

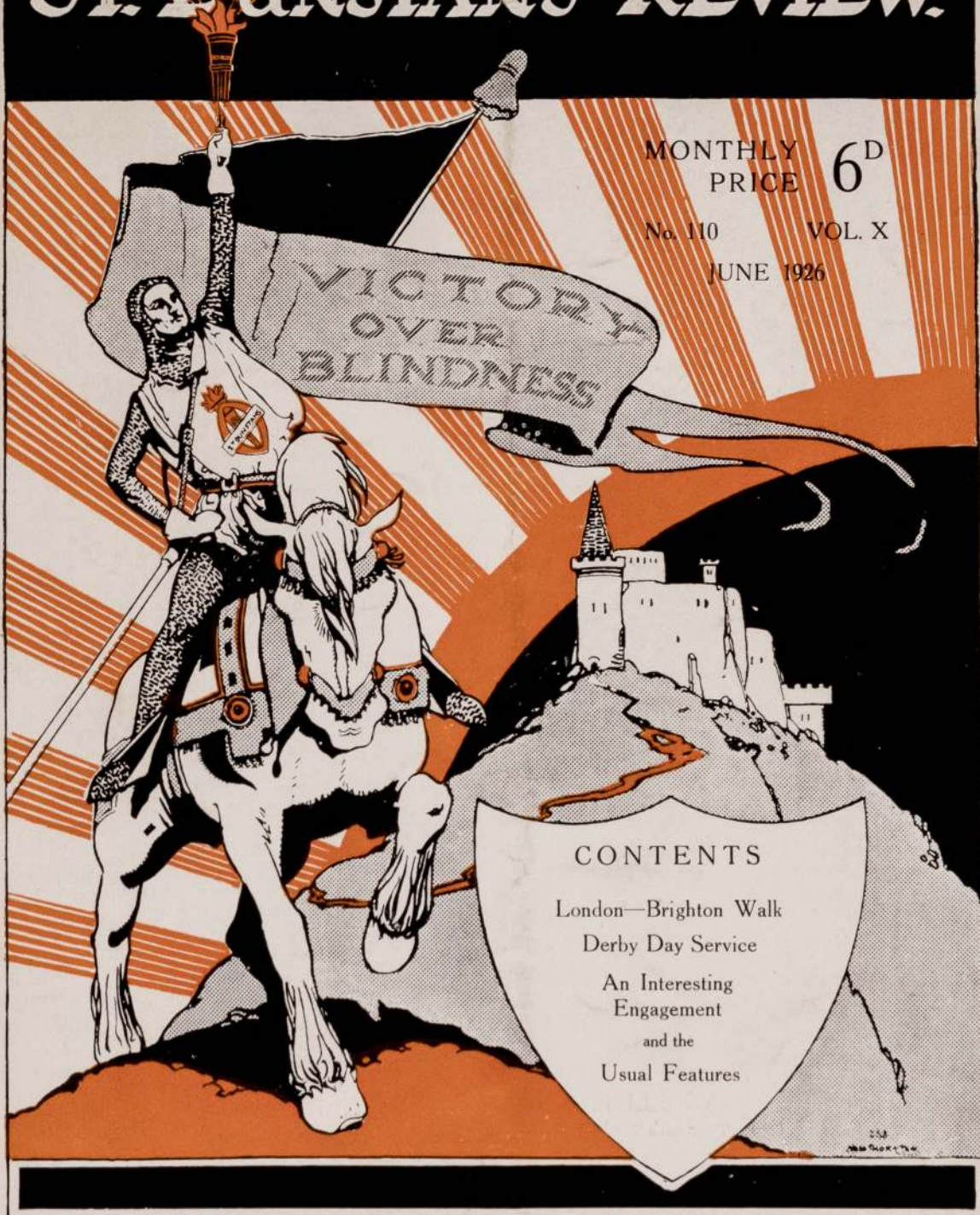
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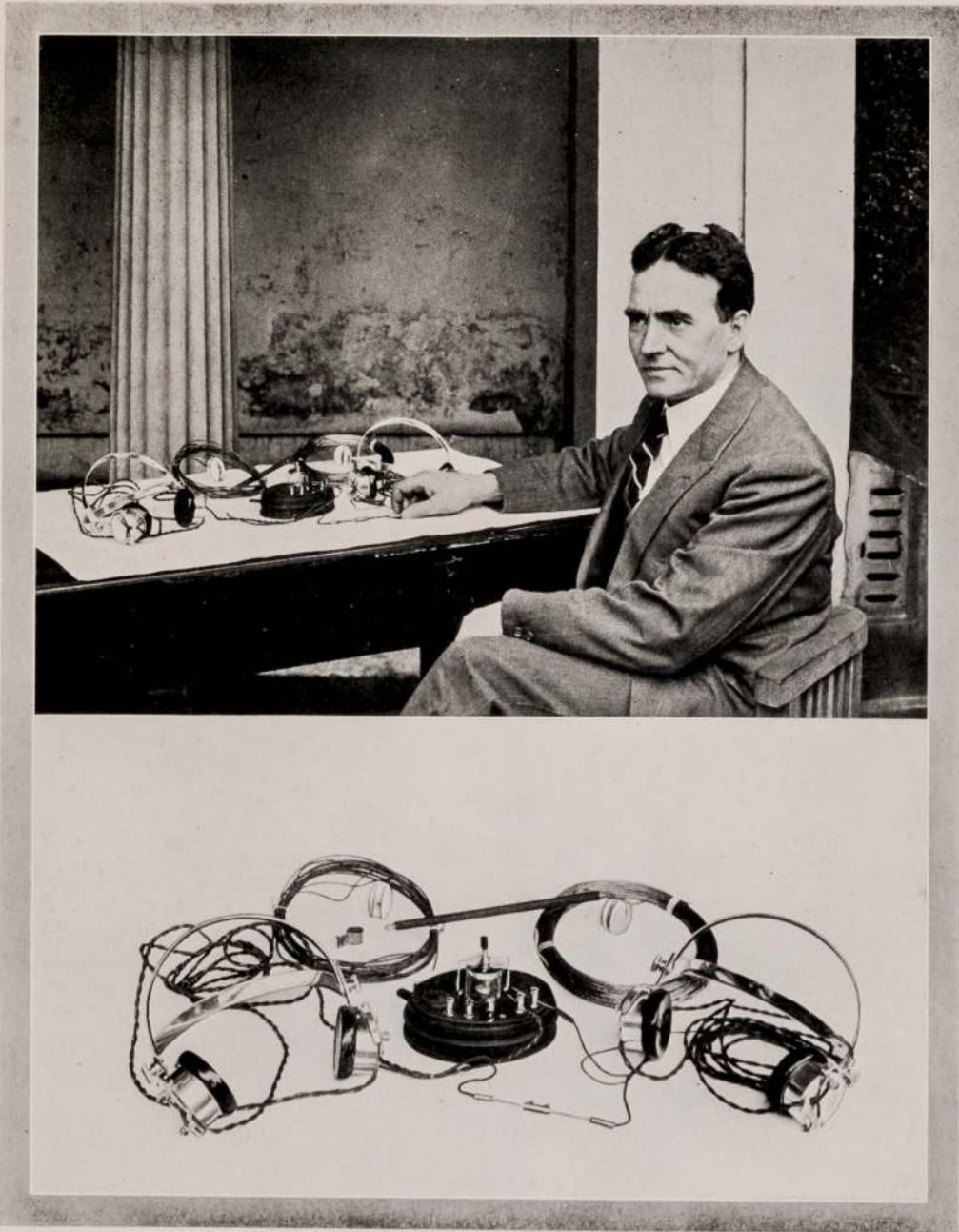
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EDITORIAL

