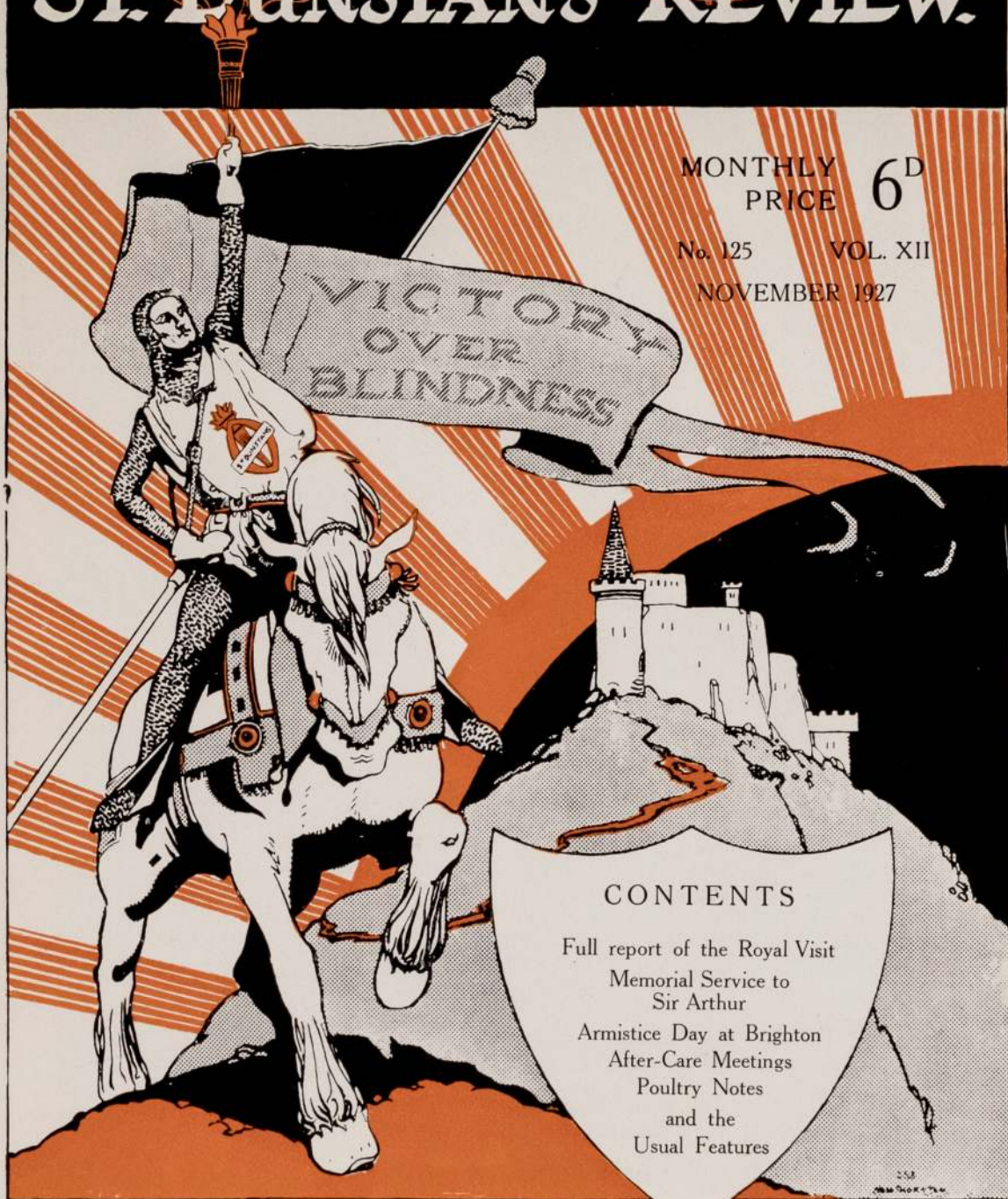


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The Prince of Wales presenting Captain Fraser with the gold cigarette case (the grandfather clock is in the background).

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### THE PRINCE AT ST. DUNSTAN'S PRESENTATIONS TO CAPTAIN FRASER

HOW can one start to describe the events of what will stand out in the memory of everyone privileged to be present as one of the most interesting occasions in the unique record of St. Dunstan's and certainly the most important and successful in the past five years of our existence?

