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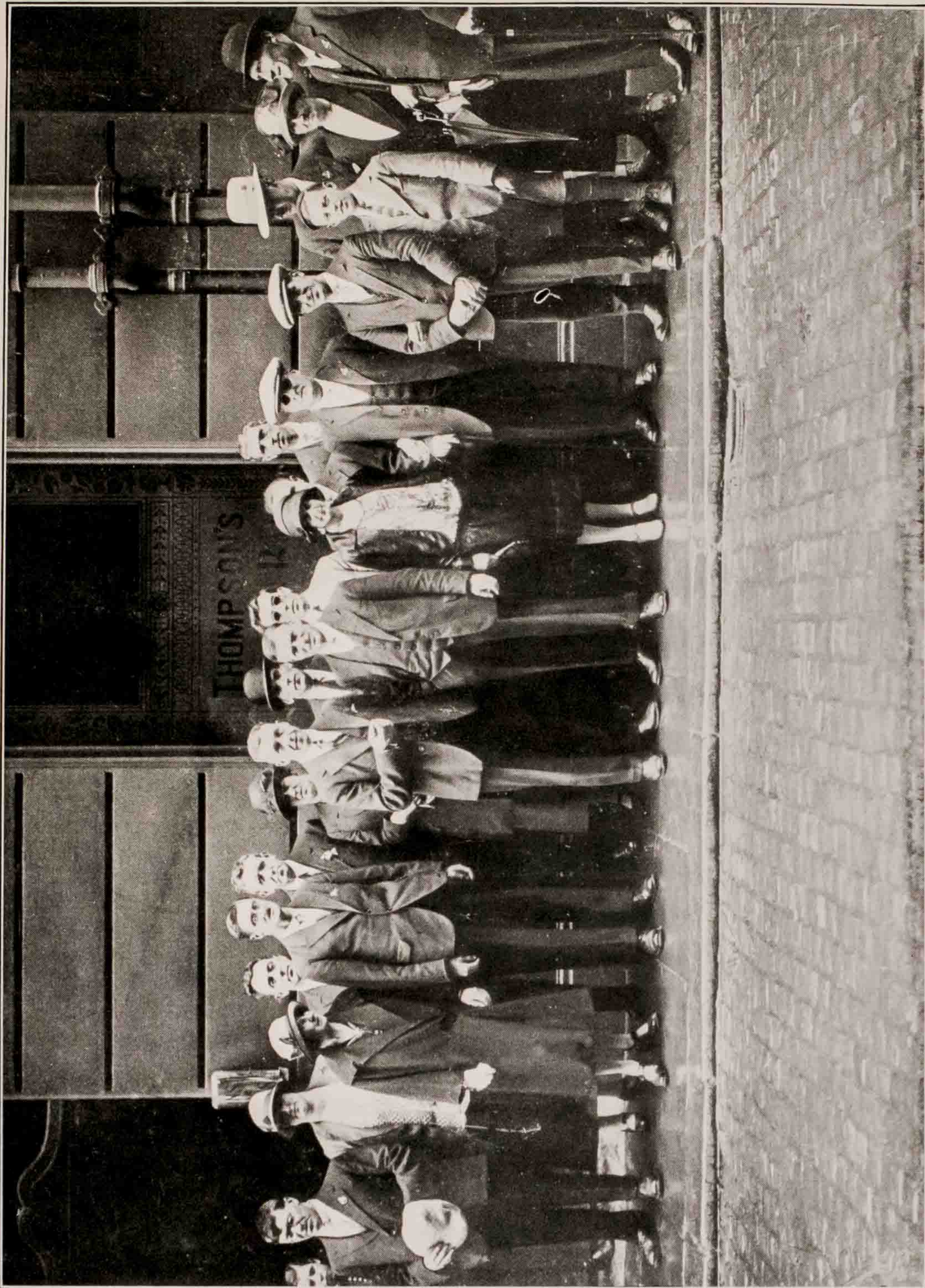
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EDITORIAL NOTES

WHO among us, whether our war-blinded men themselves or those who have for the longest time and in the closest way been concerned with the work which our organisation has done, can attempt to gauge the character and extent of the influence St. Dunstan's has had upon the lives of the men whose welfare it took in charge when their loss of sight came? Almost the whole world knows, in broad outline at least, the *raison d'être* of St. Dunstan's first foundation, and the complete and far-reaching character of its activities since. But, perhaps, even more wonderful and inspiring than the material success won by its men through St. Dunstan's aid and influence is the spirit of independence, the ambition to explore and to conquer new fields of endeavour, which is so splendidly characteristic of the men of St. Dunstan's. The more striking of these individual achievements gain general recognition and admiration, as they well deserve. For men fighting always the handicap of blindness to win victory in so many walks of public, professional and business life as have St. Dunstaners, must naturally be a source of pride and gratification to us all, as well as to the wearers of such laurels. But every day, every month, and every year there are men in the rank and file of St. Dunstan's two battalions who are by vigorous effort of brain and will scoring their own personal triumphs. It is not always that the world will know of these conquests won, but that surely is as nothing beside the glow of pride which fills the victor's soul. It may be the making of something in his craft to which he had not turned his hand and brain before; it may be the winning of a modest prize at local show or whist drive; the lifting of a record crop of potatoes; a wonderful litter of pups or hatch of eggs; a hard won victory in swimming, rowing or walking. What matters the nature of the task? It is the triumph over difficulty—the knowledge of power that counts. To some of us at Headquarters the news of these thrusts forward in the sedate progress of life comes more often than to others, but it is good to know that, however modest the thruster, however small the thrust, there are those around him and his who are joyfully proud of him and his doing. That the will to do was there, the feeling that it was worth doing, is the greatest of all gifts that St. Dunstan's has been able to hand on to its sons through all the years of its work.

Under the auspices of the North Manchester Harriers and Athletic Club the Manchester Walk will take place on Saturday, 16th October. Distance 10¼ miles. One lap only (of 5 miles) for veterans (45 years of age or over). Open to all St. Dunstaners. Entries close Monday 4th October.

Please send your entries to W. M. Slack, Esq., 129 Wembury Street, Moston Lane, Manchester, giving your name, full address, age and regiment, and state whether you are totally blind or semi-sighted and whether you are bringing your own escort. Full particulars will be posted to competitors.



NEWS OF ST. DUNSTANERS

FROM Newcastle comes a message from R. Oswald. He wishes all his friends to know that he is getting on well. We are sure everyone will be glad to know it; perhaps Oswald will give us further details of his ventures?

The new wool-work is proving very interesting to those who have undertaken it. One of the latest recruits is G. Lilley, of Acocke Green, Birmingham; he makes particularly charming little caps, we hear.

A good order for heavy baskets came the way of F. J. Brown, of Birmingham, a short time ago, and he has been hard at it ever since so that he might get all delivered before his holiday. He will feel that he has really earned it, we feel sure. May he, like all other holiday-making St. Dunstaners, have had the best of weather. We use the past tense because it will only be the remembrance of holidays that will be with us by the time these lines appear.

The new home of P. Cashmore, at Sparkhill (Birmingham), is most promising and there has been a noticeable increase in the number of repairs he has had sent in since his move, which is highly satisfactory.

Friends will be glad to hear that H. Bowen has been looking much better of late and is leading a very contented life at Trevine. The garden keeps him busy.

The aftermath of the General Strike and the long continued coal strike are affecting a good number of people, unfortunately among them, E. D. Evans, who accounts for his temporary falling off in trade on this ground. His work is so much appreciated in the neighbourhood, however, that he feels confident of getting something more than his fair share of any work going—congratulations to him.

What with two cows, a calf, poultry, bees and a well-stocked garden, J. E. Davies, of Llandyssol, finds little time to think of mat-making. He was lucky enough to get his fine crop of hay in just before a big storm which damaged a number of the crops in the neighbourhood.

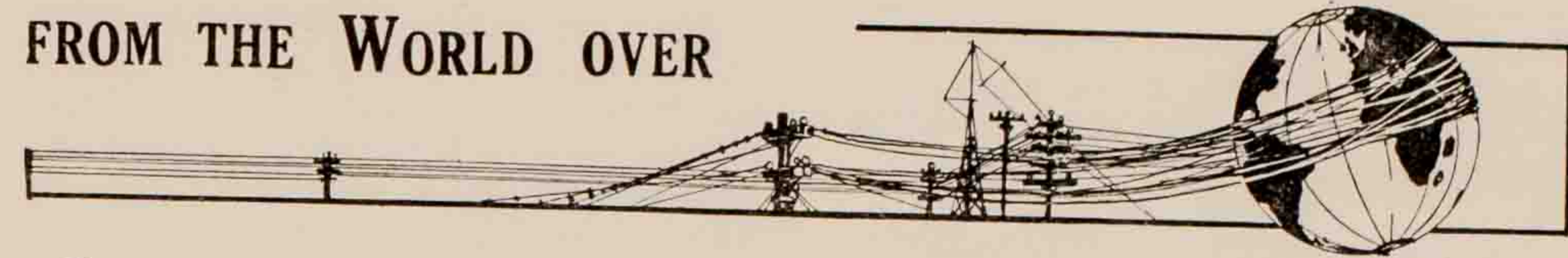
Another lucky man in the same case is W. Last, of Pencadder, so he too, evidently has "weather sense." He intends to go in for mixed farming and is particularly interesting himself in sheep. Last, by the way, was just going off to Brighton for his holiday when the strike broke out. Everyone told him he might as well abandon the journey, as he would find it quite impossible to get through, but Last is not a man to give up readily, and started. His confidence in himself was justified, for he had an amusing and not a tiresome journey, and enjoyed every minute of it although he was something like 48 hours *en route!*

Things are going on satisfactorily with E. J. Harlow who is running a picture-framing and picture shop at Eton. He seems to be getting known all round, for orders drop in from outlying districts. The shop is looking very nice, we hear.