WE were able to announce only briefly in last month's issue the very interesting news regarding the offer of the Council of St. Dunstan's to all our men, in respect of wireless sets and equipment. We have but little doubt that our readers have however, had this announcement very closely in mind since it appeared, but it may be desirable to repeat briefly the gist of last month's notice. It was to the effect that the Council had decided to present to all St. Dunstaners a Marconiphone "Baby" Crystal Wireless Set with two pairs of headphones and aerial and earth equipment. This equipment will enable all our men and their wives and children to listen-in to one of the B.B.C. Stations. The announcement pointed out that some men already having a wireless set, may yet be in need of accessories, which will be provided, if possible, instead of the Marconiphone, provided they do not exceed in wholesale value the sum of 30s. We understand that although last month's REVIEW, owing to the strike and other considerations, was very late in publishing, already a very considerable number of applications in respect of this offer have been received by Mr. A. E. Howlett, St. Dunstan's Wireless Engineer, at these Headquarters (to whom, we may repeat, all communications and applications should be sent). We fully anticipate that this very generous offer by the Council will be accepted by St. Dunstaners to its fullest extent, which is, we know, the wholehearted desire of the Council. It is not necessary for us to point out that the offer involves St. Dunstan's in a very considerable expenditure, but we do not think that the constant thought and consideration for the welfare of St. Dunstaners, which is ever in the minds of those responsible for the administration of our Organisation, has ever put into being a more popular scheme. Wireless, as we have often emphasised in these pages, is, perhaps, the one pastime which places our men on an entire equality with sighted folk, and from the first, the recognition of this fact has resulted in every possible encouragement being given to St. Dunstaners to take it up. A special word of mention is due in this connection to our Chairman, Captain Fraser, who, our readers will not need to be reminded, has devoted for a long time past his deep technical knowledge of the science of Radio and his personal and political influence to bringing perhaps the most wonderful of modern scientific developments within the easiest possible reach of those without sight. We need only add, that the best tribute St. Dunstaners can pay to our Chairman's regard for their interests in wireless, is to show by a flood of acceptances of the practical and helpful offer the Council have made, that it is one which makes a universal appeal.

BRITISH EMPIRE EXHIBITION (ON TOUR)

St. Dunstaners should note that the British Empire Exhibition (On Tour) will visit the following towns on the following dates: The Winter Gardens, Southport, from 17th June to 29th June; The City Hall, Manchester, from 5th July to 21st July.

The London to Brighton Walk

Ingram Wins Again

OUR new experiment of having the Walk in June in preference to the autumn was a proved success. Although the early morning was overcast and slightly chilly, we did not experience the bitter cold and rain as in previous years. The boys and their escorts who had stayed overnight at the Police Institute, Adelphi, where their every want was ministered to, lined up at Westminster, and at the first stroke of 5.0 a.m. were started on their long trail by Mr. Joe Binks, and heartily cheered by a large party of Sisters and boys from Headquarters. It was also very encouraging to see so many enthusiastic (shall I say) civilian onlookers. Our field may have been small, owing to several unforeseen circumstances (Birch did not accept and Northgreaves met with a slight accident just prior to the Walk), but what we lacked in quantity we certainly made up for in quality. There was a "something" in the air. Was it that Ingram was sure to win? or that more than one of the competitors were (as in the Derby) to beat the favourite? Having noted the careful preparation administered unto Castle and Taylor by Trott, who came up from Birmingham with them, and by Mr. Whitlock, who had accompanied Bill Lowings up from Eastleigh, complete with cycle packed for the road, I think the latter was the correct surmise.

Now for the race—for race it surely was. At Brixton Hill, at 5.45 a.m. the order was:—Ingram, Castle, Taylor, Lowings, Lenderyou and Johns. At the "Swan and Sugar Loaf," Croydon, the order had changed, Ingram leading in 1 hr. 55 mins, with Castle close up, Lowings having gone up into third place, followed by Lenderyou, Taylor and Johns. At Coulsden the same order was maintained except that Johns had moved up into fifth place at the expense of Taylor, who was hereabouts being troubled with

blistered feet. Redhill was reached in 3 hrs. 46 mins. 45 secs. Ingram leading Castle by two yards, with Lowings only two minutes behind, followed by Lenderyou with Johns one minute behind. Taylor was still having a very uncomfortable time. As they approached Earlswood, Ingram was seen to be in trouble and seizing the opportunity, Castle passed him going "great guns" up the hill (was the "something" going to happen), but Jock recovering very quickly and walking like a perfect machine regained the lead within 200 yards. It was now Lowings' turn to show his paces, and walking with a style which he has never shown us before, he passed Castle and Johns, improving every yard, in turn passed Lenderyou. At this point Taylor had to retire, having put up a good show for 24½ miles. Crawley was reached in 5 hrs. 34 mins. in the above order.

In comparing the times of last year, Ingram was nine minutes slower, Lowings 44 mins. 58 secs. faster, and Castle eight mins. faster at this point. At 34 miles Johns had to retire—it was very bad luck but he had not been really well the day before. At Bolney, Ingram was still in the lead in 7 hrs. 21 mins. 30 secs., followed by Lowings at 7 hrs. 30 mins. Castle 7 hrs. 35 mins. 5 secs. and Lenderyou 8 hrs. 2 mins. 50 secs. Here Lowings had trouble with his socks and was held up for a time, and from this point I think that Lenderyou will be able to tell you that "its dogged that does it."

Nearing Brighton a char-a-banc containing Matron, Sisters and boys from the Brighton Annexe came out to meet the walkers, escorting each man home in turn. I never knew that Sister Boyd-Rochfort could cheer so heartily, and have certainly never heard "they are jolly good fellows" sung so many times! The final placings were:—Ingram, Lowings, Castle and Lenderyou, all of whom

received hearty congratulations from Captain and Mrs. Fraser at the finishing point. I know I am expressing the opinion of the boys and their escorts when I say that it is very nice to be accompanied on the road by Mr. Kessell and by Mr. P. Barringer, who organises this event so admirably. We are more than thankful to Messrs. Joe Binks, Gordon Brown and Donoghue for all their help as starter and timekeepers, and to our escorts—they are sportsmen through and through—not forgetting the two cyclists. We thank also those who so generously loaned cars—Messrs. Bamberger, Middleton and Col. Lutley, the undermentioned Sisters for all their goodly work in food distribution, &c., Sisters Stacey, Hodgson, Nelson and Bamberger; also our Sports Secretary, Miss Airs, for all her arduous detail work, and our very kindly friend, Dr. Baird, who accompanied us (in case). To our chauffeurs Morrison and Catherine and Orderly Lomax, we express the same feeling of gratitude. I need hardly mention that our walkers received a tremendous ovation from the great crowds at Brighton, and as usual Brills Baths were at our disposal.

As in the past the Committee of the Brighton County Club entertained competitors, escorts and officials after the race. The President, Mr. H. Sagar, unavoidably being absent owing to illness, the Chair was taken by Mr. Ellis. After a very excellent dinner the Chairman, in a very kindly speech, congratulated our boys on their performance, and also spoke in glowing terms of the escorts and officials. Mr. Harry Young a very old friend of St. Dunstan's, also said some very nice things about our sportsmen. In replying, Captain Ian Fraser expressed the very sincere thanks of all St. Dunstaners and all its helpers in this walk for the very generous welcome given them that evening by the members of the County Club. He then thanked the various prize-givers for their generosity. Having congratulated the walkers and thanked the escorts and officials, the prizes were awarded in the following order:

Ingram—One hundred guinea Challenge Cup, presented by W. W. Sampson, Esq.; a Silver Cigarette Case, also presented by W. W. Sampson, Esq.

