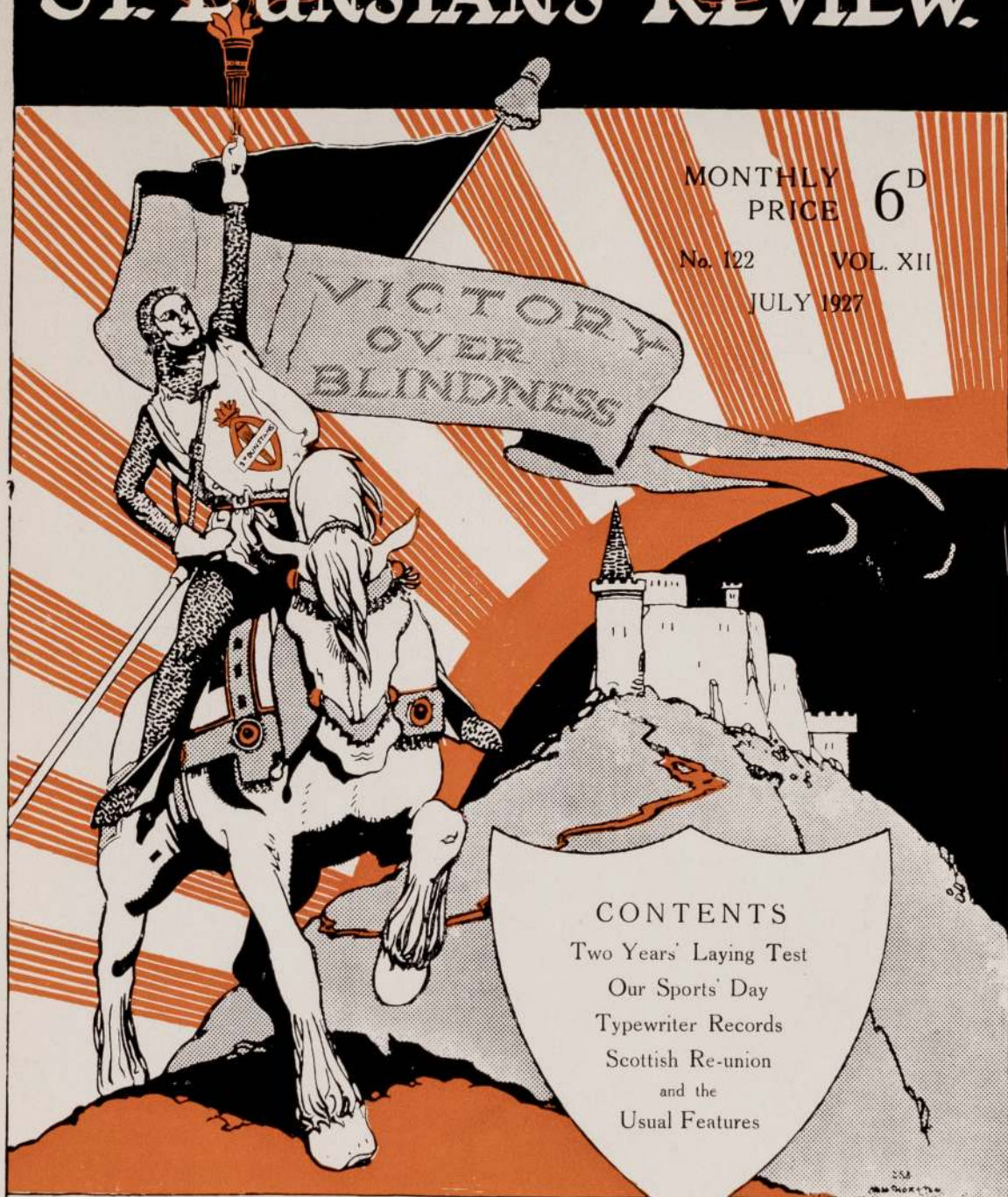


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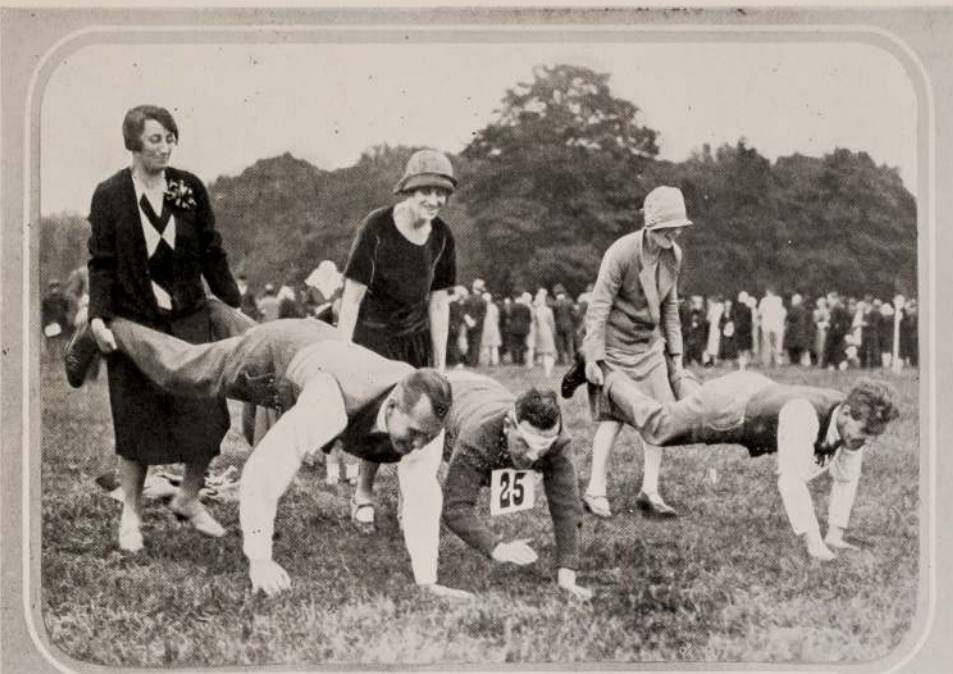
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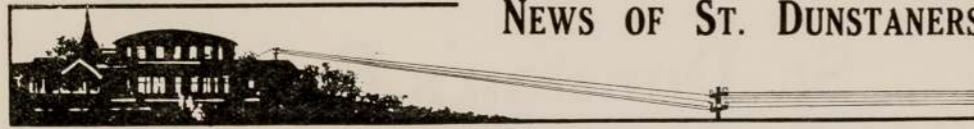
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## EDITORIAL NOTES

AS we go to press there is great activity among our rowing men and their hard-working coaches and coxes in anticipation of our Annual Regatta, which takes place on the 13th. In our view, this is a fixture which we hope to see continued for many years to come yet. Not only does it provide a happy meeting ground for our St. Dunstaners sportsmen generally, and the facilities for keen but friendly rivalry in one of the best of sports, but it serves to give renewed demonstration, if such were needed, that the loss of sight is no bar to enjoyable and skilled participation in manly exercises. Public interest in St. Dunstan's Regatta is always great, and given fine weather there will as usual be a big muster on the towing-path at Putney to watch the racing. We wish all competitors, helpers, and their friends a thoroughly jolly afternoon and the best of sport.