Among the number of new recruits to the wireless band is G. H. Wootley, of Ampt-hill, Bedfordshire; it is giving him a good deal of pleasure. The same might be said of his garden which he keeps in excellent order and exceedingly well stocked. Wootley hopes that they will have enough vegetables from it to carry them through the winter.

All poultry men will send their most sincere congratulations to F. Bulley of Romsey. His fowls have carried off the Gold Medal for egg-laying.

FROM THE WORLD OVER



Tomato growing is interesting W. Knott of Marton, Blackpool, and his plants are laden with tomatoes. If, at the end of the year he has any that cannot possibly ripen he may care to try laying them away between straw and keeping them in the dark. If this method is employed one can have "ripe" fresh tomatoes for many months after the ordinary season.

As plucky and cheerful as ever is the news that we have concerning W. Morris, of Burslem, Stoke-on-Trent. His shop is "carrying on" bravely, despite the tragic manner in which the strike has affected all the pottery districts where everyone seems out-of-work. Morris is another keen wireless man.

Like a wise man T. Ashe, of Sunbury, is using his garden as a workshop on fine days, and sits there, the picture of health, making his wool rugs, and so sunburnt that it is difficult to believe he has not just returned from a holiday.

A collection of baskets was prepared by C. A. Hancock for a local show at Iver Heath; we hope every one of them sold and that he received orders for duplicates.

The new home into which A. W. Grocott has settled in Yarlinton (Somerset) is most promising, although the garden is so overgrown that it will need a lot of work to bring it into order. His friends will be glad to know that he likes the district.

Not very many St. Dunstaners venture abroad for their summer holidays, but one of the exceptions is F. E. King, of Derby, who has been on many a jaunt with a pal. This year he is off to Italy. We feel sure many of our readers would like an account of his adventures.

Several influential people in the Isle of Man have sent orders for mats to

W. Christian of late, so doubtless these commissions will lead to more. He finished two specially large-sized mats for the proprietor of one of the best hotels in Douglas, not so very long ago. The infant daughter is tiny, but quite strong, we are glad to say.

Working away as hard and happily as ever is the report that reaches us concerning L. T. Thomas, of Rawdon, and one can only wonder when he finds time to listen-in, so indefatigable a worker is he. The house has been redecorated of late and looks most attractive. Thomas is a lucky man in that he not only has a capable wife, but a capable mother, who lives near enough to look him up daily.

Those who remember R. Chaplin in his early days at St. Dunstan's will be glad to know that he has settled down near Yeovil, and is contented, happy and proud of his home, into which he has introduced some excellent improvements. His work is boot repairing, but he sometimes lends a hand in the garden which is kept in most excellent order with the occasional help of a friend.

Peat-stacking is a most strenuous, if health-giving, exercise according to J. Davidson, of Kilrea. He has just got in a supply sufficient to last him the winter through and is feeling triumphant—if somewhat stiff.

McAteer is keeping well as ever and has developed a new line in his shop with ice-cream. May the summer be long as well as hot is our wish for him.

Has any one a nice dog wanting a home, preferably an Airedale? H. Day of 7 Ferndale Road, Luton, is on the look-out for a four-legged companion.

News of St. Dunstaners—continued.

"Plenty of work" is the news from S. Goodman, of the same district, who is keeping very well.

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A similar report might well be made by A. Taylor, we should think. Last year he made and sold 622 pairs of clogs and this year hopes to beat his own record. All his friends will be glad to hear that he is no worse for his plucky attempt on the Brighton walk.

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We hope next issue to be able to offer congratulations to J. E. Parnell, of Borth, Creake, for he sent a fine exhibit of flowers and vegetables to the National Rose Show at the Botanical Gardens, London, and we anticipate that he will have carried off a prize, if not more than one.

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What with his garden, which looks fine, a pig bought for fattening which has fattened with unprecedented speed, and baskets, B. Martin, of Bray, is in fine form; his potatoes and turnips ought to carry off prizes at any show.

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"Very fit" is C. Smith, of Blakenall, who has been putting in some steady hours over his netting, of late, with excellent result. He, with three other St. Dunstaners, who are within possible distances, recently hit on the excellent idea of paying each other Sunday visits, turn and turn about; the little gatherings have been a great success.

Both Mr. and Mrs. W. Muir, of Middleton, agree that their new house is exactly what they wanted, and the garden is going to be. At the moment, it is demanding every hour that Muir can give to it; he has already dug the front portion. We shall be looking forward to hearing a report of progress made and results achieved.

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Another enthusiastic gardener is F. Crabtree, of Mayfield, near Scarborough, but he is further on than Muir and reaping the full advantage of his efforts. The pansies are particularly fine and add to the appearance of the charming bungalow that is a very real home. Mr. and Mrs. Crabtree are both to be congratulated.

Roses are making E. B. Baron's garden at Bridlington very fragrant, as we write, and friends will be glad to hear that Baron himself has never looked better or happier; he must have had a remarkable good time when on holiday at York.

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Plucking spring chickens is the latest employment of S. H. Tindall, of Scarborough, has found for himself, and very well he does it too. What with his birds and his baskets Tindall is a busy man indeed.

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Much the same might be said of W. J. Hopper, of Bridlington, whose fruit business is growing fast. He had a piece of luck, recently, inasmuch as he succeeded in buying several trucks of coal which of course was readily saleable at an enhanced figure.

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Basket-making is the special craft of A. Tanner, of St. Ives, and he has been turning over methods of obtaining new publicity. The latest idea, which was suggested in a recent article in the REVIEW, is to persuade the various hotel people to exhibit specimens of his wares at least during the height of the tourist season. It should lead to excellent results we think. Tanner, by the way, is one of our hardest workers and never fails to put in regular hours.

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Everything is going on well with J. Martin, Long Rock, Penzance, who finds poultry as interesting as ever; he has just lifted a remarkably fine crop of potatoes, we hear.

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Another who is looking splendid is H. N. Mathews, of Wolverhampton, and he too gives some of the credit to his garden which gives him a good deal of occupation. He is another of the many St. Dunstaners who keeps his workshop in apple-pie order.

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Near the same district is G. Perry, who is working away at mats with energy, now that he feels so much better. One which he made for his doctor was a great success and may well lead to more orders.

As we mentioned a short time ago, J. T. Walch, of Blackpool, had decided to take summer boarders; visitors have booked up well, and there is every prospect of a good season, so St. Dunstaners wanting to go in that direction should note, and book very early next year or else they will only get in by "luck." The egg trade too is flourishing.

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A very busy man is C. H. Smith, of Bury St. Edmunds. He has had a lot of army boot repairing of late, and some excellent orders for mats from councils and hospitals. Mrs. Smith is as enterprising as her husband and is making a speciality of repairing church hassocks! She has done 200 for one church alone and is now starting on a second supply.

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Quite one of our best salesmen is A. Tillotson, of Nelson. Even when trade is bad with other people, he contrives to entice customers into his lair. Perhaps because he so thoroughly believes in the old adage, "small profits and quick returns." We have seen an excellent photograph of him at his stall in Skipton and only wish there were space enough to publish it in the REVIEW.

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The little shop run by W. Higgins, in Moss Lane, Manchester, is as well kept and in as good order as ever, and the poultry foods he displays look so appetising that it is surprising humans do not want them!

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Pigs are to be added to P. C. Spurgeon's farm at Halstead, and he is at present building a sty. Both house and garden are very much improved since Spurgeon went into occupation, and we must send him our congratulations on the hard work he has most evidently put into the place. It certainly repays him for what he has done.

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Many compliments have come the way of S. Holmes, of Belfast, from members of the Model Yacht Club. He was held up for materials during the strike and in his leisure hours made such a fine little yacht for his son that club members could hardly believe it was the work of a man without sight.

A mat three inches thick and five feet long to fit a sunk passage is the last piece of work upon which J. Brockerton has been engaged. He has also made several mats with initials and sees plenty more ahead of him. His poultry, too, has prospered and he managed to rear all the chickens he hatched this spring.