W. J. Lowings, Silver Cup, presented by Mr. Charles Angliss.

W. S. Castle, Silver Cup, presented by Messrs. Knowland.

F. Lenderyou—Braille Watch, presented by Members of the County Club.

LIST OF COMPETITORS — TIMES AND GUIDES.

	H	M	S	
1. J. Ingram	10	1	55	Mr. E. C. Horton (Surrey W.C.), Mr. W. Baker (Q.P.H.).
2. W. J. Lowings	10	22	10	Mr. Booker (Surrey W.C.), Mr. Webster-Smith (Stock Ex.).
3. W. S. Castle	10	38	50	Messrs. Simpkins and Moore (Highgate H.).
4. F. Lenderyou	11	11	55	Mr. Stupples (Lyons A. C.), Mr. Chalk (Belgrave Harriers).

P. Johns, retired at 34 m.; A. Taylor, retired at 24½ m.

Cyclists—Messrs. Whitlock (Eastleigh) and Wyeth (London).

Extra Guides—Mr. Monger (Stock Exchange), Mr. Morris (Finchley Harriers).

The donor of the Challenge Cup, Mr. W. W. Sampson, generously decided that Ingram, having won the trophy three years in succession, it should become his own property.

May I here congratulate Ingram upon his wonderful record and the fine sporting spirit shown in this event; Bill Lowings on his wonderful improvement both in time and style and time; Castle for his excellent showing; F. Lenderyou for his great determination and pluck; P. Johns and A. Taylor. May better luck attend their next efforts. J.E.W.

We learn from J. A. Godwin, of 3 Greencourt, Weymouth, that he hopes to let his flat in September. It will sleep five, is close to the sea, and has a nice bathroom with geyser.

We may add that Mrs. Godwin is prepared to take guests for week-ends at 5s. a night for bed and breakfast, and could also arrange supper if required. Readers who are interested should write to Mrs. Godwin direct.



NEWS OF ST. DUNSTANERS

How many St. Dunstaners contrived to find inspiration in the General Strike? One did, at all events, and hung out a notice over his boot repairing establishment with a fine slogan written across it:—"You look after your head. We'll look after your feet!"

Large pieces of work do not daunt W. Buckle, of Mortlake. He is hard at it, as we go to press, on a tradesman's basket big enough to go on a trolley. He has made several wheeler baskets of exceptional standard.

Three hundred customers on a tea-round sounds a good many and we congratulate F. J. Guisley, of Cleckheaton, on the way he has worked up a connection. With these and his poultry Guisley should be busy indeed; he is another of the many St. Dunstaners blessed with a wife who is a true helpmate.

A clean sweep of all prizes offered at the Turriff show must surely have been made by D. Munro, of Aberdeen. He took first, second and third prizes for his trays, first for clothes-baskets, first and second for message-baskets and first for string-bags. His competitors were civilian blind. Munro took thirty-five orders and sold all his exhibits. Congratulatory words fail us; the occasion surpasses our vocabulary.

Most Cardiff St. Dunstaners report trade as having been slack of late, owing to the unemployment in the district, but one or two men say that signs of revival are noticeable, among them J. Ham, of Taff's Well, who, by the way, generally contrives to make friends of his customers. He utilises the slack spell to get his garden into splendid order and has a most useful collection of vegetables making a good showing. Ham's little son, age five-and-a-half, is evidently of

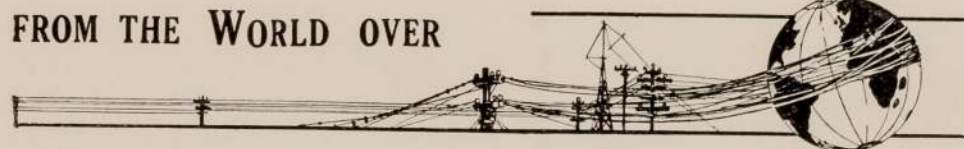
the same cheerful and helpful disposition as his father, for, having just started school, he has taken charge of a yet younger schoolfellow and carefully shepherds him across the roads before and after school, returning him safe and sound to his mother each day!

Another man in the Cardiff district who has been busy with his garden is E. J. Lloyd, of Llanishen. He has been erecting a rockery with the expert advice of Mrs. Lloyd, which should make his very charming bungalow even more attractive than before.

Friends of A. Morris, of Pontypridd, will be sorry to hear that he has had a very trying time of late with a badly sprained ankle, in fact the doctor says it was "the worst sprain possible, and almost a break." Morris had gone out for a little walk by himself on the mountain and slipped on a round stone. He managed to get home, but has been unable to walk since and the leg is still black and blue. We hope soon to hear that he has made a record recovery. Mr. and Mrs. Morris are starting their children off well in life, and seem to have found the right niches for them. The elder girl is in a dress-making business, which she likes, and the boy is happy over motor repair work. The other school-girl is also doing well, we hear.

The milk-round run by J. Thomas, of Cowbridge, is flourishing, and so are the poultry. His chickens which came to him as "day-olds" from King's Langley are developing splendidly, and the foster-mother and run are opposite the door in order that they may get all the attention necessary. Tandem riding is giving Thomas an immense amount of pleasure—and another joy, we are sure, is the two-year-old grandson.

FROM THE WORLD OVER



Mats should keep E. W. Stevenson, of Kemptown, Brighton, busy for some time to come, since he has an order "to fit out a public-house" with mats. Congratulations to him for such orders almost always lead to others.

Another mat-maker is W. Storer, of Leicester; he takes a pride in his work, and contrives to secure a number of local orders we are glad to note.

One who is just making a start with poultry is C. Knight, of North Evington. His piece of land is in capital order, and he has obtained a sale for his eggs direct to the consumers. Any odd moments go to mat-making, for, of course, with Knight, poultry is a comparatively new venture, not an old-established business. We have no doubt that he will gain success.

Dog-breeding keeps J. Foreman, of Beckenham, busy, and he has a fine litter of puppies at present, all of which are, of course, for sale.

The little tobacco shop in the Kiosk near the Town Hall at Croydon, which is run by H. J. Crane, is as busy as ever. Smokers in the neighbourhood, wanting a new supply of tobacco or cigarettes, should note that the kiosk has to be closed during the dinner hour. At all other times Crane will give them a welcome.

At Crowmoor, near Shrewsbury, H. Jubb is making a good beginning with poultry, and settling down well in his new home. His wife is lending a helping hand, which, of course makes the beginning much more interesting for Jubb.

Another district in which trade has been affected by the strike is Wolver-

hampton. E. D. Martin says the result is noticeable in regard to his little general shop, so he has been filling in slack time making baskets. His son, by the way, answered the call for service and enrolled as a "Special." He is a fine big fellow, and must have looked imposing with "tin" hat and truncheon.

G. Powell, of Cobbler's Green, is to be congratulated on the way he has planned his garden; it is exceeding well laid out, we hear. Powell has done all the digging himself and has just finished planting the very last lot of potatoes, so has been too busy to devote the usual number of hours to his mats. Even in Cobbler's Green the coal shortage is making itself felt.

We have not many flower sellers on our list, but one of them is H. Miller, of Notting Hill, and he finds the work interesting and healthy since it takes him out every day and brings him into touch with many people.

