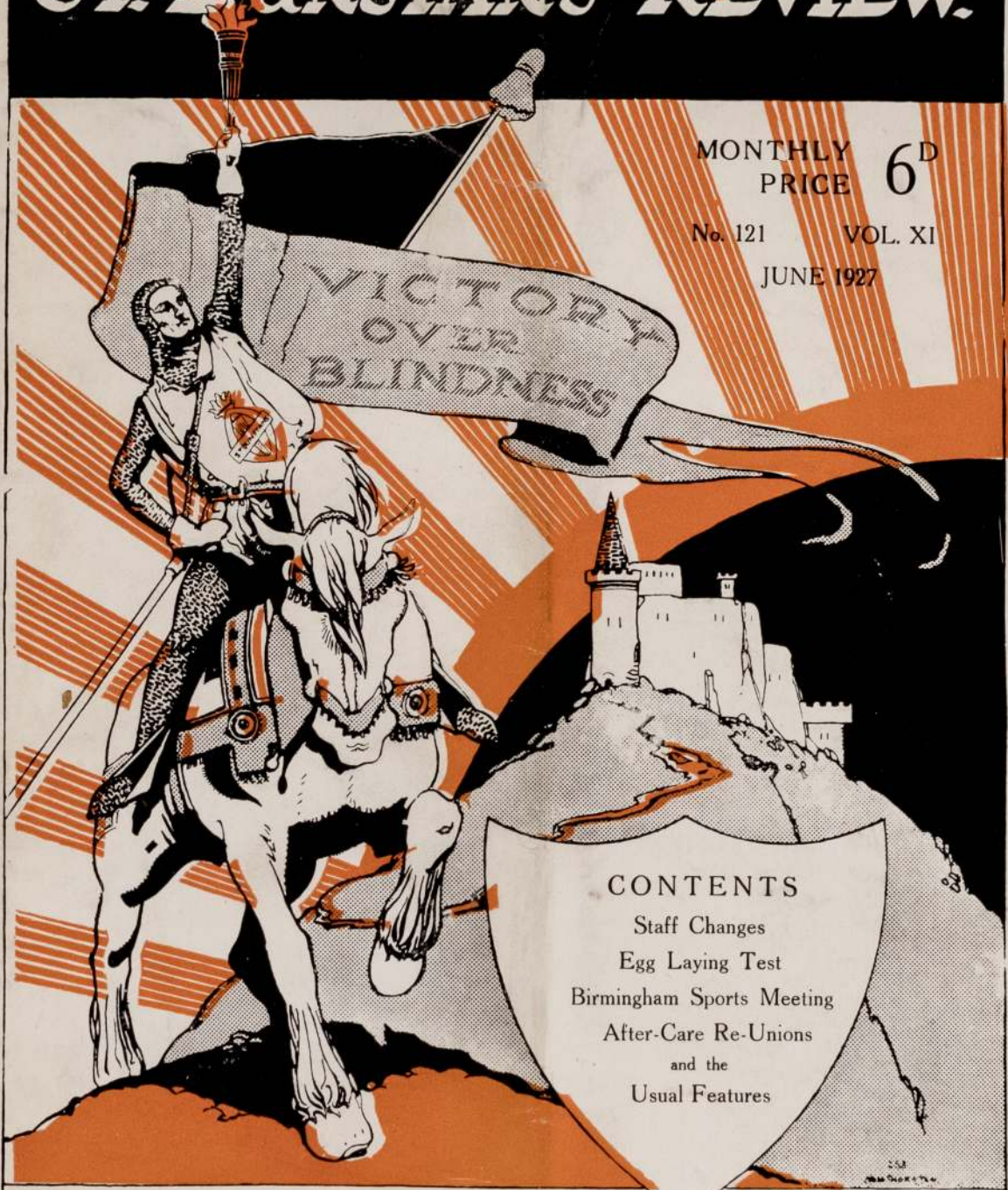


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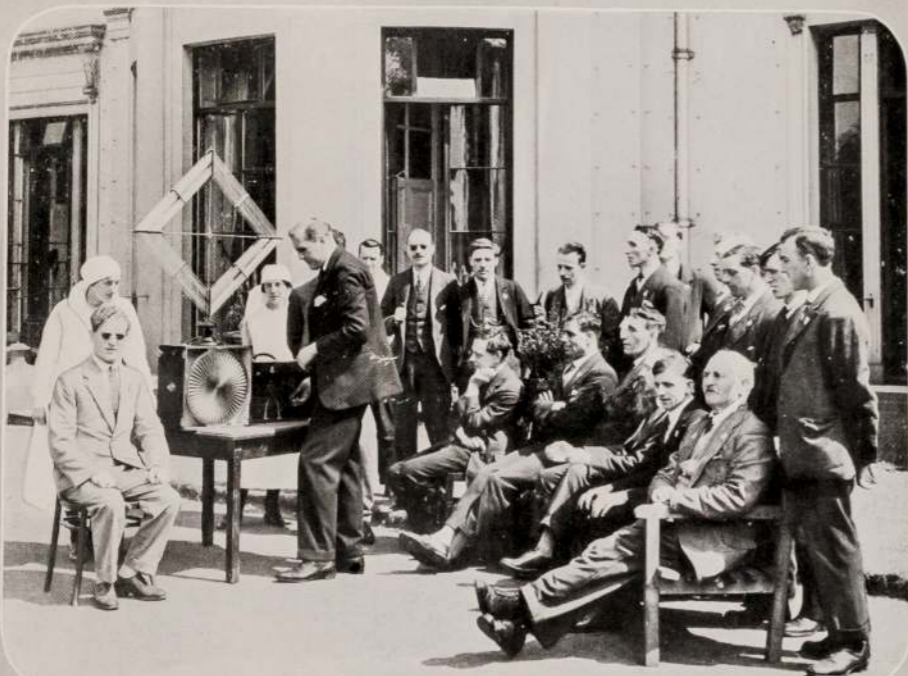


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## EDITORIAL NOTES

IT is with great pleasure that we publish below the following most kindly letter received by our President, Lady (Arthur) Pearson, from Miss Genevieve Tyler, of the Franco-American Committee for the War-Blinded, Paris. St. Dunstaners who desire to avail themselves of the invitation extended should communicate with Mrs. Bates at Headquarters.

Le Phare de France, 14 Rue Daru, Paris.  
26th May, 1927.

MY DEAR LADY PEARSON,

You have no doubt heard of the gracious offer of Captain Lowry to give an exhibition of boxing for the war-blind of the "Phare." While in Paris the Captain will stay at the "Phare." For some time we have had the idea of inviting to our house any British war-blind who wish to visit Paris. In fact, I was coming to London to see you about this matter, but I cannot get even a week-end of free time. We do not have women in our house, so the blind man would have to bring a man guide. If one blind man wished to visit Paris alone, he could stay here without a guide, and we could arrange with the British Embassy for someone to take him about. There is a small charge for board and room, ten francs—the same as the French pay.

I am sure you will find this quite a jolly idea because our blind are young, and it is so necessary to keep the good fellowship among the *mutiles* of the Allies at a pitch of enthusiasm. I have talked it over with our men and they are delighted, so this is also a welcome in their name. I forgot to say the house will be closed during August for repairs, also during the American Legion Convention in September, the house will be given over to them. However, there is plenty of time before August.