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This is the cheery news from A. Gribben of the same district: "Absolutely no complaints, trade is good, health is good, house is fine, and anyone who would not be happy here would be hard to please!" A thorough St. Dunstaner spirit!

Brief Notes

Netting has been occupying G. Brewer, of Troon Row, and it is evident he takes a real interest in all he does, for his work is good.

Both R. Bell and J. Goodison—who are in the same locality—Sandymount, have recovered from their respective attacks of illness and are at work again, Bell at baskets and Goodison at mats. E. P. Horan, who lives not far distant from them is keeping very fit.

Everyone will be sorry to hear that S. Kemp, of Redruth, is suffering from a broken thigh. He was thrown out of his pony trap at the beginning of April and is not about again as we write, though doubtless he will have made good progress before these lines appear in print after the holidays.

"No time for mats at present," says D. Livingstone, of Mauchline, but poultry is going strong.

A. Highet, of Stewarton, finds a little time for baskets, but most of his hours are absorbed by poultry work.

Boots and mats, as usual, employ G. Woodburn, of Kilmarnock, and when one trade is slack the other seems to stir.

With his general shop W. J. Patter does a steady trade among the people of

Gosport and is full of ambitious plans for the erection of a new house and shop in an adjoining road. We hope he will soon be able to put his schemes into practical effect.

The Isle of Wight is a pleasant place for settlement and I. H. Poole seems very happy there, particularly since he has had an excellent workshop erected behind his house.

A Brockenhurst man who contrives to keep up a steady trade in picture framing is J. Clare. We hope the artistic instincts of the people of the district will continue to increase.

In Longniddry, D. Allison is settling down comfortably in his new quarters.

A bazaar order has just come the way of J. A. Dunlop, of Penicuik.

Trade is somewhat slack in Grimston Road, near King's Lynn, according to J. Buckle, but he has found a new interest in life by adopting an exceedingly nice little boy, we hear.

"Plenty of work to go on with" is the cheering news from J. W. Abbs, of Stibbard Guist. His lines are boots and mats.

A man who combines basket-making with grocery is E. A. West, of Norfolk. The shop keeps him very busy.

R. W. Baker, of Cambridge, is doing fairly well with his netting. Cannot the girls' colleges be made to buy hammocks by the dozen?

The difficulty of getting coal is troubling J. Aitken, of Newcastle, like so many others. As soon as the strike is settled he is looking forward to a prosperous rush.

Several local orders for mats have come the way of R. Baker, of Chopwell, of late, and his shop, too, is doing well considering the bad times through which everyone is passing. It shows he has established himself well.

In East Denton, J. Simpson seems to find a ready sale for all the eggs he can supply.

All dog lovers will sympathise with W. H. Watson, of Shirebrook, in that the dog who has been his constant companion and was almost human in its intelligence and affection was run over and killed a short time since.

With mats, W. Rushen, of Witham, is doing fairly well and the same may be said of A. T. Iddiolls, of Paddington, and W. Nichols, of Harringay, with their basket work. J. Rose, of Berwick, is yet another of our basket makers and one who must be congratulated upon his excellent health.

Weekly markets at Leeds and Otley are regularly attended by G. J. Webster, but he has discontinued Ripon for the time being.

Gout (he does not say "rich man's" or "poor man's") has been troubling H. E. Sorrell, of Ponders End, but his grocery shop is doing well which has helped to distract his attention from the trouble.

J. O'Brien, of Beech Alton, has now about 30 head of poultry all of which are flourishing.

Another Alton man is G. Anderson, who spends most of his time on mats. He has a remarkably nice workshop, by the way.

With back-yard poultry for a hobby, and wool rugs for an indoor occupation, W. Davies, of Blockley, is keeping well occupied.

"Cheerful and making the best of things," says F. Handley, of Derby, and when a member of the family has been indulging in measles *and* whooping cough, and his wife and himself have been ill, this means a good deal!

Another who has been under the weather is F. W. Westaway, of Yeovil, whose son contracted measles and handed the unpleasant microbe on to his father.

We are glad to know the attack is on the wane and doubtless even convalescence will be a thing of the past by the time he reads these lines.

"Health good and am making a few local sales," says J. Brodie, of Berwick-on-Tweed.

Congratulations to the little daughter of W. Lowings, of Eastleigh; she has made a clean sweep of all the prizes winnable by her class, we hear.

Cardiff is one of the many places particularly hit by the strike, but despite this E. J. Blundell has been getting in a few local orders, which shows his popularity in the district. He has wisely chosen this season to take his holiday and has returned from Swansea looking remarkably well, as also does Mrs. Blundell and that very important little person, the son.

Another who is looking very fit is A. Lenderyou, of South Wimbledon. His walking races evidently suit him.

A Brighton Cup

W. Lowings, who, it will be remembered won the second prize in our London to Brighton Walk this year in the splendid time of 10hrs. 22mins. 10 secs., sends us an interesting account of the presentation of the Cup to him by that very good friend of St. Dunstan's—Mr. Chas. Angliss.

Mr. Angliss, whose health, unfortunately, has not lately been of the best, was in the South of France when the Race took place. He returned last month, and wrote to Lowings that he would like to come down personally to Eastleigh and present the Cup himself. There followed quite an interesting little ceremony. Mr. Angliss who was accompanied by his son and a friend, had brought besides the Cup—a bottle of champagne! The beautiful Cup was duly christened, and after a very pleasant couple of hours, during which Mr. Angliss accepted Lowings invitation to a light meal, the visitors returned to town, with many expressions of goodwill and congratulations to our friend "Bill."

We quite agree with Lowings that Mr. Angliss' visit was characteristic of the generous and kindly feeling he has always displayed to St. Dunstan's. We value very much our personal friendship with this fine sportsman, and hope that he will long be spared to continue his interest in our Boys' sporting and other activities.

From Overseas

An interesting letter has been received from A. H. Corey, of Christchurch, New Zealand. His friends will be sorry to hear that he had quite a catastrophe some few months back as one of his new chicken houses was destroyed by fire and he lost about 450 chickens, as well as the brooder house itself and all the chicken food he had relied upon to see him through the season. To make matters even worse he had been doing some carpentry in the chicken house the night before and had left all his "St. Dunstan's" tools there, so these also went up in smoke. Corey says the tragedy occurred when a gale sprang up in the night, and this caused the brooder lamp to explode. Neighbours were very kind in helping to replace the lost chickens, but, of course, lost time cannot be made up.

Corey had three hens in the New Zealand egg-laying competition and one came out 12th. The entrants numbered 700. His best bird layed 281 eggs in fifty-one weeks.

There are now three children in this New Zealand home, the eldest girl being fourteen and a half. The boy is two years and four months old and promises to be a smart little kid, according to his father. The latest arrival, another daughter, put in an appearance on 23rd January.

We are interested to learn that "Jock" Ingram has been responsible for the organisation of the Young Briton's Sports at Boyne Grove, Maidenhead. He received generous prizes and subscriptions in aid of the effort, and we hope to give some details later as to the success which we are sure attended the event.

Live teaching is hard work.—*Anon.*

Love for things and ideas is higher than love for men.—*Nietzsche.*



"In Memory"

PRIVATE FRANCIS WILLIAM BOOTLE
(7th King's Liverpool Regiment)

WE regret to announce the sudden death on Sunday, 22nd August, of this St. Dunstaner. Enlisting in 1915, Bootle was discharged from the Army in 1918, but he did not come to St. Dunstan's until 1924.

While with us he was trained in basket-making, and proved a very keen worker and a credit to St. Dunstan's. He was established in business at Southport, and did very well indeed. Quite recently he had been feeling not quite himself, but his sudden illness came as a shock. He died at the age of 40 years.

The funeral service took place at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, and the interment on the following day at Southport Cemetery. The bearers of the bier were ex-service men, including Mr. Reaner, Treasurer of the Ex-Service Men's Club. St. Dunstan's was represented by Mr. Fairclough.

Many beautiful flowers were received, including a wreath in the form of our Badge from Captain Fraser and his comrades at St. Dunstan's.

Bootle leaves a widow and six children to mourn the loss of a plucky worker and a good husband and father.

PRIVATE J. HARRISON PINCOCK
(Rifle Brigade)

Yet another has to be added to the big death roll of St. Dunstaners, who, in addition to their loss of sight, have had to endure, as a result of their war-service for their King and Country, badly shattered general health.

Pincock enlisted in the Army in the early part of 1915, and was not finally discharged until 1919. As stated, his constant ill-health since prevented any sustained effort of training. He gradually grew weaker, and died on the 13th August at the age of 49 years.

The interment took place at St. Nicholas Churchyard on 17th August, the service being conducted by the Vicar of Sutton. Among the many beautiful floral tributes was the one always sent by our Organisation as a last tribute from Captain Fraser and all St. Dunstaners, of whom Mr. Fairclough was the personal representative.