The tribute paid to one of St. Dunstan's telephone operators, to which we refer on another page of this issue, is, we think it will be admitted by all, very fully deserved. The work of a telephonist in charge of a busy switchboard at all times demands the closest concentration and also unlimited patience. Anyone who has spent but a short time watching the switchboard operator cannot but have felt admiration for the painstaking manner in which the work is always done, and the way in which the operator apparently manages to do half a dozen things at once, and, what is more, satisfies all those for whom he is doing them. Perhaps it is not too much to claim that St. Dunstan's blinded operators have done as much as the members of any other craft or profession taught at St. Dunstan's to demonstrate the equality of our workers with those in possession of their sight. We congratulate not only the individual St. Dunstaners of whom mention is made this month, but the many of our telephonists who have such sterling records of long and eminently satisfactory service.

## NEWS OF ST. DUNSTANERS



THE early holiday makers are beginning to return, among them A. H. Luker, who went to Brighton with his wife a few weeks ago. Both enjoyed their time greatly and look all the better for the change. Luker is turning to his garden with renewed energy as a consequence and should have great results shortly.

I. Nicholas, of Folkestone, is in good health and is doing well. J. Cason, of Somerton, Somerset, is getting a few local orders for mats. He advocates the introduction of wireless for any St. Dunstaner whose health needs improving, as he says he feels a different man since his set has brought a fresh interest into his life.

J. A. Cobbell, of Saxmundham, is numbered among our househunters. May he find an ideal home shortly is our sincere wish.

Seventy odd miles on a push-bike is a good day's ride for a boy of fourteen, yet this little excursion was cheerfully undertaken by J. Sheehy's stepson to enable him to spend a few hours with father. We are sure he had a warm welcome.

Household jobs have been occupying R. W. R. Thompson, of Folkestone, of late. Among other things he has made an excellent door to his workshop.

W. Murray, of Hawick, has been so busy of late that a temporary quiet spell will be quite good for him. D. D. Gibson, of Harrietsfield, has been doing well with his poultry. J. A. Dunlop, of Penicuik, has a few local orders in sight and we hope with him that they will all be duplicated as a result of the excellent work we are sure he will do. W. H. Hill, of Liverpool, is keeping fit and cheery—no doubt some of his friends will have seen him at Brighton

before these lines appear in print. J. Spinks, of Ashton-under-Lyne, is keeping steadily at mats. J. Salt, of the same district, is a hard-working basket man. He is as keen as ever on sports.

The new home into which A. H. Kay, of Blackburn, moved recently is proving satisfactory in every way. He is looking forward to a fishing holiday at Whalley. T. W. Walton, of South Ealing, is cheerily pegging away at wool rugs. A. Keep, of Forest Gate, is doing well with mats and W. J. S. Pearce, of Hendon, finds his telephony interesting; the same may be said of F. A. Rhodes, of Islington.

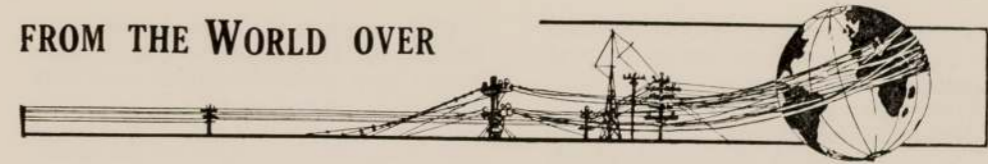
What is the best way to wage war on rats? G. Hurst, of Gt. Longstone, Derby, has been suffering from the depredations of these rodents of late. They have headquarters in a nearby drain and make frequent raids on his chickens with disastrous consequences.

In North Shields R. Humble is making wool rugs. J. Aitken, of Newcastle, is looking forward to starting work as soon as his hut is ready, and W. Redhead is in the same anticipatory frame of mind in Byker. May they soon have all they can do!

F. Green, of "Kenilworth," Brockhurst, has had a most enjoyable trip to Yorkshire, and is now setting to work on baskets again with fresh energy. W. Walker, of Gosport, is continuing with boots. J. Patter, of the same district, has opened a new shop and has a particularly comfortable and airy house, so is indeed a fortunate man.

Wireless is an ideal hobby for a St. Dunstaner, according to Dennison, of York. His set is a never-ending pleasure.

## FROM THE WORLD OVER



G. Price, of Clacton-on-Sea, is doing well with his joinery. "All's well," says W. Agate, of Alton, who likes his new house and is just having a wireless set fixed up. J. Burt, of Southampton, is fairly busy and J. Latham, of Kiora Medstead, is quite well; he is only keeping a few head of poultry at present.

Musical engagements give C. Morton, of Bramley, as much pleasure as ever.

How many St. Dunstaners have realised that there might be a special demand for picnic baskets at this season of the year? R. Vine, of Ewhurst, has made and sold two or three and these have been much appreciated we hear. W. Haugh, of Gretna, has some good basket orders in hand, and is considering how to extend his circle of clients by advertising.

W. McLean is getting better and finding himself able to tackle mat making again. C. McIntosh, of Terregles, is doing well with poultry and has hatched out over 800 chicks so far.

What about Angora rabbits as a hobby? H. Jacklin is keen to start up in this line. Have any other St. Dunstaners ventured in this direction yet?

J. Broadley, of Glasgow, says his paper business is going on steadily but he has not yet made up ground lost owing to the strike. These upheavals have long lasting effects we know.

At Robroyston, A. L. Isaac is settling into his new home and will doubtless let us have news of his progress later.

West Wycombe is proving itself as good a centre as ever for a man who does such excellent joinery work as J. A. Morton.

A very steady and hard-working basket maker is J. Wood, of Putney; he invariably keeps cheerful even when the odds are against him.

Trading in livestock, of various kinds, is interesting J. Fay, of Cheltenham.

"As fit and happy as usual" is the news D. Amos, of Sheffield, sends his friends.

One of the many looking forward to the camp holiday is J. Dennick, of Evesham. We hope to be able to publish accounts of this event later. Dennick, by the way, has been remarkably busy with trays and baskets. W. Street is another basket maker in the same district. He divides his time very methodically, devoting the mornings to exercise and recreation and the afternoons to steady work.

Although E. J. Squires has not been so very long in Ringwood, he already has a nice amount of repairs in. His workshop is very comfortable.

"All's well," says J. T. Waldin, of Winchester, although he could wish that the boot trade was a little more brisk.

"Settling into a new home," says J. Jerrard, of Peckham, and we all know how busy *that* keeps a man.

Work in the massage world is slackening off a bit, as is usual in the summer, but E. Bates, of Battersea, says he has had a good spring.

"Doing Champion" is F. Marsden's (of Blackburn) enthusiastic report of his proceedings, and he certainly deserves congratulation in regard to his poultry, having had a most satisfactory hatching.

He is very busy in his garden too, and is anticipating a satisfactory crop of tomatoes.

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Ramsgate is proving an attractive place according to A. E. Chambers. His garden is charming with a flowering herbaceous border and an exceedingly well-stocked vegetable plot. We hope that Chambers will be able to build up a good connection as he becomes known in the district.

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Bull-dog breeding is a most absorbing hobby to the mind of J. Jones, of Lydd. He is full of enthusiasm over the prospects it offers.

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Perhaps some other gardeners may like to adopt the plan of A. Allen, of Alton (Stoke-on-Trent). He takes a lathe and pegs it to the ground at each end, then digs against this and so keeps his trench straight. The garden is laid out in grand style, we hear, and has improved tremendously of late.

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The local Flower Show at Tewkesbury is one of the events of the year. F. Stew, of Twynning, always has a stall there and invariably makes a success of it. We wish him all the usual luck, and more, this season for we know how steadily and well he works at his baskets.