Among those who have been feeling the effects of the Great Strike on account of transport difficulties is A. G. Peckham, of Fulham, for whom it has meant a long walk each day, while J. H. Lynch, of the same district, also felt the strain. F. E. O'Kelly, of Putney, was fortunate, as a friend arranged to pick him up daily and give him a lift, while E. C. Oram, of Hammersmith, found that by an extra bit of walking he could get an "independent" bus for the latter part of the journey. J. G. Holmes was given a holiday by his very considerate firm until the crisis passed. Mr. Kessell took L. Hayter to and from his home in the Thames Valley.

Anyone near Teddington should look in on C. E. Gill, for he has a fine stock of boots, &c., in for the summer season, and

is eager to give customers such good wares as will make walking a pleasure.

One of our hardest workers is S. Taylor, and he has had a fine piece of luck in getting possession of a farm at Shepsed, near Loughboro! At the time of writing he is busily engaged in harrowing. We wish him all the success he deserves.

Another who is particularly interested in all farming operations is G. James, of Barrow-on-Soar. The new cow is a great success we are glad to know, while the rest of the livestock is thriving.

Among the many little homes now undergoing a furbishing up is that of F. Marsden, of Blackburn, and the entire family are lending a hand, so should take an extra special pride in the result of their efforts. Marsden, too, is busy with poultry; he has sold 200 chickens and something like 500 eggs for sitting, so far.

According to all reports the keeping of Angora rabbits for their fur is a very paying industry and one in which there is a steady trade. One St. Dunstaner, J. E. Batty, of Sheffield, is starting in a small way, and we shall look forward with interest to hearing whether the venture proves as successful as it is supposed to be. Perhaps he will let us have a paragraph or so on the matter for the REVIEW?

In Leigh, W. Lilley is getting together a very nice home and is very busy with his carpentry. As he is particularly good at making step-ladders he has conceived the idea of running a "club" for the sale of them! Congratulations on his initiative. Both Mr. and Mrs. Lilley had rather a shock the other day when their child was knocked down by a motor, but fortunately bruises were the worst injury.

A very busy worker indeed is W. Williamson, of Denton, Manchester. He has specialised in centre cane-work, and has so many orders in sight that they will last to the end of the year. He

makes exceedingly good linen baskets, and also tea-pot stands, trays, &c.

A pleasant order for some large-sized mats has just come the way of G. Worgan, of Cinderford, and as he does not see by what route the order came he is inclined to give the credit to "Wembley-on-Tour." An interesting order also came from his old Company Officer who met Worgan a month or so back at the Regimental Colour ceremony held in the district. We are sure that Worgan will work a good many kindly remembrances into this particular mat.

Another enthusiastic mat-maker is H. Lea, of Bradley, Derbyshire, and despite the smallness of the village wherein he is located he contrives to secure a surprising number of orders. As usual he is happy and full of energy.

Repair orders have been pouring in on A. Allen, now of Alton, Stoke-on-Trent, even during the actual progress of his move—luckily his new home is barely half a mile distant from his old one, so he is not likely to lose his regular customers, and will doubtless tap a new supply as well. He has a fine new workshop and is pegging away in his usual contented manner.

Two St. Dunstaners report "very busy owing to the strike"—a most surprising fact (they are the only ones upon whom it has had this excellent effect)—one is G. B. Birkett, of Liverpool (who, by the way, is planning a strenuous walking tour this year), and W. G. Heritage, of Chalcombe, near Banbury. Coal is short in the district and he is cutting up wood with his oil engine to help out; it finds a ready sale.

Another of our well-established shopkeepers is W. S. Castle, of Winson Green, and he is running his business splendidly, we hear. Congratulations to him on the plucky way he tackles all difficulties.

Another who is making a beginning in

a fresh locality, but in a different line, is W. J. Dimond, of Halsford Croft, near E. Grinstead. He has every prospect of doing good trade, we hear, and while waiting the erection of his workshop has set about making friends in the district. Various shopkeepers have undertaken to exhibit cards setting out his capabilities and address. He finds his new surroundings very pleasant.

Poultry occupies all A. W. Blaker's time now, except for the hours he gives to boot-repairing, and he finds looking after the birds much more interesting and better for his health than mat-making, since it keeps him out of doors. The whole family are very well.

"Trade has ups and downs," says R. Vine, of Ewhurst, and at the moment he is pleasantly busy with orders for a local church sale.

The new house F. Griffee succeeded in getting not long since is proving most satisfactory in every way, and Griffee has put in some strenuous work in the garden which former tenants had neglected. During his digging operations he unearthed a strange medley of garden products, including bicycle tyres and old boots! The newspaper which employs Griffee as telephonist was the only paper published in Bristol for twenty-four hours during the height of the strike and he put in a very busy time at the telephone.

Little news has come to hand of late from our Irish group, but we can say that E. P. Horan and R. Bell, both of Sandymount, are keeping fit and working away as steadily as usual.

A workshop has now been completed for J. Murray, of Kilkenny, and he is looking forward to successful results. He has been doing well with his poultry, and many of his customers have written to congratulate him on the fertility of his settings.

"Trade prospects good," says J. H. Mason, of Bognor, and he is particularly

busy at present as he is to have a stall at a sale in June. We hope he will not only sell everything he shows, but will also book a record number of orders.

Among others who have recently moved we must mention J. Hollindrake, now at Portslade. He has already built a beautiful hut in the back garden, with the help of his brother, and they are finding it most useful as a storage place for tools, &c. He is now tackling the garden with much enthusiasm.

With most men the strike meant an anxious time in connection with the getting of new supplies of material. Judge then of the pride of F. Aubrey, of Bristol, in that he contrived (either by good luck or good management) to get a bale of yarn in just before the fatal week in May!

"Busy and enterprising as ever" is the news from T. Parrish, of Wellingborough. He has just bought a nice piece of land about 20 miles distant, and is now planning the building of a bungalow. Another of his recent purchases is a smart little donkey carriage.

A very busy basket-maker is P. Austin. He always contrives to have so many orders ahead that he is hard put to it to keep up his stock, and never has the leisure to try the many experiments he has in mind.

A veritable "Beauty Parlour" is the comment we have heard on the remarkable attractive shop of L. Jackson, of Rock Ferry. It is excellently fitted as regards comfort and the decorations, too, are just what they should be. We have no doubt that Jackson will succeed in working up an excellent business.

If anyone wants any singing birds they may like to know that F. Tait, of Bolton, expects to have extra fine hatchings this year. Another of his side-lines is ice-cream, so may the summer be long and hot is Mrs. Tait's hope!

Brief Notes

"Chickens all flourishing" is the report from J. Whittingslow, of Lea Bank Avenue, Kidderminster. His whole place is kept in a most workmanlike manner, we may note.

H. S. Eames, of Twyford, is now settled in his new home and it is a very pretty little place. The garden is keeping him much occupied, but it well repays him for his labours.

"All well," says R. McMullen, of Horton-cum-Studley, and poultry and baskets together keep him busy.

Another who is better in health since his last move is W. G. Cox, of Woodstock.

What with the garden and the erection of a useful lean-to shed, A. W. Cima has had little leisure for anything else of late, but his friends will be glad to know that he is well and enjoying life.

One who rarely appears in these pages is F. Dawe, of Heston, so we are the more glad to be able to report that he is happy in his home and has already put a good planting of potatoes into his garden.

Trade is as steady as ever with A. Bundy, of Gloucester, and the shop, as usual, looks remarkably well-kept—which doubtless accounts for the trade. He is as cheery as ever.

"Poultry doing well," says J. Woodhouse, of Hulland, and he himself is very fit and busy.

