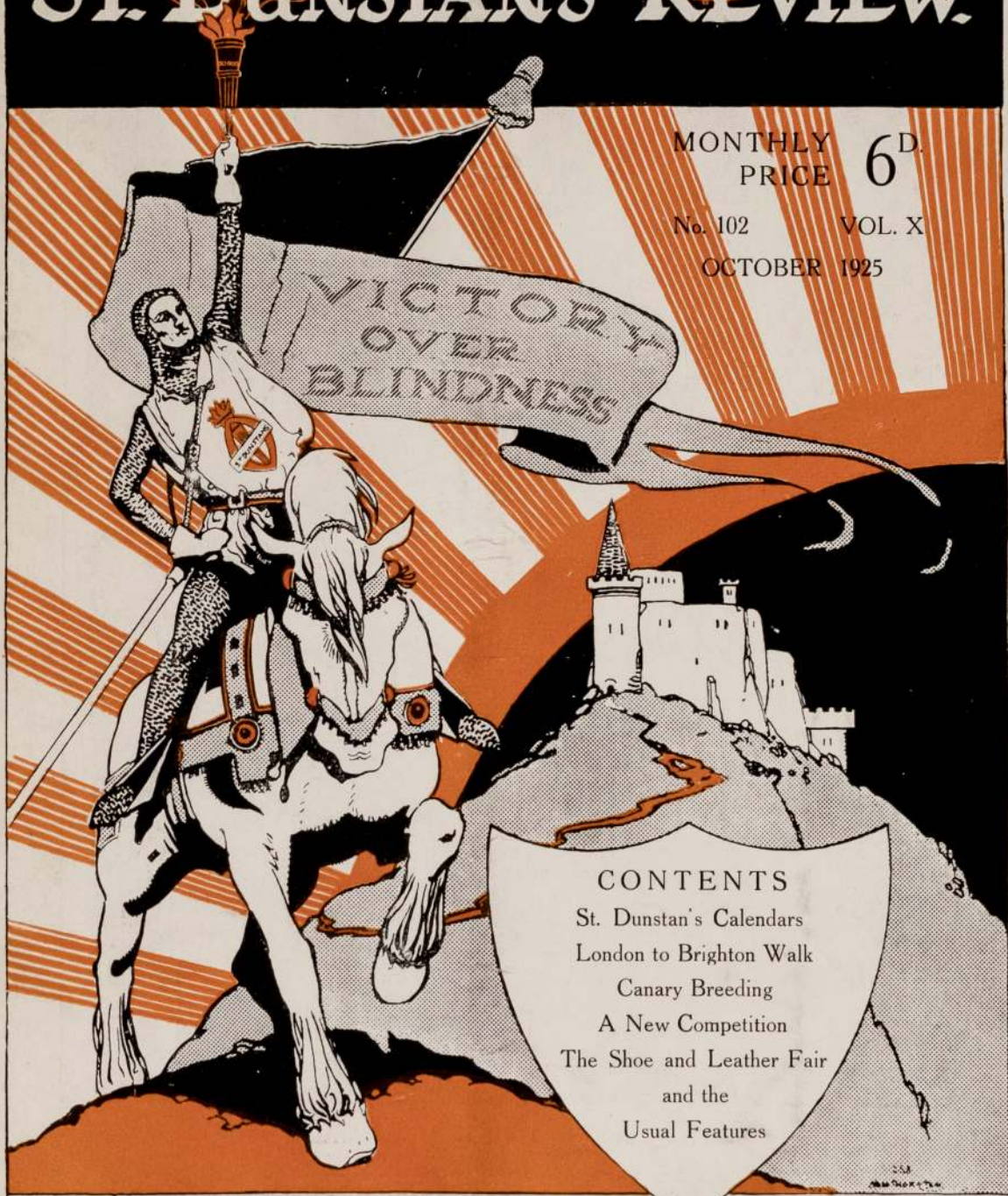


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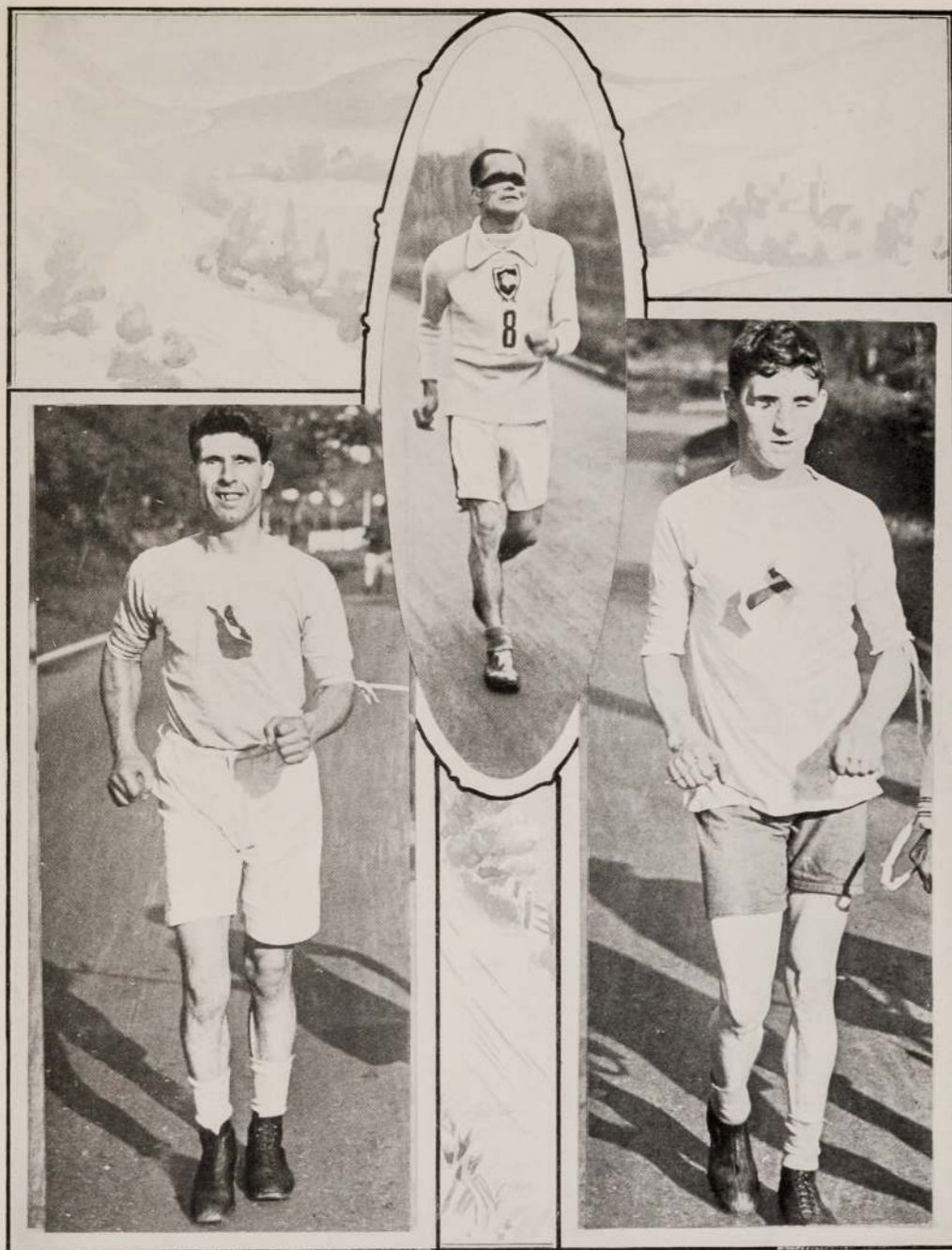
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EDITORIAL NOTES

WITH this issue of the REVIEW we publish the concluding instalment of the very interesting and highly practical series of notes contributed by F. Tait on the subject of "Canary Breeding." In a covering letter to this final chapter, Tait tells us that the writing of the articles has been a most pleasing task. For our part, we are sure we are expressing the views of our readers in thanking Tait for giving his fellow St. Dunstaners the benefit of his wide knowledge of this most interesting and often profitable hobby, and we know that those of our readers who are taking up canary breeding, and who may be faced at any time with any difficulties, may ask for our contributor's advice, which will be very freely given. It is always a source of gratification to us to see the columns of the REVIEW occupied by contributions from St. Dunstaners themselves, and our readers know that at all times we will find space for any articles of general interest or utility.

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Another series of articles which has aroused great interest amongst our readers—"Wireless for the Blind"—was concluded with our last issue. We know that each Chapter of this series has been read with the keenest attention, and we have no doubt that the lucid and thorough manner of dealing with the theory and practice of Radio has resulted in many new recruits to this hobby from the ranks of St. Dunstaners. In response to a considerable number of questions on the subject, we are glad to be able to announce that it has been decided to issue these articles in Braille and possibly in ink-print later. Our readers should watch these pages for further details which will appear later.

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In the course of an interesting letter dealing with the Brighton walk, a contributor raises a matter of very considerable moment to all St. Dunstaner athletes—the present reading of Rule 74 of the Amateur Athletic Association—which, if it is to be interpreted literally on all occasions and by all affiliated clubs, practically bars the entry of any blinded competitor. Many of our readers will not be aware that we took up this matter with the Amateur Athletic Association at the latter end of last year, but we are sorry to say with negative results. In view, however, of the increase in the number of St. Dunstaner athletes and the high standard of performance they are putting up, we are proposing to open this question again with the authorities, and while we cannot as yet say that we shall be more successful on this occasion, we are quite sure that the representations we are making will meet with fully sympathetic consideration.

St. Dunstan's Calendars

BY the time this issue of the REVIEW appears every St. Dunstan's man will have had full particulars sent him of the arrangements to be made this year for the production of Calendars for distribution to likely customers.

When this scheme was first introduced last year we expressed the definite opinion that it would prove probably the best means of stimulating interest in the work of the men of St. Dunstan's and securing new customers which has yet been evolved. We are very glad to know that overwhelming evidence has been forthcoming during the year that this view was well-founded, and we cannot too strongly urge every one of our readers who looks to the general public for support in his business to secure a liberal supply of these calendars when they are produced and to make every effort to circulate them effectively.

We have before us as we write letters and reports from every part of the country, giving information as to the beneficial results obtained from last year's distribution of these calendars. We should like to quote all these, but considerations of space forbid. The following, however, taken haphazard from the pile in front of us will be of interest:—

From Bridlington: "I can only emphasise what I have already said—that I think these calendars are an excellent and splendid way of advertising my business."

From Grantham: "I have had quite a number of private orders as a direct result of the calendars. I think it is a very good idea indeed."