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If anyone wants a dog let him remember that J. Foreman, of Beckenham, has a fine lot of young pups for sale. His address is 40 Mackenzie Road.

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A very cheery report reaches us from G. Fallowfield, of Codicote, who is very busy with his baskets and says there is plenty of work to be had in his neighbourhood. Fallowfield has just been made trainer to the local football club, and we offer him our congratulations on the appointment. He has already done a lot of first-aid and says that attending to the players during the week gives him a lot of work. However, he intends to find time for athletics on his own account and has joined New Barnet Athletic Club, so hopes to get some good walks.

With an eye to the main chance, H. D. Gamble, of Hitchin, has opened up a second shop which is making him very busy. This second shop is in an excellent position in a new arcade which has been opened in the centre of the town. We congratulate him upon his enterprise and wish him good luck.

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An order for a very large mat for a well-known company has just come the way of J. Orrell, of New Springs, Wigan. He is kept quite busy and is looking well, we hear.

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Yet another to be numbered among our garden lovers is W. Knott, of Blackpool. His is in excellent order as usual and his tomato plants are looking most promising. We hope the results will exceed even those of last year.

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The move to London Road, Devizes, made by H. E. Hill promises to be a great success and friendly neighbours have done their best to make the settling in a pleasant process. The very day after the Hill's arrival some of these came to dig the garden and plant it. As a result there is a most flourishing crop of vegetables. Another source of pleasure so far as Hill is concerned, is the proximity of the barracks. Several old friends have been encountered already.

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There has been some excitement in the home of S. J. Jordan, of Leominster, Hereford, lately, as his eldest daughter was married. Luckily for Jordan, to whom his daughter has always been a great companion, she is to live comparatively nearby, despite this, her loss will be serious, for with the best will in the world she will have less leisure to spend in her old home. Good luck to her in the new life, and congratulations to Jordan that his new son-in-law does not live in another county.

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Steady trade is flowing in on C. A. Luker, of Wandsworth, and he feels sure that the new houses recently built nearby have something to do with it.

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The members of the church to which S. W. Wain, of Derby, belongs all promise

to be clients when he once gets settled to work. While waiting, Wain is keeping his hand in with teapot stands.

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Since he opened his little shop in Wrexham, R. Davies has been kept quite busy—perhaps because he has taken every possible step towards making himself known, including advertising at the local cinema. He is most comfortably settled into his new abode.

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"All in good health," says W. Allen, of Darwen, who keeps fully employed with netting and rug-making.

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"Busy and well," is the news from B. Hamilton, of Branden, who goes in for poultry, and the same may be said of H. Spencer, of Lavenham. C. H. Smith, of Bury St. Edmunds, finds himself much better for his holiday, and is about to join the wireless band. J. Hiscock, although still thin, is much better since his move to a new locality (Linton, Ross, Hereford), and is working away at mats.

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What with the garden and his pigs, T. Murphy does not find time hang heavily on his hands. His livestock seems in prime condition.

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The new home into which E. Garthwaite has settled at Rotherham promises to be most comfortable, and he has already had some chair re-caning orders from a local firm, so business prospects are good.

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Joinery work is engrossing W. Barnes, of Bradford. He has made and sold several articles of furniture since his re-training.

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Plenty of exercise is the panacea for all evils according to G. Strutt, of Sheffield. He spends many hours touring the country with an ex-soldier friend.

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If a St. Dunstan's Window Dressing Competition could be arranged we are sure that W. H. Bedford, of Sheffield, would come out near the top. His display is always most attractive, and we should think that few could pass his shop without an admiring glance.

Friends will be glad to know that W. Joyce, of Hulme, Manchester, is in the best of health and has had a quite exceptional run of orders for baskets of late. As a sideline he hopes to go in for trays and teapot stands. By the time this notice appears in print he should be enjoying his holiday at Blackpool.

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Many good wishes will follow I. Corns and family, late of Yarmouth, as he is emigrating to Australia and hopes to start in September. We shall look forward to hearing an account of the voyage for THE REVIEW and have every confidence that Corns will do well in the land of his adoption.

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Like many another F. Ashworth, of Cliff Hill, Gorleston, has been working extra hard to get up a fine stock of baskets for the season. We hope the district will have many and appreciative visitors.

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A most unpleasant accident befel F. V. Hesketh, of Cheltenham, a short time ago when he got hit in his remaining eye while chopping wood. For several days there was great anxiety, but Hesketh went at once for treatment and now it is certain that no serious damage has been done.

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Another of our Cheltenham men is A. Dembanski, who is cheery and well as usual. He is a most useful man to have about the house we hear!

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Quite a number of little local jobs in the basket line have come the way of F. C. Harris, of Charlton Kings, of late and his shop seems "the" centre for ices!

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The little business run by T. Meredith, of Cheltenham, is also well patronised, and there seem very few times in the day when a customer is not demanding attention from Meredith.

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Mat-making employs any leisure hours B. Pursglove, of Lancs., may have, but as a rule time does not hang heavy on his hands. He is happy and well and so contented in his home that he rarely wants to leave it.

## Poultry Notes

### Two Years' Laying Test

Officially Recognised by the National Poultry Council

#### Report for Eighth Period 22nd May to 18th June 1927

THERE has been a heavy drop in the number of eggs recorded during the eighth period, with a total of 463 against 699 for the previous four weeks. Broodiness has been responsible for this sudden falling off, for no less than 14 birds have passed through the coops. This is 36 per cent. of the total birds in the test. For the information of the owners we give the ring numbers of the broody birds, Nos. 369, 372, 373, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 382, 384, 387, 389, 391, 392.

We regret to report another death on

the last day of the period, ring No. 359 owned by Mr. C. R. Bulman. "Death was due to rupture of the liver."

It will be noted that the positions are exactly the same as for the seventh period, and that the leading pens are putting up very good records.

One regrettable feature of this month's results is the increase in the number of second-grade eggs.

The percentages of first, second and third-grade being 66.52, 31.53 and 1.95 respectively.

TABLE OF PRODUCTION AND BREED AVERAGES

	No. of Birds	Eggs Laid Grades			Total	Average per Bird
		1	2	3		
White Leghorns .. .. .	14	114	62	7	183	13.07
Rhode Island Reds .. .. .	18	148	66	2	217	12.06
White Wyandottes .. .. .	4	20	11	—	31	7.75
White Bresse .. .. .	3	23	4	—	27	9.00
Unrecorded .. .. .	—	3	2	—	5	
Totals .. .. .	39	308	145	9	463	11.87

RESULTS TO END OF EIGHTH MONTH (32 WEEKS)  
Any Breed (Four Pullets and One Reserve)

Pen. No.	Owner and Breed	Eggs Laid Eighth 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 Leghorn)	57	8	1	476	105	3	584	531	449	5
2	Bulman, C. R. .. (White Leghorn)	26	36	5	248	324	22	594	443	391	8
3	Gibson, D. .. .. (White Leghorn)	31	18	1	363	151	1	515	466	401	7
4	Condon, C. T. .. (R.I.R.)	19	20	—	468	128	1	597	577	480	3
5	Trigg, A. E. .. .. (R.I.R.)	58	26	1	579	113	1	693	685	572	1
6	Bisset, L. A. .. (R.I.R.)	31	10	1	498	73	1	572	571	472	4
7	Capper, A. H. .. (White Bresse)	23	4	—	362	80	2	444	439	383	9
8	Bulley, F. E. C. .. (R.I.R.)	40	10	—	609	43	—	652	652	539	2
9	Maclean, D. .. .. (White Wyandotte)	20	11	—	326	151	41	518	464	405	6

## "In Memory"

STAFF SERGEANT-MAJOR ERNEST STOYLE  
(Royal Army Pay Corps)

IT is with deepest regret that we have to record the death of this St. Dunstaner, whose name must be added to the lengthy list of those whose health precluded any possibility of training. Stoye originally enlisted in the Wiltshire Regiment in 1893, and saw active service in South Africa. He subsequently transferred to the R.A.P.C. He was discharged from the Army in 1922, and was admitted to St. Dunstan's in January 1925, but was only able to stay with us for the short period of two months. He returned to his home at Lichfield, where his wife nursed him devotedly. Everything possible was done to mitigate his suffering, but he died of cancer on 11th June.