The same might well be said of F. E. Parker, of Kintore, while W. Watt reports that his birds are laying well and the results of his hatching are fair. Another poultry man is S. Durrant, and he is increasing his stock. His chickens and ducks are fine, strong and healthy, but he has had rather bad luck in his venture with goslings, we are sorry to note. R. Riddell, of Bonjeward, has had a successful hatching, likewise D. Gibson, of Harietsfield. D. Livingstone, of Mauchline, is also prospering with his poultry, and J. McAvoy, of the same district, is certainly doing well on the whole, although he had not the luck he deserved with his early hatchings.

Trays keep D. Ironside, of Dalmuir, busy, and joinery of all kinds employs

G. Price, of Clacton-on-Sea, as most of us know. His friends will be glad to hear that his health is excellent. In Chelmsford T. Kent is engaged in the same line, his speciality, however, is picture-framing.

A. H. Ackland is turning out some excellent centre cane trays, and G. Williams, of Kensington, is cheerily making buff barrel baskets in his little hut, while R. Barber, who is very well, is busy with work-baskets at Plumstead Common.

What with boots and mats, R. Young, of Tweedmouth, keeps on steadily, although trade does not always come up to his desires—and shall we say deserts? while mats alone take all the time A. Mussell, of Charfield, can put in. We know that he takes immense pride in the good work he turns out. His baby, by the way, is a veritable prize specimen of a boy, we hear.

A very large mat for a Cunard liner has just been completed by W. Gannaway, of Kingston-on-Sea.

M. J. Printie, of Edinburgh, is getting on well at his job. W. Murray, of Hawick, is doing a good deal of repair work for the Woollen Mills. J. Dennick, of Evesham, is one of our latest wireless recruits—indeed may be described as a "wireless fiend," so absorbed does he become in his set.

"All well," says T. Thorpe, of Darwen, who is sticking to his business and working away most steadily. D. Pettit, of Northampton, is as enterprising as ever. J. L. Windle, of Kentish Town, sends word to his friends that he is very well. S. Haylings, of Notting Hill, is beginning to feel the aftermath of the strike and has had a number of boot repairs in of late, and the same may be said of K. J. Howes, of Montrose, and A. T. Toomey, of St. John's Wood, N.W., and J. Hallaron, of Liverpool, who is lucky in having a bright young daughter capable of holding her own in the shop and taking in repairs in her father's absence.

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NEWS FROM THE WORKSHOPS AND STORES

JOINERS' SHOP

J. Dunks is very interested in his elementary work and is moving on surely, giving evidence of proving successful. R. W. R. Thompson is also giving indication of turning out to be a capable workman. He has completed a boot-stool and a meat safe, and has also made a nice job of a boot-fitting stool for one of St. Dunstan's boot repairers. A. R. R. Clover is a patient, persevering workman, who should make good. He has almost completed his tool chest, which was of good quality. He appears rather fitter for work lately, and so has been able to make a more decided improvement. The workmanship of a meat safe, made by S. Aves, is above the average. He gives good attendance, and is an industrious worker.

W. H. O.

Mayor of Brighton and St. Dunstan's

We take the following interesting news item from the *Sussex Daily News*.

The Mayor and Mayoress of Brighton (Councillor J. Lord Thompson, J.P., and Mrs. Lord Thompson) on June 7th paid an unofficial visit to St. Dunstan's Annexe at Portland-place, where they were warmly welcomed by Miss Thellusson (Matron), and Miss Downing (Commandant). The Mayor, who was heartily cheered by the blinded soldiers and sailors, was warm in his praise of St. Dunstan's, and of the local annexe. Both the Mayor and Mayoress shewed keen interest in everything they saw in the lounges, wards and kitchen, and expressed high admiration of the manner in which the whole organisation was carried out. On leaving, the Mayor said he was delighted to know that the Matron, like himself, came from Yorkshire. He hopes to pay another visit with the Mayoress in the near future.

THE Strike affected the training to some little extent, owing to the fact that a few of the men felt that, in view of the uncertainty of affairs, it was best for them to return home. This, in conjunction with the full report we made last month, will account for the brevity of our Notes.

BOOT-SHOP.

The work of S. Smith has steadily shown improvement; he has his difficulties in several directions, but by sticking to them in the way he is doing we anticipate he will soon leave them behind. W. W. Saunders is making nice headway with the trade generally, and is paying great attention to his work. E. J. Squires is a steady worker, and takes great pains; his energy should also give him good results. R. W. Comley has advanced, though he is not yet master of his marking and riveting, and finishing is only moderate. In the Mat-shop, he is placing his thrums well, but cuts a little too thickly. The bordering on one mat last month was good. E. S. Hayter takes an intelligent interest in his repairs, is getting his edges much squarer, and is fixing his quarter-rubbers well.

BASKET-SHOP

B. J. Day has made some good efforts with square soiled linens, and also did well with a letter-basket. F. J. Melligan has also had a good run on 3-cornered soiled linens. He carried his stakes well, but found difficulty with the finishing. J. Percival has completed his course, and we should like to congratulate him on turning out some very good work. He did some baby-baskets and art-pots earlier in the term, but has been doing trays and barrels in the main lately.

MAT-SHOP

B. Toole is now making some headway with his mats; he finds difficulty in keeping the same thickness all through, but he is placing his thrums very well.

St. Dunstan's Derby Day Service

SOME IMPRESSIONS BY ONE OF ITS ORGANISERS

MOST of our readers will be aware that for some years past St. Dunstan's has organised on behalf of the funds for its work a service to the Derby which undertakes the provision of transport, catering, a view of the racing, and indeed, everything that can make for a trouble-free day for those desirous of seeing England's Classic Race. Some brief account of the work involved and some impressions of this year's experiences may be of interest to readers of the REVIEW.

It can well be imagined that the preparation involved in the transport, feeding and general care of something like fifteen hundred people of all types and temperaments is no light matter. Firstly, the organisers are faced with the problem of bringing the Service as prominently as possible before the notice of those who may wish to avail themselves of its advantages. By now St. Dunstan's has acquired a definite following for each year's Service, and a number of people have used "St. Dunstan's Way on Derby Day" for years past. The great bulk of those using the Service are, however, country, American and Colonial visitors to London, who are naturally newcomers.

The Press, the poster hoarding, and the help of hotels, boarding-houses, restaurants, &c., are all enlisted to make public the advantages the Service offers, and here grateful tribute should be paid to the most generous help given St. Dunstan's by all those channels of publicity.

It is a curious psychological fact that each year the efforts made long before Derby Day to secure bookings show but little fruit until about a week before the Race takes place. Every person seems to find it impossible to definitely make up his or her mind to visit the Derby until a few days before the event. So it is that the week preceding, right up

to the eve of Derby Day, is a really hectic one for everyone concerned with the organisation of the Service. Telephones ring from morning to night, telegrams and letters pour in, and not until about midnight on the eve of Derby Day do the harassed organisers have any workable idea of the numbers they will have to carry and to feed.

This year another greatly disturbing factor added to the usual difficulties, and that was the incidence of the General Strike. During those eleven days bookings were practically at a standstill, and even when that trouble was ended there came the continuance of the Coal Strike and the drastic curtailments of train services, which naturally made people out of London doubt their ability to arrive at our central departure points for the early morning start which is necessary.

But the greatest enemy of all to the enjoyment of patrons of the Service was to be met once again this year, and that after it had been fought for the two previous Derby Days. This was Jupiter Pluvius, and most relentlessly did he bring all his batteries into action. From six o'clock, when is started the preliminary tour around all the various starting points from which the convoys depart, the rain began to fall, and it continued without one second's intermission until late at night.