Hoping this will meet with your approval,

Very sincerely yours,

GENEVIEVE TYLER,  
*Directrice deleguee du "Phare."*

In this issue, as indeed in practically every number of the REVIEW, are reports of some of the outings enjoyed by St. Dunstaners. If proof were needed that the sacrifice made by our war-blinded men is still held gratefully in public memory, it gains almost daily expression in the generous and sympathetic invitations extended to them for all kinds of amusements for their leisure hours. We know that quite apart from the organised parties arranged for the men now under training and those at Brighton, individual St. Dunstaners throughout the Empire have hosts of kindly friends who seize every opportunity to entertain them. That these services are accepted in the same comradely spirit in which they are offered, and that our Boys yet maintain always the happy independence of St. Dunstan's, is one of the many reasons why, to all the world, they are heroes still.

### Staff Changes

Mr. Lush has resigned his position as Estate and Settlement Officer in order to undertake estate management work with a West End firm of estate agents. Everyone will wish him the best of good fortune in his new work and will carry pleasant memories of the conscientious and capable manner in which he carried out his responsible work during the past eight years. We are fortunate in having the services of his two chief assistants, Messrs. Hegarty and Lale, who will continue to look after the interests of St. Dunstaners from a settlement and estate point of view.

Presentations were made to Mr. Lush:—an inscribed gold watch by the Executive Council, a silver ink-stand by his personal staff, and a gold chain and pencil by the general staff.

We are pleased to announce that despite the transfer of our Headquarters Training Establishment to Brighton in August next, Matron Power has consented to remain with us at Headquarters. There will be, for many years to come, a hundred and one things which only a Matron can do, the welcoming and care of the many After-Care men and their wives and children who come to Headquarters throughout the year for many purposes, the arranging of medical and ophthalmic examinations, &c. &c. Matron Power, who has been with us for so many years, and who accordingly knows everybody so intimately, is eminently suited for this position and we are indeed fortunate in having retained her services.

### A Nottingham Presentation

An interesting little ceremony took place on 10th May in the Mayor's Parlour at Nottingham Guildhall, when a deputation of St. Dunstaners, consisting of A. W. Ballard, B. A. Clay, and A. Smith, and accompanied by Mr. G. Finch and Mr. H. Seely Whitby (St. Dunstan's representative in Nottingham), asked the Mayor and Mayoress to accept some little examples of St. Dunstaners' craftsmanship. A trousers-press was handed to the Mayor by A. W. Ballard, while Miss Florence Stell (one of St. Dunstan's most willing helpers in Nottingham) presented the

Mayoress with an oak tray, both gifts being received with obvious pride and pleasure. The Mayor (Mr. J. H. Freckingham) was evidently deeply touched. "So long as I have breath in my body I will do everything I can to help you brave fellows," he said. "It is truly wonderful to see the list of goods you are producing, and I hope that everybody who can will help you in your splendid work." Mr. Whitby thanked His Worship for the very practical interest he had always shown in St. Dunstan's.

### Miss Baker's Seventh Annual Party

On Thursday, 19th May, Miss Baker's annual party for the St. Dunstan's boys took place, and was, as usual, a tremendous success.

About 80 "present" and "after-care" boys arrived at Canning Town Public Hall at 6.30, and found a splendid tea awaiting them.

They were received by the Mayor of West Ham, who gave them a very hearty welcome.

Immediately after tea, dancing started, and with her usual forethought Miss Baker had provided a concert for the non-dancers. The programme was an excellent one, and was very much appreciated.

At 10 p.m. came an interval for refreshments, and then Jack Day, in the name of the boys, thanked Miss Baker and her friends for all they had done to give them pleasure, and asked her to accept an oak tray as a little souvenir of the present St. Dunstan's boys. Miss Baker was pleased and touched by the gift, which she said she would be very proud to use.

Dancing continued until midnight, when the party was brought to a happy ending by the singing of "She's a Jolly Good Fellow" and "God Save the King." Everyone agreed it was the happiest evening they had spent this term.

ANON.

### Watches v. Typewriters

In a recent letter, C. E. Bolton, of Tonbridge, claims laurels for his Braille watch. He says: "The one I have just sent in was given me by Sir Arthur the first week in March 1915. It has only been

repaired twice, and finished its time in January last. I think this will take a lot of beating."

A. W. Hall, of Sydenham, writes that his watch was also presented to him by Sir Arthur Pearson in 1915, and is still going strong. The case has been repaired, and the watch itself has been cleaned, but it has needed no other attention.

The great interest evinced in this question of the sterling qualities of St. Dunstan's Braille watches suggests to us that many of our readers may like to give some record in connection with another trusty friend of all St. Dunstaners—their typewriter. We shall be glad to publish any claims received for the longest wear and general reliability. There will be no prize offered, for the possession of such a good friend should be reward enough!

### Brighton News

The visit of the St. Dunstan's Band to the Brighton Annexe was a great success and won congratulations from all sides, the local Press giving great publicity to the affair.

The Mayoress, Mrs. Major, accompanied by Lady Eva de Paravicini, and several other civic celebrities, accepted the invitation of the Matron to be present, and all were delighted with the high standard of efficiency displayed by the musicians. It brought home to the guests how well the organisation of St. Dunstan's carries out its work, well evidenced by the art of the players and the enjoyment of the dancers, the pleasure of the latter being patent to all.

This visit may, we hope, together with the notice in the local Press, prove fruitful to our band.

The evening was brought to a close by cheers for the Mayoress, guests, and band.

OBSERVER.

### Manchester Sports Club

We have had two meetings since the last REVIEW came out. The first was on 18th May, when thirteen men were present. The team for the runs at Birmingham were picked, and was as follows:—

440 yards	.. ..	Worthington
880 "	.. ..	Johns

1 mile	.. ..	Greaves
2 miles	.. ..	Salt

Worthington and Johns obtained second places, and Salt a third, and so we ended up only two points behind London, which I think, considering that the team had had practically no practise, was very good.

The second meeting was on 1st June, and was attended by the same number of men. This time the team for the London sports was picked as follows:—

Throwing cricket ball	Johns
Putting the weight	.. Greaves
Single jump	.. Pannifer
Double jump	.. McMahon

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, 22nd June, at 3.15 o'clock. Sometime during the afternoon a general meeting will be held.

I shall be away all July, so Miss Bird has kindly undertaken to give out the passes for the Hippodrome. Her address is The Poplars, 1 Whalley Road, Whalley Range, Manchester.

All requests for passes must be in by Friday morning, otherwise they cannot be attended to. K. V. M. IRVINE.

To celebrate the coming of age of their eldest daughter Dorothy, C. Bregazzi and Mrs. Bregazzi gave a party recently at "Ye Olde Crowne," Highgate. About 90 guests were present, and all entered fully into the spirit of the party, which soon resolved itself into a round of jolly song and dance. Miss Bregazzi was the recipient of many beautiful presents. An amusing incident was the "parade" of five aunts, who sectioned off the birthday cake after Miss Bregazzi had made the incision.

Life is sweet, brother.

In sickness, Jasper?

There's the sun and the stars, brother.

In blindness, Jasper?

There's the wind on the heath, brother.

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## NEWS OF ST. DUNSTANERS

WHAT with lending a hand in spring-cleaning operations and getting his garden into most excellent order, W. Buckle, of Mortlake, has been a very busy man of late. He is looking forward to a fine supply of fruit, vegetables and flowers this season, and we hope he will have as many as he expects.

Another who takes particular pride in his garden is J. Ballantyne, of Isleworth, and with boots and mats as well he finds he has few spare hours. Ballantyne, by the way, has rigged up a most ingenious contrivance for winding mat material.

