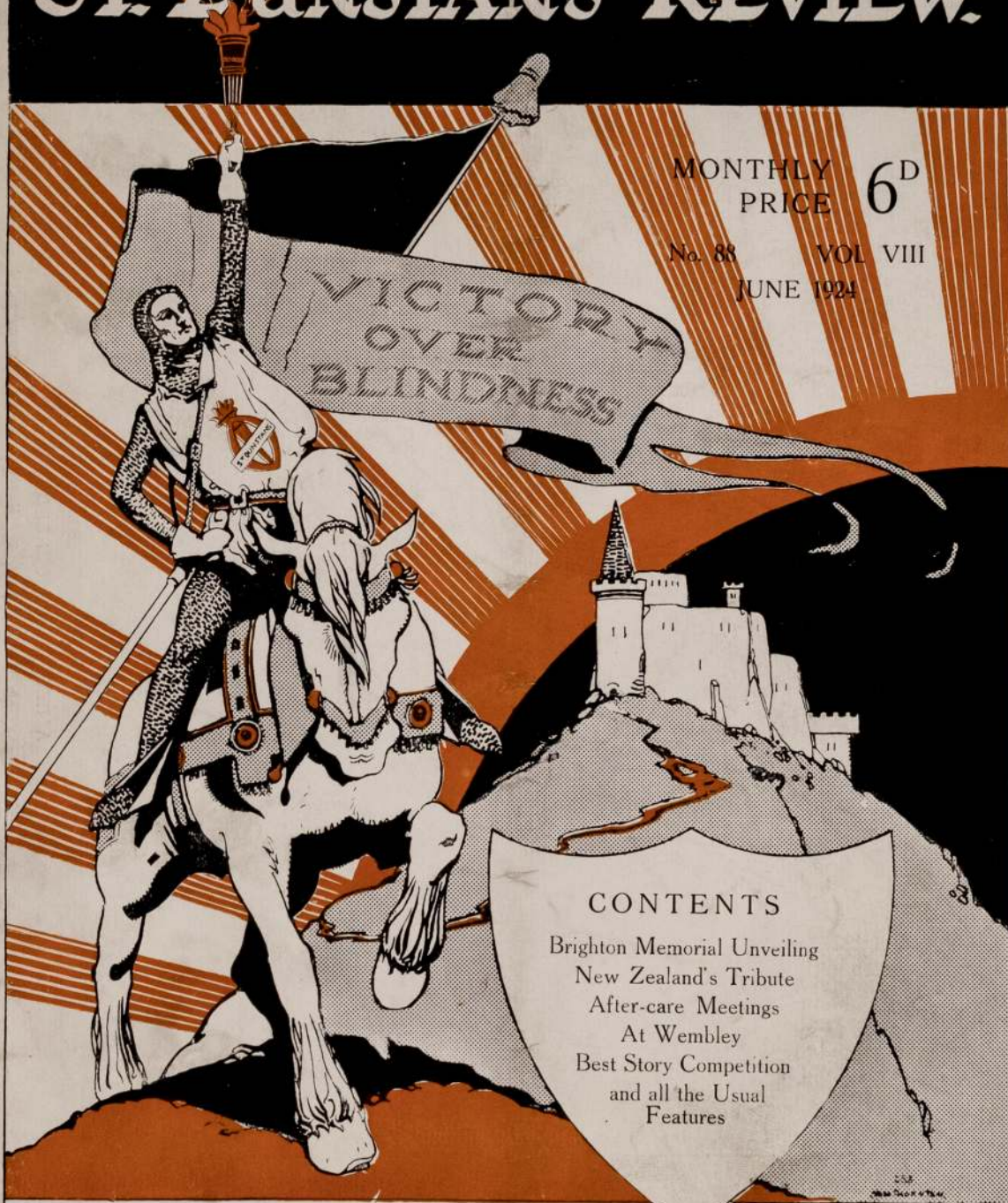


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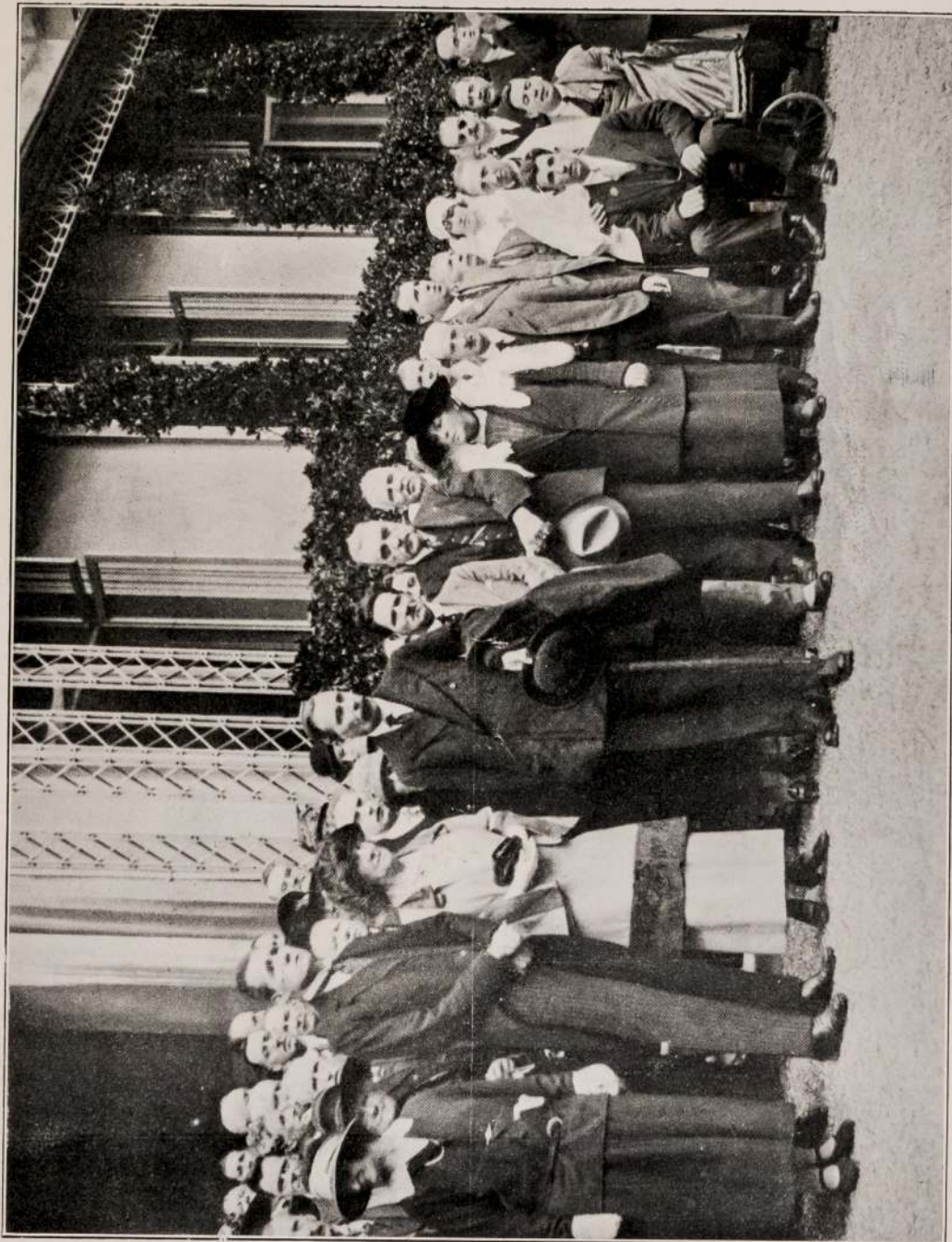
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EDITORIAL

PARTICIPATION by St. Dunstan's in the mammoth Exhibition of the British Empire's productions at Wembley has already been very fully justified. Almost from the initial opening of our little kiosk at the Exhibition sales of the goods there displayed have been most satisfactory, and the crowds of visitors who throng the grounds daily are showing the liveliest interest in the work of St. Dunstan's men. All this is the more gratifying when we recall the very considerable difficulties and doubts which were associated with the Exhibition for some time prior to its formal opening. It required both confidence and courage to go ahead with the extensive preparations which even St. Dunstan's modest display involved; but from the first the authorities at Headquarters have never wavered in their determination that such an essentially Empire organisation as ours must and should be represented at what has now so triumphantly vindicated itself as the greatest Exhibition of the kind ever presented.

In this number of the REVIEW we are giving a contributor's general impressions of the Exhibition, but we are reserving until next month's issue a detailed review of what we have done, are doing, and hope to do in future in connection with our enterprise at Wembley. In the same number also we shall give full details of the entries received from Overseas St. Dunstaners for the competition announced in our issue of October 1923, together with the Judges' List of Prize Awards. We feel we should take, however, the earliest opportunity of paying tribute to the hard and untiring work which has been so ungrudgingly given by those officers of the Headquarters Staff who have been responsible for the organisation and arrangements in connection with our exhibit. Where so many have lavished so much of thought and care, it is difficult to particularise, but we feel that a special word of thanks and appreciation is due to Miss Witherby, who has been almost entirely responsible for the splendid success the display has already secured. We know personally that Miss Witherby has laboured from morning till eve at this enterprise, which was, we are divulging no secret in saying, first suggested by her. When it is remembered also that she has the responsibility for the conduct of the Netting and Rug Department, which must daily claim a great deal of personal attention, it will be appreciated that her labours in the past month or two have been very hard indeed. She has, however, assured us on many occasions that she could not have accomplished the task she had set herself without the loyal and unflagging help of the devoted band of workers she has gathered round her—the voluntary helpers at the Exhibition and in her own department, the members of her own staff, and last, but by no means least, the St. Dunstaners who have so ably demonstrated their skill on the stand. To all these will be heartily accorded the sincere thanks and appreciation of all who have St. Dunstan's interests at heart.

Unveiling of Memorial Tablet at St. Dunstan's, Brighton

A Record of Splendid Help by the Grocers' Federation

ON Thursday, 15th May last, very complete and well-ordered preparations had been made by Miss Theluson, the Matron at our Convalescent Annexe at Brighton, and her staff, for the reception of a distinguished party of guests at a very interesting ceremony. The occasion was the unveiling by the Rt. Hon. Major Tryon, M.P. for Brighton and late Minister of Pensions, of the Memorial Tablet which has been erected in the western entrance hall, to set on record the splendidly generous support given St. Dunstan's by the Grocers' Federation.

The tablet, of which we give a picture, is carried out in Derbyshire alabaster, some six feet in height, and is affixed to the wall of the entrance lobby at the western end of the annexe. The classic design is a beautiful one with rose and vine decorations upon a blue mosaic background. Surmounting the tablet is the emblem of the Federation, while the following inscription is cut in the alabaster:—

"These buildings were presented on 16th October 1918 to Sir Arthur Pearson, Bart., for the use of blinded sailors, soldiers and airmen of St. Dunstan's by the Federation of Grocers' Associations of the United Kingdom, and were subsequently restored and redecorated by the expenditure of a sum of money presented on 22nd May 1919 to her gracious majesty, Queen Alexandra, the whole cost being paid for out of a sum of £11,000 raised during 1917-19 by the Grocers' Federation."

The names of the committee follow.