But it is not St. Dunstan's or St. Dunstaners' way to admit defeat in any circumstances, and the large number of congratulatory letters which have reached Headquarters since Derby Day are proof of appreciation of the efforts made to counter the attack of the elements. The various convoys comprising the great fleet of motor-coaches made their journey to Epsom in excellent time, and were parked in the special enclosure reserved for St. Dunstan's. Already the turf and the roads were soaking, but the almost

immediate pilgrimage of patrons to the magnificent marquee reserved for St. Dunstan's evidenced their advantage over the countless thousands who had no resource but to stand in the pitiless rain on the Downs. The special buffet-bar naturally made its appeal, but the great bulk of patrons determined, before thinking about the racing programme, upon settling down to the splendid six-course luncheon provided. The marquee holds something like one thousand at a sitting, but the catering staff were hard put to it to cope with the first crowds.

The continuance of the terrible weather conditions made enjoyment of the actual racing, including the Derby itself, very much a matter of individual temperament, but it is safe to say that there were very few patrons of St. Dunstan's Service who did not, in spite of the closed hoods and window curtains of the coaches, get as good a view as most of the great race.

Then followed the adjournment for the dainty and yet satisfying afternoon tea. During this the organisers, with their past experience of wet Derby Days to help them, were concerned with the arrangements for getting patrons away, with as little of discomfort and delay as possible, from the quagmire the Downs had become. It is difficult to picture adequately the conditions under which this work was done. The natural endeavours of the drivers of the heavy vehicles to start off upon their own power were successful to a certain extent, but that very success complicated tremendously the labour of ensuring dispatch of the later vehicles. The commandeering of caterpillar tractors enabled this to be safely accomplished, however, and when the last of St. Dunstan's patrons were safely on the road, the other enclosures were still packed with bogged and struggling vehicles of every description.

It may be mentioned that, as has been the custom in past years, a number of St. Dunstan's men at present in residence, together with the necessary escorts, were taken to Epsom by St. Dunstan's Service, while a motor-coach from Brighton also brought the usual party from the Annexe. To judge by the jokes and laughter of

these two contingents, they certainly refused to be depressed by "a spittle of rain," as one of them described it (somewhat inadequately), and the organisers will long remember the cheer the boys and their V.A.D. escorts raised in the enclosure when their coach, with the tractor "chugging" valiantly, successfully pulled them into the high road for home.

So ended another Derby Day, and although these impressions may read rather of wet and woe, yet, as has been said, there is ample evidence that the organisation has gained afresh the appreciation and gratitude of the many who supported it this year.

Concert at Brighton

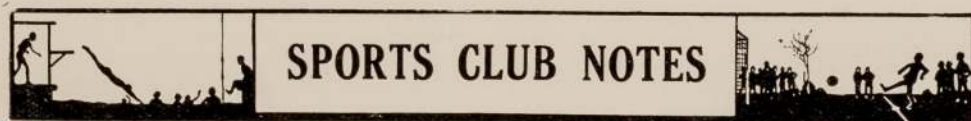
On 8th June an enjoyable concert was provided by Mr. Graham Butler's Entertainers for our men at the Brighton Annexe. The entertainers, who are by no means unknown to St. Dunstan's, received the compliment of a packed hall, and at the close of the performance Mr. Graham Butler and his enthusiastic supporters were thanked and asked for a return visit. Miss Phyllis Swindon (contralto) and Miss Doris Wells (soprano) sang delightfully, and vivacious little Miss Juliette Mercer (soubrette) was much appreciated. Mr. William Taylor (violinist) contributed valuable items to the programme, and Mr. Graham Butler (baritone) sang artistically. Mr. Bertram Stanlea ably provided that essential sauce of humour, and Miss Edith Ashdown accompanied the party at the piano with success.

Instructor Tovell's Testimonial

Will all who are interested in the above please accept my very grateful thanks for your great kindness. I can assure you that I have been deeply touched by your kindly expressions and trust that our association may continue for many more years to come. So please, Matron, Sisters and boys, excuse my brevity, but in all sincerity.

I am,

Yours respectfully,
(Signed) W. A. TOVELL



SPORTS CLUB NOTES

May I remind all those who intend taking part in our Regatta on Wednesday, July 14th, that their entries must be in not later than the 26th instant. There is a lot of detail to arrange, and it is impossible if the men delay their entry until the last minute. Please send in your entry right away so that we can get on with the programme. The various events arranged are recorded in last month's REVIEW, and each man is allowed two events.

RUNNING

I expect that by the time these Notes appear our 3 Miles Outer Circle Run will be over. A detailed account of what happened will be found here next month.

PRESENT BOYS' SPORTS.

It is very encouraging to report that the numbers of competitors are keeping up wonderfully, and showing remarkable enthusiasm. Once more Peach heads the T.B. boys with 100 points more than the second man, but "it's a long way to Tipperary," and much may happen in the meantime. Moore is just ahead of the S.S. by 25 points, and he has quite a number of determined sportsmen on his heels.

POINTS	
T.B.	S.S.
Peach 375	Moore 280
Milligan .. 275	Williams .. 255
Tetley 250	Namen 245
Haugh 245	Massey 170
R. Cook 185	Parke 149
Wooldridge .. 145	Eden 135
Savory 145	Buchanan .. 130
Gregory 35	C. H. Cook .. 120
	Craddock' .. 110
	Isaacs 85
	Barnes 80
	Thomas 75
	Parrick 50
	Head 45
	Bentley 30

OLD BOYS' SPORTS

I think that these Tuesday evenings in the open air with a spirit of keenness and good competition are good for us all. The joining of the two sections of T.B. and S.S. has also been a great advantage,

and it has added greatly to our enjoyment. Just now the S.S. men are leading but the T.B.'s are just getting into their stride and I don't think there will be such a big margin for the S.S. leaders in a week or two. Congratulations to Bawden on splendid performances—his 350 points are the result of all-round excellence, even though he was beaten in the Sprint the other Tuesday.

OLD BOYS' POINTS (Up to and including June 1st)

Bawden 350	Webster 130
Scott 230	Dyer 120
Thompson .. 220	Windle 110
MacFarlane .. 205	Henry 100
Prior 180	Ingram 65
Winter 180	Martin 60
Steel 160	Taylor 55
Kerr 150	Burran 50
Cookson 150	Roden 30
Fleming 130	

FOOTBALL

The Strike rather interfered with our league programme but we are getting into order once again, and Instructor Tovell is getting the matches played off in excellent style. Each time we start with renewed freshness as if the Competitions had only just commenced, and so we go on. The games continue to be splendidly contested, and our goalkeeper is kept continually busy.

FOOTBALL COMPETITION

April.	Wanderers .. 5	Rackabites .. 4
20th.	Taffies 7	City 6
22nd.	Wireless .. 4	Thistles .. 3
	Bowerings .. 5	Spurs 4
23rd.	Rackabites .. 3	City 2
	Taffies 2	Wanderers .. 1
26th.	Wireless .. 3	Bowerings .. 3
	Thistles .. 2	Spurs 1
30th.	Wireless .. 4	Spurs 4
	Bowerings .. 4	Thistles .. 3
May.		
4th.	Taffies 8	Wireless .. 5
	Wanderers .. 6	Spurs 5
6th.	Spurs 3	City 1
	Rackabites .. 6	Bowerings .. 4
27th.	Thistles .. 4	Wireless .. 1
	Spurs 8	Bowerings .. 7
28th.	Rackabites .. 6	City 1
	Wanderers .. 6	Taffies 6

June.				
4th.	Wireless .. 5	Spurs 3		
	Bowerings .. 3	Thistles .. 2		
8th.	Taffies 4	Wireless .. 4		
	Wanderers .. 4	Spurs 1		

SWIMMING

Let me remind those interested in swimming, and those who would like to be interested, that Instructor Jones has regular classes at Marylebone Baths, and the chance of a dip and swim during these warm days is surely too good to be missed.