A widow and four children are left to bear his long suffering in loving memory.

We record with deep regret the death of Peter Cookson, which occurred at the Sussex County Hospital on the 3rd August 1926. Peter had been a permanent invalid at the Brighton Annexe for some considerable time, and had suffered at repeated intervals many trying illnesses, but the last was too much, and Peter passed away, fortified by the rites of the Roman Catholic Church, of which he was a devout member. His comrades at the Brighton Annexe, according to custom, contributed to a wreath of everlasting flowers, which took the shape of an Anchor, appropriate inasmuch as Peter was disabled whilst serving in the Royal Navy.

Goat Husbandry

SOME INTERESTING QUERIES ANSWERED

THE article upon the above subject in the July issue of the REVIEW aroused much attention, and several queries on different points connected with goat-keeping and breeding have been raised by correspondents. These have been dealt with, but we think the questions asked by S. Jennings, of North Allerton, have such general interest that we print, hereunder, both Jennings's letter and the reply most kindly contributed by Mr. T. W. Palmer, the honorary secretary of the British Goat Society.

We may add that we have under consideration in coming issues of the REVIEW the publication of a short series of articles by Mr. Palmer on Goat Husbandry.

Jenning's letter was as follows:—

The Editor St. Dunstan's Review.

DEAR SIR,

I have just been reading an article in the REVIEW on "Goat Husbandry." This must be very interesting to many of us. I myself have started keeping goats, and am getting from five to six pints of milk a day. This in itself, as you will see, is a saving, but I might also add that I have a little daughter who has greatly overgrown her strength, and has cost me quite a lot in doctors' bills. She was, of course, anæmic, and used to fall down with dizziness, but since taking goat milk she has not had one of these bad attacks. I should recommend all St. Dunstan's men who can possibly keep a goat at all, to do so.

I wonder if you could get a few questions answered for me by Mrs. Brown (who wrote the article in our REVIEW). Firstly, I should like to know if it is possible to get a goat mated so as to "lamb" in the autumn, as goats are similar to sheep in this respect, and lamb in the spring. This means that we get a plentiful supply of milk in the summer months, but which decreases in winter. So you see, if we could mate them to lamb in the autumn, we should get an even flow of milk winter and summer. I think this is rather an

interesting point, and if answered in the REVIEW would enlighten us all.

Secondly, I should like a little information on how old kids should be before being mated, as some people I know mate their kids at about six months, and others wait nearly eighteen months, saying that by doing so they get a bigger and stronger goat. If Mrs. Brown would answer these questions through our REVIEW, I should be very grateful.

Hoping this will not cause you too much trouble.

I am, yours sincerely,
(Sgd.) S. JENNINGS.

The following is the reply received from Mr. T. W. Palmer:—

To the Editor.

DEAR MR. BARRINGER,

With regard to the copy of the letter which you sent from Mr. Jennings, I have perused this with very great interest, and I do hope you will put in a plea for goats' milk in the REVIEW, and mention the facts as stated by Mr. Jennings. You might also like to state that a copy of the Year Book can be forwarded to any reader, if they care to send me the sum of 1s. 6d. We send the book post free, whilst I could send them quite a practical text book on Goats, for the sum of 1s. 2d.

Now, with regard to Mr. Jennings's queries, it is quite possible to get a goat to kid (lamb) during the autumn, but the majority kid from January to April. To get a goat to kid in November, it would have to be mated either in June or early July, the period of gestation being 5 months. It is not always easy to mate a goat during June or July, and one would have to be quick in observing the signs, and have a male goat on the spot. It is, however, easy to get a continual supply of milk, if one has, say, three goats, and I would suggest, assuming all these animals have kidded, that one of them should not be mated during the rutting season, which lasts from early September to the end of

February, but that it would be practically stall fed during the winter months, and I think you will find, if it is milked clean, i.e., every drop stripped from the udder, it will continue in milk all through the winter. I may say that this is the plan I adopt myself, and I find no difficulty whatever in obtaining winter milk.

The goats are mated every other year, but I have kept them in milk for a period of five years, without mating.

With regard to mating kids, I am strongly against this, because unless the kid is exceedingly well developed, it is not able to bear the strain. There is no doubt, as far as my experience goes, that it pays to keep a kid until it is at least 15 months old, before mating.

You should impress upon Mr. Jennings that it does not pay to rear kids, unless they are descended from good milking stock; certainly, he should *never* raise male kids.

I am taking the liberty of sending Mr. Jennings some leaflets, and should be pleased to forward copies of leaflets to any other of your men who are interested in goats.

I am, yours sincerely,
(Sgd.) T. W. PALMER
Hon. Sec.

In a letter from Sandringham, Victoria, R. Archer says that he is back at his own place again. Although he got some work in the country, things did not go as well as he expected, so he decided to go back to town "while the going was good." "I am now working," he adds, "in a large shed at my own place and have been going for a month. Things are quiet for a while, but I am getting some new customers, and the old ones have returned with repeat orders. I am about a quarter of an hour's walk from the town, and there are plenty of people living around me. I have a sign-board up in the front, and have distributed circulars." Archer also mentions that a limbless ex-soldier near him collaborates in some of his boot repairs, and has been very friendly. After asking to be remembered to his comrades in the workshops and at home, Archer switches to that

ever-green subject "Test-matchitis." "Everyone here," he says, "wants to know when you are going to play the Tests out, as they are disgusted with drawn games. We get the first Test news at quarter to eleven on Sunday morning (by wireless) and I think every set is in use at that time. Let's hope that the next two have more to say for themselves." [Archer's letter was written on 17th July and he will know by now that the last Test at least did have a lot more to say for itself—mainly in English! ED.]

Rabbit Keeping

Our short extract from an article by Mr. H. W. Glockler in the last issue of the REVIEW evidences, from correspondence received, considerable interest in this subject among our readers. In one specific case we have been able to arrange for the kindly advice of Mr. Glockler to be available to one of our readers, who will probably also be paying a personal visit to Mr. Glockler's rabbit farm. We hope in a future issue to deal more fully with the whole subject of rabbit-keeping for profit.

G. Fallowfield, of Codicote, sends us an excellent photograph of himself and wife and the infant Fallowfield on the family tandem tricycle. Baby Fallowfield looks comfortably luxurious in the ingeniously designed basket-car which her father has fitted to the machine. Fallowfield tells us that they are making full use of the tricycle just now, and are enjoying their tours in the Home Counties. Living three miles from the station, they find the machine a great boon.

Incidentally, Fallowfield, in another note, refers glowingly to the many triumphs of Yorkshire in sport. At the same time he pays tribute to how finely Lancashire, represented by the Manchester Sports Club and the Midlands by Birmingham, have done in our own sports and ends up by claiming that "a walking team from Yorkshire is well overdue—Buck up, Yorkshire!"

Although Fallowfield is living in Hertfordshire, we cannot but have a suspicion that he is of Yorkshire birth!

News from Brighton

THE end of term Dance, which took place at the Brighton Annexe on Monday, 23rd August, was, like all other functions of a similar character, an unqualified success. The Dance, which lasted until nearly midnight, was thoroughly enjoyed by the forty or fifty couples who were present. The Granville Jazz Band was at full strength and the music from start to finish was very fine, meriting, on conclusion of the evening, a well-deserved vote of thanks. During the interval light refreshments were supplied and, concluding with "Auld Lang Syne," the evening's enjoyment ended.

A TEST MATCH OUTING.

One can say, without contradiction, that in no Hostel in the world, was more interest taken in the Test Match which brought the "Ashes" back to the "Old Country." The fellows at the Brighton Annexe were full of it; it was cricket for breakfast, dinner, tea and supper, and everywhere scraps of conversation could be overheard, dealing mostly on England's chance, and, when the final result was read out by Mr. Poole, cheers, combined with "good old Hobbs and Sutcliffe" and "bravo Rhodes," rang out. There was no greater enthusiast than Matron herself, for "cricket" to her is the great game of life, and quick to celebrate this, an outing was organised. The following afternoon, three char-a-bancs formed up in close column outside the Annexe and a total number of ninety-five drove off in high spirits to Wannock Gardens. The weather was perfect and after a ride of about an hour and a half, during which the various places of interest were fully described to us, we reached our destination where a tea was provided to which everyone did full justice. Afterwards we all made a tour of these delightful gardens. At 6.15 we took our places in the charas and the redoubtable "Sammy" Cowan presented to the Matron a bouquet of flowers, with a few brief words which splendidly expressed the feelings of all the boys present. The return journey was

quickly over and we were soon back at the Hostel, everybody delightfully happy after a great outing.

A bumper Concert, given by the boys, and arranged by Sister Huffen, was given in the Lounge on Sunday evening, 22nd. August. The programme was splendidly arranged, and a crowded lounge and conservatory enjoyed local talent for two and a half hours.