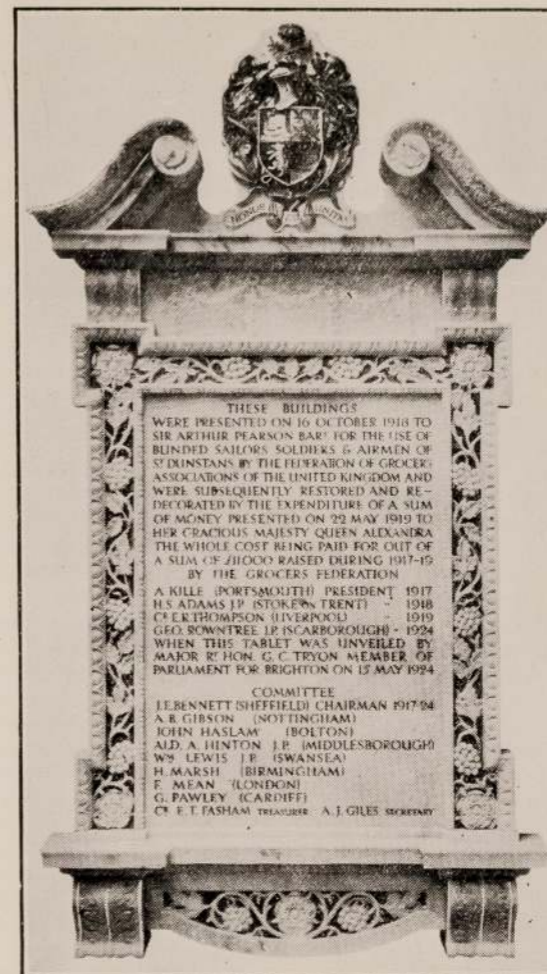
The actual ceremony of unveiling was preceded by a luncheon held in the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, at which the following, amongst others, were the guests of the Grocers' Federation: Major the Rt. Hon. G. C. Tryon, M.P., Captain Ian Fraser, C.B.E., and Mrs. Fraser, the Mayor of Brighton, the Mayor and Mayoress of Hove, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Roberts, Mrs. Chadwick Bates, Lieut.-Col. D. S. Powell,

a member of the committee of the United Services Fund, Mr. E. Kessell, the Chief Constable (Mr. Chas Griffin), the Town Clerk (Mr. J. H. Rothwell), &c.

Following the royal toast, Major G. C. Tryon responded to "The Houses of Parliament," proposed by Alderman Robson, J.P. He said that many of them who were working in Parliament were doing so solely because they had the interests of the country at heart, and that was why they were able to meet those from whom they differed in political principles in a perfectly friendly manner. They were trying to do their best in a very difficult position, and they appreciated the sentiments of those who realised that they were working for the country to the best of their ability. As a member for one of the largest constituencies in the country, he was very glad to welcome the committee to Brighton in those historic buildings which throughout the war were occupied with sick and wounded soldiers. They had come to a borough which they had selected for the site for their own generous and important gift to St. Dunstan's, and their presence there was especially welcome. Speaking of the position he formerly occupied as Minister of Pensions, Major Tryon expressed the hope that everyone would do his best to help his successor in carrying out his exceedingly difficult task. (Hear, hear.) They could not help the Ministry of Pensions by writing abusive letters in the newspapers, but they could help in the way the Federation had done. He was proud to have been chairman of the committee which worked for seven months to do their best to improve the machinery of the administration. They did not want any party politics about it at all. (Hear, hear.) They were prepared to help all who were engaged in carrying out a difficult task, and if he sometimes spoke of criticisms that were wrong, it was because they wanted criticisms that were helpful. They

were trying to do their best for the ex-service men, and they had spent over five hundred million pounds through the Ministry of Pensions since 1917, there being at the present time more than 2,000,000 pensioners—men, women and children—drawing allowances. In assessing the pensions, the Ministry did not take into account what a man might earn. "If on top of his pension a man can go out and earn something, good luck to him," said Major Tryon. These men did not want to be a drag on the State, they wanted to help the State, and that was the great spirit of St. Dunstan's. (Hear, hear.)

Those who worked for that institution had done something more than to help the ex-service men, who had set a noble example to the whole nation by their courage, fortitude and patience. He desired to thank that Federation for what they had done. In 1914 they followed the example, originally set by Queen Victoria, of sending gifts to the men at the Front, and he still retained the chocolates sent by Her Majesty. He believed the Federation even went so far as to send some toffee to Mr. Winston Churchill—one of the great episodes in the war which perhaps had hitherto escaped notice. (Laughter.)



Shortly after the Federation decided to help St. Dunstan's, he (the speaker) had the pleasure of sitting next to the late Sir Arthur Pearson upon the occasion of the presentation to him of a cheque from the Federation for the St. Dunstan's Annexe at Brighton. Later, through Queen Alexandra, they gave a second cheque, and as a representative both of Brighton and the House of Commons, he thanked them for their splendid gifts to these disabled men.

Proposing the toast of "Success to St. Dunstan's," the Chairman, Mr. J. E. Bennett, gave a résumé of the splendidly liberal help the Grocers' Federation had given to St.

Dunstan's and other ex-service organisations in the years during and since the war. He said that it was felt desirable that the work of the Federation in connection with "West House" should be recorded upon a permanent tablet which was to be unveiled that day. It had also been found possible, out of the funds which had been collected, to hand, through Major Tryon, to Captain Fraser, a cheque for a further £1,000 towards this same object. (Applause.)

The toast was coupled with the name of Captain Fraser, who, in reply, said:—

"Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen, I must be brief because we have to repair to West House and many have to catch a train. So if I do not say all that might be expected of me you will understand. St. Dunstan's has had for its fundamental object, as Major Tryon and your Chairman so eloquently mentioned, the restoration to health of men shattered in the war and so bring them to a condition by which they could fill their places as normal citizens who must work and play and contribute something to the production of our country and be able to keep themselves happy and well. Consequently, while our main task has been to provide these men with opportunities for employment and to help them to carry on that employment day in and day out in spite of their handicap, the great feature of our work lies in the direction of preserving their health and keeping that spirit which was mentioned by the two former speakers, courage, resolution and hopefulness alive. A blind man is handicapped in a way which perhaps may not have occurred to you—very specially in the matter of getting exercise. He moves about slowly of necessity and he perhaps leads a life which is less active than the lives of most people; consequently there is a tendency for him to feel downcast as so many people feel who spend most of their time moving about too little. It may appear to you to be a small matter, but as every one of you know, health is quite the most important factor in the world from the point of view of enjoyment of life, and unless you have health you do not have enjoyment of life. A blind man is handicapped in the business of being the useful citizen he should be. So it has been our object to preserve our men's health and spirits and nothing has contributed more to that than this Home Rest at Brighton which your Federation has placed at our disposal. Men from all parts of the United Kingdom have had the opportunity of going there for convalescence following upon an operation and illness, and if any of you had the opportunity of meeting these men, as I have, on their way here from London and then meeting them

again when they come back to London to their own homes, you would marvel at the result which has been attained—attained not merely by Brighton, which has the reputation for giving people health, but obtained by the loving kindness which is shown to them and by the help and comfort which is given to them by many volunteers in this town who go to West House and take them out. And, in passing, I give those volunteers my sincere thanks. But my main task is perhaps to thank the Federation, with its branches all over the country, for the very magnificent gift which they made to us. We recognise, no one better than we do, the difficulty of collecting funds, and, believe me, the Council which I have the honour to represent and the men of whom I am proud to number myself one, offer our most sincere and heartfelt thanks for your assistance. I was afraid when the Chairman started his remarks that he was giving an indication that the Fighting Heroes' Fund was being wound up altogether, and that no further assistance from your Federation was forthcoming, but he gave a very hopeful note when he said he recognised that our work must go on for many years and that if we come to your Federation for further assistance you may be able to support us and help us. The fact that you have given us this magnificent place and shown such interest in the blinded soldiers may lead to an annexe which you will desire continually to support. May I refer, in a few words, to Major Tryon, whom it is a pleasure to me to meet here to unveil this tablet and come and welcome us. Major Tryon, more than any other man, has been one with whom we at St. Dunstan's have been officially in close touch and upon whose good judgment and influence we have had to rely. You all know that before he became Minister of Pensions he was Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry for three years, I think, thus making four years in the Ministry, and four of the most important years that the Ministry went through. During all that time there were negotiations between the Ministry and its officials and St. Dunstan's, and I can pay my tribute to that vast piece of machinery

created in a hurry to deal with a very great problem so suddenly set before them. Major Tryon and those who worked with him gave us just that assistance which we should have expected from a Ministry or Minister. May I tell you for one moment of a section of the blinded soldiers that we have at this Annexe which you provided for them. There are amongst our men some who have not merely lost their sight but are seriously disabled in many ways—men for whom the scheme for returning them to useful work is of no avail because they are bed-ridden or have to spend the remainder of their days in some institution. These are amongst the convalescents at West House. I know the people of this country will only have to be told of the need there is for providing these men with all the attention they need to help us in our work. It is, I think, something of which St. Dunstan's can be proud, that through the assistance which your Federation, through groups of individuals and individuals themselves, has given us we have been able to carry on our work of providing for the men blinded in the service of the Empire. And I use that work "Empire" advisedly, because we had men from our colonies and every one of these men we still keep under observation. Not only have we seen that all these men have been dealt with but we have done it without any assistance of any sort from the State. That cannot be said of many philanthropic institutions in connection with the war, and I am proud of it, and I am sure you will also be proud of it. Let me offer you my sincere thanks, Mr. Chairman, for the kind words you have used, and may I come to the particular phraseology of the toast in which you wish success to St. Dunstan's which is what I want the vast majority of our people to wish. There are many hundreds of thousands who do wish success to St. Dunstan's, and that is why we can carry on and have success in our work. I offer you thanks for your hospitality and for the toast and for the sentiments expressed by your Chairman and so cordially approved by you." (Applause.)

After luncheon the journey was made to West House, where the ceremony of the

unveiling of the tablet was performed by Major Tryon, and the inscription upon it was read out by Mr. Giles, the secretary of the Federation. After this, those present proceeded to the Conservatory, where all the men in residence, the V.A.D.'s and staff, were provided with accommodation. A large number of the delegates and guests of the Grocers' Federation also formed part of the company.

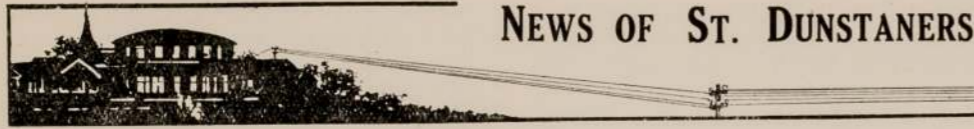
Captain Fraser said that he was sure they would welcome Major Tryon, not merely because he had come down to unveil the tablet and to recognise the association and sympathy which there had been for so many years between his work as Minister of Pensions and the work of St. Dunstan's, but also they would recognise in Major Tryon a very great friend of all ex-service men, and one who, as far as St. Dunstan's was concerned, had given them every assistance on every possible occasion. Having referred to this St. Dunstan's Annexe, a building, he said, in which so many St. Dunstaners enjoyed happy holidays, he called upon the men present to show their appreciation of Major Tryon and the members of the Grocers' Federation.

