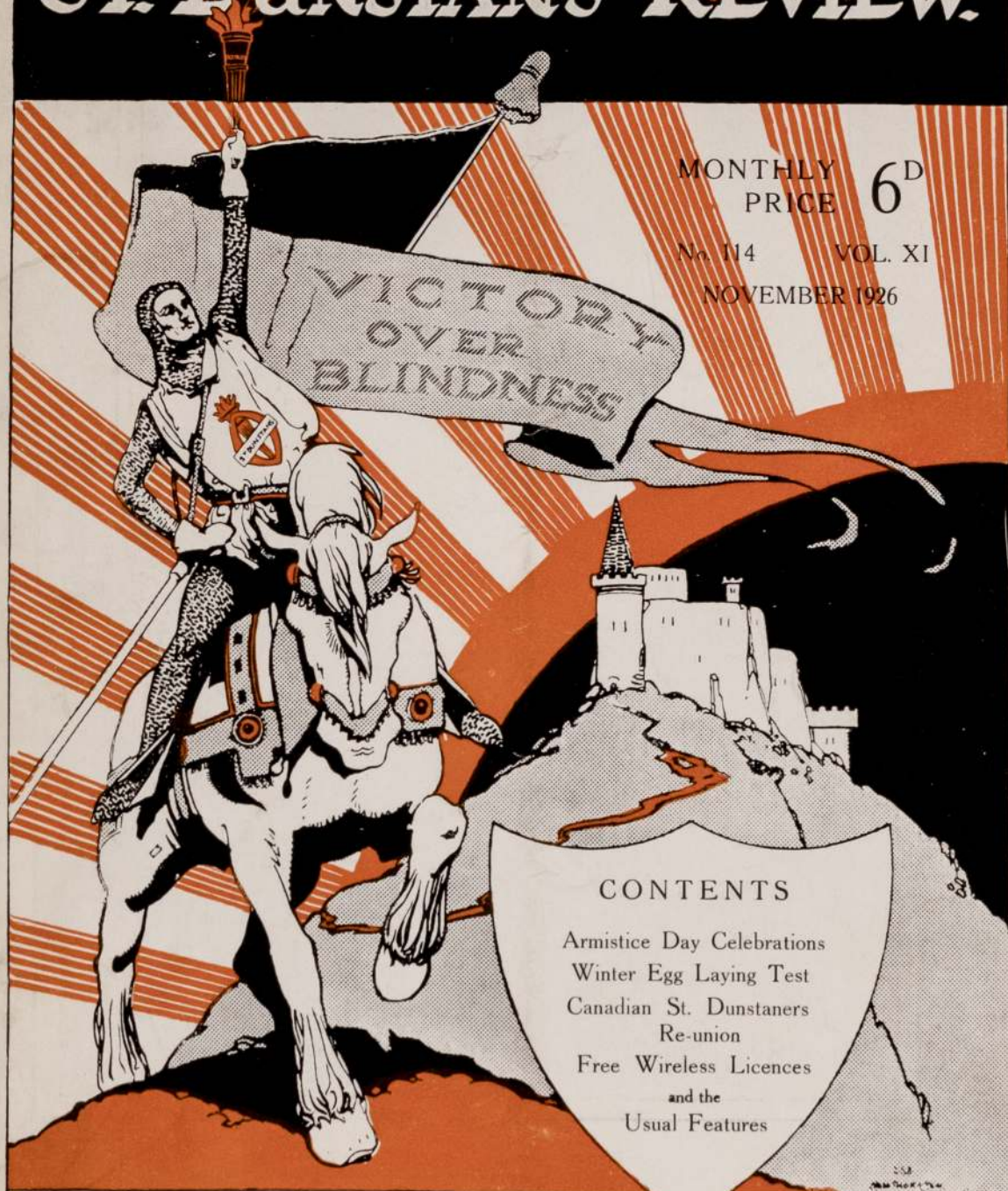


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## EDITORIAL NOTES

ST. DUNSTANERS have in the past few weeks had further inspiring evidence given them of the continued regard in which their service and sacrifice for King and Empire are still held by the authorities and the public. At the moment we are referring to the official invitations extended for a delegation of St. Dunstaners to be present at the impressive ceremonies attending the unveiling of the Guards' Memorial and the War Graves Commission Memorial in Westminster Abbey, reports of which appear in another page of this issue. What matters it that our St. Dunstaners cannot actually see the colour and pageantry of these ceremonies? They can feel the glow of pride which springs from the knowledge that they are playing their part in the nation's affairs and can sense, perhaps more vividly than those with sight, the thrill and significance of these great and glorious moments in the history of the Empire. Apart from these formal and official recognitions, there is the almost daily proof of the desire to add to our men's happiness which comes so constantly from every quarter. His Majesty the King shows his gracious interest by such kindly acts as the granting of the use of the Royal Box for St. Dunstan's, and regular participation in the Buckingham Palace and other entertainments arranged on behalf of ex-service men. There are, too, the many invitations from theatre, music hall and concert directors which are as keenly appreciated by St. Dunstan's for the friendly spirit they show as for the recreation they afford in leisure hours. Yes, "eight years afterwards" St. Dunstaners hold as high a place as ever in public memory and gratitude.



We welcome gratefully the splendid help and keenness which is being shown in the fostering of sport among St. Dunstaners throughout the country by many past and present friends of St. Dunstan's. The successful way in which the Birmingham Sports Club has been working ever since its foundation, and the highly promising debut of the Manchester St. Dunstan's Sports Club recently, are features of more than local import in the history of St. Dunstan's. The encouragement of every form of physical exercise and athletics within the scope of our men has always been kept well in the forefront of St. Dunstan's activities, and it has undoubtedly had much to do with the success and well-being of our men to-day. "Health is the first good lent to man," sung Herrick, and the maintenance of physical fitness is even more important to St. Dunstaners than sighted workers. When, however, athletics have to be followed under such disabilities as loss of sight brings, there is a natural and inevitable tendency to slacken off unless constant encouragement and readily available opportunities are provided. It is in these directions that the provincial Sports Club Centres are filling a very essential need, and we hope they will continue to receive all possible support from St. Dunstaners everywhere.



### Armistice Service

ARMISTICE Day was observed at Headquarters by a general gathering in the big Lounge of all members of the staff and the men in residence. The great room was filled to overflowing when the Rev. R. A. Wright, M.A., who officiated, opened the service with the hymn "Oh, God our Help in Ages Past." In the moving address which followed Mr. Wright said:

"As each Armistice Day comes and passes there is a danger lest we soldiers should feel that we are back numbers and become bitter, especially if we have been called to suffer some permanent disablement. The young generation, because it knows not the meaning of war, often seems callous, and we naturally feel a little upset. What is to us the greatest earthly reality of our lives is to them a mere thrill on the cinema or an exciting story. We feel bitter, not, I think, because we feel slighted, or that our pride is hurt, but because we feel that our bit is done and there is no more use for us, no more for us to do. I am sure we are wrong. I wonder whether you ever played football. You will remember how hard the first ten minutes always were; then, when you got your second wind, you were able to settle down to hard work, but the team that won was the team which could stick the last ten minutes without too much puffing even if they were weary and a bit disconsolate. In life it is men who can stick it to the end that count. The call comes to all of us ex-soldiers to stick it hard right to the end, though it is more difficult now than it was ten years ago, for there is so little excitement. But the battle for right is not done, the hardest part has yet to come, the moral fight, and in that we can all take our share, nay, must. We are all called to-day to be men who are friends of God, living strong, loving, praying lives in the circle in which we are.

"But we are not alone, we have two sources of strength. First, our Elder Brethren. I believe very sincerely in the unseen. I lost too many of my own friends to believe that they are gone for ever, and

so have you. These friends of ours, with a fuller knowledge of our Lord and Master Jesus Christ, and on that account with greater strength, are here to help us. The better men they were here the better they are able to help us now. But if that was our only help we might well despair, for they are only men. Do you remember a hymn we learnt as children—

"There's a friend for little children,  
Above the bright blue sky."

"There is a friend, my brothers, for grown men, for infirm and weak men, and it is to Him I would point you this Armistice Day as the true source of just that strength you and I so badly need.

"In His happy strong faith let us face the future unafraid, steadily doing our little bit till the time comes for us to see again those we love, and Him whom we adore and worship."

The observance of the two minutes' silence followed, and after a brief sentence of prayer and the recitation of the Lord's Prayer by all assembled, the service concluded by the singing of the National Anthem.

### St. Dunstan's at the Cenotaph

St. Dunstan's, as in previous years, was represented at the Cenotaph in Whitehall on Armistice Day. This year the bearers of St. Dunstan's wreath of laurel and poppies were R. McGloin and A. W. Pimm, who were given a prominent position in the contingent of ex-service men.

### Guards' Memorial Unveiling

Ex-Guardsmen St. Dunstaners and St. Dunstan's Organisation were represented at the unveiling of the Guards' Memorial erected in Hyde Park by the following: Lance-Corporal W. Nichols (3rd Coldstreams), Pte. J. Fleming (3rd Coldstreams), Pte. J. Heapy (1st Coldstreams), G. H. Richards (4th Grenadier Guards), and G. Cole (2nd South Staffordshire Regiment, Mons man). The party was in charge of Corporal-Major Tovell (Coldstreams) and were taken by motor coach to the Horse Guards Parade, where they joined the Red Cross Detachment, occupying a fine

position immediately behind the massed bands.

The impressive ceremony over, the party were entertained to luncheon by the Red Cross, and were gratified to be visited by Major-General Lord Ruthven, the General Officer Commanding the London District, who specially chatted to our men, and accepted with characteristic bonhomie a tankard of beer. Luncheon over, our St. Dunstaners paid a round of visits to the Guards Headquarters at Wellington, Chelsea, Horse Guards, and Albany Street Barracks, where many old friendships were renewed and war-time incidents recalled.

### Armistice Celebration Dance

The dance annually held to celebrate the conclusion of the Armistice took place on the evening of the 10th November. Although admission was by ticket only, and St. Dunstaners were asked to restrict their invitations to but one lady friend, it was very evident that these praiseworthy endeavours to keep the spacious floor of the Bungalow from overcrowding warred against the ever-growing popularity of this annual event. From the first dance on the programme to the last, dancers thronged the floor, but what little congestion there was, was amply made up for by the obvious determination of everyone to enjoy every minute of the evening. St. Dunstan's Orchestra discoursed a splendid programme of music, and was reinforced by an effective microphone installation.

During an interval Captain Fraser, in a short speech, gave hearty welcome to all present. He said he was sure they would be particularly glad to know that they had as a guest that evening a lady who a great many of them would know personally, and who had accomplished very great work for St. Dunstan's in South Africa—Mrs. Charles H. Vincent. He was sure the whole company present would like him to ask Mrs. Vincent to take back to all South African St. Dunstaners and the multitude of supporters of St. Dunstan's work there, their greetings and best wishes. (Cheers.) Mentioning that it was almost exactly five years since he had had

the honour of becoming Chairman of St. Dunstan's, Captain Fraser paid high tribute to the universal spirit of comradeship and help which had been forthcoming from St. Dunstaners throughout the Empire, and from the staff who had so ably and enthusiastically discharged their important duties. Although where all had laboured so devotedly, he felt it difficult to particularise, yet he might be forgiven for mentioning specially some of the senior heads of departments—Mr. Kessell and Mrs. Bates, who had been with St. Dunstan's since its foundation, and who must be personally known to practically every St. Dunstaner; Mr. Askew, who, commencing with the important work of Pensions Officer, had since been charged with growing responsibility, and now, as General Manager of St. Dunstan's, handled with efficiency the Organisation's business and trading interests; and, finally, Messrs. Swain, Lush, Ottaway, and Mace, who, in their respective departments, worked so capably and sympathetically for the general good of St. Dunstan's men and St. Dunstan's Organisation.