Some nice joinery orders have been coming the way of F. Ralph, of Purley, of late; at present he is making a gramophone cabinet. "All's well" is his cheery report.

One who says much the same is G. Fletcher, of Hollins Farm, Marple. His main occupation is poultry. He is getting about three dozen eggs a day from his forty to fifty birds.

Congratulations to young Duxbury, of Moston, near Manchester (and to his parents). The boy won a diploma in the recent *Daily Dispatch* Competition (Educational). Not at all an easy thing to win we should say.

Many a man might well profit by the experience of P. Sumner, of Worcester. He managed to get off for a walking tour at Easter and returned to work with a fine store of energy looking most remarkably brown and well. Even a week-end (or a long day) spent in such a way makes a capital break in the "common round" of life.

It is some five years now since T. J. Waldin, of Winchester, settled there as a boot repairer, and with very few setbacks

in bad times his custom has steadily increased. We send him our sincere congratulations on the methodical way in which he has worked, and also on the new improvements in his shop. The position of the door has been altered, and two new windows put in (with a result that the whole place is now noticeably light and airy), and he has been able to start certain side lines—tobacco, sweets, soap, &c.

A new house in Hedgerley is engrossing the attention of W. T. Jones, and the family is settling in very nicely in the pretty surroundings. There is a good piece of garden, which will require some hard work for it has been somewhat neglected, but Jones intends to do wonders with it. He is particularly fortunate in having quite a number of fruit trees in his field.

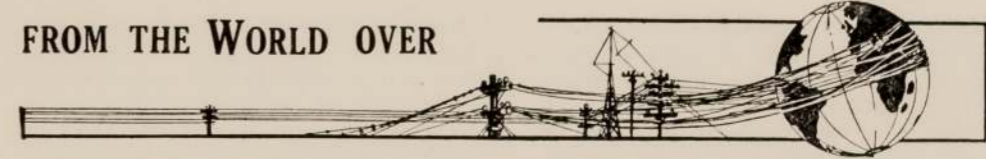
Tewkesbury is offering a pleasant field of effort for E. J. Turner, who is working up a satisfactory little connection among people requiring treatment by massage, and indeed seems to secure all the work there is in this particular line.

Friends will be glad to know that J. Nolan, of Hinstock, who was ill for some weeks, is steadily at work again. He contrives to stick to his mats even though poultry, pigs and other interests make many demands upon him.

By the way, A. Sutton, of Madeley Heath, says that his success in the laying test has led to the receipt of quite a number of orders. One inquiry came all the way from Ireland.

Another hard-working St. Dunstaner is D. Marshall, of Market Drayton. He has lately moved into a busier street and has stocked up his shop in a most attractive fashion. We send him best wishes and may he do a roaring trade!

## FROM THE WORLD OVER



The drapery business of G. H. Mathews, of Haydock, Lancs., is proving so successful that Mathews is developing and has branched out into "Gentlemen's Outfitting." Congratulations on the new enterprise.

Plenty of work is coming the way of W. A. Foulkes, of Brickhill, Bletchley. He describes himself as "at it from morning till night."

The little shop run by H. Gunson, at Batley, is proving itself a very great success and certainly there should be no lack of custom in the summer months—nothing can be expected to go as well in the winter. We hope with Gunson that the summer may be long, fine and warm.

Another of our business men is W. T. Monaghan, of Birkenhead. He runs a sweet, tobacco and refreshment establishment which seems to suit him very well.

A marvellous improvement has taken place in regard to the health of T. Eaton, of Liverpool, as all his friends will be glad to know. He looks well and is most happy to be working regularly again.

Trade has been very flourishing, according to J. H. New since his move to Wolverhampton. He gets repairs from all sides—indeed neighbours occasionally hand their boots to him over the wall! New has adopted "Never refuse work!" as his motto, and as at present he has no time for mats, when orders for these come in, he hands them on to another St. Dunstaner.

"Health fine," reports J. Wood, of Grange-over-Sands, and other things too, apparently, for trade in boots, clogs and mats is described as being "very brisk." In addition Wood has been asked to supply

mats for a handicraft sale which is to take place shortly and is accumulating a fine supply of different varieties for the purpose. Wood is showing a great deal of initiative and has sent out circulars to the adjoining villages concerning his clogs, so, like him, we anticipate they "will go even better later on."

Adding a couple of rooms to one's bungalow sounds a large piece of work to undertake, but E. W. Hall, of Chilton, has tackled such a job in a light-hearted manner and is making a success of it.

Congratulations to D. Munro, of Aberdeen. He carried off no less than eight prizes at the Turriff Industrial Association Exhibition the other day and in addition sold all his exhibits.

Model-making has great fascinations according to G. F. Smith, of Stoughton, Guildford. He has just completed some charming little bedsteads (being exact models of full-sized oak beds) which are delightful for dolls. In addition he has made some sets of dolls' chests of drawers since other work has been a bit slack of late.

In Pimlico, G. Rhees is busy making tea-pot stands and baskets. Has he kept a list of the number of the former he has turned out and can he beat our last record?

Term time makes a great difference to E. J. Harlow, of Eton. A good deal of work comes to him from the surrounding villages, but the "young gentlemen of Eton" have a fine taste in frames and a number of orders reach Harlow from the college.

It has been suggested that W. C. Ward, of St. Leonard's, should play the violin at Baldslow Church on Armistice Day,

**News of St. Dunstaners—continued.**

so that is a sign that his music is appreciated. He often plays for the Church Army near by, but this later request is evidence of wider recognition, and we take pleasure with him in his success. Joinery is Ward's regular occupation, and he gets a number of local orders, in addition he does netting.

How many St. Dunstaners belong to the local British Legion Club in their district? W. C. Smith, of Melbourne, Derby, finds his connection with this association gives him a great deal of pleasure. Smith has an "all sorts" shop, by the way, and does a reasonable amount of trade, although the buses which take people to the nearby towns have wrought havoc among a number of village shops.

The move recently made by S. Stubbs, of Liverpool, has already proved very beneficial to the health of the family. The new house is in a much better situation—so much better that Stubbs puts up cheerfully with the very considerable journey he has to make daily to go to his work.

Trade has looked up wonderfully of late according to A. Stevens, of Winnersh, and he has any number of local orders. He has lately been making some chairs and he is turning over in his mind the possibility of getting a regular order for these from some good firm. Recently he made a charming little chair for a child, which has met with wide admiration.

Several St. Dunstaners are making preparations to exhibit at the Arts and Crafts Exhibition at Sherborne, among them, A. Seal, of Waddon, who is making a rug and some rabbit nets. We hope all he sends will be admired and sold.

A Weymouth man, J. B. Boyce, of Upwey, is sending trays to the same show—both coffee trays and tiled trays. May he get good advertisement as well as an immediate sale!

Boot repairs have kept F. Foster, of

Ottery St. Mary (Devon), so busy that he has not had time for any mat making of late, and he seems to have secured a nice little circle of customers. The recent move was a great success and the new house is delightful, one in which both Foster and his wife can take a real pride; it is in an excellent position.

There is never much news to be had from G. H. Gilpin, of Thorverton, but he says that the cause of this is that he is too busy and interested in what he is doing to have time to think of outside affairs. He is another of the many to whom wireless is a joy.

Of the same band of brothers is E. W. Found, of Bideford, whose wireless is a magnificent success. He says that he enjoyed every moment of the St. Dunstan's Community Singing, from the first sentence in Captain Fraser's speech to the last note of music. Despite the severe handicap he carries—severe even for a St. Dunstaner—Found is always cheerful and full of plans for helping others.

