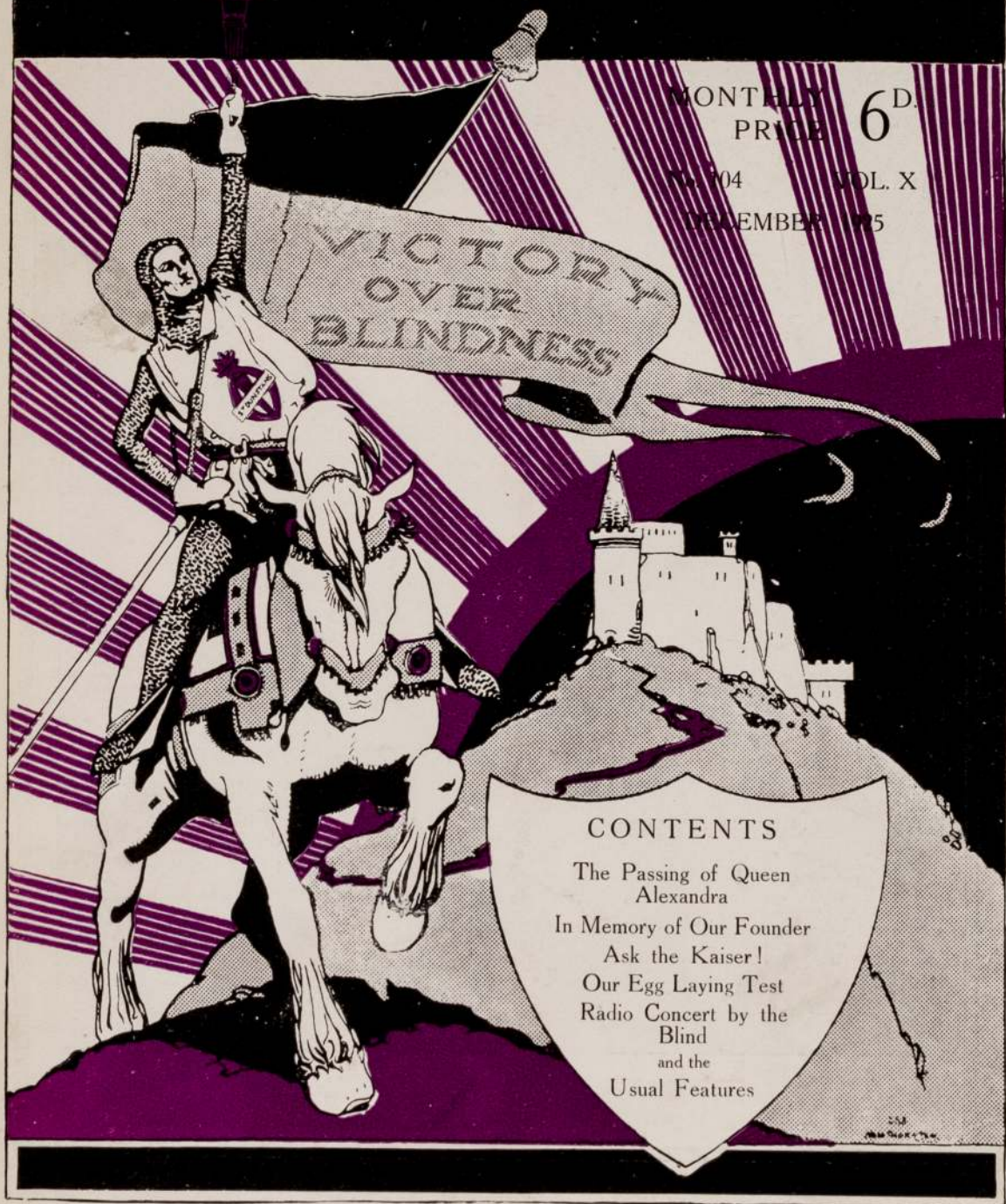


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HER MAJESTY QUEEN ALEXANDRA

From an Autographed Portrait presented by her to Sir Arthur Pearson

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## EDITORIAL

IN the death of Her Majesty Queen Alexandra, St. Dunstan's mourns not only its Royal Patroness but its loyal friend. Her Majesty, ever since the earliest days of St. Dunstan's, always showed the greatest sympathy and interest in every phase of its work. Our great Chief, Sir Arthur, was in closest touch with Queen Alexandra, and could rely upon her personal influence and help for all his activities in connection with St. Dunstan's. By virtue of her great position and her intense sympathy with all forms of philanthropic effort Her Majesty had countless calls upon her energies in many other directions besides St. Dunstan's, but we do not think we are claiming too much when we say that Sir Arthur Pearson's great work occupied a front rank place in her regard. Her personal visits to St. Dunstan's were many, and often of that unheralded and informal character which means so much more than the ceremonial occasions. Many old-time St. Dunstaners will recall such visits, and there must be quite a number who cherish proud recollections of having had speech with Her Majesty.

When Sir Arthur's life was brought so tragically to a close in 1921 Queen Alexandra was among the first to send a message of tender sympathy to Lady (Arthur) Pearson, and upon the lid of Sir Arthur's coffin at the funeral, where Her Majesty was represented by the presence of Colonel Sir Henry Streatfeild, was a wreath bearing the following inscription in Her Majesty's own handwriting: "In deepest regret and admiration for the noble benefactor of the Blind.

"Life's race well run,  
Life's work well done,  
Life's crown well won,  
Now comes rest.

"From ALEXANDRA."

Since that sad occasion and during the anxious times for St. Dunstan's which followed, the Queen Mother gave constant proof of her sustained interest in all the work we do, and although her health did not make possible any visit to us since then, there has been ample evidence that our cause was always very near to her heart.

When the news of her passing came, it must have been received by St. Dunstaners all over the Empire with a sense of something akin to personal loss and the breathing of the prayer "God rest her."



## The Passing of Queen Alexandra

St. Dunstan's Mourns a Noble Patroness and Loyal Friend

ALTHOUGH the earlier bulletins had prepared us to some extent, it was with a feeling of profound shock and sorrow that everyone in any way connected with St. Dunstan's learned of the death, on the 20th of November, of Her Majesty Queen Alexandra.

We do not feel that we need in these pages add any word to the world-wide tributes to the intensely deep affection and loving respect in which the Queen Mother was held by all. She was above all parties, all creeds, and has, ever since her coming to our shores as a youthful and lovely Princess, been the highest ideal of a grandly Royal Queen, a noble wife, and, transcending all, a true woman beloved universally.

We have referred elsewhere to the deep sympathy and interest Queen Alexandra has always shown in St. Dunstan's, but some further particulars of her always close association with our work will, we are sure, be read with affectionate memory. The Queen Mother has always taken a great interest in the activities of our late Chief, Sir Arthur, on behalf of the blind, and when, in the early days of 1915, he definitely formulated his great ideal—to create an organisation to train and care for the men who were to lose their sight in the Great War, Her Majesty, with gracious readiness, consented to become Patroness. That her acceptance of that position was truly in spirit as well as in name was proved from the very outset. In all that concerned the welfare of St. Dunstan's men the Queen Mother took the closest and most practical interest. There are many very human records of her frequent visits to St. Dunstan's, and to many great gatherings arranged on behalf of its funds. Queen Alexandra's aversion to formality and ceremonial when she was personally interested in any philanthropic work was shown on more than one occasion at St. Dunstan's. We

recall a visit once paid by Her Majesty when by some accident she entered the Hostel (St. Dunstan's was then, of course, at its old quarters in the Outer Circle) by one of the garden doors. One of the sisters or V.A.D.s, who had seen her arrival, sped to the Matron, and while Her Majesty was for a short time in conversation with some other officials, such preparations to receive her as were possible in the time at disposal were rapidly made. It was with quite a tone of disappointment, although with her usual graciousness, that Her Majesty at once said "Dear, dear, that is too bad! Someone has told upon me."

An instance might be given, which has often been quoted before, of the way in which Her Majesty's often unexpected visits to the Hostel sometimes led to happenings not quite in the usual experience of Royal Personages. She was standing talking to one of the staff in a corridor, when a St. Dunstaner, used, of course, to no sighted person being upon the strips of carpet which were reserved for the blind men, brushed against the Queen. "What are you doing upon our carpet?" he jovially enquired, ignorant, of course, of the identity of the trespasser. History does not record the Queen's answer, but we would hazard the guess that Her Majesty was the first to express her regret for the unwitting infringement of the St. Dunstaner's rights.

Countless were the occasions and the ways in which the Queen Mother helped our work forward during the anxious days of the War, and often, although even at that time her public appearances were not very frequent, she would, by her own gracious presence, assure great attendances at events organised in aid of the funds for our work. One of the most impressive gatherings which comes back to memory was the vast bazaar at the Albert Hall which Her Majesty attended, and at

Marlborough House,

March 4th, 1919.

MY DEAR SIR ARTHUR,—

Very many thanks for your kind letter, and thank God you have returned safely from your very arduous work both in Canada and America during those six weeks—which will prove of the greatest blessing to thousands of blinded soldiers! Indeed, no one has worked harder than you have for those saddest of cases. God will bless you for it in your own hard trials.

I am also much obliged for the letter from Mr. Otto Kahn you brought back to me. I am sorry you can only keep the House of St. Dunstan for one year more, but it is lucky you may retain your bungalow and workshops on the estate till your work is finished. I hope soon one day again to have the pleasure of meeting you there. I hope you found your wife and family well after your long absence.

Believe me,

Yours very sincerely,

ALEXANDRA.

We have referred previously to the Queen Mother's grief at the great loss sustained by St. Dunstan's on the death of Sir Arthur Pearson, but we do not think there has been published in the columns of the REVIEW the wonderful tribute she paid to our Chief in a letter, written by herself, to Lady (Arthur) Pearson. The letter was:—

MY DEAR LADY PEARSON,—

The splendid work of Sir Arthur Pearson needs no explanation, for it is known far and wide! It is a record of personal tireless efforts on behalf of those who have the sympathy of all.

Himself deprived of sight, every hour of his life was concentrated on practical efforts towards making life endurable to those who through the cruelties of war or from natural causes were similarly situated. He knew their helplessness he shared their sadness, he sympathised with every emotion they endured, and with a compassion strengthened with cool determination and endless perseverance he set to work to create a system which would restore the love of life to the blind, which would assist them to forget their disablement, and which would enable them to compete on even terms with the rest of the world. He left nothing undone; he adopted and created every means by which money could be raised to train and educate those to whom he devoted his life. How he succeeded only those who have benefited can tell, but the tributes of affection and gratitude at his death were sufficient acknowledgment of his labours. May his work live after him and prosper is the earnest prayer of

ALEXANDRA.

which she spent considerable time touring the exhibits and making many purchases. On this occasion she accepted from Sir Arthur a tribute from the men of St. Dunstan's in the form of a basket made by them and filled with her favourite flowers, Malmaison carnations.

Perhaps the best proof of how near to her heart was the work of St. Dunstan's was provided by her frequently expressed desire to be kept closely informed of all the important happenings and extensions of our work. Our President, Lady (Arthur) Pearson, treasures possession of many letters written to Sir Arthur by the Queen Mother's own hand during the years of the war and afterwards, and we are privileged to quote from some of these. Reference has been made elsewhere to Her Majesty's desire to pay her visits to St. Dunstan's unattended by ceremony. In 1918 she wrote the following charming letter acknowledging a bag made by some of the men and sent to her by Sir Arthur.

Marlborough House,

March 26th, 1918.