In conclusion, and after proposing a vote of sincere thanks to Matron and the V.A.D.'s who had so admirably organised that night's entertainment, Captain Fraser stated that the Bill which he had that afternoon had the privilege of introducing to Parliament to provide free wireless licences for all blind people had been very well received, and had passed its first reading. (Loud applause.) He wished to thank the many St. Dunstaners and their friends who had given him such valuable help in connection with the Bill.

Lieut.-Col. Eric Ball followed with a brief and humorous speech, and concluded by asking the company to join with him in paying musical tribute to "two jolly good fellows—Captain and Mrs. Fraser." The heartiness with which this invitation was responded to gave token of the high esteem in which our Chairman and Mrs. Fraser are universally held.

After full justice had been done to the dainty and appetising refreshments provided, dancing continued with zest until a late hour.





## NEWS OF ST. DUNSTANERS

IN the beginning of September D. Marshall, of Market Drayton, moved into his new house, and it is proving a great success. The shop is larger and has two good display windows. In addition there is a fair-sized workshop, so Marshall is to be congratulated, particularly since the lucky find is on a main thoroughfare. Repairs have been coming in well since the move, and, with the conscientious endeavour we feel sure Marshall will put into everything he does, success should be assured.

"All well and nothing to grumble at" is the news from C. F. Spiers, of Oxford; mats keep him fairly busy.

A. Vernon, of Birmingham, has been busy hunting for new business premises which are almost as difficult to find as houses. We hope to be able to say that an ideal location has been found in the near future.

Work is "easing off a bit" after the summer rush, according to Boyce, of Belfast, but all the same he is "getting along fine." Boyce is one of the many St. Dunstaners who understands the advantages of putting up a brave front to the world.

Another Belfast man in the best of health is H. McAteer. Ice-cream as an attraction to customers is a thing of the past, so he has got in a stock of toys ready for the Christmas trade on the principle that it is as well to be seasonable.

After a year's experience in running a boarding house, Mr. and Mrs. J. Walch, of Blackpool, have decided that the business is likely to be profitable, as well as interesting. The "egg" trade, too, is flourishing, and Walch himself is in decidedly better health, his friends will be glad to hear.

An unusual honour has fallen to the lot of A. Urry, of Dunswell, Hull, in that he has been elected Chairman of the Village Institute—a position that should give him great scope as the hall provides all the excitements during the year—whist drives, concerts, dances, &c. We offer him sincere congratulations.

Another energetic St. Dunstaner in the same district is A. E. Coman, who pegs away steadily at his mat frame and is doing well with coloured designs. As a side line he has some poultry and also about 50 ducks, all in the pink of condition. Mrs. Coman is as active as her husband, and makes it a point of pride to have her garden a mass of flowers, as long as the weather permits.

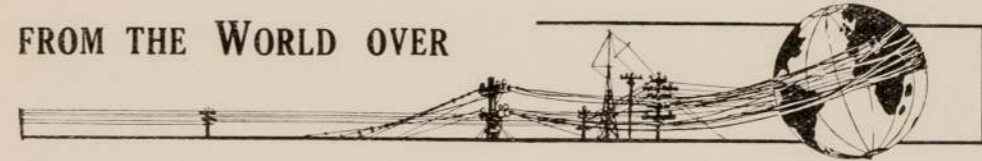
In Witherwick, A. Coulson has a very nice poultry farm, and his birds, like Coman's, are splendidly healthy. Matters have not gone so well as they might for him of late, since while Mrs. Coulson was laid up, more or less, owing to an accident to her foot, Coulson lost 100 chickens. He is, however, developing a useful trade in centre cane trays and teapot stands.

Rats were the cause of a somewhat similar loss suffered by J. Whitham, of Dunswell; they carried off 25 of his chicks earlier in the year.

Celery-growing has been occupying the attention of F. Marsden, of Blackburn, of late, and he has a fine bed of it. He also has about 100 healthy young chrysanthemums. Marsden has been devoting more time to his garden than usual, as, like so many others, he has been affected by the coal strike inasmuch as his customers have gone without boot-repairs until these became absolutely essential.

Game hampers have been occupying E. C. Wheeler, of Newbury, of late, as a

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gentleman who lives on a large estate near gave him an order for these; Wheeler has found them interesting to make.

T. H. Dennison, of Longsdon, Stoke-on-Trent, has been putting up a poultry house and has made a most creditable job of it single-handed.

"All well" is the cheery message from J. Waldin, of Winchester, who is working away, contented and happy as usual, over all the boot repairs that come his way.

Boots and mats together are keeping H. Dakin, of Loughborough Junction, going, and when work does not come to him he goes out to seek it and finds that canvassing for it brings him into touch with a number of nice people.

A reasonable number of patients have been coming to J. Burt, of Southampton, and he himself is in excellent health. So also is J. Hughes, of Streatham, whose work is telephony. His garden has done remarkably well this year, by the way, and Hughes is looking forward to a brilliant spring showing for he has planted a number of bulbs.

Was anyone fortunate to drop into the Strand Corner House while H. Costigan was singing there? He had a week's engagement a few weeks back, and won great applause from the clientele, we hear.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Duxbury, of Moston, or, rather, to their boy James, who has carried off a scholarship and is now at a good secondary school.

"A number of local orders" have been keeping J. Hindley, of Newton, Manchester, busy, and he goes pluckily on, although his health gives him a certain amount of trouble. Friends who missed him at the recent re-union will be glad to

know that the cause of his absence was an urgent local order for baskets which had to be delivered to time.

A very busy man indeed is B. Varley, of Stanway, near Colchester; he has been settling into a new house and finding a great deal to do.

"My two most important possessions," says T. S. Floyd, of Teignmouth. Can St. Dunstaners guess what they are? A small son and a wireless!

Like Varley, W. J. Burnett, of Exeter, has been settling into new premises, and like Varley, too, he has found plenty to do. Both the house and shop are nice and in a better locality than the last, so Burnett has every hope of making good progress. He has competition, however, since there are two or three other boot repairers in the same street. However, they look so prosperous that Burnett is hoping there is an overflow of trade!

Poultry and mats are the occupations of D. T. Condon, of Worting, and H. Sims, of the same locality, and friends will be glad to know that in each case health is improving, as does trade.

D. M. McLean, who is near Brimpton, finds that he has no time to spare for anything but his poultry farm, but the work on it keeps him fit and well. But G. Dawson, of Carlton, finds some odd hours to devote to net making.

Both chickens and eggs have been satisfactory this season, so far as T. M. Fisher, of Longforan, is concerned, while A. Anderson, of Letham, having done remarkably well with eggs, has found his chicken results not as good as he hoped. We trust that, in this connection, his spell of bad luck is over. Yet another poultry man is W. Megson, of Carterton,



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and he has had the unpleasant experience of having to buy water since his well dried up.

A. J. E. Jolly, of East Ham, has been doing well with baskets. He exhibited basket work at the East Ham Health and Civic Week Exhibition, and secured a splendid number of orders, including nine centre cane trays, sixty teapot stands, thirty-four barrel baskets, and fifteen wastepaper baskets. These will keep him busy for some time.

C. Singleton, of Forest Gate, was another exhibitor at the East Ham Exhibition. His display of basket work was given a prominent position, and orders taken exceeded expectations.

E. J. Laker, of Haverhill, has been busy on a big order for log baskets, while G. Brown makes mats as well as baskets, and was building up a nice local trade before the disaster of the coal strike occurred; in addition, he was building up a reliable coal agency.

Other mat makers of whom friends will be glad to hear are M. Hutchinson, of East Ham, and A. Northcote, of Harlesden, both are in good health and making progress. A. E. Sherwood, of Reading, has been engrossed in the making of a large mat with letters on it, and M. J. Shiners, of Wandsworth, too, has been putting in steady hours at his frame, and the same must be said of J. Davies, of Wembley. Considering trade conditions, R. Baker, of Chopwell, reports life as satisfactory and goes on with his usual output of mats.

Mats, as well as netting, are occupying P. Sheridan, of Rosyth. His friends will be glad to know that his health is good. F. Cooper, of Fareham, with boots and mats as his crafts, is making sure progress, especially with the former. Yet another boot-man is H. A. Baker, of Clapham Junction, who finds himself so well occupied that he rarely leaves his shop except on Wednesday, when he closes down.

R. P. Coles, of Harlesden, is still at earphone testing. C. E. Temperton, of Hull, is now comfortably settled in a council house and is hoping to get a few head of poultry. A. Kean, of Hayling Island, has a nice little cottage and finds the making of woollies a suitable occupation, and F. Bradfield is doing quite well as a fruit hawker.

A pig farm is a most interesting affair to run, according to P. Featherstone, of N. Ferriby, but he says it keeps him very busy. Featherstone has every right to consider himself a public benefactor when one remembers the effort the Government has been making to interest the public in pig-breeding, and the many thousands of tons of bacon that have to be imported into England every year.

Stirred to emulation by A. Bennings' account of the chicken houses he had been building, W. G. R. Heritage, of Chacombe, near Banbury, has been making one himself. It is a fine strong piece of work, we hear. Heritage is very energetic and can saw up all his own wood. He also attends personally to the oil engine that grinds the chicken's food.

In Ratley, also near Banbury, D. Batchelor is getting along happily with boots to repair, plenty of out-door work, and a number of animals claiming his attention.

Trouser-presses are claiming the attention of W. F. McCarthy, of Nuneaton, but all the summer he has been busy making doors, having secured a good order for these from a local contractor.

Things should be looking up in Nuneaton soon, for many of the pits have started work and a majority of the men have returned to the mines. This affects F. Hall a good deal, for he was running a motor to take the miners to and from the mines.

An order for tea-pot stands for a local bazaar has just come the way of S. Evans,

of Hollins Site, Oldham. He also works on baskets, as his friends will remember.

We have not many organists among our St. Dunstaners, but W. Radley, another Oldham man, is much interested in this instrument, and gets a goodly amount of pleasure out of his playing.

Ducks sell as quickly as they can be reared, at least this is the experience of C. H. Brown, of Bretby Village, near Burton-on-Trent, indeed, he has had to refuse several orders or he would have had nothing to offer at Christmas. Brown's poultry are also remarkably healthy looking.

Despite bad trade, W. C. Smith, of Melbourne, is selling baskets and mats locally, which is excellent. He has quite a wonderful collection of goods in his shop, and will, we hope, do a fine Christmas trade.

"Business somewhat slack" is the experience of C. E. Gill, of Teddington, and he is among the few who welcomes rainy weather—it makes his customers remember that their boots want soleing! Gill is following in the footsteps of one or two other St. Dunstaners, and has taken up canary breeding as a hobby. He has several for sale at the moment.

Quite one of the most attractive shops on our list is that run by F. Marshall, of Hull, and it is proving a great success. Marshall is always thinking out new devices for improving it, or planning how to make his stock more varied. Good luck to him.

The bungalow in which E. Baron, of Bridlington, has made his home has been newly decorated and is looking remarkably nice, we hear. Baron must be proud of his garden for, despite wintry winds, he has a brave show of roses, at the time of writing, and a particularly fine display of chrysanthemums in a variety of colour.

As busy and interested in all that has to be done as usual is the news we can pass

on concerning those hardworkers, Mr. and Mrs. Lawty, of Bridlington.

Motor mats have been keeping J. Brockerton, of Coleraine, busy of late, and he still has orders on hand and is hoping for more. He has about forty pullets from this year's settings, so his fowls have done well, and Brockerton is anticipating a fine supply of eggs.

Local orders for mats have been keeping J. Dixon employed, we are glad to know, and we congratulate him upon the energetic manner in which he set about securing these orders. May each lead to several others.

Three fine pigs are the delight of R. Biggadike, of Boston, at present, and they certainly promise to develop into prime bacon. Biggadike exhibited at the local show for the first time a few weeks ago, and carried off a first prize for savoy cabbage, a second for seakale, and a third for red-cabbage—a fine success, indeed, and a visible proof of all the hard work we know that Biggadike has put into his allotments.