This was done in the way of most hearty applause.

Tea was provided by the Matron, Miss Thelluson, in the large lounge, and after photographs had been taken, the guests mingled with the men and staff, and many new friendships were made.

Trade is not nearly as good as it should be in Greaves, Lancaster, according to the experience of T. Till, although since a whist drive was held at Adlington a short time since, he has had an increase in orders. Luckily Till is very busy in another direction, as he is training for a singing competition—rather a big thing, which is being held at Morecambe. The test pieces are from the English lyrics. So far Till has carried off four first prizes, and we hope to hear that once again he has been successful. If he has, he should feel particularly proud, for this new competition is, we believe, the biggest and most difficult as yet attempted.

NEWS OF ST. DUNSTANERS



PEOPLE are beginning to make holiday arrangements well in advance this year, according to information received from Clacton-on-Sea. G. Price, for instance, has already booked his available rooms up as far as October! He is busy in another way, too, having been fortunate enough to secure an order for small tables from a local restaurant. May this restaurant find the season's trade particularly good . . . and therefore decide to extend its premises!

Our band of musicians is an evergrowing one and now G. H. Mathews, of Haydock, Lancs., must be added to the list of St. Dunstan's violinists. In the intervals of work among his drapery he practises and writes out all his music in Braille, at his wife's dictation, so he cannot be having many leisure moments.

Whenever weather permits, W. H. Foxon, of Acton Vale, puts in time on his allotment, which he finds a source of never-failing interest. He did remarkably well with it last year, we know, so hope that he may even surpass his own record in the coming season.

From G. B. Swanston, of Lockerbie, comes excellent news, for he is able to report "abundance of work in sight." Lately he had ten pictures to frame and a number of orders for trays almost at the time time. It is good to know that the care and ingenuity Swanston puts into everything he undertakes is appreciated by all who know him. Mrs. Swanston is as enthusiastic as Swanston himself, and also shares his pleasure on their tandem, on which they have a good many excursions.

Another keen worker who reports that he has had all he cared to undertake this year is W. Lilley, of Leigh. We hear that his workshop is always to be found in most excellent order, which probably

helps to give his customers the impression that he is a handy and capable man who may safely be entrusted to undertake any little job that needs doing.

From St. Helens comes word of J. W. Birchall, who, like Swanston and Lilley, is content with the supply of work he has in hand, for the time being, at all events. He is lucky in that he has a friend who runs a club, many of the members of which have been inspired to buy trouser presses from Birchall.

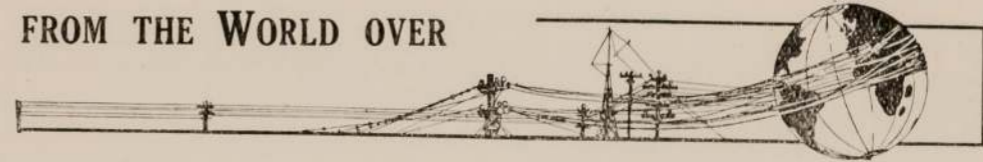
How many men keep records of the number of baskets they make? It is quite an interesting thing of which to take note. L. Hardy, of Leeds, finds that he completed 116 between February and May. He is fortunate, too, in being able to dispose of all he can make locally.

In Eastleigh, Hants, a campaign has been started to stir up fresh interests in St. Dunstan's, as where nothing is done, people are liable to overlook the fact that the hostel is still open, and St. Dunstaners are living and working in their midst. W. Lowing has seized on the opportunity afforded him by offering his services in connection with the local orchestra. We hope to hear further reports of progress made, and meanwhile congratulate him on his several engagements as drummer in a jazz band.

People seem quick to realise that St. Dunstaners are eager to help St. Dunstan's for A. H. Rodgers, of Barrow-in-Furness, tells us that he has been asked to serve on a committee that is being called in connection with the organisation of whist drives, &c. Rodgers is looking forward to a "howling success" and we hope he will have it.

With April came the opening of the pigeon racing season, so, as Rodgers

FROM THE WORLD OVER



rather specialises in the making of pigeon hampers, he has been distinctly busy. Two he was called upon to make were noticeably large—they held fifty birds each.

The friends of W. Morris, of Burslem, Staffs., will be sorry to hear that he has been very ill recently. They will doubtless add their congratulations to ours on the fact that he has now turned the corner. It is pleasant to know that even when ill he finds the REVIEW good reading.

Ambition is a very good thing to possess, for it carries one on to new ground and fresh interests. H. E. Raymond, of St. Annes-on-Sea, has both ambition and initiative, so no piece of work daunts him. He is now considering the construction of a sideboard for his own use, and also contemplating the making of a 4-valve wireless set from one of Scott Taggart's diagrams. We hope soon to hear that both pieces of work have been completed to his entire satisfaction.

"Trade has improved considerably of late," reports T. Baker, of Holloway, N. We think it particularly valuable that he has contrived to win the approval and patronage of certain builders, people in such position should be a distinct asset to any shopkeeper. He has accepted piece work on some building operations and so far proved very successful. We are sure Baker will do his best to show his appreciation of their assistance.

In another line H. R. Exall, of King's Walden, reports himself as busy, finding carpentry a particularly useful accomplishment. He has made all his own foster-mothers, we hear, as well as several for other people, being a genuine hard-

worker. The selling of day-old chicks is another line that keeps him busy.

Poultry, too, has been keeping D. J. Williams (Glam.) busy and between his birds and his garden he finds little time for anything else unless it be a spin on his tandem. He is fortunate in having another St. Dunstaner near him, and one with somewhat the same interests, being also a keen cyclist.

Yet a third keen rider is J. R. Brow, of Nuneaton, Warwick, who is looking fine and brown at present, having just returned from a three days' trip into Gloucestershire with his brother-in-law on a tandem cycle. It would be hard to say which of the two enjoyed it most.

If Leicester ever gets up a garden competition we feel sure that C. V. Smith of that locality will make a bid for a prize. It is noticeable how his place has improved under the care he has given it. What with garden and poultry he has few idle moments.

J. Thomas, of South Wales, is another who finds himself much occupied and his entire family are as busy as himself, a milk round, poultry and pigs engrossing their energies, although in odd moments Thomas contrives to do a certain amount of netting. A daughter was married recently and instead of losing her the Thomas family seems to have gained a son, for the young couple live near and are always running in and out to "lend a hand" when anything particular is going on. Thomas is indeed a lucky man. Oddly enough, the rector of the district happens to be blind, hence has an interest in Thomas and his concerns.

By the way, W. McCarthy, of Nuneaton, who has many ingenious ideas in

connection with his own work (of making and repairing furniture), and also in regard to other matters, suggests that all St. Dunstan's carpenters should form a kind of club so as to keep more closely in touch with one another than they do at present. What do kindred spirits think of the scheme? We shall be glad to hear views.

All friends of H. Sims, Chobham, Surrey, will be glad to learn that his little daughter, who has been seriously ill, is now progressing well, although not able to be at home yet. Sims is busying himself in the garden where all crops are growing rapidly, "specially the weeds," with which he finds he can hardly keep pace. He has four rows of fine potatoes, however, but hardly hoped to have them ready for Whitsun.

Two St. Dunstaners figure among the press cuttings we have received this month, one concerning A. Garbutt, of Stockton, who at the Coxhoe Brotherhood meeting gave an address on "What Hinders the Great Advance?" "It was hindered," said Garbutt, "by the man who was indifferent and did not care, but was content to allow things to go on, so long as he was all right himself. Men knew what their nations needed, but did not do it. What a difference there would be in the world if men did unto others as they would have others do unto them."

The other address was given in Toronto, Canada, by D. J. McDougall. He said that Stephen McKenna and Rudyard Kipling, both of whom had written books depicting the sad side of a blinded man's life, were absolutely wrong in their conceptions, remarking it had been established that blind men have proved more successful in the business world than any other class of disabled men. "It is one thing to learn to overcome the physical blindness, to teach the fingers to be adept at some manual art, and it is another thing to overcome the mental outlook," he said. "Sir Arthur Pearson overcame this difficulty, using his handicap as a

stepping stone to rise to still greater things." The address was given before a meeting of the Kiwanis Club in the King Edward Hotel.

A picturesque and interesting wedding took place on the 3rd instant, when Lieut. Godfrey Robinson, of North Ferriby, was married to Miss Margaret Enid Wright, in the Parish Church of North Ferriby, Hull. Lieut. Robinson, who was blinded in the War whilst serving with the Royal Field Artillery, made many friends while at St. Dunstan's, and Captain Fraser and Mrs. Fraser were personally present at the wedding, and other St. Dunstaners were with the guests. Among the many wedding presents received was one from the Chairman and Council of St. Dunstan's.

Girl Guides formed a guard of honour at the entrance of the church, and a reception was afterwards held at the Tower House, while later the villagers were entertained.

Splendid tribute to St. Dunstan's telephone operators and stenographers is paid by the Rt. Hon. T. J. McNamara, M.P., Minister of Labour, in an article in the *West London Reporter*. He writes: "We have, in the service of the Ministry of Labour, four men blinded in the war, and trained at that most admirable institution, St. Dunstan's. They work as telephone operators and stenographers. At first they had on a few occasions to be brought by attendants to work, but they are now able to find their way to and from their offices unaided and without even the "tapping" of a stick. They are thoroughly cheerful and alert.

"One of them can write shorthand by the Braille system at the rate of 100 words a minute, and type on an ordinary machine at the rate of 40 words a minute. He sorts and files his own correspondence. When his correspondence work is slack he acts as relief telephone operator, and controls a switchboard of twenty extensions with five direct lines."

New Zealand's Tribute to our Founder Governor-General Unveils Memorial Tablet

We take the following extract from an article published in the "New Zealand Herald," Wellington, of the unveiling of a memorial tablet to our late chief, Sir Arthur Pearson, at the Jubilee Institute for the Blind in Auckland. St. Dunstan's, through our President, Lady (Arthur) Pearson, sent a cable of gratitude to all who had contributed to this lasting memorial of her husband's great work.

THE memory of one of the greatest benefactors of the present generation was honoured yesterday in Auckland, when His Excellency the Governor-General unveiled a memorial tablet to the late Sir Arthur Pearson, at the Jubilee Institute for the Blind.

Special interest was added to the ceremony by the presence of sixteen blinded soldiers, representing the Dominion's little band of twenty-four men who lost their eyesight in the Great War, who subsequently entered St. Dunstan's, and through whose efforts the memorial tablet has been erected. From all parts of the Dominion came the blind soldiers, for the purpose of paying a tribute of love and honour to the memory of the man who lightened for them the burden of a grievous affliction. They lined up on the lawn at the entrance to the Institute, and when His Excellency, accompanied by Lady Jellicoe, the Hon. Lucy Jellicoe, and Captain Southey, A.D.C., arrived, each man was presented, Lord Jellicoe spending some time in converse with them. Members of the Board of Trustees and of the Ladies' Committee were also presented to their Excellencies by the chairman of the Board, Mr. H. E. Vaile.

The unveiling ceremony, which took place in the assembly hall, was attended by a very large number of citizens, among those present being Mr. J. S. Dickson M.P., Major Fraser, representing Colonel H. R. Potter, O.C.D., Mr. S. Donaldson, Mayor of Newmarket, and Mr. E. C. S. Hamlin, representing the Returned Soldiers' Association.