MY DEAR SIR ARTHUR PEARSON,—

I have just received your very kind letter, accompanied by that charming bag made by our blind soldiers. I cannot find words to tell you and them how deeply touched I am that they should have thought of giving me, their Patroness, such a delightful and charming bag made by themselves, and given me on the third anniversary of St. Dunstan's. I appreciate the charming gift more than I can say, and will always use it with the greatest pleasure!

If I had only known to-day was the anniversary of the Home I should have called there. I have tried to go there several times, but was told you were away, and as I unfortunately do not know the new Matron, I did not like to intrude. I was so sorry to hear your last excellent Matron had to leave on account of her health. I am also so anxious to see your two other houses in Regent's Park, but I should like to go quite quietly and no fuss made. If there is nothing going on I will try to call to-morrow afternoon, but please say nothing about it.

Yours very sincerely,

ALEXANDRA.

St. Dunstaners will recall the visit paid by Sir Arthur to Canada and America, and on his return Her Majesty sent him the following letter:—



One of the latest letters received by Lady (Arthur) Pearson was in acknowledgment of the biography of Sir Arthur written by Mr. Sidney Dark. It read as follows:—

Marlborough House,  
December 4th, 1922.

MY DEAR LADY PEARSON,—

It is too kind of you to send me that beautifully bound book of your beloved and never-to-be-forgotten husband's life, which I will always treasure so highly. It is too sad to think that he was taken so soon from you and us all, who always miss him terribly!

And his wonderful work will always be treasured by the whole nation.

I hope your health is good, and may God give you His strength to bear your heavy loss and cross!

Ever yours very gratefully,

ALEXANDRA.

The Queen Mother, as has been said, was in very frequent personal touch with Sir Arthur, and often made practical suggestions for the increased comfort and happiness of the men. Gifts of flowers and fruit were many times sent at her command, and we recall one occasion when a St. Dunstaner was able happily to offer on behalf of his comrades a little personal gift for Her Majesty's acceptance. The actual date was the 19th of April 1915, not very long after the Hostel had been opened. That day, it will be remembered, is the anniversary of Primrose Day, and when the Queen Mother visited St. Dunstan's in the afternoon she accepted a decorative basket made by a St. Dunstan's craftsman and filled with primroses and violets, saying, with the ready tact which always distinguished her, that she would always keep the gift as a beautiful example of the will and the power to overcome a great handicap.

Instances could be multiplied of such proofs of her sympathy with our work, but we must be content to end by recording that she would not even allow a physical disability to interfere with her visits to us. The Queen Mother had sustained some slight accident which made it difficult for her to walk and impossible for her to mount or descend stairs. In spite of that, she paid St. Dunstan's a visit during that time, and was quite concerned that she was unable, as she usually did, to visit all the workshops and classrooms.

#### THE MEMORIAL SERVICE AT WESTMINSTER ABBEY

Lady (Arthur) Pearson and Captain and Mrs. Fraser were present at the Memorial Service held at Westminster Abbey on November 27th, and St. Dunstan's was also represented as follows: Lt.-Colonel Eric Ball, for the Council; Matron and Mr. Kessell, for the Staff; Mr. Smith, for the Officers; Sergt. Bell, for the Brighton Annexe and After-Care Men, and A. E. Chambers and J. L. Eason for the Present Care Men.

#### AN IMPRESSION

It is no exaggeration to say that the news of the passing of our Patroness, Queen Alexandra, was received with feelings of real sorrow by all St. Dunstaners.

To those of us who in the early days had the privilege of seeing her on the occasions of her many visits to The House, the College Annexe and the Bungalow, there remained a vivid memory of her sweet and gracious presence.

She was indeed a great lady whose truly kind heart was full of sympathy for the men of St. Dunstan's, a sympathy which proved itself both genuine and practical.

Small wonder that those of us who were chosen to represent St. Dunstan's at Westminster Abbey felt it an honour and a privilege.

It was a most impressive scene. First the drive through the crowded streets, where a multitude of people, heedless of the bitter cold and falling snow, waited to pay their last tribute of love and respect; then, in the Abbey itself, a vast congregation waiting, in utter stillness, the coming of the dead Queen. Full of beauty and pathos was the sound of Chopin's Funeral March heard faintly in the distance, growing nearer and nearer as the procession advanced, and finally taken up by the great organ inside the Abbey. It was thrilling—or perhaps one should say "soul stirring." Then followed a beautiful and dignified service in which all joined with the utmost reverence.

#### ST. DUNSTAN'S SYMPATHY

Immediately the news of the death of Queen Alexandra became known our Chairman sent the following telegram to His Majesty the King:—

"H.M. The King,—On behalf of St. Dunstan's Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Men throughout the Empire I beg Your Majesty and Her Majesty The Queen graciously to accept sympathy and condolence on the death of your illustrious Mother. As Patroness of St. Dunstan's since its inception in 1915, Her late Majesty Queen Alexandra has given incalculable assistance and support to St. Dunstan's, and the memory of her gracious interest in our welfare will always remain with us.—IAN FRASER, Chairman, St. Dunstan's."

The following reply was received:—

"Chairman, St. Dunstan's,—I am commanded by The King and Queen to ask you to assure the St. Dunstan's Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Men throughout the Empire how much Their Majesties appreciate your kind telegram of sympathy.—STAMFORDHAM."

A St. Dunstaner, W. J. Whiteside, was entrusted by the ex-servicemen of Portadown, County Armagh, with the honour of placing the first wreath on the war memorial erected there. The memorial was unveiled on the 13th November by Lieut.-General Sir Travers Clarke, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., and Whiteside was conducted by two of the officers on parade. An interesting photograph of this part of the ceremonial also reaches us.

J. Cope, of Southampton, who, his friends will regret to learn, has not been in the best of health lately, was the recipient of an interesting presentation recently. He was presented at a social gathering at Kell Hall, Southampton, with a silver Braille watch and gold chain on his resignation, through ill-health, of his work of home teacher and visitor to the blind.

Then once again we found ourselves outside the Abbey; found brilliant sunshine and a pall of dazzling snow—symbols, one thought, of that pure life which had "passed on" into perpetual sunlight.

M. P.

#### OUR WREATH

A beautiful floral tribute in the form of St. Dunstan's famous Badge was sent to Sandringham on behalf of St. Dunstan's. The wreath, which was made by Captain Hope, the St. Dunstan's blind florist, bore the following inscription:—

"In revered and grateful Memory of our Ever Gracious Patroness, Her Majesty Queen Alexandra, from the Officers, N.C.O.'s and Men of St. Dunstan's."

"We mourn a friend as well as Queen."

A supporter of the Carol League, Miss Lily Marcus, of Londonderry, has sent us the following Memorial Poem, which she has kindly given us permission to reprint from the *Derry Standard*, in whose columns it first appeared:—

#### In Memoriam

##### QUEEN ALEXANDRA.

And Death hath touched thee with its majesty!  
Thou, whose sweet presence didst in life combine  
True womanhood with royal dignity!  
To thee, as Queen, an Empire proudly gave  
The homage that pure worthiness inspires.  
In thee, as Friend, it found the sympathy  
That makes life rich were it is poor indeed,  
Yea, beckons earth a little nearer Heav'n.  
Noble in life, and noble still in Death,  
Wherever Love shall through the after-years  
Entwine itself around the memories  
Of royal Fame, some unforgotten chord  
Shall sound upon the vibrant harp of Time  
The name of Alexandra!

For thee, beloved Queen, 'tis resting-time,  
And perfect Peace now weaves around thy brow  
A fairer diadem than earth could give.  
And though to thine exalted sphere may steal  
No echo of an Empire's tribute-song,  
Perchance the silences, in which it felt  
The greatness of thy passing, were caught up  
At God's own Throne, when angels hushed their  
harps.

To hear Him through the Heav'nly silences  
Say, "Welcome, Alexandra!"

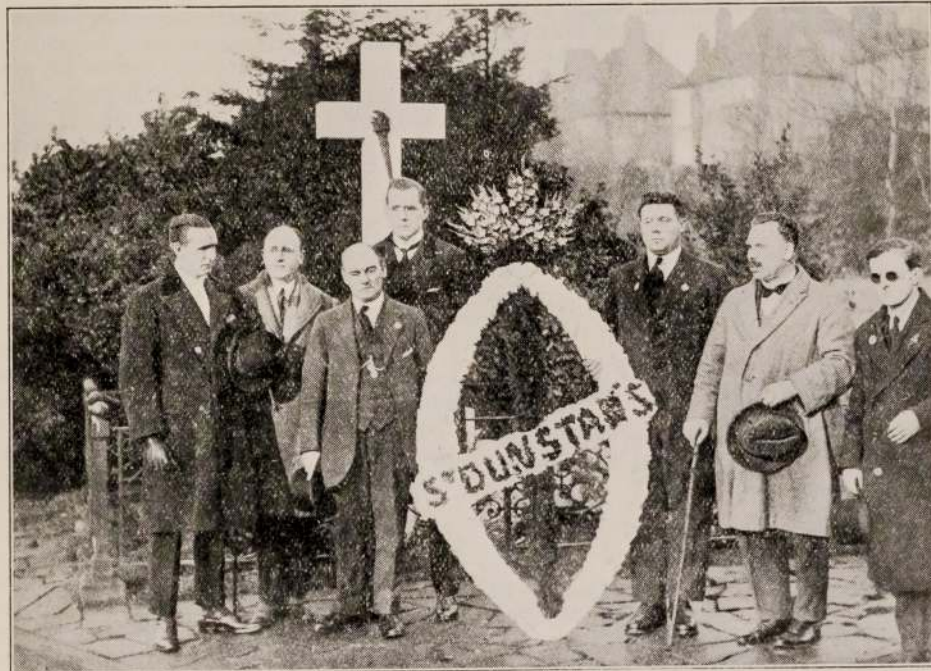
LILY MARCUS.

Londonderry.



## In Memory of our Founder

It forms a sad coincidence that in the issue of our Journal which always records the memorial tributes to our late Chief, we have this year to mourn the passing of our Royal Patroness



AT SIR ARTHUR'S GRAVE

NO St. Dunstaner will need to be reminded that December 9th was the anniversary of the death of our great Founder and Chief, Sir Arthur Pearson. On the morning of that day a delegation consisting of Captain and Mrs. Fraser, Captain Williams, Mr. Kessell, Mrs. Bates, Mr. Askew, Captain F. H. Crowe, T. Shepherd and Sergt. Eames (representing After-Care St. Dunstaners), J. Shepherd and J. Aitken (representing St. Dunstaners at present under training), Sergt. Nichols and Corporal-Major Tovell, visited Sir Arthur's tomb in Hampstead Cemetery, where a magnificent floral

tribute in the form of St. Dunstan's Badge and bearing the inscription "In affectionate remembrance of our beloved Chief, from the Officers, N.C.O.'s and Men of St. Dunstan's," was placed on the grave.

A special memorial service was held in the evening at Holy Trinity Church, St. Marylebone. Our Honorary Chaplains, the Rev. Prebendary Sharpe and the Rev. J. E. Williams, conducted the service, and the large congregation almost filled the fine old church. In the course of an eloquent address, Prebendary Sharpe paid high tribute to Sir Arthur's great work, which he said would ever be held in sacred

memory not only by those who had so directly and materially benefited by his labours, but by the whole Christian world.

"We remember him," the preacher said, "as a loving husband, father and friend, and this great congregation here to-night is evidence of the number of friends he made. We regard in him the gift of God, given to this nation at a critical time in its history. We come here to thank God for that life of service and of sacrifice, that life which has been an example to so many. We look back and think of the wonder and surety of his work in connection with St. Dunstan's, and all that it has meant to those gallant men who have come under its care. We give thanks for all that we remember of him.