A St. Dunstaner of whose success we feel assured is S. Taylor, of Loughboro. He is now farming 35 acres with only the help of casual labour for such things as the digging of potatoes. Steady work and plenty of courage spell victory.

We regret that, by an oversight, the address of F. A. Rhodes, who wishes to dispose by ticket of a wireless set, did not appear in our last issue. A number of inquiries for this have been received and have been forwarded on direct to Rhodes. For the benefit of those who may wish to participate in the draw for this set, we repeat hereunder details of the offer:—

£25 wireless set to be disposed of, comprising £5 Amplion de Luxe Loud Speaker and £3 Exide Accumulator. Loud Speaker receiving range of three hundred miles. Carriage paid to any part of the British Isles. Tickets 1s. each.—Apply, F. A. Rhodes, at 11 Holford Square, London, W.C.1.



## St. Dunstan's Laying Test—A Record Entry

By A. H. CAPPER

The author of the following interesting article in *Eggs*, the official organ of the Scientific Poultry Breeders' Association, is the Officers' Representative on the Test Committee of our own Egg-laying Test.

IT may come as a surprise to many readers to learn that there have been as many as 189 men trained by St. Dunstan's in poultry keeping. The majority of these men are totally blind, but there are a number whose sight has not been totally destroyed, or who have been fortunate enough to regain some of it. For these men poultry keeping has been found a suitable and attractive occupation, particularly for those whose injuries make it desirable that they should work in the open air of the country. Most of the men do all the work themselves, and some do their own trap-nesting by the aid of leg bands embossed with Braille characters. St. Dunstan's itself has a well-equipped farm at King's Langley, carrying 1,500 head of adult stock. Mr. Thomson Brown, who has charge of this farm, also has under his care the welfare of these 189 poultry keepers, and a staff of experienced visitors regularly keep in touch with the men to give them any assistance and guidance they may require.

In order to stimulate a healthy competitive interest, and to let the general public know what St. Dunstan's can do, a winter laying test was inaugurated three years ago. This test was one of the first to be officially recognised by the National Poultry Council. I have just been to King's Langley to see the arrival of the birds for the fourth test, which begins on the 1st November.

This year there has been a record entry of 304 birds, divided into the following sections:—

| Section                        | Pens  |
|--------------------------------|-------|
| 1.—White Leghorns (4 birds)    | .. 22 |
| 2.—Rhode Island Reds (4 birds) | .. 27 |
| 3.—White Wyandottes (4 birds)  | .. 6  |
| 4.—Any other variety (4 birds) | .. 6  |

We may add that the article also appears in *The Feathered World*, accompanied by a photograph of two of the men at present in training at our King's Langley Farm.

| Section  | Birds |
|--|-------|
| 5a.—Rhode Island Reds (Single bird)            | 20    |
| 5.—Any other variety heavy-breed (Single bird) | 18    |
| 6.—Any variety light breed (Single bird)       | 22    |

It will be seen that Rhode Island Reds are easily the favourite breed with St. Dunstan's. Possibly the explanation is that their very docile disposition renders them particularly suitable for blind men. In the A.O.V. section I saw two pens of Light Sussex and one each of Buff Rocks, Anconas, White Bresse and Red Leghorns. The last-named is a new breed which Mr. R. E. Hill has been working on for five years. They are of the true Leghorn type and of a colour which many breeders of Rhode Island Reds would envy. Other breeds such as Barnevelders and Black Leghorns find representation in the single birds sections.

I can say without fear of bias that the quality of the birds was exceptionally good and does great credit to the competitors. The results of the St. Dunstan's tests in the past have compared favourably with the leading tests in the country, and this year the results should be even better. My only fear is that too many of the birds were already in lay on arrival at the test ground. This is not always a desirable condition for a winter test, as birds are apt to be upset by the railway journey. However, the farm manager, Mr. Guttridge, can be relied upon to give them every possible care and to keep them in condition. It is always fascinating to spot the winners; my own fancy was the pen of Buff Rocks.

The test started on 1st November, for a period of sixteen weeks, ending 20th February. The method of scoring is on

similar lines to that adopted at the National Laying Test at Bentley. An attractive list of prizes is offered by St. Dunstan's, in the form of medals and appliances. There is also a handsome challenge cup for the best pen in the test. Mr. Thomson Brown will be glad to allow visitors to inspect the test on any day except Sunday.

### A TWO YEARS' CHAMPIONSHIP TEST

An innovation this year is a Championship Test lasting over a period of two years and open to medal winners in the previous St. Dunstan's winter tests. Such a test is, I think, unique, and should prove very interesting. There has been a tendency in the past among commercial egg farmers to keep their stock for one season only; the method of scoring at some laying tests had led to the encouragement of the breeding of "sprinters." With the cost of replacements as high as it is, I have for some time felt that we ought to direct our attention to prolonging the profitable laying life of the hen. The idea of a two years' test breaks new ground, not only in this direction, but also for the encouragement of the breeding of stock which will "stay." The entries in the Championship Section comprise three pens of White Leghorns, four pens of Rhode Island Reds, one pen of White Wyandottes, and one pen of White Bresse.

In conclusion, may I ask readers to follow this test, not out of pity for those suffering from an "affliction," but out of practical sympathy for quite ordinary people who have been unfortunate in losing their sight for their country. They are out to prove that they can be just as good breeders of poultry as anybody else.

### Braille Correspondence Classes

Some short while since F. A. Rhodes put forward to Captain Fraser a suggestion that Braille Correspondence Classes of an educative nature might be organised for the winter months. Rhodes idea was that each member should select the subject he wished to study, viz. languages, science, economics, &c., and that progressive lessons should be posted to the student each week. Each lesson would be put into booklet form, and at the end of every week

the booklet just studied should be returned, thus making it available for further circulation and so decreasing expense. While it is obvious that St. Dunstan's could not carry out such a scheme to the best advantage with a relatively small number of men, the suggestion has much to recommend it if co-operation could be effected with some wider organisation, and a really comprehensive scheme introduced. Accordingly, Captain Fraser has been in correspondence with the Secretary-General of the National Institute for the Blind, who is arranging to publish details of the suggestion in the various publications issued by the Institute, inviting readers to whom the scheme appeals to communicate with the Editor on the subject, stating at the same time which subjects he or she would like to study. We ask readers of ST. DUNSTAN'S REVIEW to write to us to the same effect.

### "Wireless for the Blind"

#### Braille Edition

A number of inquiries having been received for particulars of the Braille Edition of the book "Wireless for the Blind," written by Captain Fraser and Mr. O. Carpenter, which appeared serially in ink-print in the REVIEW, we give the following information as regards this Braille edition:—

"Wireless for the Blind," Grade 2, large size interpointed, paper covers (7190), price 5s. 6d. F 53. Copies may be obtained from the National Institute for the Blind, 224 Great Portland Street, London, W.1.

We would add that seven copies have been presented to the National Library for the Blind.

### Insurance Act—Important

Will readers please note that if they wish to claim sickness benefit, medical certificates should be obtained and forwarded to Mr. Askew at Headquarters *immediately* they cease working on account of illness.

Delay in obtaining and despatching certificates may mean loss of benefits in respect of the days prior to the date of receipt of the certificate.



## Manchester Walk

WE have received from Mr. W. M. Slack, who takes such practical and helpful interest in our Northern St. Dunstaners' walking activities, the following account of the Third Annual Manchester Walk:—

The Third Annual Walk took place from the Harpurhey Baths, Blackley, Manchester, on Saturday, 16th October. The walk was again organised and held under the auspices of the North Manchester Harriers and Athletic Club, who also supplied the escorts.

A record entry for the walk was received, representing London, Manchester and Birmingham, and out of 27 entries 22 competitors faced the starter, P. Alberti, Esq., Vice-President of the Harriers' Club. I. Allcock, Esq. (President) was referee. Under ideal weather conditions a good race ensued, and it was a battle royal between A. Brown (London) and W. Trott (Birmingham), who should be first man home. Trott led at the half distance by four minutes from Brown, and in the last three miles Brown, showing fine ability as a walker, passed Trott, and was never again headed, winning the race by 43 seconds.

In conjunction with the race a Team Race for medals was held, as also was a Team Race to count points, for the first competition for the Inter City Sports Shield. Four to count, in the former race three to count.

Birmingham were successful in winning both team competitions.

Miss Stacey accompanied the London Team, and Miss Nelson and W. Alexander, Junr., the Birmingham team, being met in Manchester by Miss Hodgson. Mrs. Irvine was in charge of the Manchester team.

The competitors, their wives, escorts and officials, were entertained after the walk to tea at the club's headquarters, Red Lion Hotel, Blackley, when the prizes to the successful competitors were presented by Mrs. Irvine.

### RESULTS

|                                   | Time |    |    |
|-----------------------------------|------|----|----|
|                                   | h.   | m. | s. |
| 1. A. Brown, London ..            | 1    | 34 | 34 |
| 2. W. Trott, Birmingham ..        | 1    | 35 | 17 |
| 3. G. Fallowfield, London ..      | 1    | 35 | 45 |
| 4. W. S. Castle, Birmingham ..    | 1    | 40 | 47 |
| 5. P. Johns, Manchester ..        | 1    | 41 | 54 |
| 6. A. Taylor, Birmingham ..       | 1    | 44 | 55 |
| 7. E. Read ..                     | 1    | 45 | 38 |
| 8. W. Giles ..                    | 1    | 46 | 7  |
| 9. R. Young, London ..            | 1    | 49 | 28 |
| 10. W. C. Scott, Manchester ..    | 1    | 51 | 10 |
| 11. H. Bowman, London ..          | 1    | 51 | 32 |
| 12. F. Lenderyou ..               | 1    | 52 | 39 |
| 13. A. Varley, Birmingham ..      | 1    | 53 | 49 |
| 14. W. Duxbury, Manchester ..     | 1    | 54 | 18 |
| 15. H. Birley ..                  | 2    | 0  | 17 |
| 16. W. Shakespeare, Birmingham .. | 2    | 1  | 10 |
| 17. J. W. Yarwood, Manchester ..  | 2    | 1  | 22 |
| 18. T. North ..                   | 2    | 2  | 2  |
| 19. W. Joyce, Manchester ..       | 2    | 15 | 35 |

### TEAM RACE

|  | Points |
|--|--------|
| Birmingham (W. Trott, 2; W. S. Castle, 4; A. Taylor, 6) ..   | 12     |
| London (A. Brown, 1; G. Fallowfield, 3; R. Young, 9) ..      | 13     |
| Manchester (P. Johns, 5; W. C. Scott, 10; W. Duxbury, 14) .. | 29     |

### INTER CITY SHIELD

|   |    |
|---|----|
| Birmingham (W. Trott, 2; W. S. Castle, 4; A. Taylor, 6; E. Read, 7) ..      | 19 |
| London (A. Brown, 1; G. Fallowfield, 3; R. Young, 9; H. Bowman, 11) ..      | 24 |
| Manchester (P. Johns, 5; W. C. Scott, 10; W. Duxbury, 14; H. Birley, 15) .. | 44 |

Prizes were awarded in the Scratch Race to:

A. Brown, G. Fallowfield, London.  
W. Trott, W. S. Castle, Birmingham.  
P. Johns, W. C. Scott, W. Duxbury, and H. Birley, Manchester.

Ten Miles Sealed Handicap Prize (London)—  
F. Lenderyou.

Ten Miles Sealed Handicap Prize (Birmingham)—  
T. North.

Five Miles Sealed Handicap (Manchester)—  
W. Spencer, E. Pannifier, J. Worthington, and W. Joyce.