From Ashton-under-Lyne: "Local trade has wonderfully improved since Christmas, and there are further prospects as the result of the calendars."

From Gloucester: "Consider the calendar one of the best advertising schemes in my line."

From Teignmouth: "Have greatly benefited by distribution of calendars."

From Camden Town: "Marked increase in orders from distribution of calendars."

Some reports from technical visitors include the following:—

"Calendars were a huge success, and the men generally highly pleased. I might add

that some poor districts, which I thought would not take kindly to that style of advertisement, have acted the reverse to my judgment, and have been supporting our men well."

"Almost the whole of the men who went in for calendars speak most favourably of them, and say that they intend to order a large amount this year."

"The results achieved by the calendars issued were very good in my area, and, being out of the ordinary, were eagerly sought after."

This sort of evidence speaks for itself, but we would again emphasise that the best results cannot be expected without the exercise of much care and discrimination in placing the calendars. The idea, of course, is to have each one exhibited where the largest number of people can see it, and although regular customers will appreciate the compliment of the gift of a calendar, it must be remembered that the primary object is to secure *new* customers. At the same time, considering the very moderate contribution towards the cost of the calendars our readers are asked to pay, there should be no reason for under-ordering.

Finally, we may say that we know the preparation, production, and issue of these calendars entails much thought and labour at Headquarters, and we are sure St. Dunstaners generally will show their appreciation of this by supporting the scheme to the fullest possible extent.

"What is your occupation?"

"I used to be an organist."

"And why did you give it up?"

"The monkey died."

INCONSISTENCIES OF LANGUAGE.

You can't weigh grams with a grammar,
Nor sugar cure hams with a hammer,

Do sums with a summer,

Stew plums with a plumber,

Nor shear an old ram with a rammer.

The London to Brighton Walk

Two World's Records Set up

IT is a great pleasure to be able to state right at the outset that our walk this year was in every way the most successful of the series. It was not only the fact that every man who started finished, but also that each competitor walked easier and without the apparent strain sometimes shown in previous contests. I am convinced that this is in no small measure due to the fact that experience has taught us that training is absolutely essential, and, further, that the 21 miles qualifying walk and the three walks before justified themselves. We most heartily congratulate the St. Dunstan's ten who completed the most difficult course so wonderfully. I understand that St. Dunstan's have created a record for the Brighton Road in so far that every starter finished the course.

We were very fortunate in having a most beautiful day, although when we were going down the Strand at 4.30 a.m. in the morning the slight drizzle and very wet pavements made us rather anxious, but, from the moment when Mr. Joe Binks started our men whilst Big Ben was striking, we had scarcely a drop of rain all the way.

Ingram quickly went to the front and kept his place throughout the journey; he walked with such ease and confidence that he appeared to be, barring accidents, unbeatable. I think that, with the exception of an uncomfortable time just outside Brighton, he did the journey without a moment's pause. Johns and Castle, who we were delighted to welcome, fought a magnificent fight for second place. Castle was all the way but a few yards behind Johns, but the latter stuck to his guns and just kept in front, eventually arriving 51 seconds before Castle. I cannot help but specially commend these walkers because it was a great performance on their first Brighton Walk to finish so well and to beat the time Ingram set up last year.

Lenderyou for a time held second place, but gradually was forced back to fourth, but he walked exceedingly well, as did Lowings, Boorman, and Northgreaves, who did excellent times. Chiverton was wonderfully plucky, because early on he got a bad heel which must have been most painful. Rhodes deserves praise for the way he stuck the course, whilst Charlie Durkin once more showed us what he is equal to by a very plucky performance.

As we passed to and fro along the line, we found the men ever cheerful, nearly always a smile upon their faces, and, indeed, at times jocular. It was told me that although Durkin must have been very tired when he heard the news when passing through the outskirts of Brighton that Chelsea had won, he nearly jumped over a tramcar.

Again hearty congratulations, boys, you have done well, and I feel that every St. Dunstaner is proud of you.

It is difficult in a big venture of this sort to adequately express one's appreciation of the kindness of the many friends who come to our aid and make the walk so successful. May I say how grateful we are to our Editor for his splendid organisation, to Mr. Joe Binks for arranging officials and for starting us, and to the various timekeepers—Messrs. Pepper, Ricketts and Findlay, and particularly to the escorts themselves, whose names appear herewith for their great kindness and affectionate regard for our men by undertaking such a terrific walk. I trust that they will realise how very grateful we are. To the cyclists, including Mr. Wyeth, who so kindly assisted; to those friends who generously loaned cars—Messrs. Angliss, Bamberger, Middleton, Findlay, and Kessell, and also Misses Talbot and Gamble; and to those sisters who not only drove some of these cars but also assisted in the important duty of food distribution *en route*. It was a great pleasure to have Miss Paterson, Miss

Gamble and Miss Hodgson with us again, and also Miss Davies, Miss Bamberger, Miss Notley, and Miss Stacey, who all did splendid service.

I feel that expressions of gratitude are incomplete without mentioning the drivers of the various cars, including Chauffeurs Morrison and Lynn, also Orderly Lomax, and particularly may I say how personally indebted I am to our Sports Secretary, Miss Airs, for all that she did in the organisation and food distribution, and

Corporal Major Tovell for his excellent work.

I need hardly say that a great crowd greeted us at Brighton and gave our men a splendid welcome. Brill's Baths were again at our disposal, and very little time was lost in getting there. It was exceedingly nice to have our Chairman, Mrs. Fraser, Mrs. Bates and Miss Hamar Greenwood waiting to greet us, and I know I am right in saying that they were very delighted at our success. J. E. W.

LIST OF COMPETITORS, TIMES AND ESCORTS

	H.	M.	S.	
1st. J. INGRAM	9	57	20	Mr. E. C. Horton (Surrey W.C.)
2nd. P. JOHNS	10	24	35	" A. J. Burnett (Qns. Pk. H.)
3rd. W. A. CASTLE	10	25	26	" Rathbone (Belgrave H.)
4th. F. LENDERYOU	11	7	33	" J. Travell (Queens Pk. H.)
5th. W. J. LOWINGS	11	36	46	" Simpkins (Highgate H.)
6th. H. BOORMAN	11	48	22	" R. J. Booker (Surrey W.C.)
7th. H. NORTHGREAVES	11	55	6	" Stupples (Lyons A.C.)
8th. A. CHIVERTON	12	1	10	" Hindelang (R.A.F.)
9th. F. RHODES	12	45	42	" E. Baker (Queens Pk. H.)
10th. C. DURKIN	13	20	0	" S. Booker (Surrey W.C.)
				" Frankeiss (Ranelagh H.)
				" Wicks (Ministry of Pensions)
				" Webster-Smith (Stock Ex.)
				" J. Chalk (Belgrave H.)
				" P. Brown
				" G. E. Monger
				" G. Brown (Stock Ex.)
				" B. Martin (Polytechnic H.)
				" G. Wrapson (Polytechnic H.)
				" Cobb
				" H. G. Stone (Polytechnic H.)

Extra Guides.—Messrs. P. Blow, A. Baldry, W. Holman, A. R. Wyeth.

At the County Club

As in previous years, the Committee of the Brighton County Club most generously entertained competitors, escorts, and officials to dinner in the evening of the race. In view of the tax upon the hospitality of the club last year by an excess of guests over those expected, arrangements were made this year for admission by ticket only. This scheme worked admirably, and while everyone entitled to the Club's hospitality was present, there was still room for such members of the Club itself as were able to join us at dinner, and whose presence was naturally very gratifying to us all.

Mr. Harry Sagar, the President of the Club, presided, and had our Chairman, Captain Fraser, on his right, while other leading members of the Club were also present.

After full justice had been done to the excellent dinner provided, Mr. Sagar, in a

sympathetic speech, paid tribute to the splendid performances put up by the competitors, and to the help of the escorts. Presenting the prizes to the winners, he said that he was sure donors of cups felt it not only a privilege but a great honour to give such evidence of their admiration for the sportsmanship and pluck which had been shown by the men of St. Dunstan's.

The awards were then made as follows :

First Prize.—One hundred guineas Challenge Cup, presented by Mr. W. W. Sampson to J. Ingram.

Second Prize.—Silver Cup, presented by Mr. Charles Angliss to P. Johns.

Third Prize.—Silver Cup, presented by Messrs. Knowland Bros. to W. A. Castle.

A gold centre medal was also presented to the winner, and a silver medal to all other competitors finishing the course (on this occasion, as stated above, every entrant finished).

The boys may be interested to know that the Fulham Branch of the British Legion presented F. Lenderyou with a clock in recognition of his completing the walk from London to Brighton.

Captain Fraser responded, and expressed the sincere thanks of St. Dunstan's and all its helpers in this splendid sporting event for the kindly welcome accorded them that night, and the generosity of the prize givers. After thanking the escorts, officials and all who had helped to make the walk such a success, Captain Fraser said that in view of the record which had been set up this year by all entrants finishing the course, St. Dunstan's would set no obstacles in the way of the full London to Brighton Walk becoming a regular annual event provided there was careful preparation and training. (Cheers.)

The gathering broke up in time for a return to be made in reasonable time to London and other parts, where competitors and guides were bound.

To Be or Not To Be

The following reaches us from a St. Dunstan entrant in the Brighton Walk. Reference to the second part of his contribution is made in this month's Editorial Notes.

I am perfectly sure that this question has exercised the minds of everyone who has our welfare at heart during the last twelve months, and when I threw out the suggestion of an eliminating test in the REVIEW I gambled on the sporting instincts of everyone concerned. Happily, my appeal for one more chance on the long, long trail met with success; I felt sure that any man who would run the risk of being eliminated in a 21 miles walk must be pretty fit, and had a fair chance of getting to the Aquarium, and the result has justified this belief.

Not a bad performance my readers—ten starters, ten finished, two records set up—and I think even the most pessimistic critic must be convinced that we are capable of doing the job, and doing it creditably; and let me here say that the day being a month earlier was a great factor in holding off the cramp fiend.

I think we can look forward to the coming season with the confidence that all our willing helpers will have no hesitation in helping us to gradually work up in our circle walks towards the grand finalé, which terminates at Brighton.