The ceremony was preceded by a short but most impressive service, conducted by Bishop Averill. The Rev. E. Chitty presided at the organ, and the solemn strains of March Funebre, played prior to the

opening of the service, sounded as a fitting requiem to the memory of a great man.

WORK FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS.

The service consisted of hymns and prayers offered by Bishop Averill, and a Scripture reading by His Excellency, after which the director of the Institute, Mr. Clutha Mackenzie, called on Lord Jellicoe to unveil the memorial.

"I regard it as a great honour that I should have been invited to unveil this memorial tablet to one who devoted many years of his life to the achievement for others of that victory he had achieved for himself, victory over blindness," said the Governor-General. "It is particularly appropriate that this memorial should have been erected by the blinded soldiers of the Dominion, in token of their gratitude for what Sir Arthur Pearson did for them. He helped thousands to conquer blindness, and thousands of soldiers, deprived of their sight during the war, will ever hold him in most affectionate remembrance. His work will live on through future generations, and thousands who may have the misfortune to be born blind, or to lose their sight, will continue to reap the benefit of his tireless service. Yet even his courage and initiative would not have won for the soldiers their victory over blindness, had it not been for the very fine spirit in which they themselves met their affliction.

"THE MOST CHEERFUL PEOPLE."

"As I go through the Dominion," continued Lord Jellicoe, "I find that some of the most cheerful people I meet are those who have suffered through the war, and the same thing applies particularly to the blind soldiers. It is indeed a great thing that the work of Sir Arthur Pearson should be recognised, and handed

down to posterity in this Blind Institute of Auckland."

The tablet was then unveiled by His Excellency, who read aloud the inscription: "This tablet was erected by the New Zealand soldiers blinded in the Great War, to the sacred memory of their great friend, Sir Arthur Pearson, G.B.E., who died on the 9th day of December 1921. The fund raised through their efforts, as a practical tribute to his memory for the benefit of the blind throughout the Dominion, is administered from this building."

One of the blind soldiers, Sergeant W. T. Woods, was then led forward to place on the tablet a magnificent wreath, a tribute from his comrades. A wreath was also placed on the tablet by Mr. Vaile, on behalf of the board of trustees.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, the Vice-Regal party was shown over the Institute. By special request of His Excellency, the rest of the day was proclaimed a holiday, the children greeting this announcement with hearty applause.

When the Grapes are in Bloom.

When the grapes are in bloom, Oh! the scent is
so fine,
Who'd think of the pleasures and sparkle of
wine.
It is up with the windows and flood every
room
With God-given scent, when the grapes are in
bloom.

There are lavender, violet, lime-tree and rose,
The wallflower has perfume wherever it grows.
And though sweetly they've sung o' the scent
o' the broom
They all are forgot, when the grapes are in bloom.

When the grapes are all ripe, and the bunches
hang black,
How oft do I wish I could put the clock back.
Though they're juicy and sweet yet to me they
spell doom,
For months must elapse ere the grapes are in
bloom.

When the grapes are in bloom, Oh! they heal
every pain,
My furrowed face softens, my youth I regain,
So I laugh and am happy, I drive away gloom
For God is so good, when the grapes are in
bloom.

THIRD RESERVE.

Departmental Notes

Braille Room Notes

We sincerely congratulate H. A. Mann on passing the Braille Reading Test.

We also congratulate C. Wilshaw and E. Roberts on having passed the Braille Writing Test.

Typewriting and Telephony

We sincerely congratulate A. Herne on having passed the Typewriting Test.

All good wishes to B. Inman, who has obtained a post as telephonist at Brown & Bayleys, Steel Works, Sheffield.

G. J. S.

Netting Notes

We have all been very busy in the Netting Room sending out extensive orders for fruit netting and tennis netting. We have been struck by the fact that many of our orders are coming from old customers, who have found the nets we supplied them with so satisfactory that they are ordering more. It is most gratifying to us to have this testimony of the good wearing properties of our garden netting. Of course, it is not only the excellent quality of hemp that we use for the nets, but also our men's splendid workmanship which is building up this good connection for us.

G. H. W.

In a recent letter to Captain Fraser, F. A. Rhodes, of London, shows a cheery spirit. He says: "It is just five and a half years since I commenced life as a Braille shorthand scribe, and although not the most successful from a financial point of view, taking St. Dunstaners individually, I think the shorthand men as a whole have a record that will take some beating, that is taking for granted that the remarks one hears as to their ability in this sphere are well-meant and honest, and not sentimental niceties."

After-Care Meetings

The following report reaches us from Miss Evers to whom thanks are due for all her valuable help at the Northern meetings, especially as she is kept so busy looking after the Midland counties.

ON 14th May, a re-union of old St. Dunstaners took place at the Y.M.C.A., Blakett Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, followed the next day by a similar gathering at Co-operative Hall, Green Street, Sunderland, and again on the 16th at Spooner's Cafe, Dovecot Street, Stockton.

All the meetings had been arranged by Captain Palmer, who for so many years has looked after the Scotch "boys" and is now including several of the North Country men among his number, and who is also well-known to others in various parts of the country who have benefited by his help in the early days.

At Newcastle, after the usual greetings, and delightful and in some cases quite unexpected meetings—sometimes after many years—the party sat down to a splendid tea.

When this was over, Mr. Swain read to all those present a message of greeting and encouragement from Captain Fraser, followed by a short speech in which he explained the *raison d'être* of these meetings—that they were held not only to give old St. Dunstaners an opportunity to meet again and compare their joys (and perhaps woes!) to their mutual advantage, as in the "good old days," but also that each man might have the opportunity of personally discussing his affairs with him, and that, as in a few cases, they might no longer remain strangers to each other.

We all know how difficult it is sometimes to put on paper the various problems that arise, or even to hand them on through the visitors, and we all know also how thoroughly interested in each individual St. Dunstaner is Mr. Swain, and so these private interviews were welcomed and, I believe, taken advantage of by every man at all three meetings.

After tea, Mr. and Mrs. Catchside,

Warrington, very kindly came and gave us some real old Tyneside stories and songs, to the great amusement of everybody present; in fact, we forget to look at the clock and I am afraid everyone was rather late getting home.

At Sunderland, we had a delightfully enthusiastic meeting. The musical part of the entertainment seemed to commence with appreciation of Mr. Swain's speech, to the tune of "For he's a jolly good fellow," and "Cavanagh" had provided such a splendid programme, thanks to the kind services given by several of his friends, and particularly Mr. G. M. Steel, who brought along his concert party, that what with piano, songs and dances, had not the hall been booked for another entertainment, there is no knowing what time the party would have broken up. A very hearty vote of thanks is indeed due and given to "Cavanagh" and his friends.

At this meeting it was proposed that another year Newcastle and Sunderland should join forces and perhaps meet at the two centres in alternate years; Wednesday was suggested as a good day. This suggestion was welcomed warmly in Sunderland, as it was felt it would also be in Newcastle.

Stockton should have been the largest gathering but unfortunately several men were prevented from coming. Those who were present, however—between twenty and thirty—spent a very cheery afternoon and finished up with an excellent programme given by Mr. Hepper, who kept his audience in roars of laughter with his stories and humorous songs.

The following were the winners in the weight-guessing competitions:—

A Pork Pie—for St. Dunstaners:
Newcastle .. J. Cox.
Sunderland .. J. Watson.
Stockton .. E. S. Cass.

A Cake—for Escorts :

Newcastle .. J. Simpson's Escort.
 Stockton .. Mrs. Smith.
 Sunderland .. Mrs. Usher.

It was afterwards discovered that a mistake had been made and that Mrs. Cavanagh had tied with the winner, so, of course, an extra cake was provided.

I wonder if I might be allowed to "make a remark" to all who were *not* present at the meetings. It would be a very great help to those responsible for the arrangements if each St. Dunstaner would let the visitor know when he is not able to accept the invitations sent out for the meetings. "Silence gives consent," it is said, and in most cases the caterer gives of his very best, because it is for St. Dunstan's, and naturally grieves over empty spaces.

The North Country has always had a reputation for teas and this was well maintained, perhaps especially at Stockton.

Following some obviously heartfelt expressions of gratitude to St. Dunstan's for the constant help and advice given, J. Cope, of Southampton, gives us some interesting information as to his personal activities. The following is an extract from a recent letter to Captain Fraser:—

"I am sure you will be glad to know that I am as busy as ever with my work of Home Teaching. I am now in the employ of the local association. I have about 200 civilian blind persons on my list, whom I visit as often as possible. They are without exception most delighted and cheered by the visits of one who is blind like themselves, and whom they know has their interests at heart. I teach, where necessary, Braille, Moon Type, the Manual Alphabet for the Deaf-Blind, Basket work, Chair-caning, and Rush Seating, String Bag making, &c. I run a concert party of blind persons and entertain the blind of the town once a month, the inmates of the workhouse and also of the Infirmary once a month, and other places."

Poultry Notes

It has now been decided to hold another egg-laying contest next winter. It will be for a period of four lunar months, and will probably start on 1st November this year and finish on 22nd February 1925.

Larger housing accommodation will be arranged for, and it is proposed to have six sections, viz: White Leghorns, Rhode Island Reds, White Wyandottes, any other light breed, any other heavy breed, and a single pen section for heavy breeds.

The competition will be run on similar lines to the first one, and be managed as formerly by a committee of four—two competitors selected by ballot, Mr. Gutteridge and myself.

Our principal aim should be, I think, to improve and advertise St. Dunstan's strain of birds, and we should endeavour to obtain egg records which will be quite as good as, if not better than, those of the National or other large tests, and for this reason I reserve the right to refuse any birds which I do not consider handle well from a laying point of view, or are not sufficiently matured and therefore likely to be late in starting to lay.

Fuller particulars will be published in the next issue of THE REVIEW, and in the meantime I should like all intending competitors to notify me by the end of this month of what they wish to enter.

J. T. B.

An Annual Event

As usual, every man in residence eagerly accepted Miss Baker's invitation to what is now an established annual event (her evening party), and, also "as usual," every man enjoyed himself mightily. It would be hard to say which part of the affair was most appreciated, the splendid tea, the music or the dancing. The cigarettes and pipes that the guests brought way with them meant yet further enjoyment, as did the delicious cake that was an unexpected feature of the entertainment, it made a goodly show on next day's tea-table!

At Wembley

WE are playing our part bravely at the British Empire Exhibition at Wembley. St. Dunstan's little pavilion, if such a big word can be applied to what is, after all, only a small place compared with the veritable palaces around it, stands four-square and open to all the winds of heaven—also to an almost ceaseless stream of visitors all of whom pause at least a few moments to admire the handiwork that is actually being done at the Exhibition. Our first demonstrator was J. Davidson; our second, one of the earliest St. Dunstaners, W. Allen. The deftness with which both men work, handicapped as they are by the loss of a hand, has been the wonder of many. To these pioneer demonstrators a special vote of thanks is due, for they had to work and keep smiling among the discomforts of the opening weeks when the little pavillion was set amid a sea of mud, minus water, minus lights.

The general public has been as plucky as the workers and even when the mud was deepest came stepping across eager to carry away from the Exhibition some souvenir made by a St. Dunstaner. Only the actual work of the men has been shown.