### HANDICAP TIMES

| MANCHESTER (5 MILES) |       |             |              |
|----------------------|-------|-------------|--------------|
|                      | Start | Actual Time | H'dicap time |
| W. Spencer ..        | 22 00 | 1 19 33     | 48 33        |
| E. Pannifier ..      | 11 30 | 1 4 24      | 52 54        |
| J. Worthington ..    | 1 30  | 0 54 45     | 53 15        |
| W. Joyce ..          | 13 00 | 1 7 20      | 54 20        |

### BIRMINGHAM (10 MILES)

|                   |       |         |         |
|-------------------|-------|---------|---------|
| T. North ..       | 39 00 | 2 2 2   | 1 32 2  |
| A. Varley ..      | 29 00 | 1 53 40 | 1 33 40 |
| E. Read ..        | 11 49 | 1 45 38 | 1 33 58 |
| W. Giles ..       | 12 00 | 1 46 07 | 1 34 7  |
| A. Taylor ..      | 10 00 | 1 44 55 | 1 34 55 |
| W. Shakespeare .. | 25 00 | 2 1 10  | 1 36 10 |

### LONDON (10 MILES)

|                 |       |         |         |
|-----------------|-------|---------|---------|
| F. Lenderyou .. | 15 00 | 1 52 39 | 1 37 39 |
| R. Young ..     | 10 00 | 1 49 28 | 1 39 28 |

## After-Care Re-unions

### Nottingham and Derby

THE Nottingham and Derby After-Care meeting was held at the Y.M.C.A., Nottingham, on 21st October, and was a great success. There were just 100 to tea, and afterwards Mr. Swain made a jolly speech and gave the men a message from Captain Fraser wishing all a good time.

A hearty vote of thanks to Captain Fraser was proposed by A. Singleton, who, in the course of his speech, made a suggestion that re-unions should be held at Headquarters of all men who were at St. Dunstan's the same year. H. Knopp seconded the vote of thanks and made a very able little speech.

Mr. Swain, in reply, said that Singleton's idea was a very good one, but, unfortunately, would prove far too expensive, St. Dunstaners living, as they did, in all parts of the British Empire.

We were very well entertained during the evening. Mr. and Mrs. Singleton and Mrs. Singleton's brother provided a most efficient jazz band, H. Knopp played the piano, Mrs. Clay and Mrs. Singleton sang. Captain Crewdson again came to help and played popular music on the piano, and Toc Emma rendered invaluable assistance both with musical items and with the competitions.

As we were lucky enough to have a band, we finished up with dancing, and it is surprising how many men find they can still dance in spite of not having had any practice since leaving St. Dunstan's.

Winners of the competitions were as follows:—

Basket Ball.—

T.B.—W. C. Shaw.

S.S.—S. C. Smith and A. Smith tied and tossed for choice of prize.

Number guessing.—Mrs. A. Smith (quite a number of people wished their name was Smith).

Bun and Needle Race.—Mrs. Bridgman and F. King. (They must be specialists as they won this race last year.)

### Northampton

A very successful little meeting was held at Northampton on Tuesday, 2nd November. All arrangements for the meeting were made by a very real friend of St. Dunstan's, Miss McKinnell, to whom the Gas Works Company had kindly lent their charming room. Miss McKinnell did all the catering for the tea, and brought along a splendid band of helpers to wait on the men and help with the competitions.

Seventeen St. Dunstaners were present with their wives and escorts, and Mrs. Hake, Miss Gough, Miss Hipwell, and Miss Nelson all came to meet old friends and help.

At tea Mr. Swain spoke to the men and said how splendidly they were keeping up their trades, and that 25 per cent. more raw material had been used during the last year. He also read them a message of good wishes from the chairman. His speech was replied to by D. Pettit and W. Storer, who said how much they all appreciated re-union meetings and all that was done for them by St. Dunstan's. D. Pettit said he would like to send a special message to Captain Fraser, their Chairman, to say how much his efforts to get free wireless licences for the whole sightless community were appreciated.

The first event after tea was a bun and needle race, which caused a great deal of amusement—to spectators as well as competitors. Miss McKinnell had secured the services of some really splendid artists for a concert, and the audience sang choruses and rocked with laughter at the comic songs. Mrs. Pettit, W. Storer, and G. King also most kindly assisted and gave some delightful songs. Mrs. Hake presented the prizes to the successful competitors, who were:—

Bun and Needle race.—W. Storer, Miss Nelson.

Basket Ball—

T.B.—1st W. Webb, 2nd A. Billingham.  
S.S.—O. Windridge.



Guessing competition.—Ladies, Mrs. Lowe.

A cake and box of chocolates were presented for guessing weights, and won by Mrs. Waite and C. Negus.

At 6.30 the meeting broke up, all of us hoping for an equally successful re-union next year.

### Leamington

It was decided this year to amalgamate the Birmingham and Leamington meetings, and this was made possible by the Alexandra Musical Society, which kindly provided free transport to Leamington for all the Birmingham men and their wives.

The meeting was held on the 28th October at the Blue Cafe, Parade. Mrs. Fowler, Commandant of the Nuneaton V.A.D., gave us a beautiful ball-room for the meeting, arranged a charming concert, and brought her orchestra to play at tea and for the dancing. The success of the Leamington meeting is always secured by the fact that Mrs. Hake (Miss Evers that was) is able to come and undertakes all the arrangements with Mrs. Fowler. It was the greatest help to have Miss Nelson at the meeting too.

Thirty-eight St. Dunstaners and their wives or other escorts were present. Mr. Swain's speech was replied to by W. Shakespeare and C. V. Smith, who both said what pleasure they got from the re-unions. Shakespeare went on to say that every soldier has his grouse, but the best place for a St. Dunstaner to get his satisfactorily answered was at St. Dunstans.

After the speeches we had a competition—walking round bottles placed at intervals on the floor; much amusement was caused by the occasional crash of glass when a competitor ran down a bottle! Semi-sighted competitors were bandaged. The winners of this were F. Brown and G. Lilley.

Mrs. B. Wood won the ladies' prize for a number-guessing competition.

In addition to Mrs. Fowler's Concert Party, R. Heritage, D. S. H. Wood, and W. Trott sang to us very charmingly. After the concert the Black Satin Orchestra played for an hour for dancing. Mrs. Hake gave the prizes, and all too soon the bus arrived to take the Birmingham party home.

### Canadian St. Dunstaners Re-Union

We have received from Captain E. A. Baker a description of the fully attended and most interesting re-union of the Canadian members of the Sir Arthur Pearson Club, which was held in Toronto from the 8th to 11th September. We regret that pressure on our space makes it impossible for us to give the full report of this most successful meeting, but St. Dunstaners everywhere will be delighted to know that the re-union proved a most happy event in every way. The transportation and berths for the men and escorts from all parts of Canada to Toronto and return were provided by the Dominion Government, while the Canadian National Institute for the Blind made themselves responsible for board and lodging for the period of the re-union.

A varied and highly popular programme and itinerary was carried out, including a wonderful picnic and sports meeting at Eldorado Park, 27 miles north-west of Toronto. A fine selection of photographs sent us by Captain Baker gives evidence of the whole-hearted way in which the picnic and sports events were enjoyed.

On Sunday, 12th September, the concluding day of the re-union, a service in memory of our late chief, Sir Arthur Pearson, was held in the Pearson Hall. Blinded soldiers in two ranks lined one side of the large hallway, facing the bronze tablet on the opposite wall, erected some years ago. Mr. A. G. Viets, the President, conducted the service, with Harris Turner, of Saskatoon, as the principal speaker, and the service impressed all by its simplicity and dignity.

It is very evident that our Canadian comrades, although their homes are so widely scattered in a great country, are imbued with the true spirit of comradeship, and welcome, as do our St. Dunstaners at home, every opportunity to foregather. On behalf of St. Dunstaners at home we send them all our heartiest greetings and wishes for many more successful re-unions.

### Births—Marriages—Deaths

#### Births

BARLOW.—On the 26th September, to the wife of S. Barlow, of King's Lynn, a daughter.

BILLINGTON.—To the wife of J. Billington, of Tilbury, a daughter, on the 10th of October.

BURLEY.—On the 1st of October, to the wife of E. J. Burley, of Cornwall, a daughter.

CUBITT.—To the wife of W. Cubitt, of Norwich, a daughter (Betty Elizabeth), on the 22nd of June.

FARMERY.—On the 6th of October, to the wife of W. Farmery, of Bishops Waltham, a son.

FITCHIE.—On the 14th October, to the wife of W. Fitchie, of Rufford, a son.

LYNCH.—To the wife of J. R. Lynch, of Fulham, a daughter, born on the 24th of September.

MILNER.—On the 20th of September, to the wife of T. Milner, of Walton, Liverpool, a daughter.

O'BRIEN.—To the wife of J. O'Brien, of Alton, a daughter, on the 23rd of September.

OSWALD.—On the 3rd October, to the wife of R. Oswald, of Tyne Dock, a daughter.

STRACHAN.—On the 19th of September, to the wife of W. Strachan, of Motherwell, a son (David Selby).

TOFT.—To the wife of E. Toft, of Mill Hill, a son, on the 11th of October.

#### Marriages

CATLOW-HUDSON.—On the 18th of September, at the Independent Methodist Church, Larch Street, Nelson, S. Catlow, of Nelson, Lanc., to Miss Elsie Hudson.

SCOTT-ASHTON.—At St. John's Church, Notting Hill, on Saturday, 18th September, by the Rev. St. Barbe S. Sladen, W. T. Scott, eldest son of Mr. W. I. J. Scott, of Brixton Hill, to Phyllis Marguerite Ashton, youngest daughter of Mr. F. J. Ashton, of Holland Park.

#### Deaths

This month we have to send our sympathy to:—

HEUSHAW.—W. Heushaw, of New Southgate, who lost his mother on the 14th of October.

AITKEN.—J. Aitken, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, whose little son (John Richard), aged one year and five months, died in hospital on the 8th November. He had been suffering for five weeks from pneumonia.

### "In Memory"

PRIVATE WILLIAM GEORGE LLOYD

(2nd Dorset Regiment)

WE much regret to record the death of this St. Dunstaner. Lloyd enlisted in 1916, and was severely wounded in 1918 in Palestine. His war service so undermined his health that it was impossible for him to take any serious training, although he was under our care from January 1919 until February 1922, during which time he underwent a serious operation at our hospital in Sussex Place. Lloyd suffered greatly, and died after about two months' illness in Chatham Hospital on 5th October. Numbered among the many beautiful floral tributes received at the funeral was a wreath from St. Dunstan's Headquarters.





## SPORTS CLUB NOTES

It is always nice to report Sports progress, and I can say, with confidence, that during the past months, Sports, like Johnnie Walker, are still going strong. It is good to have capable colleagues and also capable and enthusiastic sportsmen, and with such ingredients sports are bound to be enjoyable.

There is one thing I must do, and that is both to thank and congratulate our excellent Sports Sister, Miss Stacey, on the glorious shield she and her friends have provided for our competition. Not only has she been instrumental in supplying it, but has added to our indebtedness by designing it, and it is most beautifully done. A thing of beauty is a joy for ever, and I know whoever holds the shield for the first year will treasure it. Particulars as to the competitions are given herewith.

May I also join in the word of appreciation to Mr. Winter that appears; I am indeed glad that one of the chums has, on his own initiative, written so nicely about him.

### ROWING

Once again we are very glad of the help of 16 cheerful Bedford College Coxes at the early hour of 7.25 a.m.—and we all know that it takes a "good fellow" to be merry and bright first thing in the morning before the day has been properly aired! These ladies are such a success that our Sports' Sister is wondering whether to keep to her bed in the mornings and let the scullers enjoy themselves.

### PRESENT CARE SPORTS

As these are always held conveniently in the Bungalow about 10.20 a.m., some of our sportsmen from that residence have discovered that it is even worth going without breakfast, and getting up especially for sports at 10 a.m. to miss none of the fine exercise. A new economy for Headquarters and a peaceful morning for the Dining-room Staff.