"We shall never forget him, and indeed we still seem to have him amongst us. We recall his great and purposeful way of dealing with problems; of his judgment so readily given; of the way in which he made friends with so many, and of the way he gained others to take an interest in the work which was so near his heart—especially the Royal Lady who has also so recently passed away.

"I feel it specially fitting that any words with regard to his life should be spoken here to such an audience as this, to those who knew him, to those who loved him. We gather together in thought and purpose to give thanks for the organisation he founded and in which he took such pride. No later than the last term he was with us he said to one of us that he was thankful for the prayers for St. Dunstan's, for its workers, and for its founder.

"Let us," the address concluded, "seize this opportunity of re-dedicating our lives to follow the example he has given us—an example of noble endeavour, of victory splendidly gained."

The hymns sung included "Lead, Kindly Light" and "Abide with Me." The congregation included Lady (Arthur) Pearson, Sir Neville Pearson, Captain Fraser and Mrs. Fraser, practically all the heads of departments and members of the Administrative and Executive Staff, a large number of St. Dunstaners, representatives

of various bodies and institutions working for the blind, and a number of the staff of Messrs. C. Arthur Pearson, Ltd.

## To St. Dunstaners

We have the privilege this month of printing several fine poems which have reached us from various quarters. The first, which was sent to Captain Fraser by Miss Joy Bunting, was written, she states, during the War, after a visit to St. Dunstan's, and is sent as a gift of gratitude for the clever blind artistes who provided the wireless programme on St. Cecilia's Day.

### Undaunted

Oh, where's the merry lad we knew  
When Time was young and cares were few?  
Like youthful Bayard he went forth  
To win his spurs and prove his worth.

And what of his limbs, so straight and strong?  
The ringing voice? The cheery song?  
Though wounded oft and grievously,  
His songs still make brave melody!

But what of his clear and honest eyes?  
His generous heart? His scorn of lies?  
Ah! war has left him maimed and blind,  
But could not daunt his soul or mind.

JOY BUNTING.

Dedicated to the men of St. Dunstan's.

Another finely moving poem reaches us through Mrs. Vintcent, who so splendidly looks after the After-Care of South African St. Dunstaners.

### The Blind

(For the men of St. Dunstan's)

Ye call them blind. Oh, let no pity mar  
Your speech of them who gave their sight for  
you.  
They stand above us—doers, as they are,  
Of things we cannot do.

Ye call them blind. Their hands, their ears are  
eyes;  
Their hearts are eyes, to judge you as ye stand.  
See that ye fail them not in reverence  
Who take them by the hand.

They sought for light through ways and sacrifice;  
They sought and found, though it were loss to  
find.  
Because they dared to glimpse eternal skies  
Ye call them blind.

O. R. B.





## NEWS OF ST. DUNSTANERS

THE news from J. Woodhouse of Hulland, Derbyshire, is decidedly good. He himself, and also his whole family, are flourishing, the poultry are doing well, and so likewise are the cows. Woodhouse does most of the milking and is an expert hand, we hear, managing the animals so well that they rarely play up with him.

Another Derbyshire man is F. King, who is very busy teaching and visiting. He is enthusiastic about his work, and finds it most interesting.

Christmas is being eagerly looked forward to by a good many people, but H. Lea has a double reason for wishing that it would hasten its coming. Soon after the festival he hopes to settle into his own home, an event he is anticipating with immense pleasure. Boot repairing occupies a goodly number of his hours for the time being and in addition there come occasional local orders for mats. He is at work upon one with a name, as these notes go to press.

Among our pig breeders H. Hurst, of Gt. Longstone, should have mention. He has done very well with them in the past and is now venturing on another couple. He intends to fatten them up during the winter months.

A fellow pig keeper is R. E. Hill, of Tideswell. He has just killed off three which he had been feeding, and intends to buy more in the spring. His poultry are keeping him occupied at present, and he is continuing his experiments in cross-breeding. Hill, by the way, is one of the entrants for the Egg-Laying Contest. He also has two fine cockerels, and is

arranging to show them shortly. We wish him the best of luck.

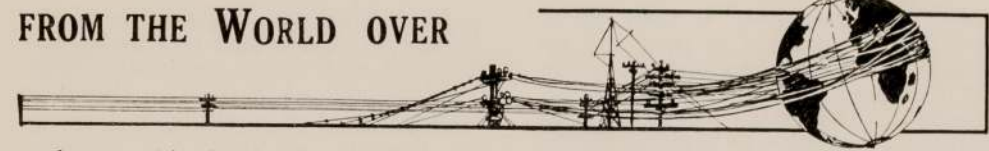
How many St. Dunstaners have thought of approaching their local cinemas with a view to obtaining mat orders? W. Leonard, of Broadstairs, is hard at work upon a mat of an unusually large size for a cinema. If *one* wants such a thing *others* might!

One who contrives to find a steady local trade for mats is A. Thompson, of Upton Beacon, which is lucky, for his boot trade is slack, and Thompson is one of the steadiest of our workers. Their neighbourhood has improved a good deal of late, a number of new (and nice) houses having been built near by, which should mean increased trade. In addition, sinking operations have begun for a new coal mine, and a bus service is being inaugurated which should bring the Thompsons much more into touch with people. He is well over two miles from the nearest station.

The little poultry farm run by G. B. Coles is going on well and both Mr. and Mrs. Coles find it increasingly interesting, we are glad to hear. They have now joined our wireless band, so will doubtless be digging up back numbers of the REVIEW. The set is a gift from Coles' Commanding Officer, who himself came over to fix things up and explain details.

Another very steady worker is F. Hems-worth, of Doncaster. He has just been carrying out an order for 24 very large mats for a White Star liner, and likes to visualise the ship in which his handiwork is to sail the seas. He says he had "the time of his life" at Brighton this year, and

## FROM THE WORLD OVER



made many friends. One of these has just sent him an excellent safety razor as a remembrance of the summer!

Cheery and fit as ever is B. Jarvill, of Doncaster, although he is compelled to admit that the boot trade is not as brisk as it might be, doubtless owing to the recent spell of dry weather. Jarvill, by the way, is another who has gone in for pigs. He has two huge ones ready for Christmas, one of which is to be salted down for his own use.

In the same district is A. Adams, and his friends will be glad to hear that everything seems to be going well with him. We shall look to hear of good trade development in the not too distant future, for Adams is an ambitious man, as well as a persevering one. He has a cautious streak in him, however, so prefers to go slowly until he is sure of his direction.

The new house in which F. H. Kirk-bright and his wife have settled at South Yardley is a charming one, and they are both very happy in regard to it, counting the acquiring of it well worth every effort they have made. We feel sure that as the years go by their pleasure in it will increase rather than diminish.

"Very busy indeed," is the account J. Guiseley gives of himself, for he, with the capable help of his wife, has been building a store shed, and has made a most creditable piece of work of it. Now ambition has seized the pair, and they are talking of decorating their own house. They have a nice piece of land in front of this, by the way, well planted with both flowers and vegetables. The small boy

who is their great pride had a bad fall a short time ago and broke an arm, but the trouble is over, for it made an excellent mend.

Friends of H. Flett, of Golders Green, will be sorry to hear that he met with a nasty accident at the beginning of November as he slipped between the platform and train when returning from work and grazed his leg. It was a case of "it might have been so much worse" that he did not pay proper attention to his leg, with the result that it turned septic. At the moment of writing he is in bed. We hope to hear news of his speedy recovery very shortly.

Quite a number of boot repairs have come the way of A. Horrell, of Treorchy, of late, which is perhaps one of the reasons that he is a great deal better in health and spirits than he was a few months ago. He hopes the other St. Dunstaners who were at the Cardiff meeting enjoyed it as much as he did.

Not many St. Dunstaners have been located in the Isle of Man, but W. Christian and his wife are now settled in a new house there and are taking infinite pleasure in it. We congratulate them upon it, as we hear it is "particularly nice in every way."

In Stroud, J. Pile is now comfortably settled, as at last he has gained possession of the house next door, which really was originally one house with his. Now that the Piles have the whole place to themselves, a necessity with a grown-up family, they have a very nice home. Among its amenities is a wireless set, installed by a son, which is a great pleasure to everyone.



A. W. Tebbutt has "a really lovely shop" in Nottingham, we hear, and his window looks most imposing, as he has set it out well with mats with coloured diamonds. They make a most effective display. In addition he is taking all the boot repairing that comes his way, although in this line it is evident that competition will be keen, as there are several other repairers in the same street. All the same, despite this, we are confident that Tebbutt will hold his own.

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With six cows as well as poultry to attend to, D. Makin must be a busy man, and it is good to know that he is in good deal better health since his operation. The future should be a good deal easier than the past has been for him, for two of his boys are at work and a girl will shortly be ready to help. Makin is yet another of the many St. Dunstaners blessed with a wife equal to tackling any job that comes to hand in as cheery a spirit as her husband.

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All sportsmen will be sorry to hear that when practising for the Manchester walking match J. Worthington, of Stockport, and his guide were run down by a motor bus. Worthington heard it coming but judged it to be at least a quarter of a mile off. The next thing he knew was that he was down. The two men were placed in the motor and ultimately taken to the infirmary, where Worthington is still an out patient. His guide, a Mr. Cooksay, was more severely hurt, and the doctors are speaking seriously of his state. This is very bad news indeed and we are sure all St. Dunstaners will like to take this opportunity of sending their sympathy to Mrs. Cooksay in these days of anxiety. We hope to hear better news later.

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H. J. Crane, of Croydon, has now been a month in his kiosk and every week trade shows an advance. This is good news indeed. Crane has every reason to be hopeful.

All the Whittingham family like Weeley Bridge, where they have now settled, and although trade is not particularly brisk, Whittingham finds that he has enough to occupy him, at all events for the present.

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Little has been heard of E. Clarke, of Edwinstone, of late, so we are doubly glad to learn that he is as keen as ever over his shop and is developing it in a wonderful way. He has an excellent collection of goods, which range from pills and plasters to tea and tinned fruits, so has quite a wide circle of customers. We send him congratulations.

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As a result of the Exeter Exhibition, where he made an excellent showing, W. Tout is still receiving occasional orders. Another piece of good fortune resulting from the same affair is that one of the best shops in Exeter is to give him a show at their Christmas Display. Tout is to be congratulated, for this will be a fine piece of publicity.

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Local orders are coming in to J. Cason, late of Bathpool, now of Somerton, where he is happily settled. It looks as though he should be able to build up a nice trade. It is pleasant to know that another St. Dunstaner and his wife (Mr. and Mrs. Horsnell) are near enough for visiting.

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The little business of E. J. Burgess, of Hambrook, is steadily thriving, perhaps because Burgess has contrived to make it a meeting place for the men of the neighbourhood—which always leads to trade.

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Despite the weather, W. H. Foxon is keeping busy on his allotment, where, by the way, he grows remarkably fine vegetables, we hear—particularly kidney beans and cabbages. He has just become a radio enthusiast.

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There has been an outbreak of swine fever not very far from Badminton, near

which place W. Howes is living. Luckily for him, he had sold his pigs, so for the moment is not going to replace them, despite the interest and profit they have provided. This decision is undoubtedly wise, but we hope all Gloucester will soon show a clean bill of health.

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In Alton, A. Allen is exceedingly busy making clogs for his Christmas stock in his usual industrious manner. We hope he may have a record trade! The present home has been sold, so Allen intends to build a house for himself, and has secured a site in a particularly good position. We shall look forward to hearing further details later.