Window-boxes have been engrossing J. Doyle, of Kempton, of late. He is one of those men who like trying the making of new things. We hope his miniature gardens will flourish. Anyone wishing to go to this district for a holiday might make inquiries of Doyle, for his wife sometimes has a room or two to let.

Friends of W. Dimond, of East Grinstead, will be glad to hear that his eldest girl, who broke her shoulder some little time ago, has quite recovered from the effects of this serious accident.

Our fine spell of weather has brought plenty of custom to T. Ashe, of Sunbury-on-Thames. The Kempton Races always send plenty of visitors to his tea shop with good appetites for his cakes. His poultry too is doing well.

Work always seems to come to C. Brammer, of Newton-le-Willows, with a rush. Sometimes it fails him mid-week, but then he invariably has to work late

on Saturdays and even on Sundays to cope with important orders.

"A perfect picture" is the description we have of the garden of E. Lupton, of Kirkham. It contains some fine lilac trees which make it as fragrant as it is beautiful to look at—and incidentally, in the brief lilac season these prove quite a source of revenue.

Another charming garden is that owned by G. Lawlor, of Walsall; he has fenced it with a basket-cane fence which is most effective. We sent out good wishes to young Lawlor who has enlisted, may he rise to high rank.

It may be remembered that some months ago, owing to the overflow of a stream, the house of W. Priest, of Kenford, was invaded by water, the whole of the lower floor being inundated. Neighbours helped splendidly, but even yet the walls of the house are not by any means dry, and show traces of water quite two feet up. Naturally a great deal of the furniture was ruined. Priest has fixed up a good stout rail in the garden and so contrives that he can get quite a reasonable amount of walking exercise.

**Brief Notes**

The little tobacco shop run by H. J. Crane, of Croydon, is doing a steady trade and Crane himself is keeping well.

The sudden spell of cold weather caused J. Woodhouse to lose some of his chickens, but he is cheerily looking forward to making this good by later and luckier hatchings.

W. John, of Swansea, has had a nasty attack (or rather two) of asthma and bronchitis this winter, but he pegged along steadily, refusing to give in. His shop looks most remarkably well, we hear, and is stocked in a most attractive fashion.

In St. Mary Church, Torquay, a most satisfactory restart has been made by T. Mardon. We wish him all possible luck.

A certain amount of boot repair work is

coming in regularly to J. Rendell, of Tiverton, and has been increased of late as by a stroke of fortune, an officer belonging to Rendell's old regiment has taken a large house near-by. Rendell is another of the long list of St. Dunstaners blessed with wives with a gift for house-keeping. His home looks very near perfection in the way it is kept.

Potato planting is taking a lot of A. Lane's time at the farm in Bow, Devon. He had a stroke of bad luck in losing his horse some months ago, as friends will remember, but is now making excellent headway.

Mats keep busy J. Pugh, of Islington, G. F. Payne, of Arrington, G. Anderson, of Alton, H. A. Gardiner, of Leytonstone, P. Sheridan, J. W. Broadbent, and J. J. Steele, all of Rosyth, also McCann, of Ballinarty, S. C. Smith, of Derby, A. Rowe, of Stoke-on-Trent—who, by the way, shows an amazing amount of energy—E. J. Hall, of Bishops Waltham, J. D. Lee (Sacriston), J. Wishart, of Stanley, T. Allen, of Hetton-le-Hole, and W. Walker, of Sherburn Hill, who, although he has had a good deal of ill-health of late, has turned out a most commendable number. Very much the same might be said of G. Gillibrand, who despite repeated attacks of asthma, is always ready to proclaim himself "fit and well," and to take his place again at his mat frame.

A busy man with fancy basket making, trays and teapot stands is W. M. Williamson, of Hyde, and he has now added the reseating of chairs to his list of accomplishments.

Trade in musical instruments has been "not too bad," according to J. Horridge, of Atherton, but now that the summer evenings have arrived he expects the demand will slacken for a while.

A local order for an ottoman has come the way of W. Lilley, of Leigh. It was a fine piece of work to tackle, and we are glad to know that Lilley put it through satisfactorily.

A somewhat complicated piece of joinery, or rather cabinet making, was completed by S. Holmes, of Belfast, not so very long since. He made a most ingenious sectional bookcase.

R. Gifford, of Linlithgow, reports a satisfactory hatching season, and A. Anderson, of Letham, has done particularly well with eggs. Poultry, with mat making for a side line, leaves P. Holmes, of Woburn, little time to spare; but with it all he says that he is keeping fit and well.

The health of T. Condon, of Worting, has also improved considerably of late; he, too, goes in for mats and poultry as does H. Sims, of the same district—but few will have forgotten that he carried off the Gold Medal for egg-laying with his pen of Rhode Island Reds.

D. Livingstone, of Mauchline, is making good progress with poultry; he is not doing much with mats at present. J. H. Tindall, of Scarboro, also reports a good season, while C. A. Butler, of Long Eaton, has had such a record supply of eggs that he regrets not having entered for the laying contest. A man who is very pleased in this connection is C. H. Brown, of Burton-on-Trent, for his achievements were exceedingly good and he chose his own birds. He seems to have sold a fine lot of sittings this season.

A very busy basket maker is W. Kirkham, of Waltham Chase, and he is contented as usual. J. A. Dunlop, of Penicuik, has a nice basket order in for a bazaar—these affairs often have surprisingly sustained effects. W. Nicholls, of Harringay, is doing fairly well in the same line, and the same may be said of T. R. Beattie, of Crouch End, J. Papps, of Gt. Bardfield, Essex, and J. Marriott, of Soham.

C. A. Stracey, of New Barnet, is keeping fairly well, his friends will be glad to know, and is working at wool rugs. (Does he peg away outside in the sun as does F. Dawe, of Hounslow?)

Another near-by St. Dunstaner is T. W. Stratful, of Barnet, but he goes in for joinery.

Pigs are keeping up their reputation as money makers, according to F. Reason, of Bridport.

"Very fit," says F. W. Tarry, of Hastings, who has been making a really beautiful corner cupboard for his wife.

"Health considerably improved," announces H. Hulme, of Oldham, "in fact we all feel better since we came to live here."

"Trade improving in boots and mats," says A. Chiverton, of Eastleigh, and F. Cooper, of Fareham, makes the same cheery statement.

Another who thinks that people must have been doing a good deal of walking of late is A. Welland, of Guilford; he often has to work late to get things finished up, while F. G. Braithwaite, of the same district, reports a steady round of customers of active dispositions.

### Calendars and Blotters

In a letter from Welby, nr. Grantham, W. Robinson tells us that he has just returned from a very enjoyable holiday among the hills and vales of North Staffordshire. He reports that local trade is slow this year, but he had a great run last year. His garden is looking very well, and promises a good reward for the time and labour spent on it. Robinson hopes to be able to exhibit at the National Rose Society's Show again this year. Incidentally, he reminds us that up to now he has secured five prizes—two firsts, two seconds, and one third.

This St. Dunstaner also raises a point upon which we should like to have the views of other readers. He expresses the opinion that the Blotter Calendars supplied to our men last year were not so popular with customers as the hanging calendars previously supplied. Have any of our other craftsmen heard any comments on this matter?