### POINTS

| T.B.           |      | S.S.              |     |
|----------------|------|-------------------|-----|
| 1. McDonald    | 487½ | 1. Crook, A.      | 520 |
| 2. Barnes, W.  | 362½ | 2. Massey         | 460 |
| 3. Cook, R.    | 349  | 3. Craddock       | 395 |
| 4. Leeman      | 330  | 4. Barnes         | 325 |
| 5. Chamberlain | 249  | 5. Parke          | 290 |
| 6. Robinson    | 235  | 6. Wilkie         | 235 |
| 7. Edwards, D. | 205  | 7. Buchanan       | 215 |
| Gaffney        | 205  | 8. Issac          | 190 |
| 9. Clover      | 80   | 9. Edwards, H. J. | 120 |
| 10. Tetley     | 60   | 10. Thomas        | 90  |
| 11. Pimm       | 15   |                   |     |

### AFTER-CARE SPORTS

Although the attendance is good, yet we are ever anxious for more sportsmen to join us on Tuesday evenings, and so benefit from the undisputed exercise—

#### POINTS.

|               |    |                |    |
|---------------|----|----------------|----|
| 1. Fleming    | 39 | 9. Cookson     | 21 |
| 2. {McFarlane | 30 | 10. Roden      | 20 |
| Webster       | 30 | 11. Gover      | 17 |
| 4. Thompson   | 26 | 12. Kerr       | 16 |
| 5. {Prior     | 24 | 13. Martin     | 7  |
| Windle        | 24 | 14. Nichols    | 6  |
| 7. {Burrans   | 23 | 15. Ashton     | 3  |
| Henry         | 23 | 16. Taylor, W. | 2  |

### FOOTBALL

The big ball keeps moving—and as the goalkeeper can testify, is propelled by strong boots. So far there is keen competition for the first three teams for the lead, and very little separates them; but it is a long way to Tipperary and changes may be seen soon.

#### FOOTBALL LEAGUE TABLE RESULTS

(Up to and including 26th October 1926)

| Team       | P. | W. | L. | D. | F. | A. | Pts. |
|------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|------|
| Rackabites | 8  | 5  | 2  | 1  | 48 | 41 | 11   |
| Spurs      | 8  | 5  | 2  | 1  | 33 | 31 | 11   |
| Savouries  | 7  | 4  | 2  | 1  | 39 | 33 | 9    |
| Millwall   | 8  | 3  | 3  | 2  | 51 | 46 | 8    |
| Dunkans    | 7  | 3  | 2  | 2  | 49 | 37 | 8    |
| United     | 7  | 3  | 2  | 2  | 37 | 34 | 8    |
| Wanderers  | 8  | 3  | 3  | 2  | 41 | 42 | 8    |
| Rangers    | 8  | 2  | 5  | 1  | 42 | 46 | 5    |
| Redheads   | 7  | —  | 5  | 2  | 26 | 46 | 2    |

### PHYSICAL JERKS

Tovell's merry party still promenades the park in the early mornings, and feel, I am sure, all the better for it. The mornings are beginning to pull, but enthusiasm triumphs.

### SPORTS CHALLENGE SHIELD

Some friends of St. Dunstan's, who are interested in sports, have very kindly presented a Challenge Shield, to be competed for annually between the Sports Clubs of St. Dunstan's—Birmingham, London, and Manchester. This Shield is called the "Inter-Club Sports Challenge Shield"; it is 25in. high, has an enlarged enamelled After Care badge in the centre, and medallions at the top, bottom and two sides, representing the following subjects:—Rowing, Walking, Running, and Goal Shooting.

The Shield will be competed for as follows:—

1. *Walk* (to be held at Manchester). A team to consist of four, and four to count. The winning team to receive 3 points towards the shield; the second team to receive 2 points towards the shield; the third team to receive 1 point towards the shield.

2. *Running* (to be held at Birmingham), (on a grass track). A team to consist of four, each of whom is to run a separate race; the races to be as follows:—1, ¼ mile; 2, ½ mile; 3, 1 mile; 4, 2 miles.

Individual positions to count in each race:—1st home, 3 points; 2nd home, 2 points; 3rd home, 1 point.

The winning team, i.e. the team with the most points, to receive points as in the walk:—1st, 3 points; 2nd, 2 points; 3rd, 1 point.

3. *Rowing* (to be rowed at Putney Regatta). One "four" from each club, the points to count as in the previous events:—1st, 3 points; 2nd, 2 points; 3rd, 1 point.

4. *General Sports* (to be held at Headquarters, probably in June). A team to consist of four, one from each team to compete in the following events:—1, Putting the weight; 2, Throwing the cricket ball; 3, Single jump; 4, Treble jump.

All four members of each team to compete in the Goal Scoring competition.

Individual points for each event as in the run, and winning teams to receive points as before:—1st, 3 points; 2nd, 2 points; 3rd, 1 point.

*Re Jump*.—No competitor is allowed to touch the ground behind him at the finish of the jump; he must land and retain his balance, and neither sit down or allow his hands to come in contact with the ground behind him.

### CLUB COLOURS

*London*—The teams will wear an embroidered After Care badge on a white ground, and letters denoting the subject—Ex.: "L.S.C.—W." (London Sports Club—Walking).

*Birmingham*—The club members wear an embroidered After Care badge on a black ground. This is for all members for all sports.

*Manchester*—Will have an embroidered After Care badge on a green ground.

### POINTS FOR THE INTER-CLUB CHALLENGE SHIELD

The first event for the Challenge Shield was the Walk held at Manchester on 16th October, a report of which appears elsewhere, with the following result:—

| Posit'n | Club       | Team  | Pts. |
|---------|------------|---|------|
| 1       | Birmingham | Trott<br>Castle<br>Taylor<br>Read                     | 3    |
| 2       | London     | Brown<br>Fallowfield<br>Lenderyou (R.)<br>Boorman (R) | 2    |
| 3       | Manchester | Johns<br>Scott<br>Duxbury<br>Worthington              | 1    |

### St. Dunstan's Chapel

It was a delightful idea to hold our Harvest Festival Service in the quiet Lounge on Tuesday, 26th October. We decorated our temporary Chapel as well as we could with flowers and corn, and sang our harvest hymns lustily and with a good courage. It was most enjoyable. The boys made a collection entirely on their own, and a very substantial sum was realised. This was expended by Miss Gray charmingly, and a supply of fruit and flowers was sent to one of the local Children's Hospitals.



### Sports Records

The following are the tables referred to in last month's "Sports Notes," and which pressure on our space prevented our printing in that number:—

#### PRESENT CARE POINTS

| SUMMER TERM RESULTS |     | S.S.              |     |
|---------------------|-----|-------------------|-----|
| T.B.                |     | S.S.              |     |
| 1. Peach ..         | 740 | 1. Moore ..       | 605 |
| 2. Haugh ..         | 600 | 2. Massey ..      | 470 |
| 3. Tetley ..        | 460 | 3. Thomas ..      | 390 |
| 4. Cook, R. ..      | 410 | 4. Namen ..       | 380 |
| 5. Robinson ..      | 390 | 5. Barnes ..      | 320 |
| 6. Milligan ..      | 275 | 6. Buchanan ..    | 295 |
| 7. Wooldridge ..    | 255 | 7. Williams ..    | 255 |
| 8. Savory ..        | 60  | 8. Cook, C. H. .. | 230 |
| 9. Gregory ..       | 35  | 9. Eden ..        | 200 |
|                     |     | 10. Head ..       | 160 |
|                     |     | 11. Craddock ..   | 150 |
|                     |     | 12. Parke ..      | 140 |
|                     |     | 13. Isaac ..      | 135 |
|                     |     | 14. Wilkie ..     | 115 |
|                     |     | 15. Parrick ..    | 50  |
|                     |     | 16. Bentley ..    | 30  |

#### FOOTBALL COMPETITION

| LEAGUE TABLE  |    |    |    |    |    |        |
|---------------|----|----|----|----|----|--------|
| Team          | P. | W. | L. | D. | F. | A. Pts |
| Wanderers ..  | 14 | 11 | 1  | 2  | 72 | 50 24  |
| Taffies ..    | 14 | 9  | 2  | 3  | 82 | 62 21  |
| Rackabites .. | 14 | 8  | 5  | 1  | 80 | 40 17  |
| Bowerings ..  | 14 | 6  | 6  | 2  | 66 | 66 14  |
| City ..       | 14 | 5  | 8  | 1  | 48 | 64 11  |
| Spurs ..      | 14 | 4  | 9  | 1  | 58 | 09 9   |
| Wireless ..   | 14 | 2  | 9  | 3  | 47 | 69 7   |
| Thistles ..   | 14 | 3  | 10 | 1  | 40 | 63 7   |

#### MATCHES PLAYED—continued

|        |               |       |              |   |
|--------|---------------|-------|--------------|---|
| July 2 | City ..       | 3 v.  | Wireless ..  | 1 |
|        | Taffies ..    | 4 v.  | Thistles ..  | 2 |
| " 6    | Rackabites .. | 6 v.  | Spurs ..     | 7 |
|        | Wanderers ..  | 4 v.  | Thistles ..  | 3 |
| " 7    | Taffies ..    | 7 v.  | Bowerings .. | 8 |
|        | City ..       | 3 v.  | Thistles ..  | 5 |
| " 9    | Rackabites .. | 6 v.  | Wireless ..  | 1 |
|        | City ..       | 1 v.  | Bowerings .. | 5 |
| " 12   | Rackabites .. | 6 v.  | Wanderers .. | 6 |
|        | City ..       | 9 v.  | Taffies ..   | 8 |
| " 13   | Wireless ..   | 4 v.  | Bowerings .. | 6 |
|        | Thistles ..   | 2 v.  | Spurs ..     | 7 |
| " 15   | City ..       | 4 v.  | Spurs ..     | 3 |
|        | Rackabites .. | 4 v.  | Bowerings .. | 1 |
| " 17   | Rackabites .. | 12 v. | Spurs ..     | 5 |
|        | Wanderers ..  | 5 v.  | Thistles ..  | 2 |

#### FOOTBALL TEAMS

| SEPTEMBER 1926 |                 |                   |
|----------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| <i>Rangers</i> | <i>Spurs</i>    | <i>Rackabites</i> |
| Cook, R.       | Clark, S.       | Barnes, W.        |
| Phillips.      | Mason           | Gregory.          |
| Gaffney        | Day.            | McGloin.          |
| Barnes, W. S.  | Eden.           | Jones.            |
| Bentley.       | Wilkie.         | Parrick.          |
| Isaacs.        | Head.           | Rickerby.         |
| <i>United</i>  | <i>Millwall</i> | <i>Dunkans</i>    |
| Haugh.         | Stevenson.      | Crook, A.         |
| Powell.        | Maker.          | Edwards, D.       |

|               |                 |                |
|---------------|-----------------|----------------|
| <i>United</i> | <i>Millwall</i> | <i>Dunkans</i> |
| Aitkin.       | Tompkinson.     | Kenward.       |
| Haytor.       | Saunders.       | Dunks.         |
| Parke.        | Miles.          | Squires.       |
| Bedford.      | Craddock.       | Crook, G.      |

|                 |                  |                  |
|-----------------|------------------|------------------|
| <i>Redheads</i> | <i>Savouries</i> | <i>Wanderers</i> |
| Clover.         | Savory.          | Gale.            |
| Redhead.        | Robinson.        | McDonald         |
| Wooldridge.     | Pimm.            | Tetley.          |
| Baxter.         | Buchanan.        | Clark, F. J.     |
| Wilcox.         | Cook, C.         | Comley.          |
| Thomas.         | Edwards, H. J.   | Smith.           |

| T.B. RESERVE | S.S. RESERVE |
|--------------|--------------|
| Fleming      | 1st Massey   |
|              | 2nd Namen    |