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Owing to the fact that W. N. Williamson, of Denton, took both the 1st and 4th prizes at the Chester Competition, his name has been somewhat prominent in the local Press of late. This has brought him quite a rush of orders, so we offer him double congratulations—one on his victory and the second on his increased trade. One of his orders was for eighteen trays. Williamson is quite a champion prize winner, by the way. It is not very long since he carried off a "first" at a whist drive, and by so doing secured a remarkably fine pair of candlesticks.

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Although G. Adams has only been five weeks in Hurstpierpoint, he has sold several bags and mats, and it is evident that people are beginning to take an interest in him and his work. We hope he will build up a large circle of friends and customers. R. Newman, of St. Leonards, and W. C. Ward, of the same town, are going along happily, and rarely seem at a loss for private orders. F. W. Tarry, yet another Hastings man, is busy with trouser presses. We hope that many people will realise what acceptable Christmas presents these make!

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"All well" is the brief note that comes concerning F. W. Wenborn of Dover,

A. H. Osmond of Walthamstow, W. J. Wood of Putney, G. Southen and P. Vorley of Folkestone, J. R. Brown of Nuneaton, and W. Kirkham of Goodmayes, who, by the way, says he feels better now than he has done for some years.

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Mats, 47 feet square, sounds a large order. H. Hague, of Ashton-under-Lyne, is at work on two of this size, and we have every confidence that he will finish them successfully. D. Gibson, of Ancrum, has accomplished his move and is now busy getting his new place shipshape. In North Berwick, J. Rose has started in on basket making, and has already secured a few orders. J. Sheehy, of Dover, is busy as usual on local committees. W. F. Cork, of Rhodes Minnis, is doing well with his poultry, and D. Makin, of Wallsend, is still finding the market garden trade comparatively good, although, oddly enough, the coal trade is somewhat quiet. C. F. Spiers, of Oxford, has just made a mat for the wife of his local member of Parliament.

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There is little news from our Irish group this month, but S. Holmes, of Belfast, says that he has a fine supply of orders lately for stands, trays, etc.—indeed, he has enough on hand to keep him busy until Christmas.

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In Halstead, Essex, F. Spurgeon is getting settled in his new house, and hopes to do well in the immediate future. W. Lowings has been as active and busy as ever, and has made several remarkably useful pieces of furniture—a settee, two armchairs, and a sideboard are his largest achievements. Two men, G. Cocker, of Mitcheldean, and T. H. Dennison, of Stoke-on-Trent, have been devoting their attention to inventions. Cocker is busy on a working model of a device of which we hope to hear more later, and Dennison has nearly finished a mechanical poultry feeder which is a most ingenious arrangement. We wish him every success with it



and congratulate him upon the making of it; it is quite a wonderful achievement.

### Brief Notes

Space is limited, so the rest of our news concerning St. Dunstaners must be condensed. J. Levett, of Worthing, has given up poultry, for the time being at all events, and is casting about for other fields to conquer. He has a leaning towards joinery, and has built himself a nice little greenhouse. J. Cooney, another Worthing man, is getting ready for local sales before Christmas; we hope that trade will be brisk both for him and C. Wilshaw, who is laying in stock for the same objective. A. Anderson is doing well with his poultry and is hard at it getting houses, etc., put up on his new place at Letham. In Aberdeen D. Munro is pegging away, getting up stock for his shop and fulfilling orders for fish baskets. Another basket man is F. W. Bootle, of Southport; he seems to find a steady sale for his products locally. Friends of W. Alston, now of Preston, will be glad to hear that he has recovered from his accident. It will be remembered that he had rather a nasty fall downstairs recently. Having three occupations—boots, clogs and mats—he can usually keep busy, for trade is rarely slack in all together. In Bedworth C. F. Hall is cheerfully busy in his shop. H. Wood, of Rugby, is doing a lot of singing, and C. E. Thomas, of Todmorden, has entered the Singing Competition at the Blackpool Musical Festival. We hope to hear that he has scored a success. G. Brooks gives us little news, but what there is good, and the same may be said of F. G. Gibbins, of Hastings.

### Prize Winning Basket-Makers

#### ST. DUNSTANER'S SUCCESS

The Worshipful Company of Basket-Makers held an Exhibition and Examination of Basketwork in the Clothworkers' Hall, on November 12th, to which a

number of St. Dunstan's men sent specimens of their work. From the official list we gather that the following awards were made: Class 2—W. Buckle, of Mortlake, First Class Certificate; F. J. Brown, of Birmingham, Second Class Certificate. Class 4—J. Marriott, of Soham, First Class Certificate; J. A. Dunlop, of Penicuik, Second Class Certificate; C. Negus, of Wellingborough, Third Class Certificate; and R. Warren, Sketty, Third Class Certificate. We congratulate these St. Dunstaner craftsmen upon their creditable work and the success they have scored.

### Our "Missing Word" Competition

Our decision to set a new task for all competitors seems to have gained general approval, to judge by the numbers who have taken a second shot at the target. In spite of this second target being, in our opinion, a considerably more difficult one, three competitors have come very nearly to a "bull's eye." In other words, they have given five absolutely correct words out of the six, and in each case the wrong word given has been almost an exact synonym of the one originally written. Accordingly, we think we shall be best serving the ends of strict justice by dividing the total amount of the prize money offered, namely, **Twenty-five Shillings**, in equal proportions among the three following competitors: John W. Mahony, The Garden, Norfolk Lodge, Mid. Warberry Road, Torquay, South Devon; Chas. H. Cornwell, 123 Henslow Road, Foxhall Road, Ipswich; and Chas. M'Intosh, Jnr., Ramornie Poultry Farm, Terregles, Dumfries, to each of whom a remittance of 8s. 4d. will be sent.

We congratulate all competitors upon the keenness with which they have entered into this little competition, and hope before long to announce another on somewhat the same lines, as it is very obvious that it has struck popular taste among St. Dunstaners.

### Ask the Kaiser! A Piquant Article and its Outcome

Many readers of ST. DUNSTAN'S REVIEW will have read with the greatest interest an article which appeared in the London "Weekly Dispatch" of 22nd November entitled "If I Met the Ex-Kaiser." The article was written by Captain Fraser at the request of the Editor, and it suggests in such a readable and cleverly pointed way a series of questions to one whom the world will always continue to think primarily responsible for the Great War that we reproduce below the article in full.

An interesting outcome of its appearance, and one which will be welcomed, we are sure, by all our readers, is that the Editor of the "Weekly Dispatch" has offered a prize of **One Guinea** to the St. Dunstaner who sends in an imaginary question to the ex-Kaiser, which it is adjudged would be likely to bring forth the most informative and interesting reply from the one-time War Lord. We will give second and third prizes of **15s.** and **5s.** for the next best questions. Competitors are limited to one question only, which must not cover more than one subject, and which must not duplicate those in Capt. Fraser's article. All entries must be received not later than first post on the morning of 10th January next. They should be addressed to "Kaiser Question Competition," The Editor, ST. DUNSTAN'S REVIEW, St. Dunstan's Headquarters, Inner Circle, Regent's Park, London, N.W.1.

ONE cannot imagine a more interesting speculation than what one would say to the ex-Kaiser if one had the opportunity of being his guest at Doorn as has been the experience of the Right Hon. A. M. Carlisle, the former managing director of the great Belfast shipbuilding firm of Harland & Wolff.

Certainly one can easily imagine that a great many people would like very much to meet the ex-Kaiser in a casual encounter and unrestricted by the relation of host and guest.

They would probably be tempted to make some inquiries of him, both pertinent and impertinent. They might say to him: "Do you remember how, when you had achieved five-and-twenty years, you sent a photograph of yourself to Bismarck on which you had written 'Cave: adsum—Take care: I am at hand?' Do you still suppose that you exercise a terrifying effect on statesmen or have you realised that your tragedy is that the world no longer concerns itself much about you, and that if you made remarks in your old familiar War Lord strain it would probably regard you as a bore?"

They might remind him that Napoleon in retirement was at least a portentous figure, capable of making observations that showed military judgment and shrewdness and a wide, if somewhat cynical, knowledge of the world.

If I were to visit William of Hohenzollern at Doorn I should have to resist the temptation of such a form of questionnaire. However curious I might be, it is obvious that my questions would be limited by the rules which ordinarily govern hospitality.

But the questions one could put to him, if less piquant, would, I think, have a wider interest.

"We in England," I should say to him, "have always imagined that you and your advisers thought that our country would be neutral. Did you yourself, in fact, think so?"

"If you did think that, how do you account now for the extraordinary misunderstanding of English sentiment and character which such a short-sighted and mistaken view exhibits?"



From the beginning of the war I should like to take him through some of its phases.

"Why did you and your advisers," I should enquire, "permit the use of poison gas and the dropping of bombs and shells on civilians?"

From that I should certainly go on to ask him why he permitted the use of submarines against merchant vessels.

What his reply would be I do not know. It might be that a belligerent who had staked all on winning cannot afford to stop short of victory, and that, in the old phrase, "all is fair in love and war."

Surely that would be, from his point of view, a more courageous answer than his statement to Mr. Carlisle that "to some extent it was a war of lawyers and I have always disliked lawyers."

Promptly I should ask him: "How do you explain the miscalculation you and your people made about the effect of frightfulness? Do you not realise that it brought against you and them the moral indignation of the whole world?"

From that, by an easy transition, I should put another query: "Seeing that Hindenburg, who shared popular favour with you during the war, is now President of Germany, do you not think that you yourself would be held in better repute if you had stuck to your job instead of running away to a neutral country?"

"Did you entirely overlook the fact that at that time a considerable body of opinion in Germany was Nationalist and Monarchist and would have put its faith in you, or one of your family, as devoted and loyal supporters of your house?"

Then would follow the direct issue: "Do you not think that the now general lack of German confidence in yourself is due to your personal action in quitting the country?"

And another personal matter I should like to ask: "Did you ever really suppose that it might be your fate to be hanged, when people were vociferously declaring that you certainly would be?"

Here I think I can anticipate the course of the reply. It would probably be: "No, I never did. You see, I, too, in common with many other people, have had a wide and long experience of politicians not always able to carry out their promises made in times of emotion and excitement."

Another thing I should certainly like to say to him: "Would you, if you had your life to live over again, hazard everything on German militarism and on the vague prospect of a successful European war?"

"Would you repeat your desperate and ill-fated and disastrous effort to enlarge Germany's sphere of influence and your own personal power or would you think it more in the interest of Germany and of the world to behave as a more reasonable being and a more democratic monarch?"

"Would you," I should go on, "tell the world what exactly was your personal power before and during the war? Did you inspire, of your own initiative, aggressive militarism in Germany or were you merely a tool of your General Staff?"

"If you were merely a tool," I should say, "does not that indict the system as much as though you were really the master?"

"Did you really believe in the point of view put forward by the Germans to justify the war—that it was best for the world to be run on German lines and therefore necessary to impose *Kulture* on the world; or did you really encourage this doctrine so that you could lay for personal power and the aggrandisement of your supporters at the risk of the freedom and individuality of every other country?"

Finally I should ask this, perhaps the most important question: "Will you not even now, though your power and influence are so sorely diminished, make a gesture in favour of peace?"

"Will you now make it known to the fairly considerable number of people in Germany who have Monarchist sentiments—the only people you can influence—that you no longer believe in the sword as the only way to settle international disputes?"

"Will you not even now indicate to these people that you desire them to forget the goose-step, the drill, the uniforms, and all the pomp and panoply of war, and lend them aid to strengthen the League of Nations and all other efforts for peace, now and hereafter?"