## NEWS FROM THE WORKSHOPS AND STORES

### BASKETS

J. MULLEN has been experiencing considerable difficulty owing to the fact that his touch is so poor; he has been doing barrels, pail baskets, and waste papers mainly; a barrel that he has done recently was a very decided advance. D. McLean has been finding that there is a great deal to be learned in basket-work; he is keen and puts in a lot of time, and as he is trying to cover a good range he is doing quite well. Since March, G. H. Phillips has had a good run on 3-cornered linens, some letter-trays, on which he has made good progress, and dog beds, with which he made an improvement also. J. Wilkie has been doing a varied assortment, including square work, dog beds, and some oval clothes baskets. He is doing thoroughly well, and we anticipate that he will make a very competent basket-maker.

### JOINERY

A. R. R. Clover has now completed a kitchen table and a mitre shooting-board; he has been having further practice on picture-framing with polished and gilt mouldings, and on the whole his work has been very satisfactory.

### BOOTS

H. J. Edwards has, unfortunately, lost some time during this term, but his work, since his return, has showed considerable promise. If he can only get the necessary experience, we feel that he has the making of a capable workman. E. A. Alexander is doing quite well, and is always ready to receive instruction. H. Jones is also benefiting by some additional practise in the shops, and is doing very useful work on both boots and mats.

### MATS

A very good start has been made by L. W. Calvert, his first mat being quite good. He places his thrums well and has already got through a coloured design, judging the amount of fibre necessary quite well. H. Gale has also been getting

through some useful work; he needs to watch some points, as when at his best he can turn out a very fine mat. A. J. Bentley is taking the opportunity for further practice; his mats are very uniform and made in good style. W. H. Reid has been doing some excellent work, the No. 4 mats he has made being very good specimens.

### SPECIAL NOTICE

All men sending finished goods to Headquarters are asked to be specially careful that their names are written on the labels, as without this means of identification we are unable to ascertain from whom the goods have come, which, of course, causes difficulty and delay in making payment. Specially printed labels can always be provided on request, and these contain a space in which the sender's name can be written.

Basket-makers are particularly requested to see that their baskets are well tied together, and that all their goods are carefully packed. For instance, waste-paper baskets can be nested one in the other, but the packing string should be passed through the border of each basket.

Some time ago we asked mat-makers if they would kindly return to us the hessian which is packed round smaller quantities of yarn. If they will kindly fold this up and put it between their mats it would save us a good deal in packing material. The packing which is around a full-sized bale is not always worth sending back.

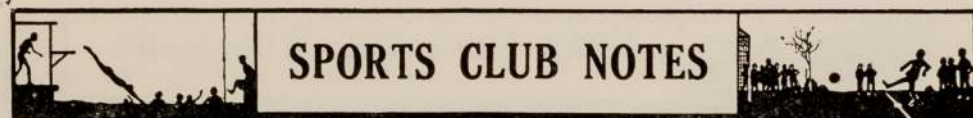
W. H. O.

### Braille Notes

We heartily congratulate P. Johns on passing the Reading Test, and E. G. Willcocks, A. W. Pimm and S. P. Peacey on passing the Writing Test.

### Typewriting Notes

Many congratulations to J. Moore, W. Raine, W. B. Riley, L. W. Calvert, and W. H. Manning on passing the Typewriting Test.



WE should like to take this opportunity of thanking Sister Nelson for so kindly taking Miss Stacey's place for three weeks during the month of May; it was most kind of her. We are glad to know, however, that we shall see her at the Sports on 11th June.

#### PRESENT CARE SPORTS

There are many keen sportsmen this term. Each evening there seem to be men running either on the Circle, or in the Sports Field, and the attendance on a Saturday morning is certainly good, though there are still a few who prefer the gentle attentions of the barber to putting the shot at Instructor Tovell's head—perhaps they are wise!

Alexander and Marsden have taken the lead in their different sections but others are treading on their tails, so competition should be keen.

#### PRESENT CARE POINTS

1. Alexander .. 225	1. Marsden .. 180
2. Johns .. 160	2. Calvert .. 165
3. Vaughan .. 150	3. Jarman .. 160
4. Robinson .. 115	4. Riley .. 145
5. Read, 'Erb .. 100	5. Wilkie .. 110
6. Tennison .. 95	6. Parke .. 100
7. Weedall .. 85	7. Brewer .. 90
8. Peeling .. 30	8. Callaghan .. 55
9. Sheridan .. 20	9. Manning .. 50
	10. Moore .. 40
	11. Edwards .. 20

#### FOOTBALL

There are two new names on our Football League Table, and so far the Stormy Petrels are justifying theirs by playing havoc with their opponents, but perhaps the Merry Men may have a laugh up their sleeves—who knows.

#### FOOTBALL TEAMS—MAY 1927

<i>The Taffies</i>	<i>The Wanderers</i>	<i>The Spurs</i>
Robinson	Peach	Pimm
Tennison	Fleming	McLean
Vaughan	Burridge	Day
Willcocks	Inman	Callaghan
Wilkie	Jarman	Parsons
Manning	Saunders	Riley
<i>The Merry Men</i>	<i>The Rangers</i>	<i>The Stormy Petrels</i>
Alexander	Savory	Gale
Weedall	Phillips	Kenward

Batchelor	Gregory	Johns
Marsden	Dunks	Calvert
Miles	Parke	Powell
Moore	Cook	Raine
1st T.B. Reserve.—Read		
2nd .. .. Law		
1st S.S. Reserve.—Brewer		
2nd .. .. F. J. Clark		

#### ROWING

We are very lucky to have the assistance of Sister Steane once again, and she is worked hard each time she comes. Mr. Colman is also giving much assistance as coach, and we are most grateful to him. Every cox has her time well filled, as there are many enthusiasts—so may the weather be kind to us.

#### AFTER CARE SPORTS

There is a very cheery gathering on a Tuesday evening, and the attendance has been good, it is so nice to see old friends turn up again. Fleming once again heads the list, but as the term lengthens so he will find points hard to obtain.

#### AFTER CARE POINTS

1. Fleming .. 42	9. Prior .. 9
2. Deegan .. 28	10. Dixon .. 7½
3. Steel .. 24	11. Burran .. 7
4. Bawdon .. 20½	12.—Nichols .. 4
5. McFarlane .. 17½	.. —Ingram .. 4
6. Roden .. 16	14.—Henry .. 3
7. Scott .. 15½	.. —Hughes .. 3
8. Webster .. 14	

#### CONCERT

Once again the sportsmen in and around London expressed their gratitude to their many kind and helpful friends in the athletic world by giving them a concert at the Bungalow on 26th May at 8 p.m. It was a really good concert and very well supported—and I think we cannot do better than to give the programme, and many will recognise the names of their old friends who took part.

#### PROGRAMME

1. Selection, St. Dunstan's Band.
2. Song—"Song of the Clock," H. G. Boorman.
3. Flute Solo—"Golden Slumbers," F. A. Rhodes.
4. Song—"When I was 21," Jock Macfarlane.
5. Song—"The Gypsy Trail," T. Roden.

6. (a) "Widdicombe Fair," (b) "John Braddlum," St. Dunstan's Singers.

7. Song—"Captain Stretton's Fancy," M. Doyle.

8. Humorous Selection, Raymond Cowley.

9. Song—"Cloze Props," J. Fleming.

10. Trio—"The Three Schoolmasters," M. Burran, Jock Henry, S. Webster.

11. Song—"There goes a Vagabond," A. Crook.

12. Selection, St. Dunstan's Band.

In the interval Miss Davis and her friends provided welcome light refreshments. During the band's last performance chairs were hastily pushed on one side and everyone danced, and so we ended a very pleasant evening, which was appreciated by all.