The funeral took place at St. Chad's, Lichfield, on 14th June, and was of a semi-military character. Those present included Lieut.-Col. R. B. Cartwright, O.B.E., Commanding Det. R.A.P.C.; Captain R. Howard, R.A.P.C., and members of the civilian staff of the Record and Pay Offices. St. Dunstan's was represented by Miss Gough. The coffin was draped with the Union Jack, and many beautiful wreaths were received, including one from Captain Fraser and his comrades at St. Dunstan's.

We extend our sincere sympathy to the wife and three children who are left to mourn Stoye's memory.

PRIVATE WILLIAM LOWE  
(Naval Division)

A most hard-working and promising St. Dunstaner has passed away in the person of Private William Lowe, who enlisted in June 1916. He was wounded in September 1918 at Arras, and was discharged in the following December. While at St. Dunstan's he was trained in netting, mat-making and boot-repairing. He was extremely persevering and painstaking, and always displayed a keen interest in his work. On leaving in March 1920 he set up a little business consisting of boot and shoe repairing and mat-making, at which he did very well. Lowe enjoyed fairly good health on the whole, and was only ill for a few days before he died on 6th June from lobar pneumonia.

The funeral took place at Hugglescote Cemetery on the 8th June. A firing party from the Coalville Company of the Leicestershire Territorial Regiment fired three volleys over the grave. Lowe was a life member of the British Legion, and the Coalville branch was represented by Mr. A. P. Thomas (Chairman) and Mr. S. Shaw (Steward). Representatives were also present from the Coalville West End Workingmen's Club, of which Lowe was a member, and also W. Storer, our St. Dunstaner, with Mrs. Storer. Beautiful wreaths were received among many others from the Coalville British Legion Club, and from the Officers and Men of the Coalville Company of the Leicestershire Territorial Regiment.

Deepest sympathy is felt for Mrs. Lowe and her two children.

## A Brighton Outing

Of the annual outings so generously arranged for the men at our Brighton Annexe there is none which is looked forward to with keener pleasure than that arranged by the kindly employees of Messrs. Tillings and the Southdown Motor Services Limited. The seventh annual outing of this kind was held on the 21st June. Four loaded Southdown motor coaches left the Annexe at nine o'clock *en route* for Ticehurst.

An excellent lunch was served at the Bell Hotel on arrival at Ticehurst. Messrs. Tillings' Military Band provided a fine programme of music, which was enjoyed to the full by the "Boys," and also by the inhabitants of Ticehurst, who turned out *en masse*.

The following message from Captain Fraser was read by Mr. Mark Richards, the hon. secretary of the County Fund:— "All good wishes to you and St. Dunstan's guests for a thoroughly enjoyable day and very cordial thanks to you and your friends for giving this outing."

After tea, A. Gribben proposed a vote of thanks to St. Dunstan's good friends for the pleasure given to all at this very enjoyable outing. We need hardly say how heartily this vote of thanks was endorsed by the whole gathering. J. Boyd then expressed the keen appreciation of St. Dunstaners to the employees of Messrs. Tillings and the Southdown Motor Services for their great kindness on this and previous occasions.

Mr. Mark Richards, in reply, said that it was indeed a great pleasure for him and his colleagues to be able to arrange this outing for their comrades of St. Dunstan's.

The party then left for home, a two hours' stop being made at Blackboys, and another short stay at Lewes. The whole day was voted a splendid success.

A true friend will multiply your joys and divide your sorrows.

It is better to point with pride than to view with alarm.

## Departmental Notes

### Braille Notes

We heartily congratulate J. Dunks on passing the Reading Test.

M. H. R.

### Netting Notes

June has not been a very encouraging month for orders for hammocks, tennis nets, &c., but we have been busy and hope warmer and more settled weather will soon come.

We had arranged for men to demonstrate at the Rose Show, Chelsea, on 1st and 2nd July, but it was too damp and wet for them to go. However, notwithstanding the weather, we had quite good sales.

Raffia balls seem still very popular, so we hope to keep the men who make the containers busy during the winter.

Everyone will be glad to know one London shop has given us a number of orders for black cable rugs this month.

Congratulations are due to Capt. Hurst, P. Johns and F. Matthewman for passing their string bag tests.

H. B. Read has finished two nice rugs and has gone on to netting.

A. Pimm has finished his netting course and deserves special congratulations as he has done brilliantly notwithstanding his handicap and become a first-class netter.

E. Alexander and A. Tennison have had to leave their netting course to get on with mats.

W. Clamp sent up some beautifully plaited dog leashes for a sale and some egg cosies.

D. Potts had an exhibition at local sales and did quite well with netting goods.

We are thinking of learning to make nets to catch and land alligators!

K. H. W.

### FOR SALE

A B.S.A. Motor Combination. 4½ h.p. and in good condition. Three new tyres were purchased a short time ago and these have only been used two or three times. Will take £40 or near offer.—Apply, C. R. Gray, 14 Lavender Road, Aurelia Road, West Croydon.

## NEWS FROM THE WORKSHOPS AND STORES

### BASKETS

E. B. PARKE has been making fair progress with his baskets, but owing to his absence on poultry course has lost a little ground. He is now steadily regaining this. H. B. Read, we feel sure, should make a good basket-maker; his barrels being exceptionally well made. G. T. Richardson is doing very nicely with centre-cane baskets, and covering a fairly good range of work. These remarks also apply to H. E. Robinson, who has met with some difficulties, but is very patient and gradually conquering them. There is an improvement in his work. W. H. Manning finds trouble with the bottoms and staking up of his baskets, but he is very patient and painstaking, and seems determined to overcome his difficulties. T. Vaughan has made extremely good progress on square baskets, the shape and general appearance of his baskets being exceptionally good.

### BOOTS

H. Acton, a new man in the bootshop, has started extremely well, and we hope he will maintain such a good standard. P. W. Powell continues to keep up a good standard, and gives attention to the type of work he is likely to meet in his district. A. A. Tennison is doing very well indeed. A pair of men's boots, soled and heeled, have been turned out in good style. T. A. Jarman still continues to plod along, and shows considerable improvement in his work: E. Marsden has overcome many of his former difficulties, and T. W. Saunders is now recovering lost ground, after a short holiday which put him back. C. W. Wise continues to give his very best attention to the work, and shows a little improvement.

### JOINERY

Captain Hurst has been making an octagonal table and finds much enjoyment in the work. Captain Luckman has

been producing some very handsome trays and coffee-pot stands. We feel that he is master of this branch of the work. W. S. Weedall is plodding along steadily with the Elementary Course in Joinery, and is now busily completing a poultry farmer's tool chest. He exercises remarkable patience. C. H. Cook has completed an oak bedstead of a new design; workmanship being of excellent quality. He is justly proud of his achievement.