I would much rather have the answers to those questions for the guidance and help and safety of the nations than the curious suggestion of the ex-War Lord that the Great War was none of his doing, but the work of the lawyers he detests.

From Mrs. M. Phillips, of Cranston Road, East Grinstead, an old friend of St. Dunstan's, we are glad to receive a letter enclosing an interesting news-cutting from Mafeking. An accompanying picture shows the Prince of Wales receiving a volume recording the history of the famous siege of Mafeking from Private Muller, an old St. Dunstaner. Extracts from the cutting read:—

An interesting function took place on the railway platform at Mafeking immediately after the arrival of the Prince of Wales.

On alighting from his coach His Royal Highness was met by the reception party, consisting of the Mayor and Mayoress, the Magistrate and Mrs. Robertson, and Major and Mrs. Cooke.

After inspecting the guard of honour, the Prince, accompanied by Major Robertson, proceeded to the spot where one hundred and sixty ex-service men were formed up under the command of a blinded soldier, Mr. Muller.

The Prince had two or three minutes' chat with Mr. Muller, inquired into the circumstances under which he lost his sight, and asked what his occupation was at present.

Prior to leaving the ex-service men, Mr. Muller asked His Royal Highness whether he would accept from him an album of Mafeking siege views. The reply from the Prince was: "I am delighted to accept this, and I very much appreciate a gift such as this and coming from you."

Mrs. Phillips, after making charmingly complimentary reference to the interest she finds in *ST. DUNSTAN'S REVIEW*, says:—

"It is good to read of old boys one has met and to know they are going on so well. Although unable at present through ill-health to work amongst them, I am still hoping to visit West House again some day."

The following cutting from a Treorchy newspaper will be of interest to our readers:—

#### UNIQUE SERVICE AT TREORCHY

The ex-servicemen of the Ton Pentre district celebrated Armistice Day in a unique and impressive manner.

It will be recalled that the members of the Ton Pentre branch of the British Legion rescued from a pauper's grave the remains of a veteran of the Great War and of the South African Campaign, named Thomas Hughes, whose body, after lying in state at the Legion Hall, covered with the Union Jack, was buried with full military honours in the Legion Plot in Treorchy Cemetery.

There being no public memorial in the district, the local ex-servicemen determined that on Armistice Day the grave of Thomas Hughes should symbolise to them that of the Unknown Warrior.

Accordingly the old soldier's grave was on Wednesday afternoon the scene of an impressive ceremony. Ex-servicemen to the number of several hundreds and Territorials of the 327th and 328th Batteries R.F.A. marched to the grave, headed by massed bands, and the cross was unveiled by Mr. Arthur Horrell, who, whilst serving with the 1st Devons in the war, lost his eyesight.

A brief service was conducted by the Rev. Iorwerth Hughes, pastor of Hebron Baptist Church, and the Last Post was sounded by Trumpeter Woodward.

Our St. Dunstaner comrade, Horrell, must be proud of the honour done him on this occasion.

The British Thomson-Houston Co., Ltd., held their Ex-Servicemen's Re-union Dinner at Coventry Cross Hotel on Friday, November 13th. It appears to have been a very cheery and successful function. Two St. Dunstaner employees of the firm—namely, J. Griffiths and J. Davies—were there and enjoyed the evening immensely, Davies proposing the toast "Our Guests." St. Dunstan's also came in for honourable mention.



**Poultry Notes**

**St. Dunstan's Winter Egg Laying Test**

RECOGNISED BY THE NATIONAL POULTRY COUNCIL

THE first period of 28 days ended on the 28th November. 1,592 eggs were produced, of which 1,107 were first grade, 397 second grade, and 49 third grade, with 39 eggs unrecorded.

It will be observed that about twenty-five per cent. of the eggs laid were classed as second grade. The White Leghorns have been the chief offenders, giving over thirty-two per cent. Section 2 follows

Section	No. of Birds	Number of Eggs.			Total	Average No. Laid per Bird
		1	2	3		
1 Rhode Island Reds	84	456	100	11	627	7.46
2 A. O. Heavy Breed	28	129	55	10	194	6.93
3 White Leghorns	72	314	105	28	507	7.04
4 Single Heavy Breed	18	141	10	—	151	8.39
5 Single Light Breed	13	67	7	—	74	5.69
		1,107	397	49	1,553	
		Unrecorded	..	..	39	
					1,592	7.4

The average number of eggs laid per day was 57 from the 215 competing birds. The highest daily production was 74 eggs, on the 23rd, and the lowest 44, on the 16th.

The production table below gives an analysis of the number of first, second and third grade eggs in the various sections, together with the average number of eggs laid per bird during the period.

closely with twenty-eight per cent., and the Rhode Island Reds (Section 1) with twenty-five per cent. Section 4 has maintained egg size remarkably well with only just over six per cent. of second grade eggs. Section 5 has also done well with nine per cent.

The weather practically throughout the month has been adverse to a heavy egg

SECTION 1.—RHODE ISLAND REDS

Position	Owner	Eggs laid. First period.			Total Score	Test Value
		1	2	3		
1	Nelson H.	45	19	—	64	64
2	Bissett, Mr. L. A.	55	5	—	60	60
3	Condon, C. T.	45	12	—	57	57
4	Lea, J. H.	36	16	—	52	52
5	Coman, A. E.	43	3	—	46	46
6	Benning, A.	35	5	1	41	40
7	Tindall, J. H.	17	19	2	38	36
8	Chaffin, A.	15	16	—	31	31
9	Urry, A.	26	3	—	29	29
10	Webb, W.	12	16	1	29	28

SECTION 2.—ANY OTHER HEAVY BREED

1	Maclean, D.	42	1	—	43	43
2	Carter, T. A.	26	5	—	31	31
3	Holmes, P.	10	20	7	37	30
4	Ashwell, R.	9	17	1	27	26

SECTION 3.—WHITE LEGHORNS

1	Ramsden, Mr. N. A.	43	6	1	50	49
2	Tindall, J. H.	26	17	7	50	43
3	Knopp, H. A.	24	18	1	43	42
4	Bulman, Mr. C. R.	37	4	—	41	41
5	Newell, C. L.	20	13	—	33	33
6	Highet, A.	17	15	3	35	32
7	Whitingslow, J.	13	17	2	32	30
8	Brown, C. H.	24	3	—	27	27
9	Owen, Capt.	15	11	1	27	26

SECTION 4.—SINGLE BIRD—HEAVY

1	Webb, W.	21	—	—	21	21
2	Urry, A.	13	5	—	18	18
3	Chaffin, A.	17	—	—	17	17
4	Bissett, Mr. L. A.	16	—	—	16	16
5	Burgin, W.	13	2	—	15	15
6	Carter, T. A.	14	—	—	14	14
7	Roach, D.	7	1	—	8	8
8	Maclaren, Mr. D.	7	—	—	7	7
9	Knopp, H. A.	6	1	—	7	7
10	Bulman, Mr. C. R.	5	1	—	6	6

SECTION 5.—SINGLE BIRD—LIGHT

1	Chaffin, A.	13	—	—	13	13
2	Holmes, P.	11	—	—	11	11
3	Gregory, E.	9	—	—	9	9
4	Nolan, J.	3	5	—	8	8
5	Foulkes, W. A.	4	2	—	6	6

yield. We have experienced very severe frosts, some snow, and cold winds from the north and east. It has been undoubtedly a very trying time for the birds, and we feel confident that had the climatic conditions been more favourable they would have given a much more prolific supply of eggs.

We have had some trouble with colds during the month—particularly in one house. The birds were given suitable treatment, and are now practically free. There has also been one case of "soft crop." In all other respects the health of

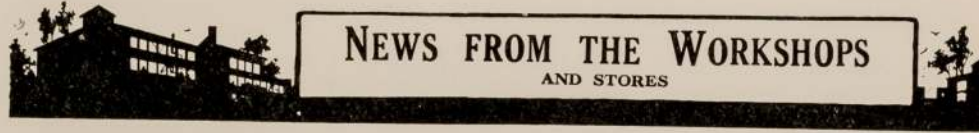
the birds has been excellent. One bird has been broody—Ring No. 21—and several birds are in a neck moult.

It is interesting to note that up to the 28th November 63 birds had not laid, 35 had only laid from one to five eggs, and eight birds had laid twenty eggs and over.

The results of the leading pens are set out in the tables which we publish herewith and which we are sure all St. Dunstan's Poultry Farmers will study with interest.

G. G.





#### BOOT SHOP

THE persistent efforts which C. Short has been making with his work during this term are now bringing him some return. He has found several parts of the work difficult, but is now making a distinct advance all round. G. Parrick made a good start and shows a readiness to pick up points of instruction which should mean good development in the future. W. H. Bedford soon grasps what is wanted, and is making fair progress for the time he has been at the trade. F. Craddock's marking and riveting can be classed as good; he gets nice, clean edges and is making very fair progress with the trade. Every effort is also being made by E. S. Hayter to get his work correct. Considering his short experience, his marking and riveting and finishing are quite good. We are also pleased to report that the advance made by W. A. Bowering has been continued. He is much more successful, both with the shape of his soles and the edges, so that we are anticipating a still further advance. F. J. Shepherd continues to maintain a very level standard in boot repairs, and has done some useful work in the Mat Shop, thrums being well placed and cutting good. T. Phelps has been making good use of his time during the term, and is showing distinct promise of making a useful boot repairer. J. T. Davies has also been doing good work, tackling any kind of job given to him, and turning out all his work quite well. In addition to being sound on bench work, his finishing is good. A. G. Briggs has got a good grip of the trade generally, and has also made a useful start in the Mat Shop.

#### MAT SHOP

H. Bray turned out a very varied lot of mats during October and November, doing borders, letters and designs in addition to plain mats. The mat with his own name in it was made in quite good style, and is really first-class work. Since completing his poultry joinery course, C. Knight has

also been getting through a good deal of work, including some five-diamond mats. His standard is generally good.

#### BASKET SHOP

W. Haugh has made quite a good start with barrel baskets, and should develop well. G. H. Phillips continued very steadily during the term; he has made pail baskets, barrels and waste papers, reaching a very good standard. B. Toole has also been doing similar work. The plaited borders give him some trouble, but he is certainly making advance.

During the last two months J. H. Mason has been doing smaller work, such as rectangular tea-trays with beaded handles, and letter-baskets, also teapot stands, and is showing his usual ability. On centre cane work H. A. Russell has been doing distinctly better, trying various classes of baskets. The display of baskets made by W. Rickaby & Son ranged from a teapot stand to a large hamper, and was evidently in the nature of a special Christmas effort.

#### JOINERY DEPARTMENT

The elementary work done by S. Aves has been very careful and accurate. He is particularly interested in his work, and has recently completed a distinctly good octagonal table. W.H.O.

#### Busy Always

In the quiet little town of Haverhill, Suffolk, the basket shop of E. J. Laker has its place in the High Street. The window always contains a variety of baskets, and a step inside the door will disclose him surrounded by his material, busily working, giving practical evidence of the fact that his baskets are genuine home-made. Market day brings in most of his customers, from the surrounding villages, but Laker also sends a number of large chicken crates to Sussex, 36 ins. by 25 ins. by 11 ins., and has recently received a most congratulatory letter from a lady in London, who is delighted with the cat basket he recently sent her.