While I have the goodwill of our Editor I would like to bring forward another matter, which will be of interest to all my walking brothers of St. Dunstan's: it is the question of entering open events. I will give my own experience. For two years in succession I have entered for the five-miles Hampshire Championship walk which is run under the three A's and the R.W.A. The first year I finished ninth, but received the R.W.A. medal for doing it under the time limit. The second year I finished eighth, and got a special medal, I think, just to console me—but this is sufficient to show that my entry was accepted, and no objection was raised to my having a guide. This emboldened me to try for a two-mile handicap at Swindon, and I duly filled up an entrance form and received a letter of acknowledgment from the secretary. Great was my surprise two days before the event to get a kind letter from the Hon. Sec., returning my entrance fee, with a letter from the three A's quoting rule 74, "that no competitor shall have an attendant either at the mark or on the track."

Could we bring some pressure to bear through one of the affiliated clubs to move a notice of motion to add to this rule, "except in the case of a blind St. Dunstan's competitor." I am sure that no sportsman would object to this, and, of course, if a man entered and got a sympathetic handicap, it would only happen once, as his time standard would be established.

In addition to all this, if one county A.A.A. representative allowed the entry to go through, why not another? I know that there are others amongst the walking boys who have met with similar experiences, so let us see what can be done.

There is no doubt that this year's Brighton Walk has given a filip to the event, and firmly established it as an annual event.

FUSILIER.



NEWS OF ST. DUNSTANERS

WE are glad to have had very frequent evidence that the series of articles which recently appeared in these columns under the heading of "Business Building" have been helpful to our readers. So much can be done to increase and maintain trade, whether in workroom or shop, by attracting public attention. F. H. Handley is a St. Dunstaner who gives much thought to this side of business building. His shop deserves particular commendation by reason of the always neat and attractive display in the window and in the other glass cases and cabinets which he has arranged inside in excellent positions to catch the eye of customers. His idea of spending a few minutes in demonstrating to these how he uses his tools will certainly arouse the right kind of interest. People talk about these matters to each other, and the sure result is a steady growth in the circle of one's patrons.

It is satisfactory to hear that all is going well with T. H. Coates, of New Langton. His health is good and the poultry satisfactory. We are looking forward to hearing the result of his exhibits at the recent Penwertham Show. Coates is one of the lucky ones who have gathered in a fine crop of apples and plums this year.

St. Dunstan's post bag has been heavy with letters telling of holidays and the enjoyment thereof. Among those who had a good time at Brighton was R. Warren, of Sketty, Glam., and since his return he has been at work in his garden with renewed energy, we hear. It is one of the best-kept gardens in the district, according to report, and Warren has every right to be proud of it.

A very busy man is E. Hughes, of Neath. Indeed, he finds himself so

occupied with boot work that he has little leisure for mats. He does well, and, as a result of his thoroughness, has secured a steady stream of customers, despite stern competition.

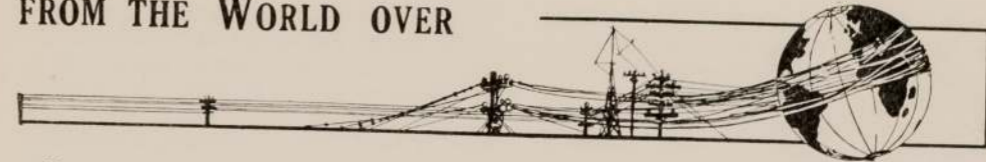
The bungalow where D. J. Williams has made his home in Caerphilly is beginning to look exceedingly nice, and Williams has been most industrious in making concrete sides to the garden path and putting up a fence. All the materials had to be brought from a distance, so it was no easy job, but Williams is thoroughly energetic and a friend lent a helping hand. His poultry is doing fairly well, but Williams found little time for hatching this season, having had an anxious time with his children, one of whom had whooping cough, measles and chicken-pox, while the other developed double pneumonia after measles. Thanks to Mrs. Williams' splendid nursing, both have made an excellent recovery.

At Swansea W. D. John has had a busy summer season, and both he and his assistant have been kept steadily at work in the little shop, which always looks bright and well kept. John has had a stroke of luck in that he has got into touch with an ex-chef, who keeps him supplied with the most tempting looking cakes imaginable.

A tobacconist and basket maker also, A. Waite, of Stourbridge, has been bachelorising for a time as his wife had to take the children away to recuperate after whooping cough. Waite keeps his shop well stocked, and is already at work in connection with a Christmas Club.

Owing to a local strike, M. Oldroyd has been finding things slack, which, being an energetic worker, he hates, so is hoping for a rush when the trouble is over. Meanwhile he is getting through a large amount of literature.

FROM THE WORLD OVER



How many people are preparing themselves for any contests likely to be arranged in their districts during the winter months? J. H. Hey, of Ingrow, who secured first prize in the Ingrow Conservative Handicap (Dominoes) last Christmas, has every intention of winning another victory. He must be an excellent player, for, we believe, there were last year upwards of sixty competitors.

S. Wright, of Willsden (York), is now happily settled in his new house, which promises to be thoroughly satisfactory. The garden is charming—full of scent and blossom—and should be a source of pleasure to Wright in the interludes of his musical engagements for local dances, &c. We hope that Willsden will have a gay winter, for Wright's sake.

An excellent reputation as a basket-maker is being earned by F. Stew, of Hillend Common, and a though there are several basket-makers in the district he is always busy. Stew takes pride in his work and has evolved several new patterns which have attracted attention. He did well, too, by having a stall at a local fête and flower show some few weeks back. This was held in the grounds of a big house, and many influential people came both to buy and admire. Such publicity is always valuable.

Like several other men, T. W. North finds that there is always some odd job or other requiring to be done about a house. He has just put a new floor down in one room—quite a big undertaking—and now means to put up a couple of useful sheds with the old timber. His spare moments he fills in with net-making.

What with mats and baskets, G. T. Shaw, of Walsall, keeps busy. He has just finished a splendid mat for a chapel. Such pieces of work always have a special

"thrill" in them, for one never knows to what they may lead. We congratulate Shaw on the fine craftsmanship he put into the order.

Pigs continue to keep M. W. Brown, of Witton-le-Wear very busy, and of late he has decided to extend his business by curing and selling bacon. We congratulate him upon his enterprise and shall look forward to hearing of his further success.

Good wishes should go to H. McAteer, of Belfast, inasmuch as he has at last secured a shop. It is near his home and in a good central position, so we anticipate that he will do well.

Everyone will sympathise with Mr. and Mrs. Duxbury, of Moston, for they are in great anxiety over their child, who is in hospital with diphtheria. On two occasions they have been sent for in haste to the hospital, where everything possible is being done, but each time the little girl has made a gallant struggle, helped by the sight of her parents. Her pining for home is keeping her back, yet all adults realise that in no home in the kingdom could a child have so good a chance as in a modern hospital. We shall look for further and satisfactory news.

The new premises secured by A. Turrell, of Outwood, promise well, and he is to be congratulated. The house is roomy and the shop on the main road with plenty of ground at the back. Turrell is rejoicing because each week the business has made obvious advances. We send him good wishes for further progress, and are sure that he will be unsparing in his efforts to establish himself.

Surely F. Aubrey is one of our most successful mat-makers? He is always

busy—at the moment has as much work in sight as he can cope with, and practically every order he has had has been the direct result of a recommendation from some satisfied customer. A splendid record indeed!

The move to Chepstow is a great success, according to T. Anderson. They all look better already, and have a fine garden, also a workshed which makes a nice quiet corner for Anderson.

Like Stew, E. Roberts, of Foryd, appreciates the value of publicity and never loses a chance of taking a stall at local fetes or sports. He has already had two this year, one in June and one in August, when the British Legion organised festivities in the neighbourhood. This was a great success; he sold a number of baskets, besides a hammock, and secured several orders.

Life with the milk round seems to suit J. Thomas, of Cowbridge, exceedingly well. In addition he does a good deal of trading with eggs and other goods, and sees his way to making a really good thing of it in the future, if he can get the help he wants. We wish him good luck and prosperity.

J. Yarwood, of Manchester, intends to start a Grindery business. We shall look forward to hearing of its development, and feel confident that Yarwood will make a success of what he undertakes, since he is a steady and industrious worker.

It is not often we have news of A. Dembenski, of Cheltenham, so perhaps it will be appreciated the more. He is in exceedingly comfortable lodgings at present, and his hosts take a keen interest in his bag-making, which is helpful. Dembenski is lucky in having other St. Dunstaners in the neighbourhood. Quite a little group often meets together.

Mr. and Mrs. Brewer are delighted with the new home, Releath Crowan, their friends will be glad to hear. It is obviously

in a healthy situation, for there is a noticeable improvement in the health of the entire family, according to report. It is quite a roomy house and has a good length of garden, and, since there is a strong local demand for eggs, Brewer has visions of what might be done even with only a few fowls. We hope that he will be able to fulfil his ambitions.

Another who will lend his hand to any job going is F. Saxon, of Cross Gate; recently he helped to point the chimney of his house.

W. Davies, of Blockley, is busily at work on wool rugs, and is getting a good deal of satisfaction out of his handicraft. D. Alexander is hauling logs to a saw-mill, which keeps his two horses and cart at work as well as himself, while W. McLurg has started a small shop in addition to his poultry farm, so must be a very busy man indeed.

Another of our shopkeepers is J. H. New, of Albrighton, and his store is doing fairly well. Indeed, August Bank Holiday week broke the record in takings, but all the same New continues with his boot repairing. We share his pride in the fact that many old customers send him their repairs from a distance.

Yate is "eight hours from London by tandem," according to E. E. Bryer, who has just made the journey with a friend to pay a pleasant visit, but Bryer is one of those blessed with a large circle of friends, and they are all around him in Yate, as well as in London. The tandem, of course, helps him to keep in touch with them.

A. W. Ballard is full of hope in regard to his prospects now that he is settled on the Sherwood Estate, for it stands to reason that people will be requiring mats for the new houses that are going up all around. In addition, he anticipates building up a good boot-repairing trade; as there seems little competition at present. Before it comes may he have gained a wide circle of customers who are all good walkers!

A novel advertising idea has occurred to E. J. Roberts, and we shall look to hear that it has brought him good custom. Finding his little work-shed was somewhat out of the way, he decided to paint his name and occupation on the roof, where it could not fail to be seen by all who pass down the main road.

Space is growing short, but mention must be made of yet a few more St. Dunstaners: J. Ham, for instance, of Taff's Well, who has been putting excellent work into his garden. As he is a general favourite in the neighbourhood he gets advice whenever he needs it, and what with this and his own unsparing efforts, his beans, potatoes and peas have flourished splendidly this year. His rose-trees, grown from cuttings, have brought him high praise.

Another gardener is B. B. Bowering, of Nailsea, and the roses on his arches are repaying him for the care he has given them. Bowering has gone in for utility as well as beauty and has laid out onion beds. These are presenting rather a problem at present, as his young turkeys seem to have a great partiality for the excellent crop he has raised!