### MATS

E. C. F. Brewer is making very steady progress, his cutting and placing of thrums showing considerable improvement; whilst E. Callaghan's efforts to overcome his difficulties are praiseworthy. He has made a steady advance, particularly in the cutting and placing of thrums. J. Peeling has made progress, and we feel that, with perseverance, he will master the various details of the work.

W. H. O.

### A Prize Winner

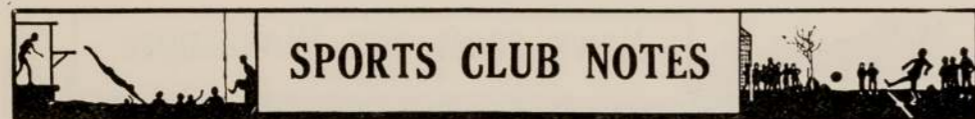
A No. 3 and No. 4 Mat sent by W. A. Bowring, of Weymouth, to the Arts and Crafts Exhibition at Sherbourne received a first-class certificate and were both sold.

### St. Dunstaner Scout Master

Below is an interesting extract from a letter received from W. H. Thorpe, of Elham, Canterbury:—

"I have been very busy lately with the Scout movement; I am appointed Scout Master, and at first rally I had 14 boys to join the Scouts and 8 for the Cubs. It has set the boys on fire, and I hear of a lot more from the outlying district turning up next week to join. I wonder if this is something new to add to the records of St. Dunstan's?"

We congratulate Thorpe and shall be interested to know if there is another Scout-Master-St.-Dunstaner.



## PRESENT CARE SPORTS

ALEXANDER still holds the lead in the T.B. Section, while Johns and Tennison are fighting for second place, but as there are still several more weeks before the end of term, many changes may yet take place. In the S.S. Section, anything may happen as there is not much between the first four.

## POINTS—2ND JULY 1927

T.B.		S.S.	
1. Alexander .. 505	1. Calvert .. 385	1. Calvert .. 385	
2. Johns .. 390	2. Marsden .. 370	2. Marsden .. 370	
Tennison .. 390	3. Riley .. 345	3. Riley .. 345	
4. Robinson .. 280	Wilkie .. 345	Wilkie .. 345	
5. H. Read .. 265	5. Mathewman .. 285	5. Mathewman .. 285	
6. Vaughan .. 150	6. Brewer .. 255	6. Brewer .. 255	
7. Peeling .. 125	7. Jarman .. 190	7. Jarman .. 190	
8. Weedall .. 85	8. Parke .. 100	8. Parke .. 100	
9. Sheridan .. 20	9. Manning .. 70	9. Manning .. 70	
	10. Callaghan .. 55	10. Callaghan .. 55	
	11. Inman .. 50	11. Inman .. 50	
	12. J. Moore .. 40	12. J. Moore .. 40	

## ROWING

The weather has been very trying just lately and made practice on the lake somewhat difficult, but it has in no way damped the ardour of the rowers. The heats of the P.C. Single and Double Sculls will take place on the lake on Friday, 8th July, but by the time the July REVIEW appears both these races and those at Putney will be a thing of the past. The latter promises to be a big affair, with no less than 23 races to be rowed between lunch and tea. May the best men win.

## AFTER CARE SPORTS

There is now very little difference between our friends Fleming and Deegan, who have gained quite a lead over McSteel and his followers. We are all sorry that Bawden has had to leave us owing to ill health, and I'm sure everyone wishes him a speedy recovery.

## POINTS—5TH JULY 1927

1. Fleming .. 55	10. Prior .. 15
2. Deegan .. 54	Burran .. 15
3. McSteel .. 40	12. Henry .. 11
4. Roden .. 31	Hughes .. 11
5. McFarlane .. 29½	14. Meighan .. 9
6. Webster .. 28	Taylor .. 9

7. Scott .. 23½	16. Martin .. 6
8. Bawden .. 20½	17. Nichols .. 4
9. Dixon .. 17½	Ingram .. 4
	19. Lynch .. 3
	Thompson .. 3

## SPORTS DAY

It was delightful to see so many St. Dunstaners and members of the staff from all over the country at our Sports on Saturday, 11th June, and although it was a dreary, chilly day, yet our sports ground in Regent's Park was a scene of real cheeriness. There friend "Bill" met friend "John," the "Mrs. and the kiddies," old tales were told, old hands shaken, and a dash made to enter some event, and then tea. Soon after 2.30 p.m., the heats in the 75 yards were run, the T.B. first and then the S.S. This was followed by the children's races (open to the child of any St. Dunstaner), of whom there were about 90, ranging from 1½ to 13 years. These were watched with great interest, and more than one winner has since felt the superiority over it's losing parent. The Wheelbarrow Race proved the most amusing event of the afternoon, especially when Capt. Fraser was seen to be lying prostrate over some other unfortunate competitor! There was a long list of entries in the following events:—Jumping, Throwing the Cricket Ball, and Putting the Weight, which were also Shield Events.

So the points in the Shield Competition are now:—

1. Birmingham .. 8
2. London .. 7
3. Manchester .. 3

and the annual competition will close for 1926-27 with the "Fours" race at the Putney Regatta.

The finals of the Sprint proved good races in both Sections, and the winners were well cheered. The Ladies' Race, open to the wife of any St. Dunstaner, was well contested and spotting the winner was none too easy for the judges.

During the afternoon Miss Davies and her many friends were kept very busy making and serving tea, a really huge undertaking, for about 700, for which everyone was most grateful. Mrs. Broughton was to be seen keeping the children happy with games until everyone gathered in the lounge of the Bungalow for the prize-giving, at which Mrs. Fraser was kept busy for some time. Just previous to this Capt. Fraser said a few words of thanks to the organisers, the many very kind prize-givers, who alone made the holding of the sports possible, and the many helpers—he also promised to make the sports gathering an annual affair, to the great joy of all present. G. J. S.

## RESULTS

SINGLE JUMP		S.S. ft. ins.	
T.B.	ft. ins.	T.B.	ft. ins.
1. Deegan .. 8	6½	1. Hughes .. 8	3½
2. Tennison .. 8	4	2. Scott .. 8	2
3. Robinson .. 8	1½	3. Mathewman .. 8	0
4. Castle .. 8	1½		

TREBLE JUMP		S.S. ft. ins.	
T.B.	ft. ins.	T.B.	ft. ins.
1. Meighan .. 24	9	1. Crook, A. .. 23	11
2. McFarlane .. 24	8	2. McSteel .. 23	4½
3. Northgreaves .. 24	2½	3. Windle .. 23	0
4. Castle .. 22	9	4. Trott .. 22	11½

SHOT		S.S. ft. ins.	
T.B.	ft. ins.	T.B.	ft. ins.
1. McFarlane .. 24	4	1. Fleming .. 29	1½
2. J. Brown .. 24	3½	2. Mathewman .. 23	7
3. W. Robinson .. 24	0	3. James .. 23	3

CRICKET BALL		S.S. yds.	
T.B.	yds.	T.B.	yds.
1. Northgreaves .. 62½		1. James .. 66½	