#### SEPTEMBER MATCHES AND RESULTS

|         |               |      |               |   |
|---------|---------------|------|---------------|---|
| Sept. 4 | Rangers ..    | 2 v. | Spurs ..      | 5 |
|         | Rackabites .. | 8 v. | United ..     | 7 |
| " 16    | Millwall ..   | 9 v. | Dunkans ..    | 4 |
|         | Redheads ..   | 6 v. | Savouries ..  | 9 |
| " 17    | Rangers ..    | 5 v. | Wanderers ..  | 6 |
|         | Spurs ..      | 3 v. | Rackabites .. | 4 |
| " 21    | United ..     | 5 v. | Millwall ..   | 4 |
|         | Dunkans ..    | 5 v. | Savouries ..  | 7 |
| " 23    | Rangers ..    | 8 v. | Rackabites .. | 8 |
|         | Redheads ..   | 5 v. | Wanderers ..  | 7 |
| " 24    | Spurs ..      | 6 v. | Millwall ..   | 0 |
|         | United ..     | 6 v. | Dunkans ..    | 6 |
| " 28    | Savouries ..  | 6 v. | Wanderers ..  | 7 |
|         | Rackabites .. | 4 v. | Millwall ..   | 7 |
| " 30    | Rangers ..    | 5 v. | Redheads ..   | 3 |
|         | Spurs ..      | 3 v. | Dunkans ..    | 6 |

#### LIST OF GOAL SCORERS

| LAST TERM   |      |
|-------------|------|
| T.B.        | S.S. |
| Edwards ..  | 17   |
| Fletcher .. | 14   |
| Tetley ..   | 12   |
| Peach ..    | 12   |
| Fleming ..  | 10   |
| Leeman ..   | 8    |
| Gaffney ..  | 8    |
| Phillips .. | 8    |
| Aitkin ..   | 7    |
| Haugh ..    | 7    |
| Clover ..   | 5    |
| Cook ..     | 5    |
| Milligan .. | 2    |
| Robinson .. | 2    |
| Savory ..   | 1    |
| Aves ..     | 1    |
| Moore ..    | 25   |
| Parrick ..  | 21   |
| Bedford ..  | 20   |
| Bowering .. | 19   |
| Namen ..    | 16   |
| Eden ..     | 16   |
| Cole ..     | 15   |
| Rickerby .. | 15   |
| Comley ..   | 15   |
| Wilcox ..   | 13   |
| Craddock .. | 13   |
| Dunks ..    | 13   |
| Crook ..    | 13   |
| Cook, C. .. | 12   |
| Barnes ..   | 12   |
| Thomas ..   | 12   |
| Massey ..   | 11   |
| Jones ..    | 11   |
| Haytor ..   | 11   |
| Miles ..    | 10   |
| Buchanan .. | 10   |
| Saunders .. | 10   |
| Bayer ..    | 7    |
| Isaacs ..   | 6    |
| Squires ..  | 4    |
| Boyce ..    | 3    |
| Bentley ..  | 3    |
| Turrell ..  | 3    |
| Wilkie ..   | 2    |
| Short ..    | 1    |
| Smith ..    | 1    |

#### AFTER CARE SUMMER TERM RESULTS

| T.B.               | S.S. |
|--------------------|------|
| 1. McFarlane ..    | 665  |
| 2. Thompson ..     | 655  |
| 3. Webster ..      | 600  |
| 4. Winter, F. ..   | 515  |
| 5. Kerr ..         | 485  |
| 6. Ingram ..       | 225  |
| 7. Henry ..        | 205  |
| 8. Martin ..       | 90   |
| 9. Capt. Scott ..  | 55   |
| 10. Burran ..      | 50   |
| 1. Bawden ..       | 1015 |
| 2. Scott ..        | 615  |
| 3. Fleming ..      | 597½ |
| 4. McSteel ..      | 545  |
| 5. Prior ..        | 527½ |
| 6. Windle ..       | 500  |
| 7. Roden ..        | 355  |
| 8. Cookson ..      | 315  |
| 9. Taylor, G. ..   | 255  |
| 10. Dyer ..        | 205  |
| 11. Taylor, W. ... | 60   |

### An Appreciation

Once more St. Dunstaners are looking forward to that popular fixture which is to be held on 4th December, i.e. the Six Mile Walk. Someone else will also be turning his thoughts in that direction too—and that is Mr. A. Winter, of the Polytechnic Harriers. This gentleman has always taken a very keen interest in we men at headquarters, who go in for these events, and has always been ready to assist us in many ways. When these events are forthcoming he is always to be seen at Headquarters, with a little band of escorts, ready to take the men out for training, and should the number be inadequate, our loyal friend will take along those who are willing to take the road, no matter how many. I feel that we walkers and runners owe much to Mr. Winter, as he does a lot to maintain that sporting spirit at St. Dunstan's, which is so essential to both mind and body. It brings us into contact with our After Care comrades, and helps us to fraternise with them and keep up that fine old sporting spirit, which makes life-long friends. All the boys at Headquarters, I am sure, are very grateful to Mr. Winter for his kindness, and we all say a big—"Thanks."

CIRCLE TROTTER.

### A Trio of Enterprising St. Dunstaners

Three enterprising St. Dunstaners, acting together, classed themselves as a "trade show" and took a prominent part in the recent fete organised by Shaldon, in Devonshire, in the holiday season. There was a procession of decorated cars, and the three borrowed a lorry, which enthusiastic friends helped them to deco-

rate, and went as "St. Dunstan's." The trio consisted of A. Back, A. Day, and J. Hodkin. Day and Hodkin sat at tables on the lorry, the former working at a wool rug with a display of fibre mats all around him, and Back had his boot-repairing outfit at the back with a good supply of lasts.

The lorry had "Victory over Blindness" emblazoned in front, and "Trained at St. Dunstan's" at the back. We are not surprised that the outfit gained a prize as well as a considerable amount of attention. Congratulations to those who conceived and carried out the scheme.

### Here is a Story

He lived in the country, and had been dining with a friend. They had spent a merry evening together, and it was not until two in the morning that the guest picked up his lantern from the hall table and started on his homeward journey along the dark lanes which seemed to be even darker than usual, in spite of the lantern.

It was late the next morning when he got up, and his ideas of the previous evening were somewhat confused. But downstairs he found a telegram awaiting him which seemed to throw light upon the darkness: "Am sending back your lantern. Please return my parrot and cage.—Jim."

We learn from Sergeant W. T. Curtis Willson (late R.F.A.), the St. Dunstaner local Secretary of the Brighton and Hove Conservative and Unionist Association, that his office has been awarded the Sir William Bull Challenge Shield. This award is made by the Association to the most efficiently organised local office, and represents a high honour.

### Departmental Notes Braille Notes

We heartily congratulate the following men on having passed the Braille Writing Test: P. Haman, A. Tetley, J. Wilkie, B. I. Day, A. Clover.

### Typewriting Notes

Many congratulations to P. W. Powell on passing the Typewriting Test.

M. H. R.





## NEWS FROM THE WORKSHOPS AND STORES

### BASKETS

**B.** J. Day has been confining his attention almost entirely to soiled linen baskets this term, making round and three-cornered, with satisfactory results. G. H. Phillips put in some really good work on waste papers, and got an excellent result with a special barrel basket in September. He has since been doing dog beds and square arms, and as he will have more time for his baskets, we are hoping that his health will permit him to make the advance which he undoubtedly deserves. P. McGloin has been taking advantage of residence in London to revive his knowledge of centre cane work. He has done quite well with some pail baskets, work-baskets, and trays. G. T. Richardson has also been taking a revision course, confining his attention to centre cane work. He started with barrels, and early in October made a coffee-pot stand and a baby basket. He has made good use of his time in the shop, and got through a useful amount of work. J. F. Leeman has completed his retraining course, which included some work on willows and centre cane. He was keen on his job, and very anxious to find out why things should be done this way or that.

### BOOTS

C. W. Wise has been showing great keenness and much perseverance, and we can congratulate him on the advance he has made. P. W. Powell, who made a start in the Basket Shop, changed to Boots in September. He is quite pleased with his change of trade and is making good headway. A. J. Head is doing all he possibly can to acquire a knowledge of the trade; his marking, riveting and finishing all show improvement, and he is wisely giving attention to the heavy type of work that he expects to get. H. J. Edwards made a very promising start in September. He, too, likes the job very much, and has reached quite a satisfactory standard for the time he has been at it. His anxiety to succeed will, we are sure, produce good results.

### MATS

H. Gale has done well since he started in September. He has got a sound idea of the work, and has already commenced using coloured fibre.

B. Toole finds a difficulty in getting his thrumming correct—he places them well, and his cutting is good; he is also doing quite well with his bordering. Improvement in other respects ought soon to bring him up to standard. During this term R. Cook has been making some very good mats; all parts of the work are carefully done, and the general standard reached is very good. A No. 4 mat, made by H. Jones, was also a tip-top specimen; some others made with coloured fibre were not quite so good, probably on account of using this new material. The work of W. Moore is also reaching a first-class level; a mat with a green insertion border and diamond was very creditable indeed. R. W. Comley has been going strong; he is getting through quite a useful amount of work, improving in his workmanship with every mat he makes, and, to judge from his appearance when he is at work, he is thoroughly happy on this job. Congratulations also to G. Parrick on the work he has done during the last two months. He has made a constant advance on quite the right lines, and has been particularly successful with insertion and diamond borders.

### JOINERY

T. W. Chamberlain has commenced a short course in joinery this term, and has already got through an octagonal table, tool chest, and is now busy with a meat safe. W. Barnes is doing the same, his work having included the usual elementary articles, a boot stool, a meat safe, and he is now busy with a kitchen table. Since our last reference, C. H. Cook has made a boot stool, a mitre block, meat safe, kitchen table, and a trouser-press, this latter article being a very creditable piece of work. His workmanship is improving steadily, and he is becoming much more

confident. S. Aves continues to do quite well; after completing a pair of steps and kitchen table, he has made oak trays, a trouser-press, &c., and is now just completing an oak octagonal table, which is a very nice specimen of workmanship. G. E. Crook has continued to show keen interest, and during this term has made a fire curb, a special stool with tapered legs, his own workbench, and an oak occasional table with tapered legs. Our hearty good wishes go with R. W. R. Thompson, who has just left us. He is a natural craftsman, quick and accurate in his work, and the fact that he is able to leave with a short course of training indicates our estimate of his ability. In addition to his elementary course, he made a tool chest, a small stool, boot stool, meat safe, knife box and cutlery case, a special boot fitting stool and seat for a boot sale shop, a pair of steps, trays of different kinds, and an oak bedstead. He also made a fire curb, picture frames, trouser press, a full sized four-panel door, oak occasional table, and his own workbench.

W. H. O.

### To Our Million Dead Unveiling of Imperial War Graves Commission Memorial

By special invitation St. Dunstan's was represented at the unveiling by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales of the Imperial War Graves Commission Memorial at Westminster Abbey on 19th October. St. Dunstan's delegation consisted of eleven Present-Care men, two Sisters, and one Orderly, and it was accompanied by Captain and Mrs. Fraser. A large and very distinguished gathering, including the members of the Imperial Conference, witnessed a most impressive service. St. Dunstan's delegation was given seats between the grave of the Unknown Warrior and the Memorial which was to be unveiled. These seats were in the front, and on his return from the unveiling the Prince of Wales looked with interest at the line of St. Dunstaners, and one felt that if the party had been outside instead of inside the Abbey, he would have given his usual cheery smile, and probably have spoken a word or two.

### Our President and Ex-Service Men

The Ex-Service Men's Club of Braemar some time ago sent a wreath of white heather to Lady (Arthur) Pearson, wishing her all success and a safe return from the world tour she is shortly undertaking. The Secretary of the Club has received the following letter from our President:—

"The lovely bunch of white heather so kindly sent to me by the members of the Braemar Ex-Service Men's Club has arrived, looking beautifully fresh, and I appreciate tremendously the remembrances and warm wishes which accompanied this delightful gift.