R. Stanners, of High Wycombe, is doing well with his shop and has now bought a small motor van to facilitate deliveries. T. Marsden, of Blackburn, sends word that his tomato crop has been a splendid success this year, the plants being laden. F. Tait, who, by the way, still finds his singing birds of great interest, has now opened a Temperance Bar as an adjunct to his sweet shop. W. H. Hildick, of Shrewsbury, is doing well with both poultry and goats, but has also found time to do all his own garden planting; his rows of cabbages have been marvellous in their regularity. And to end our notes, T. Till, of Lancaster, whose carpentry as all know is excellent, has found considerable business in the making of doors for back yards.

A stroke of luck fell to the lot of J. Stubbs, of Liverpool, lately—he won a

splendid three-valve wireless set in a "draw," and is on the way to becoming quite a wireless expert, we hear.

How many St. Dunstaners are interested in "Toc H"? A. Bundy is an enthusiastic member of a branch that has just been formed in Gloucester. He has a good many interests, and sometimes they come into conflict—for instance, at the unveiling of the Gloucester Regiment War Memorial he found himself wanted in two places at once, and it became a question whether he should parade with his old regiment or with the British Legion.

Another British Legion man is F. W. Westaway, of Yeovil. He has just had the honour of being elected to the "War Ministry Committee" in the Yeovil British Legion, and this for the third time. Twelve members were elected, and Westaway almost topped the poll, coming only one vote after the leader.

Friends of W. Alston, of Preston, will be sorry to hear that he had rather a nasty fall a short time back and hurt his back—he fell downstairs when bringing a perambulator down. No serious injury was done, but it was an unpleasant adventure, and Alston has felt a good deal of stiffness.

G. Price, of Clacton-on-Sea, has also been in trouble, having developed a septic leg as the result of a mosquito bite. At one time the doctor was afraid that amputation might be necessary; however, he is well on the way to recovery now, all will be glad to know.

What with pullets and pigs and mats, J. Nolan, of Hinstock, does not find himself with much leisure, but, being a keen politician, he takes a prominent part in his local Unionist Association and has won many congratulations of late owing to the fact that he persuaded a certain Liberal householder of the righteousness of his cause and obtained a subscription from him!

"Health very good," says J. Orrell, of Wigan, who has mats, boots, and clogs to occupy him. The Wigan Coal & Iron Co. has been one of his best customers for mats hitherto, but just now the unsatisfactory state of the coal trade is making things rather slack. A great improvement made has been the casing in of Orrell's window, and his sister is doing Trojan work for him in working up a sale for boot sundries and also new boots.

The new baby is a constant source of delight to J. R. Brown, and he is a flourishing youngster who grows apace, we hear. Brown himself has been hard at work of late, preparing for winter sales, which he says are always better than summer. He is a wonderfully quick basket-maker and always has a fine stock on hand, which no doubt has much to do with his success.

In Batley, H. Gunson is now happily settled into a house barely three minutes walk from Skelly, so the two spend much time poring over wireless problems and delights, for both are enthusiasts. Gunson is delighted with the position of his new house, and we hope to hear shortly that it is benefiting him in every way.

The latest recruit to the wireless band is G. H. Gilpin, of Thorverton, whose health is "excellent," his friends will be glad to hear. Gilpin is one of the fortunate ones who always contrive to get sufficient work, even in these difficult times. Indeed, it seems the correct thing to send boot repairs to him from the surrounding villages. He takes a very real interest in every job he undertakes, which, of course, makes for satisfaction, and is fortunate in having a capable wife who is always ready to lend assistance when required.

Another boot man who is always careful and eager to please is L. Johns, of Exeter. The shop is invariably clean, neat, and attractive, and Johns never minds putting

in long hours when required. No wonder that he has a steady stream of work coming in.

As enthusiastic as Gilpin, but in a different line, is A. Holland, of Rushden. He is absorbed in his chickens, from all accounts, and rarely can be torn from his farm.

What is sauce for one man is not for another, and the holiday season has made things somewhat slack in Higham Ferrers, where P. Austin is plying his basket trade. However, Austin says this is quite satisfactory, so far as he is concerned, for it just gives him time to try some new stuff and get up a stock ready for Christmas. May it be an unusually brisk demand that confronts him before long!

Evidently people in Market Drayton are overhauling their stock of boots for the winter, for D. Marshall reports trade as excellent. Perhaps this is partly owing to the fact that he has succeeded in making his shop quite a rendezvous. Many people drop in to have a chat with him while he is at work, and so he certainly never lacks for company. When the friends are not enthusiastic Buffaloes, or members of the British Legion Committee, they are associated with the local football team or some other of Marshall's many interests.

A new device to "buck up trade" occurred to E. Varley, of Handsworth, the other day. He had some handbills printed, quoting his prices for repairs and saying that he was giving away rubber heels to his customers. It has brought him quite a rush, and he is aiming at keeping these new customers permanently.

J. Robinson, of Madeley, who always has plenty of enthusiasm, has started a new venture—no less than two shops. One is for fried fish, and the other for cooked meats, &c., and tobacco. The position is good and, given painstaking care and plenty of energy, Robinson should make a success. We send him our good wishes.

Canadian St. Dunstaners Greetings from the Sir Arthur Pearson Club.

ONE of the happiest features of St. Dunstan's great organisation is the splendid spirit of camaraderie which neither the passage of years nor separation by seas and continents can affect. We have the greatest pleasure in publishing below a letter received by our Chairman from the President of the Sir Arthur Pearson Club at Toronto, and a copy of Captain Fraser's reply on behalf of St. Dunstan's:

Club Headquarters,
186 Beverley Street,
Toronto, Ontario.
25th September 1925.

Capt. Ian Fraser,
Chairman, St. Dunstan's Hostel,
Regent's Park, London, N.W.1.

DEAR CAPT. FRASER,—

Members of the Sir Arthur Pearson Club of Blinded Soldiers and Sailors, assembled in annual general meeting at the Club Headquarters, Pearson Hall, Toronto, on 15th September, expressed by unanimous vote the sincere desire that their heartiest greeting and best wishes should be extended to St. Dunstan's and through it to ex-St. Dunstaners.

Canadian blinded soldiers, when gathered together, always feel an instinctive desire to once more express their appreciation for the part which St. Dunstan's has, directly or indirectly, played in their lives, and will ever be grateful for the assistance and encouragement received. The sincere hope was expressed that St. Dunstan's would flourish and that the living memory of Sir Arthur might be maintained as a guiding and encouraging factor in the future.

It is therefore with the greatest pleasure that we forward you this expression of sincere greetings and best wishes for the future.

Yours faithfully,
(Sgd.) A. G. VIETS,
President.

St. Dunstan's Headquarters,
Regent's Park, London, N.W.1.
8th October 1925.

DEAR MR. VIETS,—

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of 25th September, sending greetings to St. Dunstan's and St. Dunstaners throughout the Empire from the members of the Sir Arthur Pearson Club, Toronto.

I am publishing your letter and my reply in the next number of the ST. DUNSTAN'S REVIEW, through the medium of which it will reach our men.

It is a source of great satisfaction to us now that the memory of Sir Arthur is as alive

in your minds as it is in ours, and that the link between our organisation and St. Dunstan's men in Canada should be so strongly preserved, through the influence of your Club.

On behalf of St. Dunstan's and all British blinded soldiers, I thank you for your message, and ask you to accept and convey to your members an expression of our appreciation and good wishes.

Yours sincerely,
(Sgd.) IAN FRASER,
Chairman.

We hope to publish in our next issue a report of the interesting Re-union from which this kindly greeting came.

St. Dunstaners will much regret to learn that Staff-Sergeant-Major Porter, the Editor of our contemporary, "The Frontiersman," and one of the earliest St. Dunstaners, has been seriously ill. He is still in hospital, but has, we are pleased to state, taken a turn for the better. Although he is progressing as well as can be expected, it will be some weeks before he is himself again. He desires to express his keen appreciation of the interest which has been taken in him during his illness throughout the whole of the Legion of Frontiersmen, and also by many St. Dunstaners.

At Buckingham Palace.

Two more parties, organised by the "Not Forgotten Association," have been held at Buckingham Palace lately. And to both these St. Dunstaners were invited. Tea, provided by their Majesties, was served in the Royal Riding School, and during and after it a musical programme was rendered by volunteer artists. As usual, Princess Mary Viscountess Lascelles sent "smokes" for the guests. Needless to say, everyone enjoyed themselves.

Among those present on the last occasion, which, by the way, was the last party of the season, were: A. S. Dolby, S. Bush, C. E. Crook, E. Milne, H. Bray, W. A. Bowering, G. Hill, G. E. Bateman, H. Jones, V. P. Mordue, H. A. Russell, and W. Rickaby.

Canary Breeding—Chapter VI

By F. TAIT

CONCLUSION

THE fundamental in training the roller canary is to be able to train the bird to sing when you require it to do so, that is, on the judge's table. To obtain this object I recommend that about the last week in October the young cocks be placed in contest cages. These cages should be used for sending away birds for contests. The dimensions are 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ ins. by 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins. by 10 ins. The interior must be of velour 66 colour, and the outside black. As great importance is attached to the correct type of cage, it is advisable before attempting to make one to obtain a specimen. After being placed in contest cages, the shutters of which should be kept closed in accordance with the darkening process used in training, move the birds about, talk to them, run them from one cage to another, or any other method whereby the birds get familiar with conditions under which he will be called upon to sing before the judge. A good method I find is to open an old bird out with the young cocks so as to give them the clue to what is required of them. The object of this is to get the ready response of the old bird, which I find the most successful in getting the pupils to start off with their song as soon as the cage doors are opened. This is what is required for the contests. Nothing is more annoying to the judge than to wait overlong for a bird to start his song. Bear in mind that a third-rate songster will always bear a first-rate bird, provided the latter does not sing. Every inducement should therefore be tried to train the birds to go through their song steadily and readily when called upon to do so by the opening of their cage doors.

The contests will now be held by various roller clubs throughout the country. Having decided upon the contest you intend to send to, apply to the secretary for a schedule. The rules governing all contests are practically identical and will be sent along with schedule.

On no account place any tit-bits in the cage. Give the birds their seed for preference, or canary and rape. Never forget to empty the water tins prior to sending away by rail. See that the perches in the contest cages are very firmly fixed. On returning from the show, clean the cage out, and give them a fresh supply of their own seed. A little warm bread and milk, a dose of Parrish's Chemical Food, or a few drops of whisky or brandy is often beneficial after a long train journey.