We were privileged to have as our accompanist, Mr. Seymour Dicker, an eminent pianist whose presence was much appreciated.

I do not propose to comment too much on the individual turns, but "Jock," Jack, S. Cowan, "Tiny" Fleming, McLoughlin, Brown, Tim Healy, Bayer, Rhodes, Coleman and Sister Mossman, all of whom were in good form, received well-merited applause.

Mrs. Dunks, the wife of one of the boys, made a very successful debut at St. Dunstans and we hope to have the pleasure of hearing her in the near future again.

At the conclusion of the Concert, Matron thanked Mr. Seymour Dicker and the artistes for giving us an entertainment which one and all thoroughly enjoyed.

We regret to learn that the term of office at Brighton of Sgt.-Major J. E. Bell has now terminated. There will be many St. Dunstaners who will have pleasant recollections of their initiation into the mysteries of "Dots" and "Keys" by this skilled and ever-patient tutor, and all will wish Bell a successful career on his return to London. "ECHELON"

The following are a few of the books that have recently been added to the National Library for the Blind: "Pharos the Egyptian" by G. Boothby, "Charmeuse" by E. Temple Thurston, "Lamp in the Desert" by E. Dell, "Wireless for the Blind" by Ian Fraser and O. Carpenter, "Virtues of the Divine Child and other Papers" by Father Considine.

St. Dunstan's Calendars

A CHANGE IN DESIGN FOR NEXT YEAR

THE calendars which, for the past two years have been supplied from Headquarters for issue to their customers by the men of St. Dunstan's, have established themselves firmly as a valuable means of keeping present trade and securing new patrons.

From every part of the country reports have been received testifying to the excellent results that have followed the distribution of this form of advertising, and so keen are our men upon utilising this method of publicity again that already a number of inquiries have been received at Headquarters as to the arrangements to be made for supplies for the beginning of next year.

Our readers will be interested to learn that, as the outcome of careful consideration, it has been decided to provide a change in both style and idea. The large calendar, with the tear off monthly date pad covering the whole year, will be changed to supplies of desk blotter calendars. The excellent personal touch provided by the appearance in the design of each man's own photograph will be retained, and, of course, each blotter will be overprinted with the St. Dunstan's name, address, and such other advertising matter as he may desire. In place, however, of a date pad for the whole year, supplies of the blotters will be provided for each quarter. Thus the blotters issued by our men late this year will bear a calendar table for January, February and March only. The next series will be for April, May and June, and so on for the remaining two quarters.

It will be obvious at once that this periodic issue will not only keep fresh the interest in the issuer's business, but it will mean a very considerably increased circulation. The added utility of the calendar-cum-blotter will tend to keep it much more constantly in use, and more immediately under the eye of the customer.

Full details of the new scheme and possibly a specimen blotter will be sent

to each man in the course of a week or two, but meanwhile we may say that it is hoped by the new scheme to be able to provide four times the number of calendars for the year's use at no increase of cost over the design supplied previously.

A St. Dunstaner Wedded

The following report reaches us of the wedding of A. A. Dembenski to whom and to his wife we send our best wishes.

"A big crowd of friends thronged St. Paul's Church, Cheltenham, on July 7th on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Irene E. Eales, daughter of Mr. C. H. Eales, of Cheltenham, to Mr. Alfred A. Dembenski. The latter is a son of Mr. A. A. Dembenski, of London. He was wounded in the war and as a result lost his sight. He was tended at St. Dunstan's, and made a host of friends in Cheltenham, where he resides at 39 Tivoli Street. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in crepe de chine, with a veil and wreath of orange blossom, and also wore a diamond brooch, the gift of the bridegroom. The bridesmaids were her friends, Miss Irene Roberts and Miss Molly Hawker, whose dresses were of mauve marocain with black picture hats, together with strings of pearls (the gift of the bridegroom.) The bride's bouquet was of white roses and the bridesmaids' of mauve and pink sweet peas. Mr. H. C. Eales (brother of the bride) was best man, and the service was conducted by the Rev. H. Madan Pratt. The reception was afterwards held at the Cadena Café, High Street, where Mr. and Mrs. Dembenski, who were the recipients of useful presents, received the congratulations of their friends."

ADVERTISEMENTS

If you cannot come to the heather, let the bees send the heather to you. Heather honeycomb 2s. per section. Orders for six or more sections sent carriage and packing free anywhere in the United Kingdom. Will keep for a year.—S. K. Jerome, Lone Pine, Hurn, Hants.

After-Care Re-unions

Ulster

THE second After-Care Re-union for the Ulster men was held in Thompson's Restaurant, Belfast, on Wednesday, 28th July.

After luncheon had been served Mr. Swain read a message of welcome from Capt. Fraser, and then in a speech said how much he valued these Meetings which enabled him to keep in personal touch with all of them, especially as they lived so far away from Headquarters. He warmly welcomed amongst them Mr. Maurice Macauley, B.L., their late representative, and expressed his great appreciation of the splendid work he had done for them during the past ten years, and wished him much success in his profession. He went on to say how pleased he was that Mr. Norman Macauley was taking his brother's place. Mr. Maurice Macauley, responding, said how very sorry he was to leave and thanked them for the splendid support they had always given him.

Miss Agnes Crawford, Mrs. Norman Macauley, L.R.A.M., and Mr. James Woods entertained the men with musical items during the afternoon.

Miss J. Gallagher, Strabane, won the ladies first prize for the Bean Guessing Competition, and J. Brockerton, Coleraine, won the men's prize. Mrs. Hanna and W. J. Berry, both of Belfast, made the worst guesses and were presented with booby prizes amid much laughter. A. Gribben and T. McCann kept their corner very lively telling stories about their escapades at North Berwick.

The men were delighted to welcome among them Miss Rush, of Liverpool, who acted as hostess.

After tea had been served, Mr. Swain read a message from the Lady Mayoress of Belfast expressing her regret that she was unable to be present at the meeting and sending her good wishes to the men.

Votes of thanks to Capt. Fraser, Mr. Swain, Miss Rush and the artistes were

proposed by A. Gribben and seconded by S. Holmes and the meeting terminated with the singing of the National Anthem.

N.M.

Dublin

The first After-care Re-union for the men in the Dublin area was held in Jury's Hotel, Dublin, on Tuesday, 27th July.

Mr. Macauley introduced Mr. Swain to the meeting after an enjoyable luncheon had been served. Mr. Swain then read a message from Capt. Fraser, and went on to say how proud he was to be presiding at the first Re-union to be held in Dublin, and spoke to the men on various matters affecting their welfare. A number of prominent Dublin artistes entertained the men with musical items during the afternoon, which were greatly appreciated.

A Bean Guessing Competition resulted in the first prize for the ladies going to Mrs. Joyce, of Sandymount, to whom Miss Rush, who acted as hostess, presented a chubby umbrella. The men's first prize—a walking stick—was won by Moore, of Rathgar, Mrs. Moore winning the booby prize among the ladies, and the men's booby prize was won by Martin, of Bray. The competition provoked much mirth among the competitors and the winners were all very pleased with their prizes.

Mr. Swain had a personal interview with all the men during the afternoon.

Mr. Panton, technical instructor, who was on a visit to Ireland seeing the mat-makers, was able to be present at both this meeting, and the one in Belfast, and he rendered valuable assistance.

All the men present thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and hoped that nothing would occur to prevent the Re-union being held annually. After the usual votes of thanks had been passed, and afternoon tea served, the meeting terminated.

N. M.

Edinburgh

The After-Care Reunion held in Edinburgh on Wednesday, 11th August, might in all conscience be termed a brilliant success. With such ideal accommodation and excellent catering it would have been difficult to imagine anything other than the happy gathering it most certainly was. The idea of combining two or more meetings is gradually finding favour and was again put to the test, this year in Scotland, when results once more proved its many advantages to guest and host alike, and so St. Dunstaners from North, South, East and West of Scotland, met and made merry. An assembly suggesting perhaps, as nothing else could, the true significance of the words "nothing is here for tears."

We were very pleased to welcome Mason and his wife, who happen to be home from Africa and were visiting the latter's home (it appears that Mason, being hard to please, had to go to Scotland to find a wife!) Quite an amount of speechmaking took place after tea, and Mr. Swain obviously enjoyed himself as host and his short speech was enthusiastically received. On behalf of all present W. Watt returned a vote of thanks.

As in previous years we were fortunate in having Mr. Eric Scott, the popular Scotch artist, to entertain us, and his performance during the afternoon was greatly appreciated. We have to thank Watt too for his recitations, which received the applause they deserved.

Like all other meetings, alas! the Scottish Reunion comes but once a year, but who can accuse us of not making the most of it?

Colchester

A particularly successful After-Care Meeting was held on 22nd July at Messrs. Tweed & Sons, North Station Road, Colchester, when about 80 St. Dunstaners and their wives or escorts were present.