## CHALLENGE SHIELD—TEAM RESULTS

Team	Event	Result	London	Birmingham	Manchester
Deegan ..	Single Jump	8.6½	3		
Castle ..	"	8.1½		2	
McMahon ..	"	7.3½			1
McFarlane ..	Treble Jump	24.8	3		
Cashmore ..	"	22.9		2	
Pannifer ..	"	18.3½			1
Fleming ..	Weight	29.1½	3		
Robinson ..	"	24.0			2
Trott ..	"	21.2½		1	
Benning ..	Cricket Ball	56.5		3	
McSteel ..	"	54	2		
Robinson ..	"	45.5			1
London Team ..	Football	6	2½		
Birmingham ..	"	6		2½	
Manchester ..	"	4			1
Total ..			13½	10½	6

2. Benning .. 56½	2. Fleming .. 63
3. Deegan .. 56½	3. Cashmore .. 62½
	4. A. Crook .. 60½

SPRINT		S.S.	
T.B.		T.B.	
1. Meighan ..		1. Steel	
2. Northgreaves		2. Cashmore	
3. Henry		3. Trott	

CHILDREN		BOYS	
GIRLS		Under 5	
Under 5		Under 5	
1. Peggy McFarlane		1. Colin Burran	
2. Peggy Cockerill		2. Master Burtenshaw	
3. Barbara Ingram		3. Jimmy James	
4. Mary Brown		4. Dunstan Champniss	
5. Betty Knight		5. Percy Lenderyou	

Under 7		Under 7	
1. Betty Lowings		1. Graham Jeffries	
2. Lillah Roden		2. Master Lenderyou	
3. Patricia Milligan		3. Eric Maskell	
4. Christine Jeffries		4. Stanley Dakin	
5. Joan Cockerill		5. Ronald Knight	

Under 14		Under 14	
1. Jean Fraser		1. Terry Roden	
2. Dorothy Champniss		2. Ernest Alexander	
3. Ann Crawford		3. Talbot Knight	
4. Patricia Knight		4. Fraser Brown	
5. Mary Brown		5. Sammy Prior	

LADIES' RACE		LADIES' RACE	
1. Mrs. Ruddock		5. Mrs. Williams	
2. " Ashton		6. " Steel	
3. " Hughes		7. " Downs	
4. " Crook		8. " Peckham	

Consolation Prize—Mrs. Holden.

## WHEELBARROW RACE

1. McSteel and Mrs. McSteel
2. Riley and Miss Woodroffe
3. Scott and Miss Morgan
4. Williams and Mrs. Williams
5. Meighan and Miss Woolrych

## Some Sporting Events Recorded by Instructor Tovell

### SWIMMING

On Monday, 20th June, we were invited to take part in a one-length handicap at Walter Brickett's Gala, held at the Prince of Wales' Baths, Kentish Town. (Many of our After Care Boys will remember this happy gathering.) We are always assured of a good welcome at this swim, and our Boys always seem to excel. This year they gave a splendid exhibition, and put up a good race, swimming perfectly straight. The result was: Alexander, Kerr, Walden, and McFarlane. A yard and a quarter covered all four. Our old friend, Arthur Jones, presented the prizes and congratulated our Boys on their performance. Horace Kerr replied on our behalf, and if he was beaten in the race, I am certain he could not be beaten at this particular form of speech making. We must congratulate McFarlane who has come from the novice non-diving up into the exhibition class. Alexander is very fit just now, and Walden is knocking at the door of the prize room, so look out for some good tussles in some of our future engagements.

### A.A.A. SPORTS

The Amateur Athletic Association this year again gave us a pass for 20 of our Boys to attend the Championships held at Stamford Bridge, and what a feast for the athletic gourmet—the pick of the Kingdom, to say nothing about France, Sweden, Italy, Belgium and Germany. The Swedes as usual did very well; they always look so well trained. Germany produced some very fast men in the 100 and 220 yards.

They had one young man who could catch pigeons, but Old England more than held her own. (I'll have you know, whichever way the wind may Blow, we have a Blue whose name is Low, you can take it from me he's not too Slow.) He put up a grand performance in winning the 440 and 880 yards. Lord Burleigh's effort in the 440 Hurdles was wonderful, to

finish with such a terrific burst of speed and equal the world's record on a track that was decidedly heavy surprised even Gugliano, the Italian Champion. Gaby ran a perfect race in the 120 Hurdles. Space does not permit details of all the events, but Pope, who has often acted as escort in our races, won the Two Miles Walking Championship. To Mr. Barkley and the A.A.A. Committee we offer many thanks for their kindness.

### ASCOT RACES

The successful day at the Derby had evidently whetted the racing appetite of the Boys, so a deputation waited upon Matron to arrange a party for Ascot. Their wishes were immediately agreed to. A ballot having been held, we set off from Headquarters armed with packets of sandwiches and bottles of lubricants. These were necessary because the car had not been on its best behaviour the day previous. However, it rained, but nearing Runnymede, where King John signed the Magna Charta, the rain stopped and the sun came through. Someone suggested it was nearing harvest time, so, nothing venture, we called at the Wheatsheaf, where Host Hicks made us very comfy in his snug little sitting-room. After the drive through grand old Windsor Park, we arrived on the Royal Heath in good time before the first race. Having found, or shall I say appointed, a tame bookmaker, the party set about trying to beat the book. We occupied a position opposite the Royal Enclosure and had a good view of the racing and number board, &c. We had quite a good audience who were very interested in hearing the runners and jockeys given to the boys, also in some of their replies. Gale, who was in fine form, will perhaps be asked to join the staff of Mark Pizzey. Anyway, one old lady asked me before each race what he had backed, so he is sure of at least one client. After a really jolly good afternoon and an introduction

to Maid of Perth, who won the last race, we started on the homeward journey, but our car simply would not pass the "Wheatsheaf." That's what kindness does for you! Having had our tea all poured out, we journeyed back to London, even the car seeming to join in the choruses, at least it was making a lot of noise. Our sincere thanks are tendered to all those who made it possible for us to have this enjoyable outing.

### FOOTBALL CUP PRESENTATION

On Tuesday, 28th June, a jolly company assembled in the Lounge, the occasion being the presentation of the Football Cups and Medals. Prior to asking Matron to present the big Cup, Capt. Williams spoke of the success of the Football Competition and the keen sporting spirit that has always been shown in this event. Matron having filled the Cup, presented it to the acting captain of "The Jocks," Ernie Willcocks, in the absence of Jock Isaacs, with congratulations and a kindly word to each of the winning teams and the runners-up, the Spurs. On calling for three cheers for Matron, they "let it rip." The Cup having been replenished and passed round, it was replaced in its case and now awaits a future winner and its usual wetting.

### POLICE WALK, X. DIV. MET. POLICE

The above division, through the kindness of Supt. Woodmore and his secretary, Insp. Piddick, once again invited our Boys to take part in a One Mile Handicap Walk at Wembley Park. This produced a very fine struggle, Johns eventually winning from Tennison by 1½ yards, with Alexander 8 yards behind. It was quite nice to see two novices of the walking section second and third, and some of those behind them showed very good style. Three fine prizes were awarded, 1st, leather suit case; 2nd, canteen of cutlery; 3rd, silver cigarette case. W. A. T.

### Manchester Sports Club

During the Meeting on 22nd June a General Meeting was held to elect two new members for the Committee in place of Milner and Johns, who live at too great a distance to attend the meetings (Milner

living at Liverpool and Johns living at Headquarters). The names put up for election were:—Worthington, Salt, Chambers and Boothman. On the vote being taken Boothman and Salt were elected.