The locality is a particularly good one from a business point of view, as we catch two streams of people, those coming to and from the Amusement Park, and the others, more serious minded, who devote their time and attention to the Exhibition proper. These can hardly fail to visit the Pavilion of the British Government, nor that of the oldest colony, Newfoundland, and we are between the two, although a little further back.

The Exhibition itself is magnificent, both in conception and achievement. I hardly think any British subject can leave it without a thrill that he, or she, is citizen of such an Empire as this represents. The general effect of it is white, but Burma's pagoda is mainly of dark carved woods and from its turrets hang

hundreds of bells that tinkle musically in the variable English winds.

India really is a gleaming palace built around an immense courtyard, in which is a sheet of blue water surrounded by a low parapet on which the thousands of child visitors love to sit. The size of some of the pavilions is amazing. Australia, for instance, covers six acres, and one leaves it with an impression that Australians must lead a particularly healthy and active life. There is a sheep run with bleating sheep in pens and a mechanical shearer at work, a cattle station, a working model of a farm, an orchard with apples hanging from the trees, and there are also saw mills and vineyards. Between these there are panoramic views of life in Australia, laughing girls splashing in the surf, Australian families off on a bush picnic—children, almost babies, riding their ponies with aplomb.

A tour of the Empire can be made down the central chain of lakes around which are grouped many of the main buildings for the modest sum of sixpence, so it can be gathered that Canada is not far distant from her sister dominion, and she, too, illustrates wealth, work and happiness. One of her most interesting exhibits is a miniature Niagara, with real water rushing over the falls!

Africa shows a pavilion with a loggia and stoep on which one may sit, if one can tear oneself away from the diamond washing plant, the ostriches and the thousand and one other attractions. West Africa is to be found behind a fort-like wall, and here natives can be seen at work, weaving and turning out pottery. The mandated territories have been particularly practical in their displays. "This is what the African wants," says one large notice. "Manufacturers, come and look!" Another stall shows a medley of goods each with a label showing its country of origin and its cost in Africa. "Thirty-two per cent. imports British, sixty-eight

foreign. . . . Why not 100 per cent. British?" asks a poster. Why, indeed? There is no lack of what we can do in the way of either production of raw materials or the manufacture of articles of general utility. Not a thing that one can want but can be produced somewhere in this vast Empire of ours, the splendid resources of which are to-day shown at Wembley.

E. T. C.

[Note.—Since the above was written the

Empire Service at Wembley

A Wonderful Scene

Many St. Dunstaners who were not able to be present in person at the wonderful Empire Day Service at the British Empire Exhibition will have heard the impressive service through the medium of wireless. Perhaps the most colourful description of the afternoon's events appeared in the London *Daily Mirror*, from which we cull the following moving extracts:

Scenes of unprecedented beauty and splendour, in a setting of fitting solemnity, marked the great Empire Thanksgiving Service held yesterday afternoon at the Wembley Stadium—the biggest celebration of its kind in history, attended by nearly 100,000 people. It opened with a fanfare of trumpets—shrill and triumphant—and as the last note died away the King and Queen entered the royal box. Every man and woman of that vast assembly rose as one.

For a moment or two the King and Queen stood there, smiling, while the deafening cheers swelled louder and louder and countless thousands of hats and handkerchiefs waved.

Then, with a little bow to the multitude, their Majesties took their seats, and the most gorgeous pageant of colour and music and the largest religious service that the world has ever seen began.

SCARLET AND GOLD MUSICIANS.

First, through the eastern tunnel of the Stadium, came the scarlet-coated foot bandsmen, the fitful sun glinting on a thousand polished instruments.

Behind them came the massed drum

Queen has paid another visit to the Exhibition, and this time came to St. Dunstan's stall. We hear that she was most interested in the work W. Allen was engaged upon, and in the course of a chat with her, Allen reminded Her Majesty of the last occasion they had met, which was during the Queen's tour in Lancashire in 1913. Queen Mary expressed the highest admiration for all the productions of St. Dunstan's men displayed at the stand.—ED.]

and fife bandsmen in scarlet and gold, and behind again were a hundred Scottish pipers, with swinging kilt and haughty tread, in shining silver and dark-green plaid.

As the last piper entered the first line of foot bandsmen and their vivid ranks slowly intertwined into a mammoth army of musicians, the great crowd of onlookers broke into cheers.

Then, to the stirring tunes of "For Flag and Empire" and "The Barren Rock of Aden," the drums and fifes and the Scottish pipers performed the same evolution and drew up—a glittering mass of scarlet and gold and green—before the royal box.

So thrilling was the glory of the spectacle that the multitude impulsively rose to their feet and shouted applause.

That which followed stirred the deeper emotions. The lay procession marched out—a striking symbol of the past, present and future builders of the Empire, headed by the Union Jack and standard bearers with the flags of the Colonies.

There walked, too, the venerable Earl of Meath, an alert and striking figure.

Following mounted men of the Metropolitan Police were a party of red-tunicked men of the Canadian North-West Mounted Police; bearers of the Union Jack, fluttering proudly in the gusty breeze, and the standards of the Dominions; crimson-coated Yeomen of the Guard, and Chelsea Pensioners, who marched as gallantly as any.

Then—all in a second of realisation—tears of pride and remembrance welled in the eyes of very many spectators as, behind the veterans and the warriors of other days, came another body of men in the drab, colourless clothes of civilians.

In the middle of their ranks a woman walked. She held the arms of the foremost men, and they, in turn, gave similar guidance to their companions.

The massed band played very softly as they passed. They marched well, as men trained to it, but—they were blind!

Through all this magnificent pageant of Empire these men of St. Dunstan's passed, seeing nothing and hearing only the soft music as it played them on.

So deep was the silence—broken only here and there by a woman's choking cry—that these sightless heroes who marched so well must have thought for the moment that the Stadium was empty.

Then—suddenly—the cheers broke out and the band played a march of triumph. In that moment, surely, they knew that their sacrifice and suffering were not in vain.

Immediately following them were soldiers disabled in the Empire's wars. They were dressed in hospital blue, and one—too crippled to march—limped, but proudly, in the rear.

White-aproned hospital nurses followed, and the procession ended with detachments of girl guides and rosy-faced youngsters from the naval and military schools—the guardians of Empire in the years to come.

Magically the green arena emptied, only to be filled again with a new procession of white-surpliced choristers.

PRAYER FOR EMPIRE.

Walking with solemn and measured tread, they sang that beautiful hymn "All people that on earth do dwell." It epitomised the keynote of the whole service—simplicity.

Their sweet notes blended with those of the massed voices, 3,000 strong, conducted by Sir Walford Davies.

Higher and higher it rose, and the multitude, in one great harmony, sang too, thousands standing with bared heads in the driving rain, which now swept furiously across the arena.

Quickly, however, the sunshine re-appeared. Psalms and readings from Scripture, the National Anthem, a prayer for Empire and—in solemn silence—for world peace preceded a striking address by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

"Never," he said, "since the human race drew breath upon this planet, did men hold such a gathering from over land and sea with plan and purpose for the bettering of mankind. . . ."

"May God, in His great love, grant that this eager, hopeful to mark, to cement, to deepen our fellowship one with another across the seas may be indeed a sacrament of brotherhood, a pledge to each other and to Him that we are set to do this work, and that it cannot—it shall not—be in vain."

There followed the Te Deum, the Blessing and the Doxology, and then—slowly, thoughtfully, thankfully, the vast assembly filed slowly away, glad and encouraged by their participation in the greatest tribute ever paid to the greatest Empire the world has ever known.

The St. Dunstaners who marched were: J. Whittingham, W. Gill, A. C. Herne, E. Roberts, E. J. Roberts, J. Evans, T. Blackmen, E. J. Burley, A. Mann, F. Pawley, and A. Nichols.

A Busy St. Dunstaner

We are very interested to learn that F. Westaway, of Yeovil, has been elected as a member of the Executive Committee of the Yeovil Branch of the British Legion. We know that Westaway, in common with all St. Dunstaners, greatly values his association with the Legion, which on its part, is always ready to further the cause of St. Dunstan's by every means in its power.

Westaway is a St. Dunstaner who does not believe in letting the time hang heavy on his hands, and he is giving valuable help to our local representative in organising a local flag-day and other efforts on behalf of our funds. He has many friends in the town, and through his interest in local affairs is able to give valuable assistance in keeping the flag of St. Dunstan's flying. We wish him every success, and are glad to hear incidentally that his business is flourishing also.

Chapel Notes

I am setting forth below the intercessory prayers which we have constantly used at our Chapel services, and feel sure that all those who have the spiritual welfare of St. Dunstan's at heart will make a place for these intercessions in their prayers.

In our prayers for the work at St. Dunstan's, let us specially remember:—

1. *All those in authority*—the principal officers, matrons, the heads of the departments, annexes, class-rooms and workshops that their leadership may be truly helpful and inspiring.

2. *The workers and the members of the staff.*—That they may recognise the responsibility and privilege of their high calling and that they may be true witnesses of the Risen Christ.

3. *The men themselves.*—That their needs may be met of body, mind and spirit; that they may be strong and of good courage, realising that God is with them right through, and that they may fight as true soldiers of the Cross against sin, the world and the devil. Especially let us pray for those who have left—that they may have good success in their work and that God may keep them safely through all temptation. Let us also pray for those who are ill—in the sick wards—in their homes and in various hospitals throughout the Kingdom.

O Lord our God, the Father of Light, we give Thee grateful thanks for the work wrought by Thy servants at St. Dunstan's, and especially do we thank Thee for the service rendered by the Founder, for his courage and indomitable spirit, for his genius of organisation, for his love of humanity and for his helpfulness and great devotion to those stricken in the War. We pray that Thou wouldst give comfort and help to the bereaved and all who mourn, and counsel and strength to those who are privileged to carry on.

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

J. E. W.

Births

BATTEN.—On Friday, 2nd May, to the wife of S. Batten, of Penn, a son. (Arthur Pearson.)

BROOKS.—On the 7th of May, to the wife of A. T. Brooks, of Bournemouth, a daughter. (Frances Dorothy.)

CURNOW.—To the wife of J. Curnow, on the 3rd of May, a son. Both mother and child are doing well.

FLOYD.—To the wife of T. J. Floyd, of Twickenham, a son on the 9th of May. Both are doing well.

HEALEY.—On 12th of May, a son (James) to the wife of J. Healey, of Bradford, Manchester.

RADFORD.—To the wife of A. J. Radford, of Malmesbury, a daughter, on the 22nd of May.

SPINKS.—On 11th of May, to the wife of J. Spinks, of Ashton, a daughter.

WINDLE.—On the 8th of May, a daughter (Betty Rosina) to the wife of L. Windle, of Birchington.

Marriages

We offer our congratulations and good wishes to F. J. Harris, of Billericay, Essex, since we learn that his marriage has been arranged for Whit Monday. The bride to be is Miss Florence Martha Bailey, of West Kensington, and the ceremony will take place at the Parish Church, West Kensington.

Deaths

We send our sympathy to:—

FEARN.—To E. Fearn, of Brighton, whose brother-in-law was killed tragically on the Midland Railway.

RITCHIE.—To W. J. Ritchie, of Sevenoaks, Kent, who has also lost his brother-in-law in particularly sad circumstances. He was taken suddenly ill on Easter Monday, and died after an illness of only a few days.