G. J. S.

#### Past Events

We have had quite a round of sporting events to attend just lately. The Polytechnic Athletic Club once again invited us to their Annual Kinnaird Meeting which was held at Stamford Bridge. There was some excellent sport, particularly the running of Hodge in the 100 yds. and Guy Butler in the 440 yds. The way the Achilles man used his head in the quarter was an education to lots of the young runners there. He was shut in three times and then came round his opponents to win with a terrific burst of speed. The Windsor to London Marathon (26½ miles) again showed us that Ferris, the R.A.F. man, must possess wonderful stamina, for he not only equalled Bobby Mill's record by winning this event three times, but he was so fresh on the last two laps of the track that he could afford to laugh and joke with his friends who were present. Having breasted the tape he waited to welcome the runner-up, the Italian champion, and the third man, the French champion, after which he sprinted up the stairs to get his prize. The last we saw of him he was still running, but this time out of the grounds to escape the autograph hunters. The Achilles Club easily retained the Kinnaird Trophy.

#### THE DERBY

Have you heard about it? We went to the Derby and did not get wet through! Having had that pleasure for three consecutive years we were getting used to it,

but the clerk of the weather gave old Jupiter Pluvius the sack and we had a fine day, in more ways than one.

Arriving on the Course just after ten we could only just see the new grandstand owing to mist. Then we found that no one was allowed to walk on the track, but two words in the ear of a mounted police inspector brought forth the order: "Sergeant, escort these St. Dunstan's Boys round Tattenham Corner," and so we marched round like the brave old Duke of York. We must have looked a very knowing lot because dozens of people asked us what we knew. "What *would* win the Derby?" but perhaps they thought P. Johns, Jack Hastings, Rob Young, and possibly myself, were jockeys. One never knows in these days of short sightedness! Anyway we did walk on their old race course, so that's that.

Having lunched wisely and well we encountered a very rare species of the Wattle. A lady asked us "What will you have" and thrusting 50s. into my hand darted off into the crowd before we had a chance to even say "Bon Sante." We had a very good position almost facing Tattenham Corner. Something generally happens when we go anywhere. This year Call Boy broke records. Racing over, we had tea. Here I must say that the catering and general arrangements do the organisers very great credit. Singing all the way home and being cheered by thousands of small children from Epsom to Vauxhall, we all agreed that it had been a splendid outing.

#### BOXING

The following evening we visited the Royal Albert Hall. Although there were no championships at stake we saw some good contests, and the one between Kid Pattenden and Archie Bell was not only a surprise but as the Yanks say, "a real thriller." We were introduced to Mickie Walker, the American Champion, who is over here to fight Milligan for the world's championship. He mentioned to us that he was deeply touched by the kindly actions and courtesies that had been shown him by the sporting fraternity in England.

## TROOPING OF THE COLOURS

On Saturday a small party attended this event to celebrate the anniversary of the birthday of the King on the Horse Guards Parade. The sun shone beautifully and the spectacle was most impressive. The Royal Horse Guards (blue) on their black horses—their mounted band in picturesque uniform—the five regiments of Foot Guards—massed bands and pipers all in review order—the Military Attaches of practically all the foreign powers—the Prince of Wales—Prince Henry—Earl Haig—all headed by His Majesty the King. The 3rd. Batt. Grenadier Guards formed the Colour Party and one heard on all sides expressions of admiration. Long live the King!

## BRITISH LEGION PARADE

On Sunday, the British Legion held their annual parade. We were only able to supply a small party owing to the Whitsun holidays. There were 20,000 people assembled on the Horse Guards Parade, and 5,000 ex-service men attended the service at the Cenotaph. Afterwards the whole procession moved off headed by Field-Marshal Haig up Whitehall through Admiralty Arch and down the Mall. Here His Royal Highness, the Duke of Connaught, mounted on a dais in front of Buckingham Palace, took the salute. Going down the Mall we noticed that well-known and sporting Peer, the Earl of Lonsdale. Standing right at the back of the crowd, debonair, silk hat in hand, he gave a courteous bow to the limbless boys in the char-a-bancs. On passing the dais Earl Haig distinctly drew His Royal Highness's attention to our Boys, and they were honoured by special recognition from the Duke. After the parade we were able to go into the Horse Guards at Whitehall and met many old friends who have made us so welcome in the past.

W. A. T.

Yesterday you failed—forget it.  
To-day is your opportunity—grasp it.  
To-morrow offers success—achieve it.

There is no such thing as "Failure,"  
except in ceasing to try.

## Births

CASS.—On the 2nd of May, to the wife of E. S. Cass, of West Hartlepool, a daughter (Elsie).

DAVIS.—To the wife of G. Davis, of Newent, Gloucestershire, a son (Gerald) on the 30th of April.

EXALL.—On the 13th of April, a bonny little daughter to the wife of H. R. Exall, of Peckham.

TURRELL.—On the 19th of April, a son to the wife of A. T. Turrell, of Beeston.

WOODHOUSE.—On the 10th of May, a daughter to the wife of J. Woodhouse, of Hulland.

KIDGER.—On the 14th of May, Mrs. Kidger, of Bridgenorth, gave birth to twin sons. One died soon after birth, the other (James) on Saturday, the 21st May.

SAINTY.—On the 29th of April, to the wife of P. Sainty, of Clapton, a son, who died within a few hours.

## Deaths

This month we offer sympathy to the following:—

BIGGADIKE.—R. Biggadike, of Boston, whose father (aged 76) died very suddenly on Good Friday.

CARNELL.—The uncle of W. Carnell, of Bampton (who had made his home with Mr. and Mrs. Carnell), passed away on the 27th of April; his loss is greatly felt.

ELBORN.—Mr. and Mrs. Elborn, of Peckham, are both in need of sympathy. On the 6th of January last Elborn lost his father and now (20th April) Mrs. Elborn's father died.

MEARS.—The daughter of A. Mears, of Leyton, died on the 23rd of May after a short illness. She was only 22 years of age.

NEGUS.—On Sunday, the 8th of May, the mother of C. Negus passed away after a long and painful illness.

SMITH.—On Saturday, the 9th of May, S. W. Smith, of Northwood, lost his father after long suffering with cancer.

WOOD.—On the 4th of December, B. Wood, of Brackley, Northants, lost his mother.

## Poultry Notes

## Two Years' Laying Test

Officially Recognised by the National Poultry Council

## Report for Seventh Period 24th April to 21st May 1927

EGG production has been fairly well maintained throughout the seventh period, but there has been a falling off in egg size. The percentages of first and second grade being 71.94 and 28.06 respectively. This, it is thought, is due to the birds having lost condition on account of heavy egg production.

Broodiness has been very prevalent during the month, the undermentioned

birds having passed through the broody coops: Ring numbers, 376, 379, 387, 389, and 394.