An Interesting Engagement

St. Dunstaners everywhere will be greatly interested in the announcement we are able to make of the engagement of Miss Agnes Mary Peters, O.B.E., and A. E. Clewlow. Miss Peters has the distinction of being the only girl trained at St. Dunstan's, and although the circumstances under which this hardly-won distinction was gained will be within the knowledge of many of our readers, it may be of interest to recall them briefly. Miss Peters was a charming young girl of eighteen when she responded to the call for volunteers for the Chemical Room at the Woolwich Arsenal during the years of the War, although she knew that her predecessor had met her death at the work. This was in February 1917, and until December she carried on, working twelve hours a day. Then, one day when she was leaning over a tray of liquid chemicals, there was a sudden unexplained flash, and Miss Peters recovered consciousness in the Arsenal Hospital to find her sight destroyed. In addition she was so terribly burned on the face and arms that for long her life was despaired of. In the months which followed, during which the Queen personally visited her, the wonderful efforts of surgeons and nurses restored eventually all her good looks (Miss Peters just before her accident won the *Daily Mirror* Beauty Competition).

After winning a Scholarship at the Royal Normal College for the Blind, Miss Peters came to St. Dunstan's and completed a course of training in netting and rug-making. She is a regular visitor at the Hostel at Brighton, and is a typical St. Dunstaner, with all a St. Dunstaner's

indomitable spirit and ready cheerfulness.

A. E. Clewlow, Miss Peter's fiancé, was at the outbreak of war, in the North Staffords, and was transferred to the King's Own Scottish Borderers. Joining the battalion in Belgium in June 1915, he was wounded at Arras in April 1916, a gunshot wound blinding him and terribly injuring the upper jaw. For twelve months he underwent operations for skin grafting, which turned out very successfully, and he was admitted to St. Dunstan's in 1917, where he took up carpentry, netting and typewriting. It is gratifying to note that Clewlow has since regained a portion of his sight, and is now able to get about without difficulty.

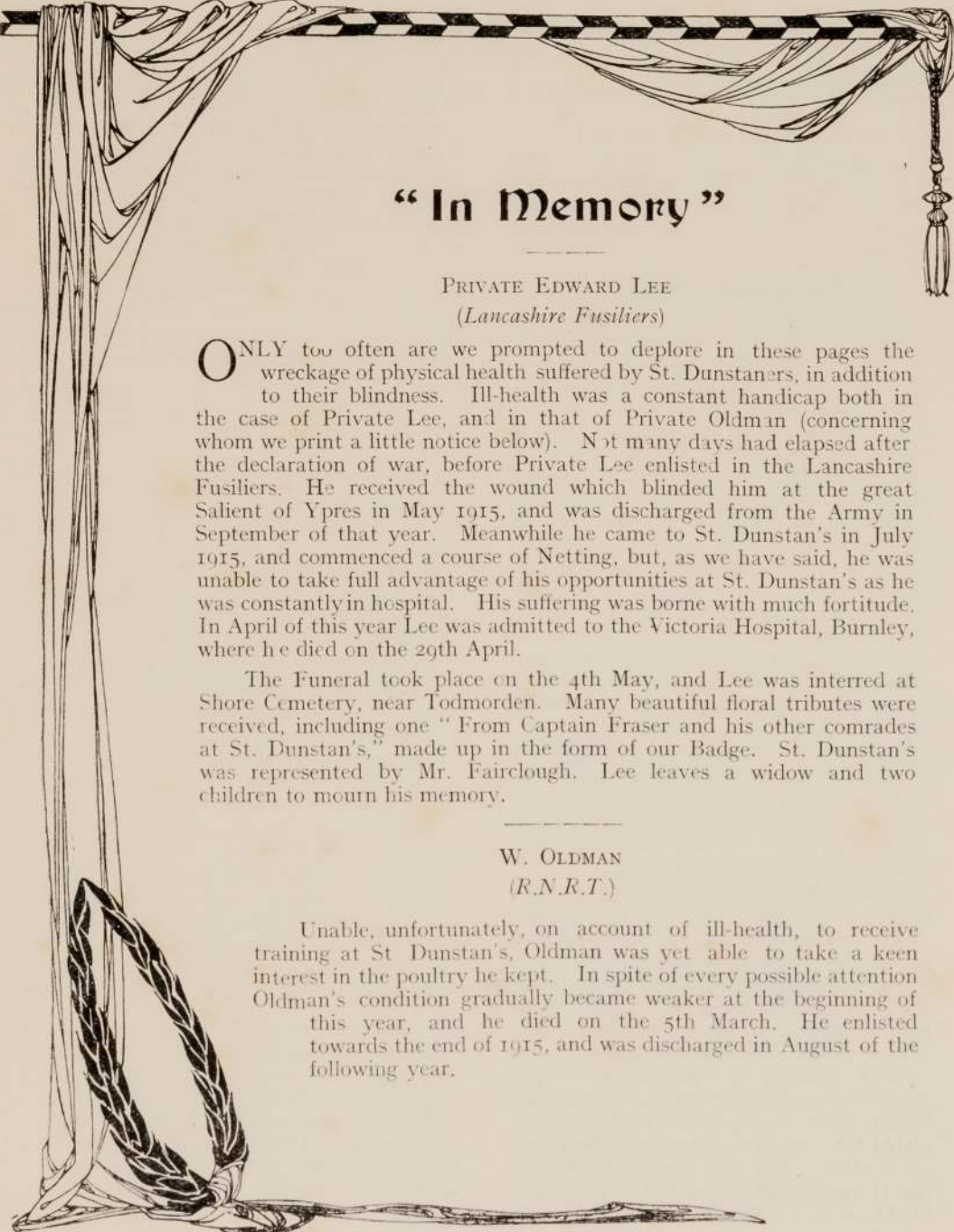
We are sure that all our readers will join us in sincerest congratulations to the happy pair.

In the course of a letter to our Treasurer, Mr. Ernest Kessell, his cousin, Mr. A. C. Kessell, of Perth, Australia, writes:—

"I was very interested yesterday in reading that Ronald Hoey, a little chap of six years of age, had taken third prize in a Beauty Competition organised by your Institution. I am thinking of sending a little present to the lad, if only because of your association with the Institution, and my nearness to him here (at Subiaco).

"I had a little rest the week-end before last in our hills, and whilst there visited your old St. Dunstan's blind friend, Mr. Murray, his wife and daughter. The latter is growing up a fine girl. Murray is very bright, and has been lifting great big stone boulders out of his garden and looking after a garden of chrysanthemums, &c. He is a wonder!"

Congratulations to F. James, of Hove, on the success of his wife who carried off four prizes at some Fancy Dress Dances recently. She went as "Tennis" in a remarkably pretty dress, we hear, which she designed and made herself. Mrs. James must have very clever fingers, for she finds quite a sale for all the paper flowers she makes. James must be proud of her.



"In Memory"

PRIVATE EDWARD LEE
(Lancashire Fusiliers)

ONLY too often are we prompted to deplore in these pages the wreckage of physical health suffered by St. Dunstaners, in addition to their blindness. Ill-health was a constant handicap both in the case of Private Lee, and in that of Private Oldman (concerning whom we print a little notice below). Not many days had elapsed after the declaration of war, before Private Lee enlisted in the Lancashire Fusiliers. He received the wound which blinded him at the great Salient of Ypres in May 1915, and was discharged from the Army in September of that year. Meanwhile he came to St. Dunstan's in July 1915, and commenced a course of Netting, but, as we have said, he was unable to take full advantage of his opportunities at St. Dunstan's as he was constantly in hospital. His suffering was borne with much fortitude. In April of this year Lee was admitted to the Victoria Hospital, Burnley, where he died on the 29th April.