WILSON.—To T. Wilson, of St. John's Wood, who has just lost his father; and to

J. LORD, of Accrington, who has suffered the same sad bereavement.

LILLIE.—To A. Lillie, of Goswell Road, E.C., who lost his ten months-old little son, Arthur Frederick, on 1st March last.

"In Memoriam."

PRIVATE JAMES CORNISH.
(K.R.R.C.)

We regret to record the death of this St. Dunstaner. Enlisting in September, 1914, Cornish was discharged in April of the following year, and was admitted to St. Dunstan's in March, 1919. Owing to bad health he learnt only netting and wool rug work while with us, leaving the Hostel in December of 1921. During 1923, however, his health grew rapidly worse, and he died on 19th March last. Cornish leaves a wife to mourn him. Amongst the floral tributes at the funeral was a beautiful wreath "From Captain Fraser and his other comrades at St. Dunstan's."

Seeing Peter Pan

Have all St. Dunstaners within a walk of Kensington Gardens seen Peter Pan? Whether or not, they will be interested in the following letter, which recently appeared in "Country Life."

Seeing "Peter Pan" during the war—some time in 1916—I was asked by a young Australian soldier at St. Dunstan's, Signaller Edward Penn, if I would take him out the following Sunday. "You know," he said, "I'm to return to Melbourne in a week or two, and I simply must see Peter Pan before I go." We always said "see" at St. Dunstan's, it seemed to help somehow. Penn was just twenty, 6 ft. 2 ins., and a lion for strength. He had one of the finest characters I have ever known, rigid in his ideas of what was right, and he had enough determination to fit out a whole platoon. He was blinded in Gallipoli when he went ashore from one of the first boats to reach that ill-starred landing place. When he made his request to me, Penn had been at St. Dunstan's about eighteen months, and was expecting his boarding notice at any moment, his training as a masseur having been completed. The following Sunday we started out. It was rather early, I

remember, with not many people about. It was full summer, and the grass was green and springy, and the gardens had everywhere the wonderful blue haze that seems ever to linger there among the trees. We walked through from the Notting Hill Gate entrance, the only true one to visit Peter Pan. When we reached the statue Penn put his hand upon it. "Why," he said, "its smaller than I thought, I shall know it all." Very carefully, with the delicacy of touch his training taught him, he felt it piece by piece with little murmurs of delight. "Just look at this tiny mouse," he would say. "See this lovely little fairy, why she is stretching up to speak to him." Then, again: "You are quite sure that I am not missing anything!" Indeed, I thought he was taking in more than many a man with sight. He was very intent on this examination, but at last he was satisfied that nothing had escaped him. He turned to me and whispered: "Surely there are a lot of people near us?" As a matter of fact, there were, but I had hoped he would not notice. They had stopped as they passed, seeing this tall young Australian soldier finger so carefully the statue that all London knows and loves so well. He was so obviously blind and just as obviously as full of sap and strength and vigour as the trees that grew above him. I can remember now two women among the little crowd who stood watching in silence with the tears running down their cheeks. "Ah, well," he said as we turned away, "I don't wonder it draws a crowd, it's one of the loveliest things I have ever seen. I shall be glad to think of it when I am back in Australia."

A. S.

Anonymous Donations

We are asked to acknowledge with grateful thanks the following anonymous donations received at Headquarters:—

	s	d
Manchester	2	6
Emsworth	2	0
Twickenham	2	0
London, W.	1	0



SPORTS CLUB NOTES

I AM so glad that we have been able to start our Old Boys' Sports on the Sports Ground and that we have been able to have several very interesting evenings in spite of the damp weather we have been experiencing lately. The attendances have been wonderfully good, and I am looking forward to one of the most successful seasons we have yet had. The standard is undoubtedly rising and I am confident that some good times will be accomplished in the sprinting and excellent performances in the other events. If there are any other old boys who have not joined us, I hope they will hurry up and put in an appearance at 6.30 some Tuesday. I quite neglected to mention the extraordinary zeal of Nicholls with regard to the Basket Ball during the Bungalow Session. This competition has been the most difficult, and it is rarely that the full score of 20 points is made either by S.S. or T.B., but Nicholls on five consecutive evenings gained full points, and I think his record will be hard to beat. Congratulations!

It will be seen by the points scored in the present competition that already there is keen rivalry in both sections and no one has got a pronounced advantage.

S.S.		T.B.	
James ..	310	Meighen ..	235
Scott ..	275	Nicholls ..	230
Steel ..	260	Nuyens ..	205
Prior ..	230	Winter ..	205
Bawden ..	220	Ingram ..	195
Meredith ..	140	Webster ..	165
Downs ..	95	Kerr ..	130
		Henry ..	125
		Gamble ..	125
		MacFarlane ..	115
		Boorman ..	100
		Burran ..	65
		Lenderyou ..	50
		Ironside ..	25
		Hughes ..	15
		Pierce ..	10

The Saturday morning sports are also going strong, and it is fine to notice the keen enthusiasm of the new boys. They

have entered into things in a very sporty way and will make a very good show before the season ends. It is fortunate that we can carry on in the Bungalow when mornings are wet, for this means that on every Saturday morning there is something doing.

S.S.		T.B.	
Fallowfield ..	245	Edwardes ..	225
Williams ..	210	Gill ..	210
Burleigh ..	195	Pawley ..	180
Teagle ..	165	Roberts ..	170
Blackman ..	125	Lea ..	110
Hill ..	120	Wootley ..	90
Wilkes ..	95	Tebbutt ..	70
Roberts ..	10	Mason ..	50
		Clamp ..	20

FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

The interest in this competition, whether in summer or winter, never seems to decrease. This term we have more teams than for some time past, and some fine games have been played. It is interesting to notice the number of drawn games and that of the Saints and Loungers when each side scored five goals must have been exciting. Spudonians are the best team so far, not having lost a match—whilst the Spurs and Loungers have done well to get 8 points. The Loungers seem to be very strong in the scoring line, and if their defence were only stronger!!!

FOOTBALL RESULTS TO 30TH MAY.

May			
13.—Spudonians ..	3	Radiators ..	0
13.—Spurs ..	2	Lodgers ..	2
13.—Saints ..	5	Loungers ..	5
15.—Brightonians ..	2	Springvale ..	2
15.—Buskers ..	2	Radiators ..	2
15.—Spudonians ..	2	Spurs ..	2
16.—Lodgers ..	5	Saints ..	0
16.—Loungers ..	3	Brightonians ..	0
16.—Buskers ..	3	Springvale ..	2
20.—Spurs ..	2	Radiators ..	1
20.—Spudonians ..	4	Lodgers ..	3
20.—Loungers ..	2	Springvale ..	2
22.—Brightonians ..	2	Buskers ..	1
22.—Lodgers ..	2	Radiators ..	1
22.—Spudonians ..	2	Saints ..	1
23.—Spurs ..	3	Loungers ..	1
23.—Lodgers ..	4	Springvale ..	3
23.—Saints ..	2	Buskers ..	2
27.—Brightonians ..	3	Spurs ..	0
27.—Loungers ..	6	Radiators ..	0

27.—Spudonians ..	6	Springvale ..	3
29.—Loungers ..	4	Lodgers ..	1
29.—Saints ..	4	Brightonians ..	2
29.—Buskers ..	4	Loungers ..	1
30.—Radiators ..	2	Saints ..	2
30.—Spudonians ..	2	Brightonians ..	0
30.—Spurs ..	4	Springvale ..	1

LEAGUE TABLE COMPLETE TO 30TH MAY.

No.	Team	Goals						Pts
		P	W	L	D	F.	A.	
1.	Spudonians ..	6	5	0	1	19	9	11
2.	Loungers ..	7	4	2	1	22	15	8
3.	Spurs ..	6	3	1	2	13	10	8
4.	Lodgers ..	6	3	2	1	17	14	7
5.	Buskers ..	5	2	1	2	12	9	6
6.	Saints ..	6	1	2	3	14	18	5
7.	Brightonians ..	6	2	3	1	19	12	5
8.	Springvale ..	6	0	4	2	13	21	2
9.	Radiators ..	6	0	4	2	6	17	2

REGATTA.

I shall be glad if all those men who intend entering for this year's regatta will kindly let me have their entries not later than Thursday, 26th June. It is so necessary that we should know exactly how many men to expect, so that we can have our programme drawn out and the numbers to expect at the Hotel Cecil. We intend to commence sharp at 2 p.m., and I look to every competitor making a definite effort to be in good time. A bad start disorganises the programme all through.

OUTER CIRCLE WALK.

Our last handicap walk, which was held on Saturday, 17th May, was in every way remarkably successful. First of all we had a glorious day—the sun was shining, the roads were dry, and it was not too hot. Twenty competitors entered and everyone was there sharp to time. Unfortunately owing to two of our escorts being unavoidably detained we were unable to make a start until 3.30. Capt. Fraser gave the boys a splendid send off and immediately everyone got to business. The first round was completed in remarkably fast time with Ingram leading the field and walking beautifully. Sammy Webster hereabouts found the pace too hot and retired to the dressing room, but every other man kept his place and walked strongly. Ingram's pace did not decrease and he was too far ahead to be overtaken and so he completed the

course first in the record time for us of 53.8. It was a wonderful performance and I am confident that he will even do better. He was walking so easily and was not distressed at the close of the race. Holmes confirmed an opinion of his walking by completing the distance in 54.21 and arriving second. Lowings also walked splendidly and did excellently in coming in third in 57.28. It is interesting to note that half the competitors completed the course under the hour and the last man was only 67.37. Of course the handicaps altered things, and Holmes secured the first place with handicap time 51.21, with Lenderyou second H.T. 51.40, and Ingram third with 52.8. As Ingram took the prize for the fastest time, this permitted Pawley to take third prize with H.T. 52.25. I heartily congratulate all the walkers for the excellence of their walking and for their perseverance and sportmanship, and hope it won't be very long before we are able to organise another similar event. May I take this opportunity of thanking Miss Davies and all her co-workers for the tip-top tea they provided. It must have entailed heaps of work, but I just want them to know how very much we appreciated their kindness. I also want to thank Mr. Donoghue, of the Q.P.H., for arranging handicaps and guides, and Messrs. Carr (Q.P.H.) and Churchill (R.W.A.) for acting as judges and time-keepers. Mr. T. E. Hammond and Mr. Gordon Brown, of the Stock Exchange Walking Club, were most kind in arranging guides, and we are all greatly indebted to the gentlemen who escorted us and gave us so much healthy and exciting enjoyment. It was fine to have the interest and presence of Captain and Mrs. Fraser, Mr. and Mrs. Chadwick Bates, Matron, and other friends.

During the tea, Miss Hamar Greenwood, in her own very charming way, presented the prizes to the winners and congratulated them personally upon their good showing.

BRITISH EMPIRE SPORTS.

I have just heard that these sports will be held at Stamford Bridge on Saturday, 16th August, and that we have been

invited to send competitors for the mile T.B. walk and also 100 yards sprint. I shall be glad if any of our men who wish

to take part will notify me early so that we can fix up the necessary arrangements as to escorts, &c.

RESULT.

6-MILE SEALED HANDICAP WALK—17th MAY 1924.