It is with much regret that we have to report the loss of four birds during the month, the ring numbers and owners, together with the Ministry's report as to cause of death in each case, are as follows:

Mr. D. Gibson's White Leghorn pullet,

TABLE OF PRODUCTION AND BREED AVERAGES

	No. of Birds	Eggs Laid Grades			Total	Average per Bird
		1	2	3		
White Leghorns .. .. .	14	135	109	—	244	17.43
Rhode Island Reds .. .. .	18	257	69	—	326	18.11
White Wyandottes .. .. .	4	51	10	—	61	15.25
White Bresse .. .. .	3	57	7	—	64	21.33
Unrecorded .. .. .	—	4	—	—	4	—
Totals .. .. .	39	504	195	—	699	17.92

RESULTS TO END OF SEVENTH MONTH (28 Weeks)  
Any Breed (4 Pullets and 1 Reserve)

Pen No.	Owner and Breed	Eggs Laid Seventh Period			Eggs Laid To Date			Total all Grades	Score Value	Test Value of Best 4 Birds	Temp. Pos.
		1	2	3	1	2	3				
1	Tindall, J. H. .. .. . (White Leghorns)	79	16	—	419	97	2	518	474	394	5
2	Bulman, C. R. .. .. . (White Leghorns)	18	64	—	222	288	17	527	417	365	8
3	Gibson, D. .. .. . (White Leghorns)	38	29	—	332	133	—	465	433	368	7
4	Condon, C. T. .. .. . (Rhode Island Reds)	41	17	—	449	107	1	557	540	443	3
5	Trigg, A. E. .. .. . (Rhode Island Reds)	82	18	—	521	87	—	608	608	513	1
6	Bisset, L. A. .. .. . (Rhode Island Reds)	62	22	—	467	63	—	530	530	438	4
7	Capper, A. H. .. .. . (White Bresse)	57	7	—	339	76	2	417	412	356	9
8	Bulley, F. E. C. .. .. . (Rhode Island Reds)	72	12	—	560	33	—	602	602	501	2
9	Maclean, D. .. .. . (White Wyandottes)	51	10	—	306	140	41	487	433	374	6



ring number 363. "Death was due to rupture of the bowel. Tumours were present on the bowel and oviduct."

Mr. A. H. Capper's two White Bresse pullets, ring numbers 381 and 383. "The bird was affected with visceral gout. The oviduct had ruptured and egg material was present in the abdominal cavity." Post mortem examination disclosed a rupture of the oviduct.

Mr. F. E. C. Bulley's Rhode Island Red pullet, ring number 386. "Death was due to rupture of the large intestine."

It will be observed that ovary trouble accounts for the majority of the casualties, and is, to some extent, the result of heavy egg production.

Mr. A. E. Trigg's pen of Rhode Island Reds is now leading with a test value of 513 eggs, and Mr. F. E. C. Bulley's pen of Rhode Island Reds is a near second with 501 eggs. Worked out these figures give averages of 18.32 and 17.89 eggs per bird per 28 days, respectively.

## Irish Re-unions

### Cork

THE first re-union of the men in Cork and district was held in the Hotel Metropole, Cork, on Tuesday, 3rd May. About 20 men and wives sat down to the excellent lunch provided, and did full justice to the fare.

After lunch Mr. Swain read a message from Captain Fraser, which was received with applause, and then spoke to the men.

Many of the men had not met before, and they got together and seemed to thoroughly enjoy making one another's acquaintance.

While Mr. Swain was giving personal interviews to the men, an entertainment of music was provided by Mrs. Gibson, Miss Jagoe, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Joy. Miss M. Kennedy, the daughter of Kennedy, of Thurles, entertained with clever recitations in Gaelic and some Irish dances.

Miss Rush, of Liverpool, acted as hostess, and Mr. Panton and Mr. Macauley assisted with the arrangements.

After the men had expressed their gratitude for the entertainment provided for them the meeting terminated.

N. S. M.

### Dublin

The second after-care re-union for the men in the Dublin area was held in Jury's Hotel, Dublin, on Thursday, 5th May.

An excellent luncheon was provided for those present, and at its conclusion Mr. Macauley, on behalf of the men,

welcomed Mr. Swain and Miss Rush, who acted as hostess.

Mr. Swain then addressed the men and read a message from Captain Fraser, which was warmly received.

A bean-guessing competition was then run, which resulted in Joyce, of Sandymount, winning a handsome walking-stick, and Mrs. Keogh, of Dublin, winning a cake.

Madame Alicia Keogh, Miss Coade, Mr. Williams, and Mr. Murphy entertained the men with musical items during the afternoon, and McLoughlin, of Dublin, and his daughter contributed songs and instrumental items.

The men seemed to enjoy the programme immensely, to judge from the applause, Mr. William's "Old King Cole" coming in for a special round of applause.

During the afternoon Mr. Swain interviewed the men and was able to help many of them over difficulties.

Tea was then served, after which the artistes who sang for us had to leave, and Mr. Macauley led the men for half an hour's community singing, in which they joined very heartily and thoroughly enjoyed. "Tipperary," "Pack up your Troubles," and "The Drunken Sailor" went particularly well.

Murray, of Kilkenny, proposed a vote of thanks to all concerned in a neat little speech, which was seconded by Joyce, of Sandymount, and a very happy meeting came to a close.

N. S. M.

### Belfast

The third after-care re-union for the Ulster men was held in Thompson's Restaurant, Belfast, on Friday, 6th May, when a full muster of the Ulster St. Dunstaners and their wives turned up.

We were honoured by the presence of the Lady Mayoress of Belfast—Lady Agnes Turner—who came to the luncheon. Mr. Norman Macauley announced to the men the presence of their distinguished guest, who was very warmly received. J. Brockerton, of Coleraine, then presented Lady Turner with a bouquet of carnations, after which luncheon was served.

Mr. Swain, on rising to address the men, commented on how well-groomed all the men were, and said how greatly this would have pleased our late Chief—Sir Arthur. He then spoke on various matters affecting the well-being of the men, and read a message from Captain Fraser. He welcomed Lady Turner, remarking that he hoped now that she has met what is, after all, but a very small part of St. Dunstan's large family and seen in evidence something which made "Victory Over Blindness" possible, she will feel that the great work she has done for St. Dunstan's was worth while. Mr. Swain also welcomed their old friend, Mr. Maurice Macauley, B.L.

Lady Turner then thanked her hosts for inviting her to spend some time among St. Dunstaners, and said that it was a delightful experience for her. She said that anything she had been able to do to help St. Dunstan's to carry on its great work was a labour of love, and that she hoped that the collection she is organising in September will bring in a greater return than last year's effort.

A. Gribben, of Belfast, in proposing a vote of thanks, said he had known both Lady Turner and the Lord Mayor for longer than they had known him, because he had been employed in the corporation before he joined up, and was always glad when he could see Sir William coming into the yard before Sir William saw him, "so as I could give the other fellows the wire like," he concluded. T. McCann, of Ballinry, seconded the vote of thanks, which was passed with acclamation.

D. Malcolmson, of Belfast, won a useful walking-stick in the bean-guessing competition, and Mrs. Gribben won a chubby umbrella. Mrs. Boyce, the mother of J. Boyce, had very kindly provided a cake for competition, and H. McAteer, of Belfast, guessed nearest to its correct weight.

While Mr. Swain was interviewing the men, Miss Erskine entertained with some of her inimitable sketches of Irish life, and songs were contributed by Miss Florence McWatters, Miss Nina Smith, and Mr. James Woods, Mrs. Norman Macauley presiding at the piano.

After tea had been served, the meeting terminated with the singing of the National Anthem.

A picture of the gathering appears in this issue.

N. S. M.

### Netting Notes

As we said in the last netting notes, we had shows in May at Westminster, Chelsea, and Exeter at which we displayed netting goods. T. Floyd, A. Day, A. W. Back, and J. Hodkin went every day to Exeter; D. Maclean and E. B. Parke made hammocks and tennis nets at Chelsea, and W. Allen came down to demonstrate wool-rug making at Westminster. At Chelsea a good many hammocks and nets were ordered.

The netting room has been very busy as usual.