Tea was served at 3 o'clock, during which Mr. Swain gave a very cheery speech and read a message from Captain Fraser, wishing everyone a good time and regretting that he was unable to join them. A vote of thanks was proposed by S. K. Letch and seconded by T. Kent.

All were exceedingly pleased to have Mrs. Broughton with them again, and also a very old friend, Miss Davis.

During the afternoon Mr. Swain held personal interviews with those who wished to have a chat with him, and the rest of the gathering were entertained by Wood's Jazz Band and various competitions.

Miss Davis arranged a Smelling Competition which afforded much amusement, the winner being W. J. Roberts, and after this we had guessing the number of beans in a bag. Eventually T. Kent secured the prize for the nearest guess. The booby prize was awarded to J. Cockerill.

Estimating the weight of the cake came next, and this was won by Mrs. Laker, and the booby prize, Mrs. Leeks.

Mrs. Broughton's Competition for the children was greatly appreciated, the winners being:—John Letch, first prize, (book), Queenie Roberts, second prize (box of paints), and Baby Treby, third prize (book).

Everybody was extremely sorry when 6 o'clock came, and all declared the afternoon had gone far too quickly.

D. E. G.

Departmental Notes

Braille Notes

We heartily congratulate the following men on having passed the Braille Reading Test:—E. B. Parke, B. J. Day, A. Clover, H. Bayer, F. Craddock.

Typewriting Notes

We heartily congratulate the following men on passing the Typewriting Test:—R. Cook, J. Wilkie, J. A. Edwards and J. Baxter.

Telephony Notes

J. Williams has started work as telephonist at Roots Service Station, St. Johns Wood, and J. B. Dixon as telephonist to Sir Edward Illiffe, Buckingham Street, Strand. We wish them every success.

Netting Notes

This department was responsible for the conduct of three Agricultural Shows in July. We started off with two days at Eastbourne to attend the Sussex County Show where we were allotted a free site. A good many local men attended and availed themselves of the opportunity to show their baskets and fibre mats, and we had also some demonstration in rug work and netting by our local experts. Sales were satisfactory to everybody concerned, and we believe we are to be asked to attend the Sussex County Show to be held next year at Chichester. We sent on from Eastbourne our hampers of goods and show accessories direct to Worplesdon in Surrey, where on 21st July the annual Village Flower Show was held on the cricket ground. This has become for us a yearly event, and despite a very wet, windy day which necessitated our exhibit being set up in the village hall instead of in the open, we did pretty well. Many local St. Dunstaners from a radius of about 15 miles attended with their families, and everyone kept cheerful under very trying and disappointing conditions. We have many friends at Worplesdon, and this year we have made a new one in Mr. Sayers who is the local carrier. Our hampers were conveyed to and from the station free of all charge by Mr. Sayers, and we feel sure everyone will appreciate this kindly token of interest in St. Dunstan's work. We have also to thank Mr. Kelly, the Secretary of the Worplesdon Agricultural Society, who arranged for the free admission to the Show of all St. Dunstaners. Mr. Kelly allotted us the use of a large dry room attached to the Hall, where our After-care party of 27 could take tea in comparative comfort. We have also to thank Mr. Kelly for dispatching all our hampers of goods to Brockenhurst at his own expense. Altogether we feel most grateful to our Worplesdon friends, and shall look forward to meeting them again next year.

When we arrived at Brockenhurst on 28th July, we found we were again in luck, as another kind friend had fetched every-

thing from the station including a huge crate of baskets sent down from Headquarters. Mr. and Mrs. Doyle were in our tent to greet us, and throughout a very busy day they gave us most valuable assistance. The New Forest Agricultural Society had again provided a splendid big tent for us with all necessary tables, &c., and we were all made to feel highly honoured guests. We had a capital muster of local St. Dunstaners, and everyone was very pleased to have with us Mr. and Mrs. Martin who spent the whole day on the ground and kindly helped with arrangements for our large tea party. Our sales were excellent, and as this was the first occasion when we could show properly our new woollen goods we are very glad to be able to say we sold out of hot water bottle covers. The day was very warm indeed, so we wonder what would have been the demand had the weather been cold!

G. H. W.

The Life of Sir Arthur Pearson

It will be recalled that some time ago we were able, by the kindly generosity of Messrs. Hodder & Stoughton, the publishers of Mr. Sidney Dark's "Life of Sir Arthur Pearson," to supply original 10s. 6d. copies to St. Dunstaners at 2s. each. There was, however, only a limited number available, but we are now asked to announce that Headquarters have taken over from Messrs. Hodder & Stoughton the remainder of the unsold stock—a few hundred copies. In view of the time which has elapsed since Sir Arthur's death, and the consequent unlikelihood of many further copies being sold to the public, St. Dunstaners and their friends may obtain copies at the price of 2s. each. Application should be sent direct to Mrs. Bates at Headquarters, marked on the envelope "Life of Sir Arthur Pearson."

C. W. Wise, of Shepherds Bush, sends us the following tongue-twister:—

"A flea and a fly in a flue
Were imprisoned, so what could they
Said the fly "let us flee" [do?
Said the flea "let us fly"
So they flew through a flaw in the
flue!

Births and Deaths

Births

- BATES.—To the wife of H. Bates, of Dawley, Salop, a son (William) on 30th June.
- BROOKS.—On the 19th July, to the wife of C. T. R. Brooks of Brenchley, a daughter.
- COLES.—On 26th June to the wife of R. P. Coles, of Harlesden, a son (Dennis Reginald).
- COREY.—To the wife of A. H. Corey, of Christchurch, N.Z. a daughter, on 23rd January 1926.
- COX.—On the 21st of June, to the wife of W. Cox, of Ballham, a daughter (Rose Elizabeth).
- DAVIES.—To the wife of J. Davies, of Coventry, a daughter (Joyce Lilian) on the 25th of June.
- FAIRFIELD.—To the wife of E. Fairfield, of Toronto, on 18th July, a son.
- FENNELL.—A son, to the wife of V. J. Fennell, of Tooting, on the 13th of July.
- JONES.—A daughter to the wife of B. F. Jones, of Greenwich, on the 5th of July.
- JOYCE.—On the 26th of June, a son to the wife of J. Joyce, of Sandymount, Dublin.
- PAYNE.—On the 4th of July, to the wife of W. S. Payne, of Rolvenden, a daughter.
- STIBBLES.—On the 7th of July to the wife of J. Stibbles, a daughter (Evelyn Howard).
- THOMAS.—To the wife of G. H. Thomas, of Sparkhill, Birmingham, a daughter on the 1st of July.

Deaths

- This month we must offer sympathy to—
- BRADLEY.—Maud Mary (grand-daughter of J. Eccleston, of Leigh, Lancs) who died on August 7th, aged 14 months.
- CLEMENSON.—J. Clemenson, of Wakefield, who lost his mother on the 26th of June with terrible suddenness.
- DANIELS.—E. Daniels, of Aylsham, whose father passed away on the evening of Wednesday the 15th of July.
- JACKLIN.—H. Jacklin, of Nottingham, whose mother passed away peacefully on Friday evening the 2nd of July.

SAINTY.—P. Sainty, of Clacton, whose father died on Sunday the 27th of June, at the age of sixty-nine.

PAYNE.—G. F. Payne, of Arrington, whose father died on the 6th of July.

PEARCE.—H. A. T. Pearce, of Reading, who lost his uncle on 12th July.

WHEELER.—Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Wheeler, of St. Alban's, whose baby daughter died at the Infants' Hospital, Vincent Square, London, on the 21st of July.

For Basket Makers

We have received particulars of the annual Basketmaking Examination to be held by the Worshipful Company of Basket Makers in November next.

In view of the fact that a number of our basket craftsmen have entered for this examination in previous years—and, indeed, have won prizes thereat, we append some brief details of the different classes, &c.

The examination is held at The Girdlers' Hall, 39 Basinghall Street, London, E.C., on the 8th November. It is open to the trade only, and the competitors must be journeymen basket makers or apprentices. The Classes are as follows:—

Class 1.—Cane and Wicker Furniture (Tables, Chairs, Stands &c.)

Class 2.—General Basket Work (square) Randed, Slew'd or Fitched, Rod or Cane (Travellers, Wheelers, Linen Hampers, Wine Hampers, Trunks (flat tops), Transit Hampers, &c.)

Class 3.—General Basket Work (round or oval) Randed, Slew'd or Fitched, Rod or Cane (Clothes Baskets, Bakers' and Butchers' Baskets, &c., Bird Cages, Market and Gardeners' Baskets, Cargo Work &c.)

Class 4.—Fancy Basket Work (Square, round or oval) Randed, Slew'd or Fitched, Rod or Cane (Linen, Paper Baskets, Trays, Luncheons, Plate or Log Baskets, Dog Baskets, Artificial Flower Baskets, Hand Baskets, &c.)

The examination will consist of six sections, viz. :—

JOURNEYMEN BASKET MAKERS.