The next meeting will be on 10th August at 3.15. In the meantime I hope all the walkers will start training for the Birmingham Walk, which is on 27th August. Mr. Cooksey, who comes and helps at every meeting, has kindly offered to train any of the Club members on the Belle Vue Track any afternoon but Wednesday. His address is 239 Clewes Street, West Gorton. He will also cox anyone who wants to row on the lake at Belle Vue. This he will do before breakfast should anyone feel so energetically inclined. I do hope some of the troops will take advantage of this kind offer. The Club has been going very nearly a year now, and it is time we really got down to it and started to win things, but we shall not meet with much success until all the troops who are fit bestir themselves and start training. It is not a good thing to leave everything to three or four men. There must be competition, so do rally round, and each one do your best to help to raise the standard of sport in the Manchester Club and so set us on the right path to winning the Shield.

I have just had an interview with the Park's superintendent concerning rowing facilities for our men on the Manchester parks lakes. Nothing more can be done until he has had a Committee Meeting, but in the meantime with all those who want to take up sculling let me know and say which is their nearest lake (the Manchester Corporation lakes are at Heaton Park, Platts Fields and Boggart Hole Clough), so that if I am asked how many passes are required I shall be in a position to answer. I have suggested that "passes" similar to those issued by the Tramway Co. should be issued by the Parks Superintendent so that you can go to the lake with your cox whenever you like without having first to apply to me. I also said that on a busy day like a bank holiday you would not expect any concession.

K. V. M. IRVINE.



### Typewriter Records

ALREADY some interesting details have been sent in as to the hard-wearing qualities and general reliability of the typewriters with which St. Dunstaners are presented on completion of their training. Two particularly interesting letters come from F. C. Fleetwood and W. Burgin, both of which we think justify publication in full.

*To the Editor.*

DEAR SIR,

Now I venture to think that I can claim a jolly good typewriter. I became possessed of this in or about October 1917, and it has been in constant use ever since and has been no trouble. You will see by this letter if anything is wrong with any of the keys, and I don't think there is. It is the best thing I got from St. Dunstan's and the most useful. It keeps me in touch with my friends overseas and friends here, and it has to put in a lot of overtime in connection with our little business. With it I write all our business letters and inquiries. I also use it to keep our records and particulars of our stock individually, and these records are numerous. I have used over 5,000 envelopes for letters, and your books will show what paper I have bought besides some I had bought locally, but I like that sent from St. Dunstan's best. Thus by the above my writer does not seem to warrant anything but praise. No one has touched it but myself and the only thing it has wanted is the usual replacement of ribbons as they get used up. I might say that I think using the machine regularly has a tendency to assist us to keep our spelling correct, for it constantly reminds us of the general words in use. I do think that by neglecting the use of typewriter or reading Braille we non-sighted men would sooner or later lose our memory for spelling for the simple reason, whilst sighted persons have these words before their eye constantly, and thus in a subconscious way have them readily to hand to remember, we blinded men have not, so I think it is best to keep writing if only for this reason.

W. BURGIN.

DEAR SIR, *To the Editor.*

In the REVIEW of last month you suggested that it would be interesting to have the records of the "Boys'" typewriters. I think it should prove very interesting indeed. I am sending you a few facts about my own typewriter which, if you think worth while publishing, you are at liberty to do. I had the machine, a Remington, No. 7, on the 15th of February 1915, and I started work right away on it. You may well imagine what a busy time it is for a St. Dunstaner who has just left Headquarters. There are a hundred and one things he has to write about, and added to this a man who is about to take the plunge into matrimony—well, he simply never stops writing! After we got settled, we began to look for something of commercial value in our home, and we found it in the typewriter, my wife being an expert on that instrument. She began to play tunes on it, which provided us with a substantial part of our living. Among some of the things she wrote were hymns, songs, English and foreign, books, accounts, circulars, and extracts from Army textbooks. Now, after twelve and a half years, my typewriter is as good now as it was then and, I say it with pride, it has never wanted attention—I should have said never needed a repair. It has always been looked after, and the only thing it has been extravagant in is ribbons.

Yours truly, F. C. FLEETWOOD.

W. H. Byrd, of Bridgwater, says that he received his typewriter in the summer holidays of 1920, and although he uses it a great deal, it is just as good now as when he had it, and has never needed repair.

W. J. Higginson, of Islington, has had his typewriter seven years, and it has only needed repair once in that time.

Mrs. Hamilton, of Brandon, thinks the following may possibly help, or at any rate interest, some of our readers:—

#### CURE FOR THE BLUES

Take one dram of Essence of Love, a little Tincture of Unselfishness; add a small portion of Sweet Oil of Contentment and one grain of Common Sense. Mix all together in a bottle of Thankfulness and shake well before taking.

### Scottish Re-union

ON 9th June the Re-union of all St. Dunstaners now resident in Scotland was held again this year at Edinburgh, and was most successful; over 100 sitting down to a substantial tea.

Captain Fraser received a very warm welcome on rising to address the men, and in his speech dealt with various topics of interest to St. Dunstaners. He said they were prospering in Scotland, and he was glad to take that opportunity of paying tribute to the Scottish men and women who had generously continued to provide them with support and assistance. St. Dunstan's had 62 blinded soldiers resident in Scotland, and 55 Scotsmen resident in other parts of the United Kingdom. He supposed they might assume that 90 per cent. of the men in New Zealand, Australia, and the other Dominions were also Scotsmen—(laughter)—so that the St. Dunstan's family of Scotsmen must number well over 150.

He heard from many of the men from all parts, and he was glad to hear that they were doing well. They were managing to keep their spirits up and to regard life as not quite so dismal as at first it seemed to be. As an indication of the progress made by St. Dunstan's, he might tell them that in the year ended in March last the blinded ex-Service men throughout the United Kingdom who were engaged on handicrafts had sent to St. Dunstan's no less than £30,000 worth of finished goods—an increase of 15 per cent. on the figure two years ago. The men had also sold many of the articles themselves, and the figure did not take any account of those engaged in poultry-farming and other occupations. The general situation, therefore, was very satisfactory. It showed that their principal aim, which was to enable all the men to find some happiness in an occupation which might add a little or perhaps a lot to their pensions, had been realised. (Applause.) St. Dunstan's would continue, for the rest of the lives of its men, to do what it had undertaken to do. The problem of training the

2,000 men blinded in the war had been virtually completed. They passed from that stage to the more permanent and lasting part of the work, which they called after-care.

Captain Fraser concluded with a reference to the advantages of wireless for the blind, and advised all his hearers to apply for the free licences.

W. Strachen proposed a vote of thanks congratulating Captain Fraser on his Parliamentary success, and in an amusing little speech asked the chairman if it had ever occurred to him that if a St. Dunstaner drank five bottles of whisky a week the Government recovered the whole of his pension in taxes, and he hoped that when Captain Fraser became Chancellor of the Exchequer he would see that this duty was done away with. J. Stibbles then seconded the vote of thanks.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitelaw entertained us and interspersed with their songs some very amusing stories. We all missed Sergeant Watt's recitations this year, but owing to a cold he was unable to recite.

The meeting was all too short but it had to end promptly at six o'clock to enable the men to get home, many of whom had long distances to cover.