## Radio Concert by the Blind

### St. Cecilia Day Programme a Great Success

OUR readers throughout the country will have been greatly interested in the programme broadcast from Daventry on Sunday, November 22nd, which provided striking proof of the capability of blind performers to sustain a most attractive and versatile programme. Captain Fraser presided, and also acted as Announcer. With his wide knowledge of the technique of radio and his experience as a public speaker, it is not surprising that our Chairman scored a complete success in this new rôle. Every syllable of his short but interesting introductory speech, and of the various announcements made throughout the programme, was most clearly heard, and certainly added very considerably to the effectiveness of the transmission.

The various artistes who contributed to the programme are also to be congratulated upon playing their parts splendidly. It would be invidious to particularise where all proved so fully competent, and it will suffice to say that there is every prospect of further programmes on the same lines being broadcast.

We are very interested to know that Captain Fraser has received many letters from listeners-in congratulating himself and the other contributors to the programme upon the success of the transmission. Not only St. Dunstaners have written, but many members of the general public also, a number of whom have generously sent contributions to support the suggestion made by Captain Fraser in his opening address as to the desirability of helping all blind listeners-in to the possession of a wireless set of their own. As St. Dunstan's is obviously unable to undertake responsibility for more than its own men, Captain Fraser has received permission from the donors of these contributions to place the amounts received to a fund from which St. Dunstan's actually supplies wireless sets to men who are so badly disabled in addition to their blindness that they are unable to

find any other amusement or enjoyment. At the same time, it is hoped that the form Captain Fraser's suggestion took will result in a great increase of interest and practical help by members of the general public towards sightless people with whom they may get in touch in their own locality.

We print below some extracts from letters received:—

From Mr. KENNETH GOW, of Bruges, Belgium.

"Dear Captain Fraser,—I listened-in yesterday afternoon to a most enjoyable concert over which you presided, and I feel I must write and tell you how very close it brought me to St. Dunstan's, hearing your voice and those of my friends, Messrs. Graves and Dan Hunt. . . . I am a very ardent wireless enthusiast and I do not know what I should do without my 4-valve set. I most heartily agree with your sentiment that a wireless set should form part of the equipment of every blind person. It is not only a wonderful source of entertainment, but as a source of information and education it is of the greatest value. In conclusion, may I say that I hope it may not be very long before I hear your voice and those of other St. Dunstaners per T.S.F. . . ."

From Mr. F. CHANNING, of Wargrave, Berks.

"Dear Captain Fraser,—I should like to write and tell you how much my wife and I enjoyed the concert yesterday afternoon. The programme was excellent, and you a first-rate announcer. As you know, I was one of your earliest pupils, and am still as keenly interested in the wireless. I read all your articles several times over, and was pleased to learn from your last article that you have formed a Wireless Department at St. Dunstan's—this will be such a boon to St. Dunstaners. Mr. Howlett is always so obliging, and willing to give a helping hand when need arises. . . ."

From Mrs. F. SCOTT, of Newport Pagnell, Bucks.

"My husband is a St. Dunstaner, and he has asked me to write and say how well he enjoyed the wireless programme on Sunday, and to hear you announce the artistes. To think that the St. Dunstan's boys should entertain listeners in London and Daventry! We hope we shall have the pleasure of listening to you again on the wireless."

From Mr. ROBERT J. SANDERS, of Sheffield.

"If we had not been possessed of a very well behaved two-valve receiver, which will not take you round the world in twenty-five minutes but gives excellent results from Sheffield, Manchester and Leeds, we should not have heard the splendid programme broadcasted from the London B.B.C. Studio on Sunday last.



"The musical items came through splendidly, and your opening address was exceptionally clear, as also was your announcing. The cornet solos were excellent, and the Braille reading was a surprise to several who were listening-in."

"With regard to your remarks respecting the provision of a wireless receiver for every blind person, several people I have met have expressed their approval of some scheme to accomplish this object, and personally I believe that such a scheme would meet with public sympathy, if central organisation were established for the purpose of raising funds and with the assistance of all blind institutions throughout the British Isles."

"I am sure that a large percentage of those who have wireless receivers would support the effort, realising as they do what a great pleasure it would be to the blind, and use all their efforts to obtain the support of those who do not possess wireless receivers. . . ."

From MRS. CHARLOTTE C. ZIEGLER, Birkenhead.

"I have just heard with the greatest pleasure the wonderful concert from the London Studio given by blind artistes. . . . I am filled with wonder and admiration at the skill of these blind men."

From "A NEWCASTLE LISTENER."

"Please excuse a perfect stranger taking the liberty of writing to you, but I feel, as many others must, that it was a very great privilege to hear the beautiful concert this afternoon. Everything was enjoyable, and it is wonderful to think of the clever blind people being able to entertain so many millions of people and doing it exceptionally well too. It felt as if you had brought your family to make both them and us happy, and I am sure you did. It was such a cheery atmosphere—as if they enjoyed it as much as we did. Everything was just right, but I think the good reading of the Genesis chapter stood very near the front. Again with many thanks both to you and the performers. . . ."

### "Radio Sounds" Competition

By this time most St. Dunstaners who entered for this competition under the special arrangements made at Headquarters, as well as those who probably "listened in" all over the country, will have seen the results in the public Press. While we must express our regret that no St. Dunstaner entrant was numbered among the big prize winners we congratulate a prizeman of Walthamstow in getting a consolation prize and are sure that all who participated in the contest enjoyed it.

The following is an extract from a letter received from one of St. Dunstan's boot repairers:—

"In this seaside resort a good class leather is very essential for repairing, and my experience is that St. Dunstan's Oak Bends cannot be beaten, for, unlike other leathers, it does not break away in the wearing, but gradually grinds and wears away with the grit, which we have plenty of, on the seashore. When one looks at the costing of the same in the scale, I am greatly surprised that some of the boys should be requiring another class of leather. May I suggest that should any of the boys be waited upon by travellers with other brands they should be very careful, as I have had some expensive experience, and consider that they should be left alone. They speak very fluently, and perhaps the price is a copper or two a pound cheaper, and the sample they give you to handle is good, and a nice, stout substance; but wait until the goods arrive, and you commence to use them, then you find that the bends are lighter than the sample, and very poorly rounded. If you complain to the traveller on his next visit he blames the warehouseman who got the order up, so I think it is best to leave these people alone."

The possibilities of clogging and clog repairing for blind men are being very well demonstrated by J. S. Lever, of Pendleton, who has for some time been making a good number of clogs, finding it as much as he can do at times to keep pace with the orders. He and his wife are very keen and enthusiastic, and are to be congratulated on their success. He has recently executed an order for a new type, Croft clogs, which is a two-laced upper, common toe, no irons on the soles, and welted round with copper nails. These are worn by people tramping on cloth in dye works, and he has recently heard from the Park House Dyeing Company to the effect that they are very satisfactory and have lasted twice as long as previous makes. This testimonial was, naturally, accompanied by a further order.

## After-Care Meetings and News

### STAFFORDSHIRE AND SHROPSHIRE

The Staffordshire and Shropshire men foregathered at Hanley on 18th November for the Re-union, and a very jolly afternoon was enjoyed by all.

Miss Cook came to help, and Mr. Hodgkinson was also a tower of strength.

After a splendid tea—we have discreetly forgotten how many sausage rolls one man accounted for—Mr. Swain made a cheery speech, and welcomed everyone in Capt. Fraser's name. For himself, he said how pleased he was to meet old friends, and that re-unions were now becoming like happy family gatherings rather than business meetings. Next year he hoped to make the meeting a larger one by holding it at Wolverhampton and inviting men from a larger area.

The results of the competitions were as follows:—

*Smelling Competition.*—Mrs. Rowe and Mrs. Sutton tied. Miss Cook came to the rescue and presented a cake as an extra prize.

*Card Throwing.*—(T.B.) Sutton; (S.S.) Blackshaw.

*Bean Bag Guessing.*—Wakefield.

We wanted Mr. Swain to present the prizes, but as he had to leave to catch his train, Miss Hodgkinson did it for us.

We also enjoyed an excellent concert, and are very much indebted to Mrs. B. Arnold, Miss Hodgkinson, and Miss J. Stevens for their assistance.

Everybody was sorry that the distance was too great for some of our old friends to be with us. Just a word for the babies—they both behaved beautifully. N. G.

### BIRMINGHAM

A very happy gathering was the Birmingham Re-union held at "Ridgways" on 13th November. Unfortunately, quite a number of the Boys could not come; some of them because Friday is a bad day to leave a business, or was it, perhaps, because it was also the 13th? Are St. Dunstaners superstitious?

After an excellent tea, Mr. Swain bade everybody welcome and delivered a message from Capt. Fraser wishing everyone all of the best, and a good time. A vote of thanks to Capt. Fraser and to Mr. Swain was proposed by Chambers, who in a neat little speech said he knew that he voiced the opinion of all St. Dunstaners when he said that they all looked upon Mr. Swain as a personal friend, really interested and always willing to help. This was seconded by Trott and carried very heartily.

Everybody having done full justice to the tea, Miss Hodgson and Miss Gough, assisted by Miss Flowers and Miss E. Gough, organised some competitions.

Results:—

*Smelling Competition.*—Mrs. Cook.

*Basket Ball.*—(T.B.) Chambers; (S.S.) Giles.

*Bean Bag Guessing.*—Lawlor.

A splendid concert was organised by Messrs. Rileys, and Toc. H. also contributed some stories and songs. Castle, Read, and Trott gave us some songs which were much appreciated.

We owe special thanks to Ridgways Café Orchestra. They gave us their free time between two engagements, and played dance music for us. We shall look forward to a larger meeting next time, but we could hardly have a more enthusiastic one.

N. G.

### LEICESTER

The Leicester After-Care meeting was held on Wednesday, 4th November, at Temples Café, Haymarket, Leicester. Over thirty men with their wives or escorts attended from Leicestershire and Northamptonshire.

At the end of tea Mr. Swain spoke to the gathering about many things of interest to St. Dunstaners generally, and read them Captain Fraser's message of good wishes. T. Parrish proposed a vote



of thanks to Captain Fraser and Mr. Swain, and said how much these After-Care re-unions were appreciated. He was seconded by W. Biggs and F. Carter.

Both before and after tea everyone took part in a number of competitions, and the winners were as follows:—

*Guessing Names of Smells.*—Ladies' handbag; won by Mrs. Windridge.

*Guessing Number of Beans in a Bag.*—Jelly dish; won by A. Cooke.

*Kim Game.*—A butter dish; won by C. Negus.

*Basket Ball.*—T.B. Section.—First prize (a case of spoons) won by F. Carter, and the second (fifty cigarettes) won by A. Billingham. The prizes for the S.S. Section were the same as those for the T.B.'s, the winners being O. Windridge (first) and J. Spencer (second).

After the games were finished and tea had been cleared away we had a most enjoyable concert, the artistes being friends of W. Biggs. This made a very jolly ending to a delightful afternoon. W. Storer and F. Carter kindly assisted with songs.

Two ladies from the Women's Branch of Toc. H., also a lady from Stratford-on-Avon, very kindly came along and helped, but the greatest surprise and delight of the afternoon was the appearance of Mrs. Hake—better known as Miss Evers—who was kept busy all the time talking to her old friends.

A. H.

#### GLOUCESTER

The Gloucester After-Care Meeting was held in Botherway's Café on Wednesday, 25th November, and was almost a full muster, nearly sixty sitting down to tea. Everyone was very sorry that a Council Meeting at Headquarters prevented Miss Hamar Greenwood coming, and much appreciated her telegram of good wishes, also that Mrs. Arnold was ill and unable to be with us.