(a) Sighted (b) Semi-sighted (c) Blind.

APPRENTICES.

(d) Sighted (e) Semi-sighted (f) Blind.

First, second and third certificates in each section and class will be awarded for good workmanship according to merit.

Money prizes will be given by the Westbury and Young Trust to successful candidates as follows:—

A FIRST PRIZE of 22s. 6d., and a SECOND PRIZE of 12s. 6d., in each of the FOUR Classes in Sections (a) (b) and (c).

A FIRST PRIZE of 40s. and a SECOND PRIZE of 20s. for the two best specimens in any class in each of Sections (d) (e) and (f).

Sir Richard Sennett (Liveryman) kindly offers a prize of 42s. to be awarded to the maker of the best specimen in any section or class.

We would add that the last date for receiving entries is the 5th November, and that entry forms can be obtained either from the Clerk of the Basket Makers' Company, Gresham College, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.2, or from our own stores department at Headquarters, if men will ask for them when ordering material.

News from the Workshops

BOOT SHOP

A. J. Head has been working out his own difficulties in quite the right way, so that by the end of last term he had made a good advance, even getting some good results with toe and side piecing. The work of E. S. Hayter shows improvement all round, and there is every indication that he will make a very reliable workman. E. J. Squires also shows considerable improvement, and is quick. He is anxious to make the best of his abilities, but must avoid a tendency to hurry, as this deprives him of the best results. His matwork is proceeding satisfactorily. F. Craddock has also been doing very well indeed; he is always ready to tackle any kind of job, and gets a nice, clean finish. H. Jones also turns out some excellent work on boot

repairs. He has reached a good standard in the thrumming and cutting of his mats, but his sides are irregular, and he does not get a good shape. G. Parrick's work is also generally of a good standard; he has made wax threads, and done some hand sewing, and we can see no reason why his work should not always be first class.

MAT SHOP

R. W. Comley was making good progress on mats at the end of last term; his placing and thrumming have been satisfactory for some time, and his last mat was a good shape and was bordered well. The last mat made by R. Cook was a great improvement.

BASKET SHOP

A. P. Crook, having time on his hands, has returned to Headquarters to take up some basketwork. During June and July, he got through a useful amount of work, three 10 in. fruit baskets being very good. At the early part of last term, G. H. Phillips had a spell of illness, but since returning in June, he has done some good work on dog beds, working his rods very well. E. B. Parke had experience with work baskets, square-arms, and hampers; he works very steadily, and gets satisfactory results. B. J. Day has continued to do well with letter baskets, work baskets, and some square soiled linens.

JOINERY

G. E. Crook made a specimen panel door, and also had some good experience in bedtrays. He was also venturesome enough to make a child's see-saw from a model that he saw; he took great interest in the construction, and is to be congratulated on the result. A fire curb, just completed, is very creditable, and is, perhaps, his best job hitherto. His thoroughness will, we feel, place him in a very sound position.

The new term has opened with quite a rush of new men for the joiners' shop, and, as a result, we have made arrangements to add more benches. W. E. Cook, who rendered such useful service previously as an instructor, has returned for a few months as a teacher, in order to meet the emergency.

W. H. O.

The Birmingham Walk



By courtesy of "The Birmingham Gazette."

A PICTURE OF THE START.

A NEW record for the 4th Annual Walk organised by the Birmingham and District St. Dunstan's Sports Club was set up on the 4th September. Seventeen men finished out of twenty starters, which, considering all circumstances, was very good.

Half of the competitors were T.B. men, and the remainder were blindfolded, so that it was virtually a scratch race.

The Farcroft Hotel, Handsworth, marked the start and finish of the race, which covered 14 miles, extending into the Streetly and Great Bar districts.

It was an ideal day for walking, and for the first half of the way a ding-dong battle was fought between last year's winner

and runner-up, W. Trott (Birmingham), and A. Brown (London).

Taking the lead at the start, Trott maintained it for three or four miles. At Perry Park he was three yards ahead, but unable to shake off the London man, who steadily reduced the lead. At Beggar's Bush, Brown swung by five seconds before last year's winner appeared.

He looked a certain victor, for his pace was amazingly good, and when the Horns, Queslett, was reached, he had obtained an advantage of nearly two minutes.

This he increased to three and a half minutes, arriving home in 2hr. 13min. 43secs., exactly 1min. better than Trott's record time last year.

Trott meanwhile fell away, and at Hamstead Colliery he yielded second place to W. S. Castle, Birmingham, contenting himself with the third position.

During the early stages of the race London looked like repeating their team victory of last year, for G. Fallowfield, who was allowed two escorts as he suffered from the additional handicap of being stone deaf, and J. Ingram, winner of the St. Dunstan's London to Brighton walk for three years, were third and fourth.

Fallowfield, however, was passed by Castle before Beggar's Bush, and finished fourth. London's last chance vanished when Ingram retired through lack of training at Banner's Gate.

A. Taylor was fifth, giving Birmingham the team victory with 10 points, London being second with 16, and Manchester third with 25.

The results were:—

	H. M. S.
1. A. Brown, London	2 13 43
(Beat the previous record by one minute)	
2. W. S. Castle, Birmingham ..	2 17 15
3. W. Trott, Birmingham ..	2 18 41
4. G. Fallowfield, London ..	2 21 37
5. A. Taylor, Birmingham ..	2 27 34
6. P. Johns, Manchester ..	2 28 35
7. E. Read, Birmingham ..	2 29 33
8. A. Benning, Birmingham ..	2 31 47
W. Duxbury, Birmingham, time 2 hr. 39 min. 43 secs., 9; W. C. Scott, Manchester, 2 hr. 41 min. 57 sec., 10; F. Lenderyou, London, 2 hr. 50 min. 23 sec., 11; W. Shakespeare, Birmingham, 2 hr. 50 min. 33 sec., 12; T. North, Birmingham, 2 hr. 54 min. 44 sec., 13; G. Lilley, Birmingham, 2 hr. 55 min. 42 sec., 14; J. H. Whitter, Birmingham, 2 hr. 57 min. 56 sec., 15; J. Worthington, Birmingham, 3 hr. 57 min. 40 sec., 16.	

TEAM RACE

1. Birmingham	10 pts.
2. London	16 pts.
3. Manchester	25 pts.
Veterans' Prize.—W. Duxbury, Manchester. Sealed Handicap.—E. Read (30 min. allowance), 1 hr. 59 min. 23 sec., 1; W. Shakespeare (50 min.), 2 hr. 33 sec., 2; G. Lilley (30 min.), 2 hr. 44 min., 3.	

The whole event was most admirably organised and carried out and the Hon. Secs. of the Club (Miss Hodgson and Mr. R. T. Cooling) are to be heartily congratulated on the success achieved. Sincere thanks are also due to the many kindly folk who helped in many ways, the

escorts, the officials, the prize donors, the *Birmingham Gazette* (who printed the programmes free of charge), the patrols, constabulary, Toc H, Mr. J. Murphy (who entertained the competitors, their wives and escorts to tea and a concert), the Farcroft Musical Society, and the Holt Brewery Co., Ltd.

Manchester St. Dunstan's Sports Club

TO THE MEN OF MANCHESTER & DISTRICT

As some of you know, I am going to start a club in Manchester for the men of the After-Care who live in or around Manchester. The meetings will be held once a month. During the winter they will take the form of tea and a concert, or some other kind of entertainment. In the summer I hope we shall be lent a sports ground, and so be able to arrange a sports programme.

The first meeting will be held one afternoon during the last week of October. At the moment I am not certain of the date but I will let you all know in good time.

Through the kindness of the Y.M.C.A. the meeting will be held at their Headquarters in Peter Street (outside Central Station).

I do hope that you will all try to come to the meeting, because to make the club the great success and jolly re-union that I want it to be, everyone must do their best to support it. And I am sure you all will. I am so looking forward to seeing you all.

K. V. M. IRVINE (Sister Paterson.)

After the battle of Jutland, when they were landing a number of wounded at a certain port in the north, a pal came down to meet a man who had had his leg shot off close to the thigh. Recognizing him as they were carrying him ashore on a stretcher, he shouted out:—

"Halloa, Charlie, how are you, old man?"

"Top hole, matey, and only one boot to clean."—*Dover During the Dark Days.* By Lieut-Commander Stanley Coxon.



There is very little to write about at the commencement of a new term, except to say how much I hope that all those who have been fortunate enough to get a holiday have had a thoroughly good time. Our sportsmen at Headquarters appear to be in good form and we are glad to welcome the new boys and to wish them the best of luck in sports. Already we are in full swing, and Instructor Bill Tovell informs me that upon an early morning term only two failed to attend the morning jerks parade—this speaks well for the general keenness and we are naturally looking forward to a good term. Our Sports Sister—Miss Stacey—is still on holiday at Monte Carlo (we may hear of her success in other ways when she returns), but in the meantime we are fortunate indeed in having the services of Miss Nelson—well known to our Birmingham chums—as Sports Sister. We are most grateful to her for her great kindness in coming to help us.