The Funeral took place on the 4th May, and Lee was interred at Shore Cemetery, near Todmorden. Many beautiful floral tributes were received, including one "From Captain Fraser and his other comrades at St. Dunstan's," made up in the form of our Badge. St. Dunstan's was represented by Mr. Fairclough. Lee leaves a widow and two children to mourn his memory.

W. OLDMAN
(R.N.R.T.)

Unable, unfortunately, on account of ill-health, to receive training at St. Dunstan's, Oldman was yet able to take a keen interest in the poultry he kept. In spite of every possible attention Oldman's condition gradually became weaker at the beginning of this year, and he died on the 5th March. He enlisted towards the end of 1915, and was discharged in August of the following year.

Births—Marriages—Deaths

Births

- BAMBER.—On 28th April, to the wife of W. Bamber, of Moulscomb, a son (Anthony).
- BARNARD.—On 13th May, to the wife of H. Barnard, of Dalston, a son.
- BISHOP.—On 30th April, to the wife of G. Bishop, of New Romney, a daughter (Violet Georgette).
- BRIGGS.—On 20th May, to the wife of A. G. Briggs, of Norwich, a daughter (Doris May).
- CHRISTIAN.—On 29th April, to the wife of W. C. Christian, of Douglas, I. of Man, a daughter (Sylvia Cowley).
- COOKE.—On 12th May, to the wife of H. G. Cooke, of Birmingham, a son.
- COX.—On 22nd April, to the wife of J. Cox, of Felling-on-Tyne, a son.
- DAVIES.—On 24th April, to the wife of A. Davies, of Middlesbro', a son.
- DOWSON.—On 23rd April, to the wife of T. Dowson, of Middlesbro', a son.
- EMERSON.—On 22nd April, to the wife of A. Emerson, of Colchester, a daughter.
- HURST.—On 26th April, to the wife of H. Hurst, of Great Longstone, a son.
- INMAN.—On 14th May, to the wife of B. Inman, of Sheffield, a son.
- JOSE.—On 28th April, to the wife of W. C. Jose, of Newry, a daughter (Annie).
- OXENHAM.—On 8th May, to the wife of W. Oxenham, of Finsbury Park, a son.
- PEACEY.—On 10th April, to the wife of S. P. Peacey, of Acton, a daughter (Doreen Louise).
- RAYMOND.—On 20th May, to the wife of H. E. Raymond, of St. Anne's-on-Sea, a son.
- WHITTINGSLOW.—On 8th April, to the wife of J. Whittingslow, of Kidderminster, a son (John).

Marriages

- HOLMES-DAINS.—On April 24th, J. G. Holmes, of Craven Cottages, West Kensington, to Miss Eleanor Dains, of 33 Milton Road, Brentwood, Essex, at Warley Church, Brentwood.

ROMWELL.—We also have to announce the marriage of W. Cromwell, of Gloucester, one of our very earliest St. Dunstaners, but so far no detail of the ceremony has come to hand (except that the couple looked exceedingly happy!). Later we hope to be able to give formal details, the name of the bride, &c. For the moment we can only send good wishes to the latest recruits to the ranks of those entitled to St. Dunstan's Silver Teapot.

Deaths

- This month we offer sympathy to:—
- ANKER.—M. O. Anker, of Ealing, whose father died on the 16th April.
- CRADDOCK.—G. Craddock, of Wellingboro', whose father died on the 10th May quite suddenly. He was 56 years of age.
- GODWIN.—J. A. Godwin, of Weymouth, who lost his mother on the 20th April.
- HARRIS.—H. J. Harris, of Loose, who recently lost his sister. She left a little girl aged two years.
- LILLIE.—A. Lillie, of Goswell Road, E.C., whose stepfather died on 23rd April.
- LOMAS.—G. Lomas, of Burnley, whose mother died on the 31st May.

We are interested to learn that J. W. Thom is on a six weeks' visit here from Australia, and doubtless will be getting into touch with some of his old St. Dunstaner friends during his stay.

J. Papps, of Great Bardfield, wishes his comrades at St. Dunstan's to know that he has now become a Member of the R.A.O.B. Unity Lodge, Great Bardfield Braintree.

C. A. Stevens, of Ashford, is hoping to move about July, and then hopes to have a few hens as a hobby to vary his boot-repairing work. Stevens is musical, by the way, and is finding an immense amount of interest in his violin.

Departmental Notes

Netting Notes

ORDERS FROM HER ROYAL HIGHNESS
PRINCESS MARY.

Despite the fact that the strike upset our programme of Spring Exhibitions, we attended the three-day Flower Show at Chelsea which had been postponed until May 25th, 26th and 27th. This is the first occasion when St. Dunstan's has been represented at this important event, and we hope it will now become a yearly one for the Netting Department. The Royal Horticultural Society allotted us a capital site in the Sundries Avenue, close to the main entrance, as well as to the large tents that housed the floral exhibits. We had, therefore, very good publicity, and our pretty stall, done in green and white, with the interior covered with sweet-pea netting decorated with bright coloured flowers, made a good setting for the netting demonstration which was carried on during all three days. The rules of the R.H.S. and the terms on which St. Dunstan's was allowed to be represented restricted us to the display of articles of a purely horticultural nature, but our fruit nets and hammocks made on the spot by P. White, who came from Leominster solely to give us his skilled help, and by J. Day and E. B. Parke, who are still in training at Headquarters, attracted crowds of appreciative spectators, and brought us an almost overwhelming number of orders. Among our Royal visitors, we must mention the inspection of our stall by Princess Mary, Viscountess Lascelles. Her Royal Highness is always interested in our wool rugs, and we are now to send her some more to her Yorkshire home. Viscount Lascelles also examined our garden netting, and we received later on practical proof of his interest by a call from his head gardener. Of course, we have always known that there are no nets so good as ours, but it is pleasant to have our private opinion endorsed by such general and public approval. The netters, however, did

not by any means win *all* the compliments as there was a big run on our green garden raffia, put up in string containers, made by the disabled After-care fellows.

Next month we hope to say something about the Guildford Agricultural Show, which was postponed owing to the strike, and will probably take place this month.

G. H. W.

Braille Notes

Hearty congratulations to Henry Buchanan, W. H. Bedford, and Robert Cook, who have been successful in passing their Braille Writing Test.

Typewriting Notes

Very many congratulations to W. Barnes and J. Isaac on passing their Typewriting Test.

Telephony Notes

W. Taylor has started work as Telephonist to Messrs. Hector Powe, Coventry Street, and A. Turrell as Telephonist to The Thames Mills Wharf. We wish them every success.

M. H. R.

St. Dunstaners are always ready to devote time and energy to the furtherance of efforts in aid of our funds, and we are able to mention this month two instances where excellent results have been achieved. In connection with our Metropolitan "Cameo Day" on 24th April last, C. Durkin organised a collection on the Roehampton Estate, where he lives, which realised the fine total of £28 3s. 1d. This Durkin augmented further by organising a Whist Drive which realised £9 6s. 10d.

At Bampton, Devon, W. Carnell arranged a most successful Whist Drive, as the result of which he was able to send along to Headquarters a cheque for £8 7s. 8d., a most excellent total for an effort of this kind.

We offer our congratulations to both these St. Dunstaners.

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