Thanks to the kindness of Mrs. Fennell we had quite a musical afternoon; her selection of cheery tunes at the piano did much to add to everyone's enjoyment. When conversation allowed, competitions

were the order of the day, and a cake—a veritable work of art with the crest and the name "St. Dunstan's" on a chocolate ground—was the subject of some very keen guessing. Everyone was pleased that "Charlie" Gray won it with an excellent guess, and it proved just the right size to fit into the front of his bath chair for the homeward journey.

There was the usual doubt as to where the donkey's tail should be placed. W. Cromwell came nearer to a correct solving of the problem than anyone else. It must be confessed that when it comes to a question of how many beans go to fill a certain bag the men prove better than the ladies at guessing. C. Newell's guess was a very good one. Mrs. Bundy was ten beans better in her guess than any other lady present.

In the midst of our pleasure at our yearly re-union we did not forget the loss which the country in general, and St. Dunstan's in particular, has sustained in the death of Queen Alexandra. At the commencement of his speech Mr. Swain made touching reference to the Queen Mother's death, and all stood for a few moments' silence as a tribute to one who was a much loved lady and also a very real friend to St. Dunstan's.

Mr. Swain then read a message from Captain Fraser, which was listened to with much pleasure, and continued a speech which was of great interest to all present. F. C. Harris, of Cheltenham, made an excellent reply, thanking Mr. Swain for his speech, and sending a message of thanks to Captain Fraser from himself and the other St. Dunstaners present.

The musical part of the programme was then resumed. A. Bundy sang several songs which were much enjoyed, and Miss Pile, daughter of J. Pile, of Rodborough, gave us a real treat with her delightful singing.

When the tables had been cleared, Mrs. Fennell played some dance music, and several St. Dunstaners showed that the skill of old dance days in the Lounge has not been forgotten.

D. I. M. A.

## Births—Deaths

### BIRTHS

CLAMPETT.—On 5th November, to the wife of W. V. Clampett, of Eastleigh, a daughter (May Helena).

DAVIES.—On 25th November, to the wife of R. Davies, of Saxmundham, a daughter.

DENNICK.—On the 25th November, to the wife of J. Dennick, of Evesham, a daughter (Kathleen Joyce).

DODDS.—On the 6th December, to the wife of R. Dodds, of Cattal, a son.

DURKIN.—On the 2nd November, to the wife of C. Durkin, of Putney, a daughter.

FORRESTER.—On the 19th November, to the wife of L. Forrester, of Glasgow, a son (Norman).

HAMILTON.—On the 22nd of October, a little daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton, of Brandon, Suffolk. (Still born.)

HINDLEY.—On the 9th November, to the wife of J. Hindley, of Manchester, a daughter.

JACKSON.—On 10th November, to the wife of G. C. Jackson, of Ashford, a daughter (Olive Maud Evelyn).

JUDD.—On 16th November, to the wife of W. Judd, of Chiswick, a son (Kenneth William).

LENDERYOU.—On 9th November, to the wife of A. F. Lenderyou, of Wimbledon, a son.

MATTHEWS.—On 11th November, to the wife of G. Matthews, of Towcester, a daughter.

PIKE.—On 17th November, to the wife of S. C. Pike, of Brighton, a daughter.

SEPTON.—On 5th November, to the wife of S. Septon, of Warwick, a daughter.

WEBB.—On 9th November, to the wife of A. Webb, of Birmingham, a daughter.

WEEKS.—On 23rd November, to the wife of H. Weeks, of Bristol, a son.

We regret to find that the following births did not reach us for insertion in recent issues. They are now published with apologies for delay.

BROCKIE.—To the wife of E. Brockie, of Scotland, a son, born May the 8th.

BROWN.—On the 12th of May, a son to the wife of J. H. Brown, of Nuneaton.

CHAPPLE.—On the 27th of May, a son (Frederick Edward) to the wife of W. Chapple, of Bush Hill Park.

FEARN.—On the 22nd of May, a son to the wife of E. Fearn, of Moira.

### DEATHS

GOODLEY.—On the 28th of October, the mother of H. F. Goodley, of Diss, Norfolk, passed away, aged 85 years.

KITCHEN.—In September last, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kitchen, of Hyde, aged 21. We know that the loss was very great, and are sorry that the trouble should have come upon them.

RITCHIE.—On the 13th of November, the mother of W. J. Ritchie, of Sevenoaks. We send him our sympathy.

The Greetland Vocal Union held its Sixth Annual Concert on the 14th November, at West Vale, nr. Halifax, Yorkshire, and the following is an extract from a report published in the *Halifax Courier*:—

"The Todmorden tenor, Mr. C. E. Thomas, from the St. Dunstan's Blind Hostel, had a wonderful evening, and he deserved every atom of the applause accorded. Mr. Thomas is a genuine tenor, with a voice limpid, sweet and yet with ample reserve of power if necessary. He sings with a plenitude of colour and warmth, and it was a positive joy to hear him. 'Nirvana,' so well known, was displayed with new charm and appeal, and the delightful Irish love song 'Maire My Girl' (Aitken) went to the heart in a succession of pure and soulful phrases. Mr. Thomas is an artist, and he was further successful with 'To Daisies' (Roger Quilter) and 'Take a Pair of Sparkling Eyes' (Sullivan) along with his responses to recalls."

M. R.



## "In Memory"

PRIVATE MELBOURNE DAWSON  
(60th Royal Defence Corps)

WE much regret to have to record the death of this St. Dunstan. Enlisting in 1915, Dawson was discharged in January, 1919, and came to St. Dunstan's in the following March. He was trained in netting and wool rug-making, and on leaving in March, 1921, he carried on with these trades, but being badly handicapped by ill-health, he was unable to do much work. In July of this year Dawson began to get weaker, and rapidly growing worse, he died on the 4th November.

The funeral took place on November 9th, and the interment was in Hove Cemetery, after a service held by the Vicar at Moulscombe Church. Among those present were Matron Thellusson, Miss Downing, Sergt. Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Madieson, and Mr. Donlan. A wreath in the form of our Badge was sent from "Captain Fraser, C.B.E., M.P., and his other Comrades at St. Dunstan's."

PRIVATE PERCIVAL ALLAN BAKER  
(19th Australian Imperial Force)

This Overseas St. Dunstan enlisted in July, 1915, and was discharged in October, 1917. He came to St. Dunstan's in December, 1916, and while with us was trained in poultry farming, mat-making and joinery. For two or three years Baker carried on with the poultry farm in Australia, but in 1920 he had a severe attack of rheumatic fever, and never thoroughly recovered from it. He was in hospital for a very long time, and died on the 15th November of rheumatoid arthritis. Baker leaves a wife—a London girl—to mourn him.

JOHN W. HOUSTON  
(Home Forces, Canadian Government Railway)

This St. Dunstan came to St. Dunstan's in September, 1919, but was unable, owing to the state of his health, to undertake any serious training. Houston was very seriously wounded in the great Halifax Disaster of 1917, and in addition to his blindness, was also paralysed down the left side. After a long stay at our annexes, he eventually went to stay with a friend in Brighton, where he died on the 8th November of Bright's disease, having been bed-ridden for a very long period. Houston was a single man, but leaves a mother to mourn his memory.

### St. Dunstaners at Canonbury Parade

On 15th November the members of the Canonbury Ex-Service Men's Club invited a party of our boys to attend the annual parade and visit to the local Cenotaph and shrine. The parade formed up at Highbury Corner, and consisted of troops, nurses, St. John's Ambulance, special constables, Scouts, Guides, Cubs, Salvation Army, brass and bugle bands, &c., and was over one mile in length. Our party was escorted by sisters and nurses from the Royal Northern Hospital. The greetings were very cordial between Sisters Smith, Sanford, Nurse Vendy and the boys who were present last year. A short service was held at the Islington

Cenotaph and a number of wreaths were placed on the shrine. We then marched to the parish church, which was also officially visited by the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the borough. The lesson was read by J. Merchant, Esq. (President Islington Free Church Council). The address given by the Rev. H. W. Hinde, M.A., Vicar and Rural Dean, was very stirring, and his detailed history of the local battalion very interesting. We then attended the Canonbury Shrine, where another short service was held; the parade was finally dismissed by Brigadier-General Moore, who had a chat with some of the boys whom he remembered from the year before.

Now for the second part of the programme. Secretary Polombo welcomed us into the Club, accompanied by the Royal Northern ladies, where lunch was served—roast beef, &c., &c., &c., and real beer; none of your water and science stuff. A concert followed. Several of our boys surpassed themselves. The M.C. announced Tim Healey as an Old Islingtonian, and Tim's rendering of "Two Eyes of Grey" was very well received and encored. Jock M'Farlane was announced as the "famous St. Dunstan's Scottish comedian." Jock fairly captivated and brought down the house, and his Scottish chuckle was very infectious. I quite expected Micky Burran to be announced as the St. Dunstan's jockey, but no, it was just plain Mick; and right well did he sing. Bill Bowring surprised us all by his singing of "I Love a Lassie." Councillor Harris and Secretary Polombo in their respective speeches paid tribute to our boys and issued an open invitation to any St. Dunstan at any time to the Canonbury Ex-Servicemen's Club, 47 Canonbury Square. Tim Healy, who replied on behalf of St. Dunstan's, got his audience right away and in very sincere and eloquently worded phrases thanked everyone who had taken part in the day's proceedings. So ended once again a wonderful day. On arriving back at Headquarters at 12.0 midnight we had two members of the Club with us, the same two as last year, so you can tell they are stickers. Now, to quote the words of one of the boys, "Roll on the next parade!"

W. A. T.

### Departmental Notes

#### NETTING NOTES

As soon as we had closed down at Wembley we got very busy in the work-rooms at Headquarters with our Christmas orders. Quite a feature again this year is the big demand for string containers, which we think will be good news for our string bag workers. We have been

accumulating large quantities of containers for some months past in anticipation of just such a run on them as has now set in. The new smaller container is also proving a good saleable article, and a quantity of these have gone all the way to Bermuda.

In connection with Christmas sales, we were glad to attend a small exhibition of arts and crafts held in a hall off the Marylebone Road on November 12th, 13th and 14th. We were allotted the whole of the stage, and so were able to give an effective display of all St. Dunstan's goods somewhat on the lines of our Wembley exhibit. The three days' show was adversely affected by foggy weather, so that the attendance was not good, but even so we consider the effort well worth while.

G. H. W.

#### BRAILLE NOTES

Heartly congratulations to S. Bush and G. Donnelly on passing their Reading Test; also to A. Vernon, A. Chambers, and T. Blackman on passing their Writing Test.

#### TYPEWRITING NOTES

Our best wishes to W. Rickaby, H. Mortimer, E. S. Hayter, S. Bush, and A. Tetley, who have passed their Typewriting Test.

#### TELEPHONY NOTES

We heartily congratulate W. Pearce on obtaining a post as telephonist to the Gas Company at Red Lion Yard, Edgware Road. Our best wishes to him.

M. H. R.

#### BRAILLE AND TYPING ROOM TEA PARTY

The Annual Braille and Typing Room Tea Party, held on Armistice Day, at Maison Lyons, was a great success, and ninety-eight of us enjoyed the very excellent tea for which Lyons is famed.

We were very delighted to have Miss Cunningham, Miss Woolrych and Mr. "H." with us, which reminded us of the old days at St. Dunstan's. The orchestra kindly allowed us to choose favourite songs for them to play, and St. Dunstaners enjoyed a very good "sing-song."





**SPORTS CLUB NOTES**

**O**UR Present Boys have had a most successful term with their Saturday sports, and a glance at the points scored by the various competitors will give an idea of the excellence of the competition. I heartily congratulate Peach upon once more heading the list in the T.B. section. His, undoubtedly, is a remarkable performance, and particularly to lead by so many points. Of course it must be remembered that Chambers lost two or three Saturdays through illness. Tetley also has done uncommonly well in getting third place. In the S.S. section Davies heads the list by 150 points, with Phelps second and Rickaby third.