I have just heard from our good friend, Mr. Winter, that his pupil—Archie Brown—put up a splendid performance in the recent Polytechnic $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles Handicap on 26th August, when he worked his way from third position from scratch to second in finishing in a field of ten. Well done, Archie!

Already we are sending big parties to the League matches, and it is difficult to express our gratitude to the managers and directors of Chelsea, Arsenal and Fulham for their courtesy and generosity. We had a particularly kind letter from Mr. Fowler, the Fulham Secretary, granting us, with extreme willingness, admission for our big party to one of his matches.

ROWING

Naturally, after the Regatta, rowing has a rest, but I find that its rest won't be long for, already, Sister has 30 men on her list. We are rather short of coxes at the moment but somehow we will manage to carry on.

FOOTBALL COMPETITION

The Big Ball is rarely on the dole, as far as our footballers are concerned, and already a large number of names have been given in for this term's competition. I quite anticipate some fancy names and hope to be able to give more particulars next month.

SWIMMING

I hear that Instructor Jones has been "splashed under" with applications for tuition, and the other evening I believe 26 St. Dunstaners were at the same time enjoying themselves in the Marylebone Baths. Old Boys can go each Friday evening, and on Tuesday and Thursday mornings the Present Boys have their chance.

We have quite a number of big Galas in view and on 10th July five of our men gave an exhibition at Hendon. Result of one length was Cockson, Kerr, Barnes, Henry and Thompson, whilst at East Grinstead we swam a team race against Guy's Hospital, Tunbridge Wells and East Grinstead and won first place by 6 yards. A splendid performance.

Also on 8th July at Forest Hill Ladies' Swimming Gala, Cookson beat Bawden in an "over and under" contest by 1 yard, and in the one length handicap the final order was Bawden, Kerr, Cookson, McFarlane.

OLD BOYS' SPORTS

We have resumed our Tuesday evening event and will start our winter programme in the Bungalow as soon as the light fails us in the Park. This is an opportunity for men who have not patronised us to come along and join. They will find the sports healthy and enjoyable.

RUNNING RACE

I have been asked if it is possible to organise another running event, and of course there is no difficulty, provided a reasonable number signify their intention

of taking part. It has been suggested by some that three miles is beyond their compass and so for a change we offer a one mile event at Regent's Park for T.B. and S.S. classes, to take place on 9th October at 2.30 p.m. prompt. I would be glad, therefore, if all those who intend competing will send in their names not later than 30th September; if the entries are insufficient I will let entrants know in good time.

J. E. W.

Holiday Sports Camp

The Camp this year was at Clifford Chambers, about two miles from Stratford, instead of at Clopton. A good deal more transport to and from the town was required, but in other ways the site was much more suitable. We were kindly lent a village hall by Mrs. Rees Mogg, which consisted of a large hall to feed in and hold concerts, &c., and a kitchen with a very good range and copper. Mr. Gibb hired for us a beautiful marquee in which all the men slept. It was a good marquee and quite weather proof, but some people seem to have forgotten what they learnt in the Army about not touching the walls of a tent in the rain; perhaps this is why Hines reported that he had great difficulty in catching his clean collars, they were swimming round his suit case so hard! After the first night we learnt wisdom and the weather was more kind to us.

Every morning we went down to the river for rowing practice and swimming, and in the afternoons and evenings the programme varied. Tuesday 10th we danced in the village school; except for the floor it was a great success! Wednesday, the whole Camp had a delightful tea and sports at a neighbouring farm, where we were entertained by Mrs. Metters and her friends. Shakespeare laid himself out to amuse the company and ended by running in a wheelbarrow race all by himself, it was not till after his unkind friend told him he was the only starter! The same evening the majority of the campers went to see "Midsummer Night's Dream" at the Stratford Theatre.

Thursday we all motored 10 miles to an open air dance at a neighbouring village. It was most enjoyable, only some time was wasted by half the cars going for a joy ride of about seven miles in the wrong direction! On Friday we partook of another splendid tea provided by Mrs. Rees Mogg, followed by an amusing entertainment and sports on the lawn. Though not quite so large it was rather like sports at Ashridge which many of the boys will remember. We came back to Camp in time for a very fine concert arranged for us by some friends in Stratford and Clifford. On Saturday, THE WALK! A different course was chosen this year, distance seven miles, the road was pretty hilly. Points were awarded in the all-round competition to the first three T.B.'s and first three S.S.'s, and there were three prizes in a sealed handicap embracing both classes.

RESULTS

	H. M. S.
W. Trott	1 9 0
W. Giles	1 11 32
W. S. Castle	1 13 15
A. Taylor	1 14 20
A. Benning	1 14 30
Read	1 17 8
Sgt. Nicholls	1 20 8
Dennick	1 23 42
W. Shakespeare	1 24 48
G. Lilley	1 30 24

Handicap: 1st, Dennick; 2nd, Benning; 3rd, Shakespeare.

On Sunday Mr. Spurway had an early celebration in the Camp. In the afternoon the Rev. H. Gibb, our old friend, held a Memorial Service to Sir Arthur Pearson, at the Clifford Church.

Monday, a Regatta took place on the Avon. The Stratford Boat Club put on a scratch IV who rowed a scratch St. Dunstan's crew—Thompson, Dennick, Giles, Trott—on fixed seats. Stratford won by three feet. Results were:—

RESULTS

SINGLE SCULLS T.B.

Thompson 1st (3 feet), Dennick 2nd, Heritage 3rd.

SINGLE SCULLS S.S.

Read 1st (5 lengths), Giles 2nd.

DOUBLE SCULLS.

Thompson and Dennick 1st; Shakespeare and Giles 2nd.

PAIR OAR.

Thompson and Trott 1st; Street and Castle 2nd.

After the Regatta a rather weary party went to tea at Clopton, and in the evening to a dance in the Yeomanry Hall at which Mr. Ward and his friends played for us splendidly. The charms of the St. Dunstan's Campers were becoming known and there were plenty of partners.

ALL ROUND SPORT COMPETITION

T.B.		S.S.	
Thompson	.. 420	Trott 410
Castle 300	Read 370
Taylor 230	Giles 270
Dennick 230	Nicholls 165
Benning 215	Hines 160
Shakespeare	.. 115	Lilley 50
Johnson 80		
North 75		
Heritage 30		

There were several old friends among the staff as well as several splendid new ones. The Rev. F. E. Spurway took charge of the Camp, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Birkenshaw, and Mr. d'Abrue were also in Camp. V.A.D.'s were Miss Gough, Miss Nelson and Miss Skrine, not forgetting our friend Dale, who did all the cooking, assisted by Horace Smith. A wonderful staff who all worked splendidly.

Poultry Notes

ST. DUNSTAN'S WINTER EGG LAYING TEST

Recognised by The National Poultry Council.

Arrangements have now been completed for our fourth test. It is a four months' test as formerly, and starts on 1st November this year, and will terminate on the 20th February, 1927.

On this occasion the Committee has been strengthened by the addition of our four technical visitors, Messrs. Balkwill, Blowey, Edwards and Varney, and this change, with an attractive list of handsome prizes will, we hope, induce a larger entry than in previous years.

Full particulars of the test have been sent by post to all our poultry farmers, but if anyone has been inadvertently overlooked he should write to the Superintendent, at Kings Langley Farm, for a copy of the particulars.

As well as the usual test, we have also arranged for a two year's test, or, rather, a 24 month (lunar) test, making 96 weeks in all. This test will start on 8th November this year and finish on 10th September 1928. It is, however, only open to those men who have won a prize in any of our three previous tests, and, accordingly, particulars have only been sent to them, and not to all our poultry farmers.

The Masters and Boys of Eton College have always given very valuable support to the St. Dunstaners who have been carrying on a picture framing business for some years in the High Street, Eton. It will be remembered that E. J. Blundell was there for over five years, and our readers will be interested to hear that E. J. Harlow, who took it over in January 1926, is meeting with the same support. His wife and himself are justly proud of their attractive little shop, which contains a very tasteful collection of pictures as well as post cards, artists' requisites, &c., and we advise visitors to Eton to give them a call. Harlow is also doing a useful business in picture framing, which we trust will continue to improve.

Just across the river, in King's Road Windsor, W. H. Farr can be found happily engaged with his joiner's tools. Some years ago he would have been the first to feel doubtful if anyone had told him that, after the loss of his sight, he would have been able to carry on as naturally and easily as he does with the craft that has been such a pleasure to him all his life. There are many people still who would find it difficult to believe that his workshop, with his bench, mortice machine and well-cared-for tools, are being used by a blind man, and that the accurately finished bedstead and oak trays are his unaided workmanship. His friends will be glad to hear that the health of himself and his wife has much improved, and that after a short holiday which he is planning, he expects to return to full activity once more.

The wrong road never brings you to the right place.

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