No.	Name	Guide	Actual Time	Order of Finish	Han. Allow.	Han. Time	Han. Result
2	P. Holmes	Mr. Simpkins	54.21	2	3.0	51.21	1
10	J. Lenderyou	Wright	58.40	8	7.0	51.40	2
15	J. Ingram	Withers	53.8	1	1.0	52.8	3
14	F. R. Pawley	Farmer	65.55	18	13.30	52.25	4
5	Nicholls	Martin	58.30	6	5.30	53.0	5
20	Tebbutt	Pargetter	58.36	7	5.30	53.6	6
11	C. Durkin	Cobb	67.27	19	14.15	53.12	7
17	J. Meighen	Broome	58.51	9	5.30	53.21	8
4	W. J. Lowings	Ebrarall	57.28	3	4.0	53.28	9
8	F. Rhodes	Harrison	62.32	16	9.0	53.32	10
12	E. Roberts	Brooks	62.2	14	7.30	54.32	11
16	E. Fairfield	Brown	60.27	11	5.30	54.57	12
3	S. Gamble	Rippon	60.42	12	5.30	55.12	13
7	H. G. Boorman	Baker	59.56	10	4.30	55.26	14
9	A. Chiverton	E. H. Baker	61.8	13	6.15	55.53	15
18	H. Northgreaves	Hunsted	62.21	15	5.30	56.51	16
1	H. Gransby	Burnett	58.11	5	1.0	57.11	17
19	Edwards	Andrews	62.47	17	5.30	57.17	18
6	W. Birch	Travell	58.7	4	Scratch	58.7	19
13	S. Webster	Alexander	—	—	11.30	—	—

First Prize—Silver Flower Stand : P. Homes, 51.21.
 Second Prize—Cup : J. Lenderyou, 51.40.
 Third Prize—Silver Medal : F. Pawley, 52.25.
 Special Prize (Fastest Time)—Gold Centre Medal : J. Ingram 53.8
 Special Prize (Fastest Novice)—Silver Medal : Tebbutt, 53.6.

J. E. W.

"St. Dunstan's," Torphins, Aberdeenshire, is the address above a letter from E. M. Brockie, who attributes the busy times he has had lately and is still enjoying to the popularity of the Deeside for visitors. One of the village shopkeepers most kindly let Brockie have a space in his window to show his goods, which he quite rightly regarded not only as an advertisement for his own goods, but for St. Dunstan's generally.

What Weeds do

The chief, and most serious, harm weeds do is to absorb moisture and plant food from the soil which would otherwise nourish and increase the growing crop. They also, of course, crowd the crop and shade it from the sunlight which is necessary for healthy growth.

Weeds, too, prevent a free circulation of air round plants, which prevents ripening and drying, particularly in the case of corn crops.

Other troubles are hampering the harvesting of corn crops, as well as the "singling" of root crops.

The value of cereal samples is lessened by the presence of cockle, garlic, cleavers and wild vetch; the value of farm seeds is reduced by the presence of the seeds of weeds and the market value of hay and other farm produce is similarly reduced by weeds or their seeds.

Garlic taints cows' milk; meadow saffron and water hemlock are poisonous to stock generally. Dodder, broomrape, yellow rattle are all parasitic or semi-parasitic, obtaining their food by robbing crops.

From the Chairman's Post-Bag

J. W. Whitham, of Dunswell, takes both a philosophic and optimistic view of life. He recognises that one must be prepared to take the ups with the downs and goes plugging steadily along. Here is an extract from a recent letter from him to Capt. Fraser: "Speaking candidly, I must say that since I started out poultry farming I have done pretty fair. Like all other St. Dunstaners on this same hobby I have had good luck and bad luck, but these work together and it brings things right. The poultry houses, &c., supplied to me by St. Dunstan's are splendid houses, and everyone who has seen them speaks well of them, and remarks that the chickens are kept in luxury, but the birds do well for all that. We are always kept under the observation of our Poultry Visitor, who usually puts things right when he arrives, and is always ready with his advice and not afraid of work."

A St. Dunstaner who finds his activities in poultry farming leave him time for other work also is A. E. Coman, who is almost a next door neighbour of Whitham. He tells Captain Fraser that things are going along very nicely and that he has been very successful with his hatches up to now, for which he pays grateful tribute to the help of his wife, who takes a keen interest in the farm. Coman has hatched about 140 chicks and has another 170 incubating, which, with about 100 adult stock, promises well for the future. He has, he says, quite a lot of orders for day-old chicks. We will let him tell in his own words of another good stroke of business he has done: "I went and canvassed an order at a shop to take some eggs for consumption and they told me that they would take five dozen per week. Now they have given up buying them from the farmer that was supplying them, and want me to supply them with all the eggs that I can let them have, so now instead of sending them five dozen

a week I am supplying them with twenty to thirty dozen, so you see that they are quite satisfied. I am pleased to say that I have got my mat frame up now, and have started to make mats in my spare time. I have already sold several, and have just made some more with coloured borders."

We are glad to have excellent news from R. H. Cook, a St. Dunstaner masseur of Wallasey, who writes our Chairman as follows: "Since writing you last I have had a most busy twelve months, being employed part day as electro-therapist at Druids Cross Hospital, Liverpool, also several private patients, and have spent a very interesting season as masseur to the Everton Football Club. The last named class of work is most interesting as most of the players are anxious to get better as quickly as possible and therefore good results are obtained quickly."

C. Morton, of Bramley, reports excellent business recently—particularly the securing of the motor work for template mats for the important Morris Cowley Company at Rotherham. He says that he has been very busy for the past two months, and is now getting ready for a bazaar for the 24th. He is showing mats, hammocks, and rugs, and has sold £5 worth of shopping baskets.

"I am getting on fairly well with my farm," writes W. J. Woodcock, of Rickling. "I have 200 head of adult stock, and I have between 400 and 500 chicks off, and still 150 eggs down. I am hoping to get about 600 chicks altogether, so you will see I am kept very busy just now."

The officers at Headquarters who have to deal with the hundred and one problems the conduct of such a vast organisation as St. Dunstan's entails, are, we know, much heartened in their work by the

splendidly genuine letters of appreciation which are so often received from the men. Such a letter has recently come to Captain Fraser from S. Purvis, of Lemington-on-Tyne, and we cannot do better than quote his own words: "I am sure that all St. Dunstaners, no matter how far away they may be, must feel as myself, that a great friend both in adversity and prosperity is always beside us, ready to extend a helping hand if necessary, or, on the other hand, to appraise us and in return to ask no obligation other than to know that we are benefiting from any effort made on our behalf. I hope you will understand and all officers of St. Dunstan's my sincere gratitude and heartfelt wishes for your future success and welfare. I am very pleased to know the anniversary dance was a success, and although I was not there in person, I beg to assure you that in spirit I am always at St. Dunstan's, and ever will I remember the splendid way I have, and am, still being cared for by this grand institution."

"I am doing quite anything they can bring me in the basket line," writes F. Stew, of Twynning, and he adds that he has had plenty of orders for this work up to now, and always gets praise for his workmanship. "I am happy," he says, "to go on like I should in the old days gone by, as it comes to everybody who is like we are, I think, and you always feel better than if you brood over it." That is the typical St. Dunstan's spirit.

G. B. Swanston writes to Captain Fraser as follows: "I have done well with my business and have been kept constantly employed ever since I left St. Dunstan's, and lately I have had too much to do. I have done very well with trays, especially, and have also done well with other various things, including picture framing. I had a visit from the Joinery Instructor to-day and he was able to inform me about a few different things as well as tell me news of St. Dunstan's. The After-Care Visitor also calls on me, and is always very glad to be of service." It is interesting to know how greatly the visits of our technical

instructors and social visitors are appreciated. Indeed, we are inclined to think that this department of Headquarters' activities represents some of the most valuable work which the After-Care Department does for St. Dunstaners.

A budget of news and reports of most satisfactory progress comes from C. Blackett, of Devonport, who writes: "A competitive examination is to be held for third grade clerkships in the Civil Service on 3rd July and in connection with this my chief clerk very kindly put forward an application to the Admiralty on my behalf stating that owing to the nature of my disablement, it would not be possible for me to compete and requested instructions as to my position. You will, I am sure, be pleased to hear, and also imagine with what delight I received, the good news during the latter part of last week that my retention in the capacity of a shorthand typist had been approved. "Further, it gives me very great pleasure to report that we have had an exceptionally busy time lately, and it seemed to me that as soon as we had disposed of one batch of jobs, another would come along and take its place. Having dealt with these in a manner satisfactory to all concerned, there is now a constant flow of typing matter and everything is now going along merrily." Blackett adds that the terrible weather experienced of late has emphasised the pleasure of listening-in and he concludes with the news that his family trio—wife, self and baby—are in the best of health.

A. B. Hill, of Bristol, gives some interesting information about his wireless set in a recent letter. He says: "You may be interested to hear that I am at present experimenting with a home-made two-valve receiver comprising one H.F. and one detector, the tuning of both aerial and anode being done with variometers. The set has at present a most ungainly appearance as the cabinet consists of a flour box, but I am waiting until I have perfected it in one or two details before

putting it into a French-polished cabinet. The set is easy to handle and in addition to Cardiff, Bournemouth and Birmingham, we get Aberdeen, Glasgow and l'Ecole Superieur at good strength. I was entertaining a party of three friends the other night to the sixth symphony concert, and one of them remarked afterwards that, "You might have been in the room." I may say that the receiver was tuned for the Birmingham station, from which it will be observed that it is quite a useful receiver and is fairly easy to put together."

An interesting letter has been received by Captain Fraser from W. Scott Pearey, one of our masseurs, who appears to be doing very well in his profession. An extract from his letter is well worth quoting:—"I am pleased to tell you that I have had a nice steady run of patients for the last fifteen months, all of them being sent to me by doctors; two or three of these doctors have sent me several patients so I think I am justified in assuming that I have gained the confidence of these gentlemen. Considering the apathetic attitude adopted by medical practitioners in the north towards massage, I think I have done as well as could be expected. Fortunately, there are signs of them coming into line, and this is most noticeable among the younger doctors. At present I think everybody must be down at Wembley, because, just before Easter, all my patients seemed to get a new lease of life. Whether this was due to my treatment or the psychological effect of paying a visit to the Exhibition, I am not prepared to say!"

Pearey takes the opportunity of expressing high appreciation of work done on his behalf by Headquarters, particularly in connection with a pensions question. After reference to the fact that he has just been reading "Eyeless Sight," the work by Jules Romaine, to which reference was made in a recent issue of the "REVIEW," Pearey mentions as very interesting two little essays he has read, namely, "Daedalus," by Haldane, and "Icarous," by Bertrand Russell, the former dealing with the "future of science," and the latter

with "the science of the future." We should like to adopt Pearey's suggestion to reprint these in the "REVIEW," but fear that pressure on our space is too heavy for general literature.

A Correction

In last month's issue a paragraph was inserted under the heading of "Attention, 7th Bedfords!" which may have given rise to some wrong assumptions. In this paragraph, which was forwarded by a contributor, the inference was given that H. S. Eames, of King's Langley, was the only disabled man of the 7th Bedfords who had been traced for the bequest in question, whereas we now understand all those due to receive the bequest have already been traced. All that Eames really wanted was to hear of any men of his old battalion with whom he might correspond with mutual interest. We regret that he should have been caused any trouble, and that the information should have been given us in a form which should have led to this misconception.

