work being simply beautiful, and I could find no means of improving it but suggested a design with a scalloped border. I explained this to him and he is going to try it—I feel sure it will be a success.

"I was delighted to meet Wishart as he was my first pupil at Headquarters in 1919."

Our readers will agree, we are sure, that such a report deserves the honour of print.

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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