I now conclude my report. Remember, don't get downhearted if you fail to get a card at the first attempt. Remember the old motto: "If at first you don't succeed, try, try, try again."

Some Good Stories.

A. Gaffney, of Salford, in the course of a letter, sends us some good stories. Here are two or three of them:—

He: "Did you ever hear the story of the Jew who paid twice?"

She: "No, dear."

He: "And you never will."

Manager: "Have you anything special on for Sunday evening?"

Typist: "Nothing in particular, Sir."

Manager: "Then try and get to the office a bit earlier on Monday morning."

At a recent inquest held on a Scotsman who was knocked down by a taxi at one of London's busiest crossings, it was stated that he was picking up a sixpence which had caught his eye while he stood on the pavement. A verdict of "Death from natural causes" was returned.

Can you say the following quickly? He said, "Can you fight?" I said "Fight?" He said "Yes." I said "Who?" He said "You." I said "Me?" He said "Yes." I said "No." He said "Oh!"

Births—Marriages—Deaths

Births

BENNETT.—On the 1st October, to the wife of A. Bennett, of Chepstow, a daughter.

HENRY.—On the 15th of September, to the wife of W. Henry, of Islington, a son (John William).

HILL.—At Tideswell, on the 24th of August, a daughter to the wife of R. E. Hill.

JOHNS.—On the 23rd September, to the wife of L. Johns, of Exeter, a daughter.

KENNEDY.—On August the 18th, to the wife of J. Kennedy, of Dundee, a son.

MOORE.—On the 14th of September, to the wife of G. Moore, of Canterbury, a daughter.

MORGAN.—On the 27th September, to the wife of J. Morgan, of Wantage, a son.

WEBSTER.—To the wife of G. Webster, of Leeds, a son, on the 25th of August.

Marriages

ROGERS-HUGHES.—On the 4th of August, at Eccles Salvation Hall, A. G. Rogers, of Biggleswade, to Miss Florrie Hughes, of Manchester.

MAHER-GREGORY.—On the 16th of August, H. Maher, of New Kent Road, S.E., to Miss Jane [Elizabeth] Gregory.

Deaths

This month we have to offer sympathy to:—

Mr. and Mrs. L. Bowles, of Liverpool, who, on the 19th of August, lost their little daughter, Anne Jane.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Kitchen, of Hyde, Manchester, as on the 31st of August they lost their only daughter. She was only 21 years of age.

Mr. and Mrs. McCann, of Ireland. He has just lost his father (with whom they lived), while only a short time ago Mrs. McCann's mother passed away.

Mr. and Mrs. Popple, of Carmarthen, whose baby son died on the day of his birth—September the 18th.

Mr. C. A. Stracey, of Stratford, who on the 9th of September lost his father after a long and painful illness.

Mr. G. Spires, of Shirley, Barbers Hill, Barnards Green, Malvern, who on the 11th of September lost his wife.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Thompson, of Bolton, who on the 28th of July lost their little daughter, Josephine.

Mr. W. W. Walter, of Plymouth, who lost his father suddenly on the 2nd of September. Mr. Walters, senior, was 80 years of age.

We also send our sincere sympathy to W. Collins, of Baldock, Herts, who lost his father on the 1st October. He died suddenly after a short illness, of bronchitis.

A Correction

We are sorry that an error crept into our notice concerning the late R. T. Oliver, of Wallingford, Oxon. His age was given as 37, this should have been 28. Will Mrs. Oliver please accept our apology.

Royal Ancient Order of Buffaloes

The following, from the *Eastleigh Weekly News*, will be read with much interest by St. Dunstaners:—

"R.A.O.B.—A large number of brethren of the Sir Richard Brown Lodge and other lodges of the above assembled on Tuesday evening at the Crown Hotel to witness the exaltation of Bro. W. Lowings to the dignity of the second degree. The installing officer was Bro. W. Cox, K.O.M., P.G.P., of the Southampton Province, who was ably supported during the ceremony by Bro. W. Rogers, K.O.M., Bro. T. Elliott, K.O.M., Bro. Beckett, K.O.M., Bro. E. G. Last, C.P., Bro. Fellows, C.P., and other Grand Lodges officers. A regalia visit was also paid by the "Prince of Wales" Lodge from Bishopstoke, of which Bro. Lowings is a hard-working member, while members of the "Reliance" Lodge also attended in regalia to do honour to this hard-working brother of the Order."

Letters to the Editor

Worcester College for the Blind,
Worcester.
29th September, 1925.

To the Editor,
"ST. DUNSTAN'S REVIEW."

Dear Sir,

I was gratified by your kind reference in the current number of ST. DUNSTAN'S REVIEW to our regatta, and I should like to say how much we, at Worcester, appreciate the sportsmanship of your crews in coming so far to give us some races and the good form that the crews showed in somewhat unfamiliar conditions. In regard to this, it is very unfortunate that as St. Dunstan's and Worcester train in boats of a different class it is almost impossible to arrange races under perfectly equal conditions. As the light boats on the placid Severn handicap your men, so do the heavy craft on the tideway handicap ours. However, it was good to renew the old rivalry and each cheerful fight that your crews put up against odds was fresh evidence of the splendid spirit that animates St. Dunstan's.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,
(Sgd.) G. C. BROWN.

Keelby,
Habrough,
Lincs.

28th September 1925.

To the Editor,

"ST. DUNSTAN'S REVIEW."

Dear Sir,

Regarding your article in the current issue of the REVIEW, *re* "One-armed Motorists," I must say that I fully endorse your opinion that a person who has only one arm should not be barred from the pleasures of driving a motor car. I know personally a man who lives only four miles away from me who is as good a motorist as his more fortunate brothers. This man has his right arm off just below the shoulder (I may say here he lost it in the war), and it is simply wonderful

how he manages a car. Not only is he able to drive a car, but he can also repair one—that is, take the engine to pieces and put it together without any assistance whatever.

I think, myself, that there are too many "Dismal Jimmies" in this world who think because a man has some disability that he is unable to take part in any pleasures of this world. If they would only care to look around and see what some men less fortunate than themselves are doing I think they would soon change their opinions. They have only to look at the achievements of the blinded ex-soldiers trained at St. Dunstan's to show them that a man can take a pleasure in trying to become a normal and useful member of society.

Therefore, in conclusion, I say let the one-armed motorist have his car and enjoy it to the full.

Yours faithfully,
(Sgd.) T. W. CHAMBERLAIN.

Information contained in a letter to Captain Fraser from P. Brown, of Woking, may be of interest to other intending holiday makers. In the course of his letter Brown says that they have been spending a very pleasant time at Littlehampton with Mr. Kirk, whom many St. Dunstaners will remember was at one time a College orderly at Regent's Park and also at the Hospital. Brown pays high tribute to the comfort and attention he received both from Mr. and Mrs. Kirk. Perhaps we cannot do better, in justice to both, than to quote his words. He says: "We found the house most comfortable and the charges most moderate. Also Mrs. Kirk is a good cook and altogether a good sort to stay with. Also Mr. Kirk, having been used to the blind, makes a good companion in the evenings for anyone staying there. Littlehampton is an ideal place for anyone with children, and I am sure there would be many others among the men who would be as pleased as we were to find so homely a place to stay at." We may add that Mr. Kirk's address is 86 East Ham Road, Littlehampton, Sussex.

SPORTS CLUB NOTES

ONCE more our sports are in full swing, and this term, judging by the very keen sportsmen we have with us, I feel quite sure it will be a very successful one.

Our footballers are going strong, especially as regards their kicking powers, because it has just been reported that a very hot shot from one of our marksmen struck the goal-keeper in a spot where he usually puts his dinner, with very uncomfortable results. We trust that Mr. Martin will soon be quite all right again and able to carry on.

We have again eight teams in the league, and the following titles of the teams, with the names of the players, will be interesting to all those who take notice of our doings. A number of matches have already been played, and it has appeared to us that the shooting has been remarkably good.

TEAMS AND RESULTS

<i>The Timothies</i>	<i>The Peachers</i>	<i>The Bowerings</i>
Lomas.	C. Peach.	J. Aiken.
Healey.	T. Peach.	Eason.
Jones.	Mortimer.	Bowering.
S. Williams.	F. Shepherd.	Bedford.
Harlow.	Crook.	Newman.
Bush.	J. Shepherd.	Short.
<i>The Rackabites</i>	<i>The United</i>	<i>The Wallonians</i>
Phillips.	Bray.	Fletcher.
Milligan.	Jock Aitken.	Eccleston.
Milne.	Comley.	Percival.
Briggs.	Davis.	Bentley.
Hill.	Bayer.	Craddock.
Rickaby.	Hayter.	Boyce.
	<i>The Wireless</i>	<i>The Didos</i>
	Tetley.	Aldridge.
	White.	Radley.
	Cole.	Brookes.
	Knight.	Steel.
	Stuart.	Peacey.
	Harkness.	Foster.

Reserves.—Nichols, Cook, Chambers.

RESULTS

Sept.			
24th.	United 2	Didos 0	
	Wireless 5	Wallonians .. 3	
29th.	Didos 3	Wallonians .. 2	
	United 8	Wireless 4	

Oct.			
1st.	Timothies .. 6	Rackabites .. 4	
	Bowerings .. 6	Peachers .. 3	
2nd.	Didos 3	Wireless .. 3	
	United 7	Wallonians .. 3	
6th.	Peachers .. 6	Didos 5	
	Wireless .. 8	Timothies .. 7	

OLD BOYS' SPORTS

We have had a particularly successful summer term, and it has seemed to us all that our new venture where S.S. and T.B. have joined together has been most successful. It has provided us with keen competition all through, and when we go through the points secured by the various competitors it will be seen how extraordinarily well the T.B.'s have done. We heartily congratulate Nicholls on topping the T.B. section and MacFarlane on getting second place, also in the S.S. section Bawden and James in securing first and second places respectively. I do not only congratulate those men but also all who have turned up and shown such keen sportsmanship week after week, and I think it is only right to add what a pleasure it has been also to those who have been taking part in the organisation of these sports.

AFTER-CARE SPORTS

		POINTS	
		T.B.	S.S.
Nichols	.. 872½	Bawden 1065
McFarlane	.. 780	James 932½
Kerr	.. 765	Scott 820
Webster	.. 740	Brown 735
Thompson	.. 732½	Cookson 595
Henry	.. 625	Steel 500
Winter	.. 460	Prior 415
Nuyens	.. 435	Downs 395
Ingram	.. 410	Fleming 290
Meighan	.. 322½		

PRESENT BOYS' SPORTS

I am particularly interested in the preliminary meetings of this section of the sports, because these numbers include a great many men who have not done this sort of sport before, and already they have entered into things with the true St.