"B.S.C."

The following is Miss Hodgson's report of 7th instant on the St. Dunstan's Birmingham Sports Club:—

"The first sports meeting of the season was held at the Edgbaston Reservoir on 7th May. The weather prevented us getting any rowing practice but we had tea in the "Hut," followed by sports in which ten members competed. The three top scorers on this occasion were Castle (95), Trott (85), Varley and Cashmore (80). Present: W. Castle, P. Cashmore, H. Cook, W. Dainter, W. Hines, C. Grattidge, T. North, T. Shaw, E. Varley, W. Trott.

Speaking on "The Disabled Man in Industry," Captain Appleby said that two of the happiest years of his life were spent at St. Dunstan's. Paying tribute to ex-service men generally, Captain Appleby said that they were working in this country, with those of other countries, to try and secure world peace.

Let Us be Merry

"Laugh and the world laughs with you—weep, and you weep alone."

Best Story Competition

Our readers have responded with much enthusiasm to the invitation to contribute themselves the main contents of this page, and enough humorous stories have reached us during the past month to fill the space we can give three or four times over. The prize of an Auto-Strop Safety Razor is awarded this month to T. North, 5 Brewer Street, Walsall, Staffs, for the story entitled "True, but—."

We publish also a selection of other stories contributed by readers.—ED.

"TRUE, BUT—."

The teacher was exasperated at the inattention of her class. The lesson had been on machines, and Edison's inventions had been mentioned.

"Now, then," asked the teacher, impatiently, "from what was the first talking machine made?"

There was a lengthy silence, when suddenly a voice from the back exclaimed, "Please, miss, a rib."

A Scotchman was walking along the street one night, and saw a little boy crying.

"What's the matter, sonny?" he said.

Little boy: "I've lost the only sixpence my mother had."

The Scotchman put his hand in his pocket and said, "There you are son, here's a match."

Three Irishmen were walking over a bridge one day and saw a large cheese floating downstream towards them. As they were very hungry they decided to reach it in this style. Pat hung on to the bridge with both hands, Mike hung on to Pat's feet, and Murphy hung on to Mike's feet with one hand and just as he was about to grab the cheese, Pat shouted from above: "Hold toight below while I spit to my hands."

A FORD STORY.

Brown bought a new Ford car; his friend Jones asked him if he had a squirrel supplied with it. "What for," asked the astonished Brown. "To pick up the nuts," replied Jones.

ANOTHER FORD.

A marine store-keeper who was leaving his old establishment had a quantity of old bedsteads and other old iron which he could not dispose of. A friend said to him, "Why not send it to the Ford car people; they can make use of it." He did so, and a few weeks later he received a letter saying, "Dear sir,—Your car is now ready. It is the worst smash up we have had to deal with."

ONE GOOD THING.

The only son had just announced his engagement.

"What?—That girl! She squints," remarked his mother.

"She has absolutely no style," added his sister.

"Red-headed, isn't she," queried his aunt.

"I'm afraid she's fidgety," said grandma.

"She hasn't any money," put in his uncle.

"She doesn't look strong," exclaimed his first cousin.

"She's stuck-up," asserted his second cousin.

"She's an extravagant thing," interposed his third cousin.

"Well, she's got one redeeming feature," said the son, thoughtfully.

"And what's that?" asked the family in chorus.

"She hasn't any relations," was the quiet reply.

The "Review" in Braille.

With reference to our notice in last month's issue as to the suggestion that a special edition of ST. DUNSTAN'S REVIEW or a portion of it might be produced in Braille, we have not had by any means a wide response to our request for suggestions on the subject. We can only assume, therefore, that no widespread desire exists for such an edition. Such letters as have reached us on the subject rather tend to confirm our own opinion that most St. Dunstaners have ample facilities for learning the full contents of each month's edition of ST. DUNSTAN'S REVIEW. The views of the great majority of our correspondents are well expressed in a letter received from T. Floyd of Twickenham, which we publish below. Floyd writes:—

"With reference to the suggestion that the REVIEW be published in Braille, I am of the opinion that this would not be money well spent. I am sure that in the vast majority of cases our men have a wife, a sweetheart, some member of their family or a friend who can be relied upon to read the REVIEW to them each month, and apart from this there must be many wives who, like Mrs. Floyd, look forward to the REVIEW each month; thus the letterpress edition serves two people at reading, and is therefore economical. A Braille edition would, possibly in some cases, allow of less copies of the letterpress edition being printed, but that fact would, of course, scarcely reduce the cost of producing the letterpress copies.

"I offer the suggestion to the good ladies of our Braille room, past and present, that in special instances, where a very lonely St. Dunstaner has no one on whom he can rely for regular and prompt reading of our magazine, that a couple of sheets Brailled out each month with special notices and items of interest to the particular individual would be a quick and economical way of meeting the

requirements. One man, for example, might be anxious to know quickly the results of the football games, another the positions of the keen sportsmen; another might be specially interested in receiving an abbreviated account of the doings of other St. Dunstaners; and so on. I know that Braille teachers past and present would be only too glad to supply any particular details in Braille which the recipients could read promptly, reserving his letterpress copy possibly until the opportunity of having it read to him presented itself."

We have put the suggestion contained in the latter part of Floyd's letter before the Head of our Braille Department, Miss Stacey, and she replies as follows:—

To the Editor, "REVIEW,"

"With reference to Floyd's letter and the suggestion of putting the REVIEW into Braille, I must say that I agree with his ideas on the matter.

"I am sure that the REVIEW is enjoyed by each St. Dunstaner's household, and not by just one man alone, and that being the case, and knowing the great cost of embossing Braille books, I feel sure that the few will not mind giving way to the majority.

"If those men who really need to have special items sent to them in Braille would communicate with me, stating exactly what they want, I know that the Braille Room Staff will do their utmost to help them."

The matter now rests, therefore, in this way—that those St. Dunstaners who may desire to have any portion of the REVIEW produced in Braille may forward their request either to the Editor, or direct to Miss Stacey, The Braille Department, St. Dunstan's Headquarters, Inner Circle, Regent's Park, N.W.1.

Rothschild's Golden Rules

The following maxims were found in the desk of Baron Rothschild, the banker, shortly after his death in 1836 :—

Carefully examine every detail of your business.

Be prompt in everything.

Take time to consider, but decide positively.

Dare to go forward.

Bear trouble patiently.

Be brave in the struggle of life.

Never tell business lies.

Make no useless acquaintances.

Never appear something more than you are.

Pay your debts promptly.

Shun strong liquor.

Employ your time well.

Do not reckon upon chance.

Never be discouraged.

Be polite to everybody.

W. Last, of Carmarthen, we are glad to hear, is going along steadily, and is making up a rather severe loss he had with his chicks at the beginning. To the proper examination of these and the splendid care of the poultry visitor, Last largely attributes the improvement. He tells us also that he had half a field of oats sown, and already there is promise of a good crop.

Don't blame a successful man for bragging a bit—no one with a good catch of fish goes home by way of the back alley.

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It is quite easy to have a good supply of fresh watercress without any water at all, except that which is supplied by the can from the garden tap. In this way :—

Just take out a trench, 1 ft. deep and 2 to 3 ft. wide and fork up the bottom a bit. Over this you need a moisture-holding bed, in the form of a 6-inch layer of manure and rotten leaves, which ought to be trodden down quite firmly. On the top of this spread a 3-inch layer of light earth and everything will be ready for the planting.

You need have no bother on this score, because it is so easy to buy a bunch of fresh cress from the shops and it is one of the simplest things in the world to break it up into small cuttings. These should be dibbled in, a few inches apart, taking care to make the soil thoroughly firm all round each cutting.

Of course, frequent and abundant watering is very necessary, but if you take care that the soil never becomes dry and that the leaves are frequently dewed overhead with fresh water, there is no garden that will not yield you an abundant return from a small bunch of cress bought now.

Blind Monk Honoured

Father Thomas, a blind monk of the Trappist Order, who lost his sight during the war, has been decorated with the Cross of the Legion of Honour.

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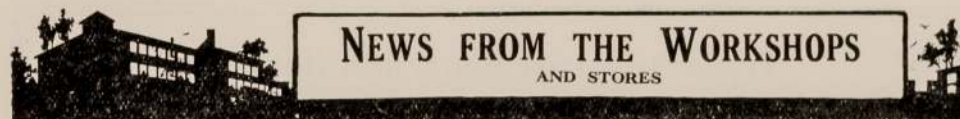
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NEWS FROM THE WORKSHOPS AND STORES

BOOTS.

Good progress generally is being made by Edward Williams with his boot repairs; his marking and riveting are good, and he gets a moderate finish. He will make a good workman if he overcomes the tendency to rush it a bit. J. D. Lee has been doing some useful work; the edges of the soles are his chief difficulty, but in all other respects his work shows improvement. E. Turnock continues to tackle his work in the right the quite way, gaining experience with all kinds of repairs, and making a steady advance.

MATS.

We have recently referred to the excellent work being done by several of the men in the Mat Shop, and it will, perhaps, be enough to say that this is being continued. G. H. Wootley has been working full time recently, and has made a number of mats. He has not quite reached his former level, but, of course, has made improvement.

BASKETS.

E. Watson has been devoting nearly all his time to tea-trays, round, oval and rectangular, some of them with beaded handles. He has also made teapot stands, waste papers and barrels. The finishing strokes are his chief difficulty, but we anticipate that he will soon master this. W. Judd has been making oval and square tradesmen's baskets, waste papers, and soiled linens, each basket showing consistent improvement. Since our last reference, A. E. Chambers has accomplished some very useful work, good attempts being made with each new type. He works his rods much tighter, and really did well with his recent soiled linens. He is a hard worker, and makes steady progress. W. T. Harris also continues to do well in his careful painstaking way. Soiled linens, square-arms and barrels have all been marked "good," and he gained some very useful experience from plate baskets. G. Matthews has been tackling oval clothes baskets, barrels, square-arms and cycle

baskets; he is working steadily, with good results. We regret to have to say farewell to J. Thornton, not only on account of the consistently sound level of his workmanship, but also because of his cheery disposition. We wish him every happiness and the best of luck.

TO MAT-MAKERS.

Our cordial thanks are due to the men who have so readily responded to our suggestions that they should return the packing material which covers the yarn. They may be sure that they have thus been effecting a very valuable economy, and it will be much appreciated if their kind thought can be continued. W. H. O.

According to a report that has reached us, J. Boyd, of Brighton, hopes to get married very shortly. Perhaps he will let us have further particulars, when the happy event takes place, in order that we may make the usual formal announcement. We hope, with Boyd, that his bungalow will be finished in time for the wedding.

The friends of E. E. Beyer, of Yate, Glos., will be glad to hear that since he took to cycling his health has much improved. He is one of the several who invested in tandems, and swears by this method of getting fresh air and exercise. Another of Beyer's interests is wireless. He has just had a set installed, and is fortunate enough to have a boy neighbour who is always ready to give him any advice or help in connection with their mutual hobby.

The eldest son of J. Boon, of Bristol, had a nasty accident a little while ago, we are sorry to hear. While playing in the park the boy got spiked on some railings. At the time of writing he still is regarded as an out-patient, although, we are glad to note, he is well on the way to complete recovery.

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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