"I am much looking forward to my world tour and to meeting many of St. Dunstan's friends in the various Colonies.

"I am quite sure that, with so many good wishes to speed me on my travels, the trip will fulfil all my expectations.

"May I take this opportunity of thanking you and your colleagues very sincerely for continued and valuable help in the work of St. Dunstan's?"

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) ETHEL PEARSON.

The Secretary,  
Ex-Service Men's Club,  
Braemar.

### Winter Egg Laying Test

The birds for the Fourth Winter Test were received at King's Langley on the 14th and 15th October, and those for the Two Years' Test on the 19th. The After-Care visitors were in attendance to assist with the ringing and inspection of the birds, each visitor dealing with the entries of the men under his care.

It is a pleasure to record the fact that, taking the entries as a whole, there is, in comparison with previous years, a very great improvement in the quality of the birds sent. This is very encouraging to those concerned with the care of St. Dunstan's poultry farmers, and it reflects the greatest credit on the competitors for their skill in breeding, rearing and selecting such a hopeful lot of birds. There are, of course, a few pens that are not as suitable for a laying test as they might be,



but these are more than outweighed by some really excellent pens which it is confidently anticipated will do great things for their owners and for the reputation of St. Dunstan's poultry keepers in general.

The following is the full list of competitors:—

## WINTER TEST

|                    |                    |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| Livingstone, D.    | Bisset, L. A., Mr. |
| Bulman, C. R., Mr. | Woodcock, W. J.    |
| Bulley, F. E. C.   | Burgin, W.         |
| Hamilton, B.       | Trigg, A. E.       |
| Meeson, W.         | Burley, E. J.      |
| Nolan, J.          | Emerton, T. D.     |
| Horsnall, N.       | Chaffin, A.        |
| Harris, F. J.      | Lea, J. H.         |
| Woodhouse, J.      | Tindall, J. H.     |
| Fisher, T. M.      | Irish, H., Mr.     |
| Smith, J. R.       | Benning, A.        |
| Gregory, E.        | Riddell, R.        |
| Webb, W.           | Coman, A. E.       |
| Foulkes, W. A.     | Macleay, D.        |
| Goodley, H. F.     | Ashwell, R.        |
| Brown, C. H.       | Gifford, R.        |
| McIntosh, C.       | Coates, H. T.      |
| McLurg, W.         | Sutton, J.         |
| Newell, C. L.      | Hill, R. E.        |
| Knopp, H. A.       | Jubb, H.           |
| Urry, A.           | Gwyn, I.           |
| Cockerill, J. D.   | Hesketh, F. V.     |
| Condon, C. T.      | Burtenshaw, W. A.  |
| Holmes, P.         | Gibson, D.         |
| Tebble, E.         | Stacey, G. C.      |
| Maclaren, D., Mr.  | Catlow, S.         |
| Sims, H.           | James, G.          |
| Capper, A. H., Mr. | Melling, D.        |
| Whittingslow, J.   | Varley, B. E.      |
| Jackson, G. C.     | Smith, A.          |

## TWO YEARS' TEST

|                    |                    |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| Capper, A. H., Mr. | Bulman, C. R., Mr. |
| Condon, C. T.      | Tindall, J. H.     |
| Trigg, A. E.       | Gibson, D.         |

G. G.

## Manchester St. Dunstan's Sports Club

The first meeting of the above club was held on the 13th October at the Y.M.C.A. in Manchester. There were 50 men present, and, counting escorts and helpers, 99 people sat down to tea.

After tea a meeting was held to elect a committee, &c. The Lord Mayor of Manchester had previously consented to be President.

Following the meeting, we were entertained to an excellent concert.

The December meeting will be held on Wednesday, 22nd December, at the Y.M.C.A., Peter Street. I shall not send

a personal notice to each man, as the postage and printing costs such a lot. So I shall be glad if all who intend coming will send me a card at least a week before the 22nd, so that I can make the necessary arrangements. This meeting is to be a specially good one (and longer), so I hope that all the troops who promised to save up to come to it will keep their promise. I on my part will do my best to make it worth their while to come.

I should like to add that the club is not entirely a sports club. In the winter the meetings take the form of socials, so I hope that those who have stayed away thinking that it was only for the men who did sports, will come next time.

KATHERINE IRVINE.

St. Dunstan's Birmingham Sports Club  
Fifth Annual Meeting

A satisfactory year was recorded at last night's annual meeting, at the Queen's College, of the Birmingham and District St. Dunstan's Sports Club, an off-shoot of St. Dunstan's Hostel. Seventeen St. Dunstaners were present.

The walking section, it was reported had gone ahead tremendously. The club sent representatives to the six, twelve, and twenty-one mile walks in London, and to the Brighton walk last winter, as well as a team and several representatives to Manchester.

Reference was made to the fact that W. Trott, in the "Sunday Mercury" walk, walked for the "A" team of the Birmingham Walking Club, which won the team race, whilst he (the individual) was successful in winning the sealed handicap. Trott, it was recalled, was first home for Birmingham and fifth in a field of fifty-five starters.

Another satisfactory feature of the meeting was the fact that Birmingham secured first place in the Manchester walk for the inter-clubs sports challenge shield against London and Manchester.

The shield, which has been presented to St. Dunstan's anonymously, will be held by the club winning the most points in walking, running, rowing and general sport.

A. H.

## The Wireless Telegraphy (Blind Persons Facilities) Bill

The First Reading

A splendid press was accorded to our editorial in the last issue of the ST. DUNSTAN'S REVIEW. We like to think that it was partly owing to this, as well as to the efforts of the many St. Dunstaners who responded to our appeal to bring the matter to the notice of their members of Parliament, that the aim of the Wireless Telegraphy (Blind Persons Facilities) Bill was so well understood, and so sympathetically received, when Captain Fraser moved it at Westminster. His speech, as reported in *Hansard*, the official organ of the House of Commons, will be found on another page.

Practically every London newspaper of importance, and also many leading Provincial and Northern publications, gave space to describe the scene of the introduction of the Bill, and many devoted a few lines to mentioning Captain Fraser's enterprise a day or so before the event. Among these were *The Glasgow Evening Citizen*, *The Edinburgh Evening News*, *The Birmingham Despatch*, and *The Western Daily News*.

The Parliamentary correspondent of the *Morning Post* wrote:—

CAPTAIN FRASER'S SCHEME OF FREE LICENCES.

SYMPATHETIC SCENE IN COMMONS.

"There are times when the atmosphere of the House of Commons changes from the commonplace to the impressive with dramatic abruptness, and on the most unexpected pretexts. This happened to-day when, at the end of the hubbub of question time, Captain Fraser, the blind M.P., asked leave, under the ten-minute rule, to introduce his Bill to provide blind listeners with free licences.

"In a flash, after the rumble of welcome had died down, the House became attentive, sympathetic, and keenly interested. It was partly the nature of his appeal, but mostly the personality of Captain Fraser that dominated the attention of his audience, who were rewarded by a perfect little speech in which the speaker avoided all the possible jarring notes which nine men in ten would have sounded under similar circumstances.

"Here was a possible occasion for exploiting the sentimental which most orators would have wallowed in, especially if they had been blind themselves. But Captain Fraser did nothing of the kind.

LAW BEFORE CHRISTMAS

"With really wonderful conciseness he made his appeal on behalf of those to whom most of all broadcasting has brought pleasure, education—and distraction. Modestly, and in the simplest unpretentious language, he told the House that he believed that there was a good chance of the Bill becoming law before Christmas, and asked for the support of all parties.

"He pointed out that the proposed concessions would apply to between 25,000 and 30,000 people, and that the maximum loss to the Government would not exceed £15,000 to £20,000, and that the Treasury saw no objection to the Bill.

"Without the slightest hesitation or faltering, he gave the list of the supporters of the Bill, and an impressed and appreciative House gave him leave to introduce it.

"So, led by Major Ruggles-Brise, he walked to the table, and, passing his hand lightly along its edge, delivered the Bill into the waiting fingers of the clerk at the end. This was probably a spectacle nearly—if not quite—unique."

Other interesting press reports of the occasion are appended.

*The Times.*

"Captain Fraser to-day gained the sympathy of the whole House for the useful little Bill, which he introduced in a most able manner, to enable blind persons to possess wireless sets without paying for a licence. If cheers are any augury, the Bill should pass by common consent, even in the present congested state of the legislative programme.

*Daily Telegraph.*

"All parties in the House of Commons yesterday gave a sympathetic reception to Captain Ian Fraser's short Bill to enable wireless licences to be issued free to blind people. The author of the Bill was among those who lost their sight in the war, and the House, conscious of his devoted work for stricken comrades, was not a little moved when, led by Major Ruggles-Brise, Captain Fraser undertook the customary ceremonial walk to the table to present his Bill."

*Daily Herald.*

FREE WIRELESS FOR THE BLIND.

Bill Presented to Commons by Sightless M.P.

"The House of Commons filled up for a few minutes yesterday afternoon (writes our Parliamentary correspondent) to hear and see the blind member, Captain Ian Fraser (C., North St. Pancras), introduce a Bill for the benefit of other blind people.

"Speaking from his usual corner seat near the bar, Captain Fraser expressly confined



himself to facts, and deliberately avoided appealing to the sympathies which the House evidently felt. It supplied, in a general shout of "Agreed!" the fitting conclusion to his plea for free wireless licences for the blind—those to whom, he said, the invention meant very much more than to any other class in the community."

*Daily News.*

#### FREE RADIO FOR THE BLIND.

#### COMMONS CHEER A MODEST BILL.

By our Parliamentary Correspondent.

"The House of Commons has a heart, but is English enough not to wear it on its sleeve. This afternoon the blind ex-service member for St. Pancras—Captain Ian Fraser, Chairman of St. Dunstan's—touched the heart, and for once the House was not ashamed to show that it had been touched.

"Knowing himself what it means to live in the dark, Captain Fraser knows also the joys of wireless, and is intensely anxious that all other blind folk should share in that joy. Therefore he asked leave to introduce a Bill to grant free wireless listening-in licences to all blind people who apply for them. The general cost of such a licence is 10s. a year.

"There are only two clauses in the Bill, one enabling the Postmaster-General to do this, and the other defining a blind person.

#### 30,000 MAY BENEFIT.

"Captain Fraser, as befits the head of a great institution, was thoroughly practical in what he had to say. He pointed out that, after deducting the mentally deficient, the children, and those who are in institutions, the number of the blind in this country is between 25,000 and 30,000, included among whom are some 1,500 ex-service men.

"The little Bill has the approval of many institutions for the blind, the Treasury is raising no objection, the Minister of Health has given the plan his blessing, and the Post Office is agreeable. So that, as the blind M.P. remarked, there is a good chance of the measure becoming law before Christmas.

"There were cries of "Agreed" as Captain Fraser sat down, and when the speaker put the question the House responded with a deep-throated "aye." This amounted to a first reading."

*Daily Chronicle.*

"All hearts were touched (writes our Parliamentary Correspondent) when Captain Fraser introduced a little Bill in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon.

"It is a short measure providing that the cost of a wireless licence (10s.) shall be remitted when the applicant is a blind person.

"Captain Fraser is himself sightless—he was blinded in the war—and the House always gives him sympathetic hearing when he speaks from his corner seat near the bar.

"He has a soft, pleasant voice, and nobody could have put more persuasively his case for this concession. He reminded the House of some of the disabilities of the blind—exclusion

from many public entertainments, inability to read the newspapers, and so on; and, while he spoke, one was certain that nobody would resist his plea that they should have untaxed use of the wireless services.

"The Treasury does not object, and the Postmaster-General approves the Bill.

"The measure, which is backed by members in all parts of the House, passed the first reading stage without a dissentient voice.

"Late though it is in the session, there is no question, I think, about the passing of Captain Fraser's Bill. It will be law before Christmas."