Dunstan's spirit and have shown remarkable aptitude. The points give an indication of what these men have done, and next month I hope to be able to report still more progress.

POINTS	
T.B.	S.S.
C. Peach .. 400	Davies .. 360
Tetley .. 180	Phelps .. 220
T. Peach .. 160	Rickaby .. 175
Milligan } .. 150	J. Shepherd .. 130
Chambers } .. 90	Mortimer .. 120
S. Aitken .. 90	Craddock .. 115
Eccleston .. 80	Cole } .. 100
Cook .. 65	Comley } .. 100
Bootle .. 30	Peacey .. 80
	Moore .. 65
	Short .. 55
	Briggs } .. 50
	Vernon } .. 50
	Crook .. 40
	Eden .. 30

Our winter sports in the Bungalow will have commenced this month, and it is hardly necessary for me to say how very much we would welcome beginners. I know that once they start they will carry on. This term we are adding one or two new items and are giving special attention to physical jerks.

SWIMMING

I am just recording the results of three more swimming galas to which our men were invited. In each case they had a wonderful reception, and we are most grateful to those who were kind enough to ask us.

Walthamstow Swimming Gala.—1st, Henry; Cookson and Downs (dead heat).

"S" Division Police Swimming Gala.—1st, Henry; 2nd, Birch; 3rd, Downs; 4th, Cookson.

Amalgamated Press Swimming Gala.—Over and under water, Bawden beat Cookson by two yards.

One Length Handicap.—1st, Bawden; 2nd, Cookson; 3rd, Downs; 4th, Wilson.

May I remind our swimmers that Instructor Jones is holding his classes at the Marylebone Baths on Wednesdays and Fridays at 6 o'clock, and as we are hopeful later on in the year of organising a small swimming gala confined to our boys at these baths, I would suggest that all those who intend entering would not only let me know as soon as possible, but also get in as much practice as possible. Our competition will consist of:—

1 length for T.B. section,
1 .. S.S. section,
1 .. Novices,
and a Plunging Competition.

Please do not fail to let me know if you desire to enter so that we shall know exactly what arrangements to make.

LEAGUE MATCHES

I do not know that I have ever experienced such strong inclinations to attend the various league matches as are at present shown by the men. Our numbers seem to hover between 25 and 32—this may be due to the fact that both Chelsea and Arsenal are not only so kind to us but also are generous to their supporters.

We went to Fulham the other day, and our presence must have inspired the team and brought along "good luck," because our visit coincided with Fulham's first win of the season.

SPORTS MEETING

Quite a large number of our sportsmen attended the meeting which was held in the Bungalow on Tuesday, 6th October. There was an excellent and helpful discussion, and the following points were decided upon:

(a) BRIGHTON WALK DATE

It was decided to test the feeling of all who have competed in this walk as to the advisability of altering the date to an earlier period of the year so that our men could have greater facilities for getting in their training and finishing their walking, so that they could carry on in the summer free of walking anxieties. We are writing our Brighton walkers, and when their decision is definitely known, we are arranging a series of three walks—6, 12, and 21 miles, respectively, which were decided upon.

We will endeavour to incorporate in one of these walks a three-mile event for novices.

(b) RUNNING

It was resolved during the summer months to organise two or three running races, consisting of two, three, and five miles. Further particulars will, of course, be given later on.

(c) BIRMINGHAM ROAD RACE

In response to an invitation from Miss Hodgson to send a team of four to take part in the Birmingham 15 mile walk on 24th October, the meeting unanimously decided to send Ingram, Birch, Scott and Brown. It was also suggested that Lenderyou and Fallowfield should be reserves.

During the meeting hearty expressions of thanks were accorded both to Corporal-Major Tovell and to Miss Stacey, our Sports Sister, for all the energetic and enthusiastic work they are putting in. I entirely concur with this and am so pleased that such good work is recognised.

PHYSICAL JERKS

It may be interesting to all "jerkers" that the average morning jerks party is bigger than ever, and that each morning large parties of the troops are to be both seen and heard in the park. J. E. W.

H. Minchin, of Worplesdon, is one of the keenest of St. Dunstan's gardeners, and in view of the fact that Minchin himself does not enjoy particularly robust health, it is the more creditable to him that he achieves such splendid results. Recent successes gained by him are eleven prizes in the Guild of Blind Gardeners' Exhibition, including two firsts, and also first prize for general collection of produce at Windlesham.

A special bed-tray made by S. Holmes, of Belfast, for a local clergyman has brought him the following fine testimony:

"We are delighted with the tray, the workmanship is beautiful. It reflects the greatest credit on you. I have been showing it to some friends, including the contractor who built our house. All vote it a triumph, while the contractor says it is as fine a piece of joinery he has ever seen. We shall probably be needing some further articles after a while, and I pray that you may be long spared in health to continue such creditable work."

The King and St. Dunstan's

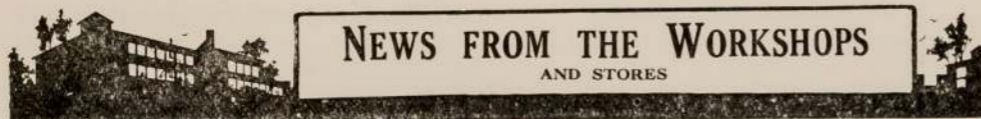
His Majesty the King has again granted permission for the Royal Box to be placed at the disposal of St. Dunstan's this winter for the Sunday Afternoon Concerts at the Albert Hall. Applications from After-Care men for tickets should reach Mrs. Bates by the Thursday of any week for tickets for the following Sunday. The men of St. Dunstan's have now enjoyed for some years past this typically generous gift of his Majesty, and the privilege it conveys is always much sought after.

A New Competition

A generous donor, who desires to remain anonymous, has sent us the sum of 25s. to be awarded as prizes in any simple competition we care to initiate. We are anxious that all our readers should have an equal chance to win this prize, and we have therefore designed a little competition somewhat on the lines of that being at present run by a well-known periodical. Below will be found an imaginary paragraph from a speech supposed to have been delivered by a St. Dunstanian. Four words are purposely omitted, and competitors are required to fill in these words.

To the competitor sending in the four correct words, whose entry is first opened, we will award a prize of £1, and to the second nearest a consolation prize of 5s. Entries must reach us not later than the 10th November next, addressed "Missing Word Competition," The Editor, ST. DUNSTAN'S REVIEW, Headquarters of St. Dunstan's Work, Inner Circle, Regent's Park, London, N.W.1.

"As one who is himself a graduate of that wonderful known to the world as "St. Dunstan's," I should like to pay to the splendid work that is done for the men who were blinded in the War. I do not feel that I am speaking in when I say that St. Dunstan's has literally re-built the whole mental and material outlook of over two full battalions of men who must have thought when blindness came upon them that there had come also the end of most things worth for."



NEWS FROM THE WORKSHOPS AND STORES

BOOT SHOP

E. S. Hayter made quite a good start this term in all parts of the work, and we can congratulate him particularly upon his finishing, as he has reached a standard which is not usual for beginners. Some previous knowledge of the work has been very useful to F. Craddock; his bench work is quite promising. J. Lomas is making good use of a short revision course, showing a great keenness in acquiring knowledge of the finer details of the trade, and gaining considerable confidence. J. T. Davies is also very anxious to increase his knowledge of the craft, and is putting in some very useful work. The marked improvement in the work of W. A. Bowering during last month also deserves commendation. I am glad to refer again to the very steady and consistent work of J. Aitken; he puts in very good time, and makes use of every bit of it. A. G. Briggs is tackling every class of work, and is capable of quite first-class results, so that we are very confident as to his future prospects. W. E. Brooks has the honour of being the first man to turn up after the holidays, and has turned out some excellent jobs, still persevering with his hand-sewn work. Another of our most competent men is F. J. Shepherd; he keeps up to a very excellent standard of work, and always turns out a good job. His first attempt in the Mat Shop was also very satisfactory.

MAT SHOP

Devonshire scores a point through the work of O. Cole, the report on his first mats being distinctly good. S. Aitken places his thrums extremely well, and is also steadily and surely making advance in other parts of the work. H. Bray is also doing better with each mat he makes, and is now feeling quite at home with the use of coloured fibre in the insertion borders and lettered mats. Perhaps it is the presence of his wife—who is able to look

him up fairly frequently—which gives him encouragement and confidence. C. Knight has completed his Poultry Joinery Course, and, during September, did some very useful work with plain mats and a five-diamond mat. His test mat was thoroughly well made throughout.

BASKET SHOP

G. E. Bateman has his own handicaps to overcome with regard to his work, but there is always, without doubt, a steady advance. The work he has already got through should warrant him in having more confidence in his future efforts. H. C. Bayer has not yet made the advance we expected, though his recent work on waste papers has shown improvement. Since taking up centre cane work, W. Stuart has done better; his health also has improved, and he is doing much more reliable and satisfactory work. J. Percival is also getting quite a useful man on centre cane work, having made barrels, workbaskets, trays and teapot stands. This advance has been very consistent and steady. The previous reports that we have made on F. W. Bootle's work have been well followed up by his subsequent work. He has got a very sound knowledge of the articles he has made, and we anticipate that he will be able to do well with these, and also make further advances. J. H. Mason has been tackling larger work since the holidays, and also obtaining some knowledge of getting out skeins. Some plate baskets gave him quite useful experience, and he has done some good work on round soiled-linens. A. E. Chambers has also been going strong; he has got through a variety of work in quite good style, his oval work being the best that he has done yet.

JOINERY

The natural bent which G. Newman has for the craft is becoming increasingly evident; he appears to advance quite

easily, and there is every promise that he will make a good workman. Good work is also quite characteristic of G. E. Crook; he finds his jobs so absorbing that we often find him at work beyond the usual hours. Increasing accuracy and neatness has been shown on what J. Boyce has been doing, and we congratulate him on the varied articles that he has been making this term.

W. H. O.

Many St. Dunstan's men, particularly boot repairers, will learn with sorrow that one who was a very familiar figure in the old workshops passed away on the 6th October, after a long and painful illness, Mr. Portsmouth was an experienced man at his trade, and gave valuable assistance to the men under his charge. The frequent call for "Jack" in the old days always received a ready response. Our sympathy goes out to his wife in her bereavement.