**PRESENT BOYS**

T.B.		S.S.	
POINTS			
C. W. Peach	930	Davies	955
Chambers	675	Phelps	895
Tetley	645	Rickaby	680
Haugh	495	Mortimer	640
S. Aitken	410	Craddock	620
Rogers	320	Cole	585
P. Milligan	320	Crook	395
Cook	175	Short	370
Boyter	120	Briggs	295
Radley	30	J. Shepherd	235
		Comley	165
		Parrick	160
		Bentley	160
		Jones	140
		Vernon	125
		Bedford	105
		Eden	90

**OLD BOYS' SPORTS**

I am glad to say that our numbers have greatly increased during this last season, and some excellent sports have been witnessed. It is very interesting to note that our list is headed by two T.B.'s—MacFarlane, with 550 points, and Nicholls with 495. The sports are finishing for this term on the 15th, and will resume on Tuesday 12 January. May I say once more that we would be very glad to welcome any other men who would care to come along. I am sure that they would thoroughly enjoy the experience.

**AFTER-CARE SPORTS POINTS**

McFarlane	550
Nicholls	495
Cookson	470
Fleming	460
Henry	435
Brown	430
Kerr	395
Gover	385
Webster	365
Thompson	315
Burran	295
Prior	285
Ashton	255
Bawden	175
Downs	135
Gamble	125
Bartlett	120
James	45
Scott	25

**FOOTBALL COMPETITION.**

This has been in every way most successful. There has been some extraordinarily good scoring and also some very close matches. The competition was won by the Bowerings by four clear points from the Timothies, who in turn lead the United by two points. The Bowerings have an uncommonly good record in securing 23 points out of a possible 28. This would put them at the top of the first division, whilst the goal average is exceedingly good. Bray heads the list of T.B. goal scorers with 14 goals, whilst Harlow and Bowering tied in the S.S. section with 25 goals each. Unfortunately Bowering, through illness, was unable to kick off, and Harlow was lucky enough to win the toss and therefore secure the medal given.

**FOOTBALL COMPETITION**

**LEAGUE TABLE**

Team	P	W	L	D	Goals	
					F	A Pts.
Bowerings	14	10	1	3	80	43 23
Timothies	14	8	3	3	70	57 19
United	14	8	5	1	71	67 17
Wallonians	14	6	6	2	55	65 14
Rackabites	14	5	8	1	62	66 11
Wireless	14	4	7	3	62	70 11
Didos	14	4	8	2	53	66 10
Peachers	14	3	10	1	48	66 7

**MATCHES PLAYED**

Nov. 6th.	Peachers	2	Didos	2
	Timothies	3	Wireless	1
10th.	Bowerings	6	Wireless	4
	Didos	7	Rackabites	4
12th.	United	5	Peachers	4
	Wallonians	6	Timothies	3
13th.	Bowerings	4	Wireless	4
	Rackabites	5	Didos	3
16th.	Wireless	7	Peachers	4
	Timothies	7	Didos	4
17th.	Timothies	6	United	6
	Bowerings	7	Wallonians	4
18th.	Rackabites	7	Wireless	2
	Wallonians	5	Peachers	4
19th.	Peachers	3	Wireless	2
	Didos	4	Timothies	3
20th.	Rackabites	8	Wireless	4
	Wallonians	5	Peachers	4
23rd.	United	7	Rackabites	6
	Didos	7	Bowerings	4
24th.	Wireless	9	Didos	4
	Wallonians	7	United	6
25th.	Timothies	3	Rackabites	2
	Bowerings	6	Peachers	3
26th.	Rackabites	7	United	5
	Bowerings	5	Didos	1
27th.	Bowerings	4	United	1
	Rackabites	2	Wallonians	2

**LIST OF GOAL SCORERS**

T.B.		S.S.	
Bray	14	Harlow	25
Lomas	12	Bowering	25
Fletcher	11	Bedford	21
Rogers	11	Stuart	20
Milligan	10	Davis	18
Joe Aitken	9	Briggs	15
Jock Aitken	9	Rickaby	15
C. Peach	8	Short	15
Aldridge	8	Craddock	15
White	7	Bush	13
Radley	6	Haugh	12
Chambers	6	Comley	12
Boyter	6	J. Shepherd	11
Clover	5	Steel	11
Eason	5	Harkness	10
Phillips	5	Knight	9
Johnston	3	Crook	9
Haugh	3	Mortimer	8
T. Peach	3	Bayer	8
Eccleston	2	Jones	8
Tetley	2	Newman	8
Healey	1	Parrick	8
Cook	1	Hill	7
		F. Shepherd	7
		Eden	7
		Boyce	6
		Foster	5
		Muncaster	5
		Brooks	4
		Williams	4
		Dolby	2
		Cole	2
		Bentley	2
		Peacey	2
		Hadfield	1
		Hotson	1

**ROWING**

We have had an exceedingly busy term, especially when the wintry conditions have to be considered. It is most encouraging to hear from our energetic Sports Sister that there have been no absentees from the early morning rowing parade. This really gives an idea of our keenness, and should speak well for next term. We are most grateful to all those ladies who have helped in the coxing of the men. Particularly may we mention the ladies of Bedford College, sixteen of whom have come along regularly in the early mornings, and also to Mrs. Broughton, Miss Stoddart, Miss Bamberger, and Countess Hollender. I trust that these ladies will accept our very grateful appreciation of their services, and we do hope that they will be able to assist again next term.

**SWIMMING**

Our swimming gala will have taken place before this REVIEW is received. We have twenty-three entries and so are sure of some good racing. I hope to be able to give the results next month.

**WALKING**

We are commencing our series of walks with a three-mile event on Saturday, December 12th, for the Present Care. This will give our new boys an opportunity of getting into their stride, and also a little experience, so that they may join in with the bigger events. There are twenty-one entries, and now it only depends upon the Clerk of the Weather to ensure us a good day. The following general arrangements have been made with regard to the series of walks leading up to the Brighton walk, which has been fixed to take place on Saturday, May 22nd.

On January 30th we are starting off with a six-mile handicap for T.B. and S.S., and incorporated with this will be a six-mile race for novices. A man will be counted a novice if he has not won a first, second or third prize. I think it wiser to hold to a six-mile for the novices as well, not only because it will facilitate the organisation, but as I know a number of novices are anxious to do the full course. It will be readily understood



that a man can only win one prize. In addition to these events, the Queen's Park Harriers and the Polytechnic are entering teams of four, so that our first four home will be competing in a triangular event. May I ask all men who intend competing to send their names in without fail by the 12th January. Entries received after that date will be disqualified.

On March 20th the second race of twelve miles will take place, and on 24th April the twenty-one miles qualifying race. These two races are open to T.B. and S.S., and further particulars will be given later.

### Blinded Competitors and Athletics

**M**R. JOE BINKS, the ex-mile record holder, who needs no introduction to any St. Dunstaner, made the following comments in the *News of the World* columns on a matter which has been under discussion in these pages previously:—

"In pre-war athletic days nobody could have foreseen such events as running and walking races for blind men.

"The war, unfortunately, brought us blinded heroes, who not unnaturally have a craving for athletics. At first small events were tried—rowing, swimming, walking, and special games of cricket and football. Later came the big test of a walking race from London to Brighton.

"It was such a success that it is now an annual event, and the most recent race showed tremendous improvement in records. Several of the blind heroes would beat the majority of athletes who have sight.

"From this race the team spirit has developed as in ordinary athletic events, so a team walking race was decided at Birmingham between teams representing the South, Midlands, and North. This was a huge success, the Southerners just beating the Midlanders by four points.

"Here again something like half an hour was knocked off the previous course

records. In fact, last year's winner of the individual race was only sixth on this occasion, and he recorded five minutes faster time himself.

"I think the time has now arrived when our A.A.A. should recognize these wonderful blinded soldier athletes and allow them to compete in certain open events. I understand that the only objection is the present rule which does not allow a walking competitor to have an attendant, but obviously this rule was not intended for blind athletes.

"I was glad to see the Birmingham public supporting the event, and my thanks are extended to the police, escorts, and the officials from Birchfield Harriers for their great work in making the race such a big success."

We may add that St. Dunstaner athletes will be interested to know that the importance of this question is not being lost sight of at Headquarters, and we have every hope of further influential representations being made to the authorities to secure the abrogation of the rule, which at present prevents our men competing on reasonably equal terms with sighted athletes.

### Yet Another Prize-winner

There were a good many competitors at the Chester Eisteddfod, but a St. Dunstaner (R. Edwards, of Denbigh, North Wales) succeeded in pulling off 4th prize for handicraft work with two dolls' hammocks. Congratulations!

### A Musical Son

At a recent music examination at Rotherham, George, the fourteen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Adams, of Balby, Doncaster, was awarded the A.V.C.M. Certificate. Special credit is due to the young musician, since he is slightly paralysed in both arms from shoulder to elbow. This is the seventh examination he has passed, so his parents have every reason to be proud of him. We wish that St. Dunstaners in a body could hear him perform.

### The Brighton Annexe

We regret that an interesting report of the Armistice Day celebrations at our Brighton Annexe reached us too late for insertion last month. We learn that, following a short service in the large lounge in the morning, a party proceeded to the War Memorial at Brighton, where a handsome wreath, subscribed for by the men, was placed on the shrine by representatives of the Army and Navy—J. Farrell and F. W. Thompson—while some forty men from the Annexe marched round the Memorial with bared heads.

On the return to the Annexe, Miss Thellusson, the Matron, gave a short address to a large gathering in the dining-room, in the course of which she expressed the great pleasure it was to her to have such a large family of hero sons round her. Staff-Sergt.-Major Porter, in proposing the health of the Matron and staff, paid

At the club the conversation turned to wireless. Jones had got Australia, Smith had got Madrid, Robinson had got Berlin, each on their respective sets. Whereupon little Brown meekly remarked, "Well, I haven't a wireless set at all, but I put my head out of the window the other night and got Chile (chilly)."

A story is recorded of a soldier in hospital who remarked to a pretty nurse: "Now, sister, you've tucked me up nicely, you might bend down and give me a kiss." Her reply was: "The orderly will be round directly; he does all the rough work."

We have been asked by F. Tait, whom our readers will remember was the author of the most practical articles on the breeding and rearing of canaries, to insert an advertisement for him in the columns of the REVIEW. In view of the fact, however, that we know he has had a most successful season with his birds, and also because

### The Editor and Staff wish Readers all Happiness and Prosperity at Christmas and in the New Year

sincere tribute to both. The toast was drunk with musical honours.

In the evening Commander Cooper Rawson, M.P., and Mrs. Cooper Rawson attended, the former keeping a large audience highly amused with some splendid stories. Dancing followed, and the celebrations concluded with the singing of the National Anthem at about eleven-thirty. A party of the local Frontiersmen attended at the invitation of the matron.

S. Kelly, of Leytonstone, sends in two good stories. The first may be familiar to some of our readers, but our Chairman was, we know, caught by it on the occasion of the Telephonists' Dinner. The "catcher" was highly delighted with the serious interest with which Captain Fraser received the inquiry as to "whether he had personally ever got Chile"!

we think St. Dunstaners will agree that we all owe him a good deal for his interesting contributions to our paper, we have pleasure in giving his announcement the added weight of Editorial type. Here, then, is the advertisement as sent by Tait:—

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