T. E. S.

#### OUR CALENDARS

In response to our inquiry for opinions as to the respective merits of calendars or blotters, G. Fallowfield, of Welwyn, is all in favour of calendars. He points out that the blotters mean four separate dispatches, and, of course, more expense for postage; also that they are usually only seen by the user and are easily lost. Fallowfield says that he has had at least eight customers who have remarked on "seeing his lovely calendar" in one or another of the inns and hotels along the roads, while other people came in from surrounding villages who had seen the calendar in their local shops. Generally, the concensus of opinion seems to be in favour of calendars, which will probably be decided upon for this year.

### Births

- ALDRIDGE.—To the wife of A. E. Aldridge, of South Cadbury, on Saturday, 11th June, a daughter.
- BIRLEY.—To the wife of H. Birley, of Pendleton, a son on the 19th of May.
- BRIDGMAN.—To the wife of H. Bridgman, of Derby, a son (Ian Arnold) on 27th May.
- FRANCIS.—To the wife of G. W. Francis, of Leeds, a son (stillborn) on the 4th of June.
- HERITAGE.—On the 24th of May, to the wife of W. G. Heritage, of Banbury, a daughter.
- MATTHEWS.—To the wife of J. H. Matthews, of Rhyl, a son on the 17th of June.
- MEADER.—On Saturday, 28th May, to the wife of F. Meader, of East Barnet, a son.
- PERRY.—On the 15th May, to the wife of G. Perry, of Wolverhampton, a son.
- POPPLE.—On the 10th of June, to the wife of R. Popple, of Llandebie, a son.
- SMITH.—On the 4th of June, to the wife of S. C. Smith, of Derby, a son (Sidney).
- WALCH.—To the wife of J. C. Walch, of Blackpool, a daughter on the 14th of June.
- WILLIAMS.—On the 22nd June, to the wife of W. Williams, of Croydon, a son.
- WYLIE.—On the 8th of June, to the wife of R. Wylie, of Greenock, a son.

### Marriages

- AGATE-CHAMBERS.—On the 14th May, at St. Saviour's Church, Croydon, W. H. Agate, of Alton, to Lizzie Mary Chambers. (See in another column.)
- On the 9th of April, at Birmingham, W. S. Castle. (Fuller details will be published when received.)
- JERRARD-MUIR.—On the 27th of April, at the Town Hall, Walworth, Mrs. L. Muir to J. Jerrard.
- Cecilia, the daughter of A. Rawson, of Brierfield, was married on the 23rd June.

### Deaths

This month we offer sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Bell, of Sandymount, Dublin. They have lost their younger daughter, Frances Eva. She died in Meath Hospital on the 27th of May.

Also to Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Law, of Bishop's Cleeve, Cheltenham, who lost their younger child on the 4th of May.

### Mr. Edward Slaughter's Concert

One of the nicest concerts we have had for a long time took place at St. John's Lodge on 2nd June, when Mr. Edward Slaughter brought a party of artistes to entertain us. Being himself a St. Dunstanian, Mr. Slaughter knew just what would be most acceptable and as each of us had the privilege of being accompanied by a "lady friend" our happy surroundings made us all the more appreciative.

The programme was excellent, and varied, and Mr. Slaughter had the assistance of the men's choir from St. Paul's Church, Harringay, who supported him in a charming item, "The Image of the Rose," giving other selections as well, which were much appreciated.

Ablly conducted by Mr. Dunand (the choirmaster) the Male Voice Quartette gave great pleasure by their singing as did two boys in a well rendered duet.

The programme was varied by an amusing sketch by Miss Lloyd and Miss Ford. Miss Kathleen Benning gave some excellent piano solos and the singing of Mr. and Mrs. Slaughter both in duets and solos gave the crowning touch to this excellent concert.

Some kind fairy provided splendid refreshments, and Mr. Mullen voiced the appreciation of his comrades in a vote of thanks to Mr. Slaughter for a delightful entertainment. ANON.

### A Charming Bride

Friends of W. H. Agate will be glad to hear further details of his wedding which took place on 14th May at St. Saviour's Church, Croydon.

The bride, Miss Lizzie Mary Chambers, was given away by her uncle. She was dressed in grey with shoes and stockings to match and two bridesmaids wore apricot silk dresses with lily of the valley and asparagus fern button-holes. A large number of friends were present, and after the reception, which was held at the home of the bride, the newly married couple motored to their house at Alton.

### Young St. Dunstaners

Last month we mentioned that a young St. Dunstanian had carried off a diploma in the *Daily Dispatch* Education Com-

petition. Now comes further news in the same line, and we send hearty congratulations to F. T. Dance, of Bishop's Stortford, on the achievements of his two sons. His elder boy holds a swimming certificate and also a certificate of merit for "Food and Science." The younger, John, holds school certificates for both Science and Food and has carried off two diplomas in two recent newspaper competitions—one offered by the *Daily Graphic* and one by the *Daily Sketch*. In addition he has taken three prizes for being "top boy." Such things prove that young St. Dunstanians have as much pluck and energy as their fathers.

Others who deserve mention are the daughter of E. Pannifer, of Manchester, and the son of A. Adams, of Doncaster. The former is proving most successful at her secondary school and the latter is making splendid headway with music. In this line great things are expected of the sister of L. Hardy, of Leeds. She has an excellent voice.

### Appreciation

Some time since A. Taylor, of Hulme, Manchester, gave a case of oranges and five hundred apples to a charitable institution. At the same time he presented also a hammock which was purchased for and given to an invalid. Taylor has recently received the following letter from the wife of the recipient:—

DEAR SIR, Derbyshire.

You will be surprised to receive a letter from a person you do not know, but my friend, Mr. Bates, has spoken to me about you, and I and my wife are indebted to you for the work of your hands, which has given pleasure, rest and comfort to an invalid. Mr. Bates mentioned to me who had made it, and also the interest you took in where it had gone, and the good work it was doing. Well, it was one of those kind actions which always bring their own reward; you sowed and we reap the reward of your labour.

If you think about it in the future, imagine a garden near the hills, quietness save the birds singing, flowers with the bees humming around, and a sick woman lying on cushions in the hammock you made but did not see. In this manner you

have turned a disadvantage into an advantage in that you have given pleasure to others.

Kindly accept this letter in the spirit in which it is written.

From yours sincerely,

JAMES WILSON.

Taylor must be proud of such sincere appreciation of his generosity.

### Our Telephonists

The very high reputation enjoyed by St. Dunstan's telephonists has been emphasised recently by widespread Press mention of the fact that the Hackney Corporation are so satisfied with the excellent work done by A. S. Dolby, who is the switchboard operator at the Hackney Electricity Showrooms, that they are to employ another St. Dunstan's operator on the Town Hall switchboard. This new post is being taken by G. Kilsby, to whom we wish every success. Kilsby held his previous position for over three years, until, in fact, the business of the firm employing him was taken over by the Official Receiver in Bankruptcy.

### St. Dunstan's Band

We learn with much interest that the Parlophone Company have now completed the records they have made of some of the most popular of the selections played by St. Dunstan's Band. By the time this issue of the REVIEW appears the records will be on sale at all gramophone stores where Parlophone records are stocked. The records are double sided and comprise the following titles:—

- E 3331 "Drifting and Dreaming."
- "Cuckoo."
- E 3332 "Bandy Bandolero."
- "Let me Hold Your Hand, Dear."
- E 3333 Two Waltzes:—
- "Just a Rose of Old Killarney."
- "Lavender."

We feel sure that most St. Dunstanians owning a gramophone will wish to have one or more of these records, and we have made arrangements for a complete set of the numbers to be available for hearing in the Lounge at Headquarters, and also at our Brighton Annexe. At both places orders may be placed for the records with Matron.

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