W. H. O.

Radio Guild for the Blinded

WE have received from Captain F. Peirson-Webber, whom many old St. Dunstaners will remember in connection with his devoted labours in the training of many of our earlier poultry farmers, particulars of the formation of a Radio Guild for the Blinded. Briefly stated, the objects of the Guild are to render every possible assistance to blinded persons to take up radio; to enrol all blinded persons as members of the Guild; to enrol sighted persons as friends of the Guild; and to hold quarterly talks "By the Blinded for the Blinded," by arrangement with the British Broadcasting Company.

In further explanation of these main objects of the Guild, Capt. Peirson-Webber informs us, as regards the Midland Counties, in which the Guild has first taken birth, that the Midland Counties Trust for the Blinded are the treasurers of the Guild, while the Midland Counties Associations for the Blind have promised their support in due course. It is hoped to establish a capable representative in every city, town and village in the Midland Counties, and eventually, through

County and other Societies for the Blinded, to extend the operations of the Guild throughout the country. With the approval of supporting authorities it is proposed to organise an annual day for the collection of funds for the general work on behalf of the war-blinded, of which a minimum of 25 per cent. it is suggested should be devoted to the work of the Radio Guild. Sighted helpers will be registered to assist in the instalment and repair of all members' radio sets.

We need hardly say that we wish Capt. Peirson-Webber's enterprise every possible success. Those of our readers who desire to assist in the formation of the Guild, or to become enrolled as members, should address all communications to Capt. Peirson-Webber at Ettington Manor, Stratford-on-Avon, marking envelopes "Radio Guild for the Blinded" in the top left-hand corner.

A Jew at the outbreak of war had fifty gold sovereigns in his possession. Looking at the paper one day he saw that the English £ had dropped in value, so he took twenty of the coins to the bank and was handed twenty £1 notes in exchange. Looking again one day he saw that the £ had still further gone down in value, so he took the remainder of his coins to the bank, and, as before, was handed £1 notes to their value. The clerk at the bank, wondering what the Jew was laughing at him for, asked him the reason. "Have you not seen the papers in reference to the English £?" said the Jew. "You idiot," replied the clerk. "We are giving 24s. each for those coins you have been exchanging here." And the Jew fainted at the deal he had made at the bank.

DANGEROUS.

"Children," said the Teacher, "can any of you tell me what is the most dangerous part of a motor-car?"

Up went a hand, and Tommy (who walks to school), responded shrilly: "Yes'm, I can; it's the driver!"

Departmental Notes

Miss V. S. Cotton, who has given such untiring service to St. Dunstan's for so many years, has asked us to publish the following message, which we very gladly do. We are quite sure our readers will wish Miss Cotton every happiness and success in the new and important work she is undertaking.

Miss Reynolds, whom everyone knows at St. Dunstan's, is taking over the direction of the Braille and Typewriting Classes.

Miss Cotton writes as follows:—"It is with very real regret that I am leaving St. Dunstan's after seven years there, but I have had some work offered me which everyone seems to think I ought to accept. I shall still be in London, so hope to often see my many St. Dunstan's friends. Miss Reynolds, who is well known to many, is taking on my work."

(Sgd.) V. S. COTTON.

Braille Notes

Hearty congratulations to J. H. Mason on passing the Braille Reading Test.

Typewriting Notes

Our best wishes to J. Ecclestone, G. Newman, H. Bayer, who have passed their Typewriting Tests.

Telephony Notes

We heartily congratulate M. Printie (Jock), who started at Divisional Head Office, Edinburgh, on 26th August. We are proud to think he is the first St. Dunstan's telephonist to start in Scotland.

M. H. R.

Netting Notes

We think it is possible that some of our netters may have heard of our activities at the Toy Dog Show at the Crystal Palace on 23rd September. Our toy hammocks were shown in most of the picture papers on the following day, and the *Daily Mirror*

printed what was called "The latest in luxury for lap dogs," this being a picture of a tiny Pekinese reposing comfortably in one of our toy hammocks on our stand. Although we had prepared especially for this occasion pretty coloured dog beds with wool rugs to match, it was a surprise to find that, in addition to meeting the good demand for these attractive articles, our toy hammocks were also appropriate to the occasion! We are going again to the Crystal Palace next week to attend another big dog show. We hope that we may in this manner open up a new development for sales which may help to take the place of the Wembley Exhibition when this closes at the end of October. As most of the big sports meetings are held at the Crystal Palace, we look forward to doing good business with our sports nets all the year round in this new locality. G. H. W.

A Netting Expert

We are glad to learn from a letter received from A. Mason, of Pietermaritzburg, Natal, South Africa, that he is doing very well indeed. In the course of his letter, Mason says: "I have been very busy. St. Dunstan's had a stall at the Martizburg Show, which was opened by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and this kept me busy for a month or two. I had not finished with orders from this show when another show was held in Durban, where Mrs. Vintcent ran a stall for the St. Dunstan's men. These shows together brought me in about £60 worth of netting orders, so you can guess how busy I have been. Just recently there has been a rush on tennis nets, and I have had three ordered during the last fortnight, which has finished my materials for tennis nets." Mason adds that he keeps the nets of certain tennis clubs in Maritzburg in repair, and he is evidently continuing to make a great success of his netting locally.

After-Care Meetings and News

It is with great regret that we have to announce the resignation of Miss Woolrych from the After-Care Visiting Staff.

We feel sure that she will be greatly missed by the men who have been under her care for the past four years, and also by her friends at Headquarters.

We all join in wishing her every success and happiness in the future, and hope she will seize the opportunity to look us up whenever she chances to be in our neighbourhood.

Carmarthen

The Carmarthen meeting was held in St. Peter's Hall on Thursday, 10th September. As there are not very many St. Dunstaners in South-West Wales this is generally a small meeting, and on this occasion, owing to several cases of illness, there were some absentees. Luckily it was a beautiful day, and one St. Dunstaner who was suffering from a severe chill dared the journey, enveloped in several coats; we hope he was none the worse for the outing. Numbers might be small, but spirits were high, and it was a very cheerful little gathering. Lieut. and Mrs. Stephens were away from home, so could not be present, but they most kindly sent the prizes for the competitions.

Our kind friend, Miss Puddicombe, very generously gave a cake again for competition, and even added a second as "booby" prize. The former was won by W. Last, of Llanllwni, and the latter by J. W. Davies, of Llandyssel.

In the other competitions the "bean bag" was won by D. O. Evans, of Llan-samlet, and "putting the tail on the donkey" by D. Fenton, of Bynea. Mrs. D. O. Evans won the ladies' "bean bag."

About twenty-five sat down to the tea, and as nearly all the cakes were home-made by our many good friends in Carmarthen, it was a much enjoyed meal.

After tea Mr. Swain's speech was listened to with great interest, a very happy little reply to it being made by W. Last.

Trains go early from Carmarthen for those who have far to get home, but there was time after tea for a good deal of cheery gossip of the kind once described as—

"A harmless chat 'bout this and that,
In which there is no scandal."

When St. Dunstaners get together there is much gossip of that description, and one hears many tales of old times and old friends. D. I. M. A.

Cardiff

The Cardiff meeting was held on 11th September, and again, through the great generosity of Mr. Glenelg Grant and the Committee, we were the guests of the Soldiers and Sailors' Rest in Bute Street. It was the largest meeting we have had in South Wales, and even the splendid room at the Rest was nearly full, between 70 and 80 sitting down to the delicious tea.

It was very delightful having Mrs. Howell with us again, and, thanks to the friends she brought with her, we had a most enjoyable musical programme during the afternoon, including several songs sung by Miss Miles.

Competitions were soon in full swing, and there was keen competing for the cake with the St. Dunstan's crest in icing. Three men got to within a fraction of the correct weight, D. J. Williams, of Caerphilly, J. Lovell, of Brynmawr, and H. Bennett, of Chepstow, and they decided to draw lots for it. H. Bennett was the lucky winner, and we hope he got it safely home to Mrs. Bennett. (By a strange coincidence the cake has never been won in the South-Western Area by a man whose wife was present at the meeting.)

With so many present, it was quite a busy task making sure that all had their chances at the competitions, but at last all had competed. The "bean bag" was

won by J. Hart, and the ladies' "bean bag" by Mrs. Dyer. The "putting the tail on the donkey" was won by D. J. Williams, some consolation, it is hoped, for not being lucky in the matter of the draw for the cake.

Mr. Swain, in his interesting speech, made feeling reference to the three South Wales St. Dunstaners who have died since the last meeting, A. C. Evans of Newport spoke for the St. Dunstaners present, and Mr. Glenelg Grant made a very charming speech. It was very good of Mr. Grant spending so much time with us as he was only just back from sick leave; we hope he was none the worse for all the trouble he took for us. After tea Mrs. Glenelg Grant gave cigarettes to all the St. Dunstaners, and even remembered the many children present with an issue of chocolates all round. The youngest member of the party, Master Blundell, was only seven weeks old, so was a little young even for chocolates, but he most certainly deserved a prize for good behaviour.

With the London train to catch, Mr. Swain had barely time for the many interviews, but just managed to fit them all in.

Even the jolliest meeting has to end, and we reluctantly broke up at about 6.30 with many promises of "see you again next year." D. I. M. A.

Worcester

The Worcester reunion was held at the Central Café, Worcester, on 24th September, and a party of 40 enjoyed the excellent tea provided. The management are always so interested and helpful.

Mr. Swain, in the course of his cheery speech, conveyed a message from Capt. Fraser, regretting his inability to be with them, and wishing them all a good time. A hearty vote of thanks to Capt. Fraser was proposed by Gilks and carried unanimously.

Miss Hodgson came to help; also Miss Berkley, whom many of the men will remember at the College, came too, and brought an enormous cake. (Mr. Swain's guess was 50 lbs.) It being too big to be carried home by one man, it was

divided and eventually won by P. Sumner, A. Hinton, and T. H. Marshall. Mrs. Sumner and Mrs. Stock tied for the pie, and Mrs. Sumner very kindly waived her right in favour of Mrs. Stock.

Until the concert party arrived Waite gave us a few selections on the piano which were much appreciated.

A very excellent concert was given by Mr. Edward Nicholls and his party. We are very grateful to them, and assure them that their concert will be remembered.

To judge by the noise, everybody enjoyed themselves and were glad indeed to learn from Mr. Swain's speech that, all being well, there would be another meeting next year. N. G.

Newcastle

In spite of numbers falling far short of expectations, we were a happy family at Newcastle on 2nd September. It was very unfortunate that on this occasion the gathering was such a small one, because where an After-Care reunion is concerned the more there are the merrier we are.