Congratulations are due to A. Parsons, W. H. Manning, E. Marsden, and L. W. Calvert for passing their string-bag test, and to L. Sheridan, T. S. Burrige, and T. Vaughan for finishing two nice rugs each.

G. Eames came down for a course of rug making, and did very well indeed, while R. Inskipp passed out in wool rug making and netting.

T. Vaughan made three good pig nets, which found ready purchasers. We hope he will do well in this line when he leaves.

### DOGS

Who wants fox-terrier puppies? J. Foster, of 142 Church Street, Ore, Hastings, has two for sale. Price 20s. and 10s.

## Sports Meeting

held at

**Mitchell's and Butler's Recreation Ground, City Road, Birmingham, May 1st**

*Organised by the Birmingham and District St. Dunstan's Sports Club*

ALL those interested in the St. Dunstan's Shield competition will remember that one event was to be held in Manchester, one in Birmingham, and two in London. Birmingham was given the running to arrange.

Mr. Harry Butler kindly promised the loan of his recreation ground. It was therefore decided, in addition to the running, for the Shield competition to have some more events for St. Dunstaners, and a two miles invitation handicap walk for escorts, a ladies, and a mixed relay race was also arranged.

Magnificent programmes were printed free of cost by Ald. Cartwright, the only things the club had to supply being tea and a few prizes. With a 6d. gate and the public buying tea and the sale of programmes, it was hoped to make a good sum for the club, as well as have an enjoyable afternoon. Unfortunately, the weather prevented this; it blew a gale and poured all the time till bread and butter was floating about on the plates!

It was a wonderful tribute to the sportsmanship of all St. Dunstaners present that they remained cheerful under these trying circumstances. The helpers, too, must not be forgotten. They all carried on smiling as if there was nothing wrong. The ladies who did the tea had a specially trying time, as all the arrangements were upset, and everyone crowded in on the tea tables for shelter.

The teams started arriving in Birmingham as early as 11.0 a.m., and there were many trains to be met. Early arrivals assembled on the ground for a picnic lunch, which was most efficiently cooked by Corp.-Major Tovell in a V.A.D. apron.

The St. Dunstaners present were Webster, Deegan, Scott, Steel, and Lender-you (London), Worthington, Greaves, Salt, and Johns (Manchester), Ballard, Clay, Smith, A. Straw, and Swindell (Nottingham), Castle, Benning, Brown,

F. Brown, J. R. Cole, Cashmore, Dennick, Giles, Heritage, Hines, Lea, Harry Lea, H. Lilley, North, Read, Shakespeare, Trott, Varley (Birmingham and District); Davies and Griffiths, of Coventry, set out but got soaked on the way to the station.

### THE SPORTS

#### Cricket Ball.—

T.B.—First, Benning, 71 yds.; second, Deegan, 65 yds.

S.S.—First, Cashmore, 68 yds.; second, Steel, 63 yds.

#### RUNNING FOR SHIELD

440 yds.—First, Cashmore (Birmingham); second, Worthington (Manchester); third, Webster (London).

1 Mile.—First, Steel (London); second, Benning (Birmingham); third, Greaves (did not finish).

880 yds.—First, Castle (Birmingham); second, Johns (Manchester); third, Deegan (London).

2 Miles.—First, Trott (Birmingham); second, Scott (London); third, Salt (Manchester). Time, 12 mins., 46 secs.

The weather conditions were awful, and the competitors had to face a driving head wind on the side of the course, which was slightly up-hill. The winners in each race led practically from the start. In the 880 yds. Johns, who had been lying third all the way, came up in the last 100 yds., and just beat Deegan, who crooked up.

The total points were: Birmingham 11, London 7, Manchester 5—Birmingham thus scoring three points towards the shield, London 2, Manchester 1. These points added to those already scored in the walk leave the clubs in the following position: Birmingham 6, London 4, Manchester 2.

#### STANDING TREBLE JUMP

First, Deegan, 24 ft., 8 ins.

Second, Steel, 22 ft., 5½ ins.

Third, Scott, 21 ft., 10 ins.

#### PUTTING THE WEIGHT

For men not competing in running teams.

First, Giles, 22 ft., 8 ins.

Second, Ballard, 22 ft., 2 ins.

Third, Heritage, 19 ft., 8 ins.

#### CIGARETTE RACE

First, Mrs. Hake (Sister Evers) and Read.

Second, Miss Cooke and Dennick.

Third, Sister Hodgson and Giles.

#### TWO MILE INVITATION WALK FOR ESCORTS

First, H. J. Oaks; second, Loveless; third, R. Sils—all members of the Birmingham Walking Club.

The ladies and the mixed relay was won by the Birmingham teams.

The prizes were distributed by Mrs. Hodgson.

The Rev. F. H. Hodgson thanked all those who had helped.

A presentation was made to Mr. W. Alexander, Junr., and to Mr. J. Murphy by the members of the Birmingham Club.

The members of the Birmingham running team owe a very deep debt of gratitude to Mr. Alexander for all his work in connection with the afternoon's sport, and for his untiring efforts in training the running team. Ever since November he has given up Wednesday afternoons to training them. As hon. secretary, I should like to congratulate the members who took up running for the way they have turned up at these practices. They have certainly worked for their success—training does it every time. Good luck to our next merry meeting, "the more we are together the merrier we shall be!"

#### ST. DUNSTAN'S CAMP REGATTA ON THE AVON

Will be held Monday, 20th June, by kind permission of the Stratford B.C. Start 2 p.m. If any St. Dunstaners would like to come for this, please let me know.

The nine-mile camp walk from Little Gaddesden to Halton Flying Corps Camp will take place on Saturday, 25th June. Start 2.30 p.m. The nearest station is Berkhamstead, five miles from Gaddesden. Will intending competitors please note entries close on 11th June. There

will probably be a handicap. Details to be settled by camp committee.

#### THE BIRMINGHAM WALK

Saturday, 27th August; start 2 p.m. The same conditions as last year and the same course.

#### NOTTINGHAM

*An Outing arranged by the British Red Cross Society*

On Thursday, 19th May, Nottingham St. Dunstaners spent a most delightful afternoon as guests of Mrs. Carlin and the Nottingham B.R.C.S. A fleet of cars met us at the Guild Hall, and drove us 16 miles over to tea in Mrs. Carlin's delightful garden. It was a lovely afternoon, and everyone present thoroughly enjoyed the drive and the splendid tea. At tea W. Swindell proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs. Carlin, claiming her as an old friend to Nottingham ex-Service men, and better known to them as Miss Birkin. A. V. Clay seconded the vote of thanks, adding a special vote of thanks to the members of the B.R.C.S. for so generously lending cars. Mrs. Carlin has invited us all again next year.

#### GADDESSEN CAMP REGATTA, MARLOW

Will be held either Monday, 27th June, or Tuesday, 28th. Start at the Marlow Rowing Club, 1.30 p.m. If anyone not in camp wants to come, please let me know.

#### SISTER HODGSON,

Clopton, Stratford-on-Avon.

Under the title of "Relics Unearthed," a reader, who signs himself "Sphinx," sends us a collection of humorous stories relating to St. Dunstan's, of which, unfortunately, we have only space to quote one or two. Many old boys will have had the actual experience of the visitors to the old St. Dunstan's, who so frequently remarked, "What a charming view the men have from the Terrace!" and of the old lady who asked, when examining a tray of artificial eyes, "And how long does it take the poor dear boys to learn to see with those?"

A lady asked a St. Dunstan's masseur, "A doctor has advised mother to come to you for massage. How much would you do her for?" The answer and the result are both unknown!

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