Shorter notices appeared in other London papers, among them the *Westminster Gazette*, *The Morning Advertiser*, *The Sketch*, *The Mirror*, *The Evening News*, and *The Star*, &c., while the Midland and Provincial papers seem to have found as much human interest in the scheme as did the London journals.

The special correspondent of the *Yorkshire Post* writes:—

"Captain Fraser, the blind member, pleased the House very greatly by the way in which he moved his Wireless Telegraphy Bill, under which blind men are to be exempted from the fee of ten shillings for broadcasting apparatus. There are some 25,000 blind men in the country—apart from those living in institutions—and of them 1,500 are ex-service men. The House, always moved by an appeal to its sentiment, especially one phrased with so much delicacy and reasonableness as Captain Fraser's, murmured "Agreed, agreed!"

*The Manchester Guardian* not only describes the scene but publishes a leader under the caption of "The Blind Listener"

"The introduction of the Bill by the blind member for St. Pancras, Captain Ian Fraser, made an impressive break in the normal business of the House. It responded with that sympathy which, when its emotions are touched, no body shows more readily, and, since Captain Fraser was able to say that the Broadcasting Committee and the Treasury approve his plan, a quiet passage for the measure may be assumed. It applies to the blind who do not come under the care of an institution, and of these there are only some 25,000. The cost of the gift is trifling. The gain lies in a reinforcement of the interest in life and the courage to face it usefully of the recipients, and to that no measure in cash can be applied. Within its limits the broadcasting service keeps a man in living connection with his world. To those who can scan a newspaper that matters little. To those who cannot it is a heartening aid to normal life. That the beneficiaries include 1,500 men who, like the sponsor of the Bill, lost their sight in the war, makes the measure a singularly right attendant

on Armistice Day. But on any day it would be an act of intelligent kindness."

#### DETAILS OF THE BILL.

"Among those who have 'backed' the Bill are Major the Hon. J. J. Astor, M.P., Mr. W. J. Baker, M.P., Captain Wedgwood Benn, D.S.O., M.P., Major J. B. Brunel Cohen, M.P., Rt. Hon. Mr. William Graham, M.P., Mr. F. A. Macquisten, M.P., and Major Ruggles-Brise, M.P. It will receive support from all political parties.

"The Bill proposes that where a person satisfies the Postmaster-General that he is a blind person within the meaning of the measure a licence to establish, maintain, and work a wireless telegraphy station for the purpose of receiving messages only may be granted to him by the Postmaster-General, subject to such terms, conditions, and restrictions as the Postmaster-General may think fit, but without payment of any fee. A blind person is deemed to mean any person not being resident in a public or charitable institution or in a school, who produces to the Postmaster-General a certificate issued by the council of the county or of the county borough in which he is ordinarily resident, that he is registered as a blind person in that area.

#### CAPT. FRASER'S SPEECH

(We think that our readers will like to have the following verbatim report from *Hansard* of the speech in which Captain Fraser introduced his Bill to provide free wireless licences for blind persons.—ED.)

#### WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY (BLIND PERSONS FACILITIES).

Captain FRASER: I beg to move,

"That leave be given to bring in a Bill to facilitate the use of wireless telegraphy by the blind."

The object of this Bill is to provide blind persons with free licences for the use of broadcast receiving apparatus. It is an object which I earnestly hope will appeal to the judgment of the House as good. I understand that, had the Wireless Telegraphy and Signalling Bill of 1925 been proceeded with, a clause would have been inserted in that Bill to secure this object; but Parliamentary time made it impossible for that Bill to become an Act, and the clause, therefore, could not be inserted. The clause, however, was prepared, and the Government Broadcasting Committee, which reported in the Spring of this year, endorsed the proposal that blind persons should have these free licences. The Broadcasting Committee contemplated that its

main recommendations affecting the future control of broadcasting in this country would be carried into effect by statute, and had that taken place, there would have been a Bill before Parliament in which a clause to bring about the object I desire could have been included. As it is, there is no current or proposed Bill by means of which this gift can be made, and I am consequently venturing to provide this opportunity to the House, which I earnestly hope it may see fit to take.

The Bill falls into two clauses, the first of which enables the Postmaster-General, subject to such restrictions and conditions as are usually imposed in the issue of these licences, to issue the licences free to the blind, instead of exacting 10s. per licence from them. The second clause merely defines blind persons. When account is taken of those blind persons who are too young to enjoy or use wireless, of those, unfortunately a large number, who are mentally deficient, and of those who reside in public or charitable institutions or schools, there remains a relatively small number of possible beneficiaries—not more than 25,000 or 30,000 persons, including 1,500 ex-service men. The outside maximum loss of revenue could not exceed £15,000 or £20,000. It must be obvious that that is a very outside estimate, for it would be unreasonable to suppose that 100 per cent. of those persons who may be eligible for benefits would in fact have wireless receivers.

The Bill has the approval, I gather, of many institutions for the blind throughout the country, and I have learned that there are large numbers of blind people who would very greatly appreciate this gift if it were made to them. There is another point in regard to finance which is of very great significance. I am able to state that the Treasury see no objection to the Bill. I hope that any doubts which hon. members may have had in regard to finance may, perhaps, be removed by that statement. The Ministry of Health and also the Post Office have approved the draft, and nothing stands in the way of the fulfilment of this desire except the question of time. I have no time to plead the case for this Bill, and the interest which some



of my friends have been good enough to take in it leads me to suppose that it is not necessary. But there are three reasons why I have raised this question. The first is that in my opinion there are no means so useful, or so full of potential usefulness, as broadcasting for adult self-education, and there is no class in the community so limited in its ability to undertake self-education as the blind community. There is no other class that is unable of its own volition to read the daily newspapers, and no class so cut off from the normal entertainments which the ordinary man and woman can enjoy in the evening hours. Lastly, there is much that can be done, and I hope will be done, to alleviate the material and mental condition of the blind people of this country. But while this Bill does nothing to meet many of these needs, it does do something to facilitate the use by these people of an invention which means much more to them than to any other class in the community. I am introducing this Bill now for this one reason—namely, that I believe there is a real good chance of it becoming law before Christmas, and that being so, I earnestly ask for the support of all parties in the House in order that this result may be achieved.

Question put, and agreed to.

Bill ordered to be brought in by Captain Fraser, Major Astor, Mr. Walter Baker, Captain Wedgwood Benn, Major Ruggles-Brise, Major Cohen, Mr. William Graham, and Mr. Macquisten.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY (BLIND PERSONS FACILITIES) BILL.

"to facilitate the use of Wireless Telegraphy by the Blind," presented accordingly, and read the First time; to be read a Second time to-morrow, and to be printed. [Bill 185.]

Just as we go to press we hear the interesting news that the Bill has passed its third reading. That it will be passed by the House of Lords can be safely assumed, and as the Royal assent may also be counted upon, it seems practically certain that the Bill will become law before Christmas—a welcome present

indeed for the twenty-five to thirty thousand people who will benefit.

We are delighted to be able to add that the Earl of Crawford and Balcarres has undertaken to pilot the Bill through the House of Lords.

### Memorial Service to Sir Arthur Pearson

#### Special Notice

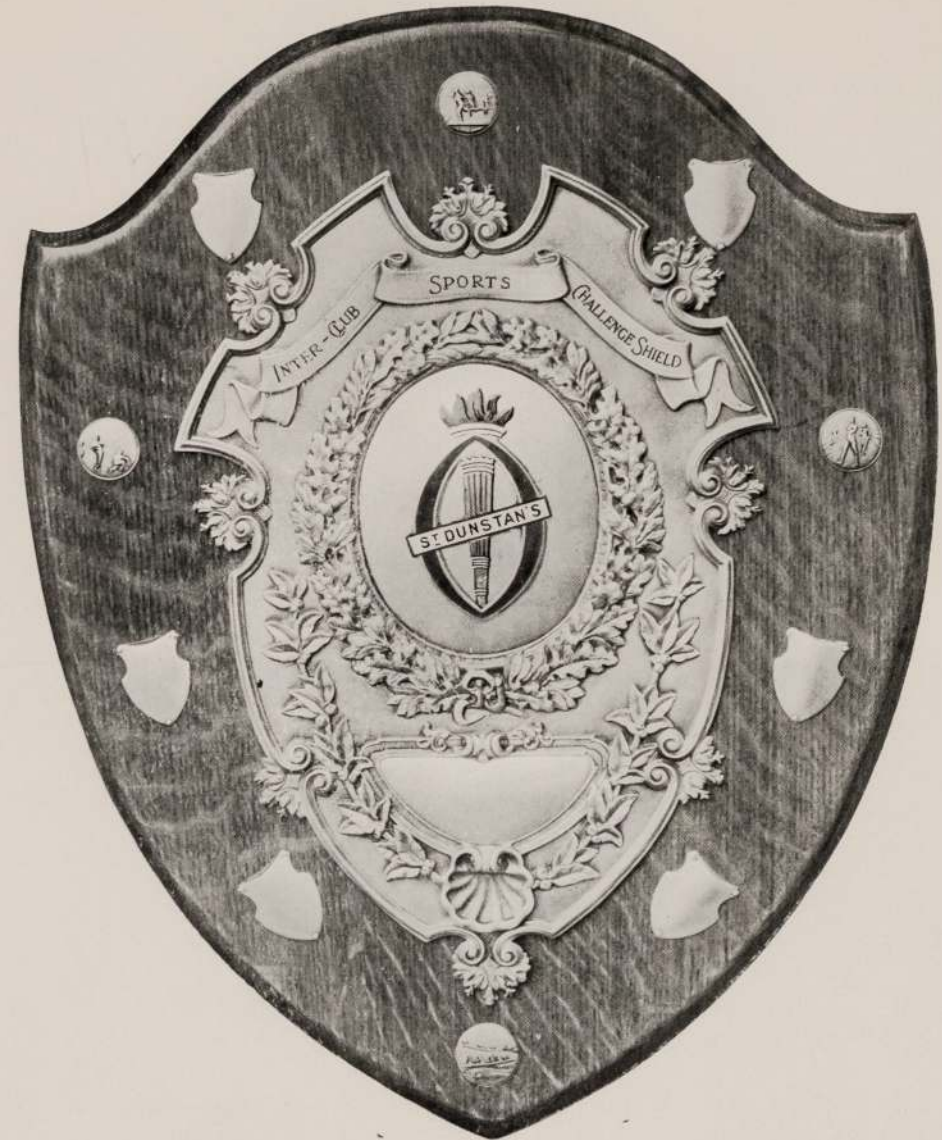
Our readers are specially asked to note that the Memorial Service to our late Chief, Sir Arthur Pearson, will be held at Holy Trinity Church, St. Marylebone, at 6.30 on the evening of Thursday, 9th December. The Reverend Harold Gibb will give an address. It is expected that there will be a large attendance, and St. Dunstaners and others wishing to pay tribute to the memory of Sir Arthur are asked to be present at St. Marylebone not later than 6.15 p.m.

As in past years, a deputation of St. Dunstaners will proceed to Hampstead Cemetery to lay the men's wreath on the Chief's grave. St. Dunstaners are reminded that all who wish to send subscriptions towards the wreath should forward them to Mrs. Bates, and that the sum is limited to one shilling.

#### Gifts of Fruit

Quite frequently the boy and girl scholars of the Burghley Road L.C.C. School send generous and delightful presents of fruit for the men under training. Their latest gift—a splendid consignment of apples—reached Headquarters on the morning of Armistice Day. We need hardly say how greatly the men appreciate this kindly thought of their boy and girl friends.

We are asked particularly to direct the attention of all St. Dunstaners to the fact that correspondence concerning wireless and the supply of wireless sets or accessories should be sent direct to Mr. Howlett, St. Dunstan's Wireless Engineer, at Headquarters, and not to any other department, as he deals with all these questions.



#### A FINE TROPHY

A picture of the handsome Challenge Shield generously presented to St. Dunstan's (see "Sports Notes")



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