Much of the pleasure of the afternoon was contributed by Mr. Hepper—he provided a really splendid entertainment, and all thoroughly enjoyed his humorous stories and songs. Madame Leathard, who accompanied Mr. Hepper, very kindly offered to provide the music if W. Watson would sing, but, alas! he had left his songs at home. In view of the fact that we cheered him too soon, we hope Mr. Watson will bear in mind that he got "something for nothing" and that he will be expected to bring his songs next time.

Mr. Swain had a few words to say after tea, and after reading Capt. Fraser's message a very nice vote of thanks was proposed by W. Cavanagh and seconded by F. Mowtall, whilst W. B. Kirkup, on behalf of all present, thanked Mr. Hepper and his accompanist for the musical entertainment. Finally came the competition results, as follows:—

S. Purvis (cake), actual weight 2 lbs. 2½ ozs.; guess, 1 lb. 12 ozs.

W. Kirkup (pie), actual weight, 1 lb. 7 ozs.; guess, 1 lb. 7 ozs. E. E. R.

Stockton

I doubt if a more successful After-Care Reunion than that held at Stockton on 3rd September has ever taken place—at least within the northern area.

It was in every sense of the word a success, and actually a larger number attended than expected.

We were very pleased to welcome Mr. and Mrs. McLaren, also Sister Bamberger, who happened to be holidaying within a few miles of Stockton.

Mr. Hepper was again there to provide the "laughs," and was given a most enthusiastic reception as on the previous day at Newcastle.

When tea was finished, Mr. Swain addressed the men and read them a message from Captain Fraser, who regretted being unable to be present, but hoped the meeting would be a big success and that everyone would have an enjoyable time.

Mr. Garbutt returned thanks in a very excellent little speech, and for the benefit of those who were denied the pleasure of hearing him, here it is:—

"On behalf of my fellow St. Dunstaners, I would like to thank St. Dunstan's for the practical expression of remembrance which comes to us through this reunion, and for the opportunity which such gatherings provide for social intercourse and human comradeship, and for all this we ought to voice our appreciation and ask Mr. Swain to convey to those responsible our profound thanks.

"It is not so much the gathering that matters as the thought behind the gathering, for it reveals to us 'After-Care' men this fact, that although we have passed out of St. Dunstan's, we are not forgotten by St. Dunstan's, and it gives to us this assurance, that there are those in authority who not only minister to our material well-being, but also cater for our social needs, and this gathering to-day demonstrates this fact.

"I am thankful for St. Dunstan's—some of the happiest days of my life were spent there, and some of the finest fellows I have ever known I met there. Had it not been for St. Dunstan's we should have been under the influence of the Ministry

of Pensions for our training, and one wonders what the result would have been.

"St. Dunstan's has in it that human element—human sympathy, human service, human interest—and this human touch makes all the difference.

"Our late Chief shared our experience, and this accounts for the human note, and this spirit is found in those who are carrying on and holding official positions, for in Mr. Swain and Captain Palmer we have not simply officials but men—men who are approachable and to whom you can talk as a man talks with man.

"For all the meaning of this gathering and all the delight it gives to us, I should again like to ask Mr. Swain to convey our grateful thanks to those responsible.

"I hope this reunion will grow and trust that next year we shall be joined by the boys of the Newcastle and Sunderland area and have one big happy homely gathering."

The result of the cake competition proved to be a draw between Mrs. Garbutt and Mrs. Westwood, both guessing the exact weight—64 ozs. Owing to its substantial dimensions the cake was easily divided. The winner of the pie was E. Cass, who guessed within 1 oz.

Both this meeting and the one held at Newcastle were a little overdue, but Mr. Swain is hoping to hold, within the next twelve months, one combined meeting at Newcastle. E. E. R.

There is a common word of nine letters which possesses a certain peculiarity. If you take away one letter, a perfect word remains. Do this again, and you have another perfect word. You can carry on in this manner until only one letter remains which, in itself, is a word. In making the new words no transposing of letters is necessary. You simply drop out a letter, and a fresh word is there for you to see." I wonder if you will manage to find the word quickly? Don't give up without trying.

The Solution.

The word is startling—then starling, staring, string, sting, sing, sin, in, I.

The Shoe and Leather Fair

A correspondent sends us the following account of a visit to this exhibition:—

By the kind courtesy of the "Wholesale Houses" the men in the Boot-repairing shop were enabled to spend a pleasant and absorbingly interesting afternoon on Wednesday, the 7th October, when they visited the annual "Shoe and Leather Fair," held at the Agricultural Hall, Islington. A party of twenty, under the care of Instructor Whitfield, left Headquarters at two o'clock, arriving at the Agricultural Hall at 2.30. To all those who have never visited the "Fair" I say, by all means, do so. As an education in window-dressing alone it is well worth the visit, particularly to those with shops. Wood-Milne, Redferns and Cherry Blossom stands were perfection at this art.

In the machine section there were many things of interest, chief among them being the Finisher. This is a quite small affair, but very practical. The brushes and irons were in two sections—one "black" on top, "brown" underneath. It certainly took up less space. But the "pedal" wanted some pushing. Some of the boys tried it, and it took them the rest of the day to regain their wind! The demonstrator at Messrs. Whitfield, Hodgson & Brough's machinery section was very obliging and explained the working of the electric finisher as used by the large manufacturers.

Another very interesting exhibit was the Sole-cutting machine of Messrs. Harvey & Sons, but it is outside the province of a blind man to give an idea of its construction. I might ask you to visualise a steel slab, 4 by 4—the shapes are let into the bed of steel and a press comes down on the leather. It is worked on the same principle as the huge steam hammer at Woolwich Arsenal.

The lasts and standards that were on exhibition were inferior to those in use by St. Dunstaners. The standards were too willowy, the feet too finely drawn, and

there was a lack of solidity—all the boys were agreed on that.

At Messrs. Keats & Baxons' stand we were shown the very latest thing in boot-repairing machinery. The sole stitcher was an exceptionally strong affair. The demonstrator sewed and presented us with a specimen of its sewing. The two pieces measured one inch in thickness—some sewing! Tea was then taken in the Public Restaurant, and a visit was next paid to the Gallery. Messrs. Baxter's ready-made leather heels seem to be a big improvement on the wooden ones, but I think they would come much more expensive. Messrs. Pocock's stand resembled a tannery and Instructor Whitfield gave a sort of abbreviated lecture. Here I think that the salesman became somewhat apprehensive when he saw the boys fumbling about among the hides, but evidently felt reassured when he observed that the great majority had no overcoats with them—no concealed arms, ammunition or that sort of thing! Then by some subtle means he discovered that we were St. Dunstaners, and became profuse with explanations and was generally most attentive. We couldn't stay with him longer, much to his regret, so we bid him good-bye, and moved on to French Fancy Leathers. There was a very weird collection of leathers here, and very confusing it was. When I tell you that some of the boys asked "Whitty" whether it was wall paper you can imagine what the show was like.

I think that the absolute tit-bit of the Fair was the stand of Messrs. Humphreys, Percival, Ellis & Co., Ltd. It resembled an exhibition of exotic plants more than anything else. This firm imports all the tanning materials and extracts. Instructor Whitfield explained the various names, but they are beyond me now. I have managed to retain the name of one—it was "Hops."

The "Merrythought Fittings" stand was like a trip into fairyland, for brilliance and glitter it had no equal. The Scholl Manufacturing Co. must spend all their time looking for good people with bad feet, and they have succeeded to some purpose. I think that they displayed

every device imaginable to cure or alleviate foot deformities. The prettiest, by far, from a spectacular point of view, was the Clematis Shoe Co. stand. The principal decoration consisted of trellis work with intertwining ivy. The tiny electric globes behind this, casting the lights and shades on the carpet in the alleyway, was most charming. This brought our afternoon to a close, and all too short it was. I should certainly again advise all those who have never paid the fair a visit to get in touch with Mr. Heath next year, and do so. The literature in itself, providing you accepted all of it, would require a messenger boy to carry it home. But it is a well spent time, and one that will please all the boot-repairers immensely.

A Happy Evening

One of the most successful parties we have had for a long time took place on 23rd September, when the band of the T.O.T. (Tram, Omnibus and Train) gave a delightful concert in the Lounge.

Thirty members of this fine band, under the conductorship of Mr. Goodfellow, presented a most popular programme interspersed with songs from members of the Philharmonic Society, each item being fully appreciated.

Captain and Mrs. Fraser and Mr. Kessell were present, and the Lounge was full to overflowing with the Boys and their lady friends.

Captain Fraser, in a very apt little speech, thanked Mr. Walker, the organiser, Mr. Goodfellow, Conductor, and the members of the T.O.T. for the very enjoyable concert, and alluded to the happy relations which existed between our boys and the conductors of the various trams, omnibuses and trains by which they journeyed over London, and the unfailing help and consideration they received from these kind friends.

The announcement from Mr. Walker that the T.O.T. Band would possibly visit us again in the new year was received with hearty cheers.

Mention must be made of the splendid refreshments, including strawberry ice

cream, sandwiches, cakes of pleasing variety, and port wine, provided by the generosity of a Canadian friend of St. Dunstan's, Mr. John Wilson, of Montreal, whose kind thought gave the crowning touch to a delightful evening.

M. P.

A St. Dunstaner Robbed

Not everyone will have seen the reports in the Press of the burglary carried out at the shop of a St. Dunstaner—J. Davies, of Neasden, and we reprint the following from *Reynolds*:—

"One of the meanest robberies recorded for some time is engaging the attention of the C.I.D. The victim, unfortunately, is a blind man, Ex-Private John Davies, who, on leaving St. Dunstan's, opened a small lock-up shop outside Neasden (Met.) Station. This small establishment has just been entered by burglars, who disappeared with a lot of the stock, including a basket of clothing. The marriage of Private Davies two years ago was one of the romances of St. Dunstan's. It is the custom for volunteers to regularly call at the institution to take the "boys" out to theatres, football matches, &c., and among these good samaritans was Miss Dorothy Emmings, who with her brother holds a partnership in the Northcote Laundry at Willesden. From these visits a courtship commenced, and the marriage at St. Marylebone Church followed, the blind sister of Sir Hamar Greenwood being one of the guests. Mr. Davies is well known in R.A.O.B. circles, and possesses a good tenor voice which has gained him prizes in competitions. He is also a keen sportsman, and has won a prize for sculling on the Thames. At the time of the burglary Mr. Davies was ill in bed at his home."

We send our sincere sympathy to:—

H. Coombs, of Cheltenham, who lost his mother on the 6th of July.

H. Weeks, of Bristol, who on Tuesday, 21st July, lost his only brother. He was killed in a pit accident.

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