The slim athletic figure of the heir to the throne seated in a high-back chair on a red-carpeted platform, our gracious and smiling Lady President on his right, and on his left the man to do honour to whose splendid work for his war-blinded comrades this memorable scene had been staged. Framing them in a semi-circle are those bearing names known to every St. Dunstaner—peers and prelates, great surgeons and oculists, leading personalities in the professions and in commerce—one and all had grudged neither time nor the labour in St. Dunstan's cause. A little behind her soldier husband, her arm around the shoulders of her pretty little daughter—Mrs. Fraser, her eyes shining with pride and happiness. On the floor of the great ballroom, pressing right to the platform edge, filling every foot of space and overflowing to the rooms and corridors beyond, a packed concourse of people, including hundreds of men who, though they could not see yet sense, as fully as though they had the aid of sight, the glamour and appeal of that scene. All around them are those to tell them in excited whispers the happenings on the platform—mothers, sisters, wives, nurses and V.A.D.'s—all are eyes to those St. Dunstaners who can be present to applaud the tribute the war-blinded men throughout the Empire are paying their comrade and Chairman.

The chairman of the Presentation Committee offers sincere welcome to the Royal Guest and expresses the feelings of all St. Dunstaners in his references to our late Chief and to his successor we are honouring this night.

A little hesitantly the Prince rises and steps slightly forward, and a sustained and spontaneous roar of welcome breaks out. The shrill of a whistle quells it at last, and, in clear modulated tones that can be heard to the furthest edges of the crowd, His Royal Highness in simple words expresses his pleasure to be with us this night and particularly this week—"a week of remembrance to all of us nowadays who went through the Great War." With happy camaraderie he tells us that he feels he is addressing a lot of old friends, and in making

the presentation to Captain Fraser, expresses his conviction that "this moment and this evening in your life will be one you will never forget." The great diapason of cheering swells again as the Prince sits down and Captain Fraser rises to respond. His obvious emotion gives even greater appeal to the happily phrased words of his reply. Beyond his heartfelt thanks to his friends and to the Prince for the honour accorded him, he does not speak much of himself. St. Dunstan's . . . the joy its work has been to him . . . the Prince's interest in its men throughout the Empire . . . a typical tribute to his colleagues . . . and then, deep from his heart, his glowing description of Mrs. Fraser—"My wife—by far my better half, my guide, philosopher and friend."

Lieut.-Col. Ball reads hearty messages of congratulation from Dominion St. Dunstaners.

Little Jean Fraser presents a bouquet to Lady Pearson, and though receiving her kiss of thanks, is too shy to accept the same greeting the Prince laughingly offers.

With a few well-chosen words, F. G. Braithwaite offers on behalf of all St. Dunstaners some lovely flowers to our Chairman's wife, and then our Royal guest, with Lady Pearson and Captain Fraser, rashly attempts, in the kindly desire that he should be really "one of us," a tour through the ballroom. But the enthusiasm to see and to be near him is beyond control, and only by heroic efforts and after but a few steps across the floor does His Royal Highness regain the bounds of safety on the platform. "Don't worry," he tells an official. "Please let them get on with the dancing." But although the band does its best to induce this, it is "The Prince! the Prince!" everyone wants to see, and until, nearly half-an-hour later, he takes his departure, the ballrooms are empty spaces compared with the thronged hallways and exits which might permit of a last glimpse of "Our Ambassador of Empire" and St. Dunstan's Friend. B.

OVER seven hundred St. Dunstaners, their wives and escorts, in addition, to our President, Vice-Presidents, members of the Executive Council, senior officials, and some distinguished guests, were present at St. John's Lodge on the evening of Tuesday, 8th November, when His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales had consented to pay a visit to the Armistice Ball in order to make a presentation to Captain Fraser of a grandfather clock and a gold cigarette case subscribed for by the officers and men of St. Dunstan's throughout the Empire, on the completion of five years' chairmanship of the Organisation.

#### THE PRINCE'S ARRIVAL

His Royal Highness arrived at Headquarters about nine o'clock, and was received at the entrance by our President, Lady (Arthur) Pearson, D.B.E., and Sir Neville Pearson, Bt., with whom were His Grace the Duke of Sutherland and Lord Desborough, G.C.V.O. The Prince was attended by Major the Honourable Piers Legh. Lady Pearson presented Mrs. Chadwick Bates, O.B.E., the secretary of St. Dunstan's, who in turn presented to His Royal Highness the officers and men forming the Presentation Committee,

namely:—Lt. N. A. Ramsden, Lt. E. W. J. Hurst, Lt. W. G. T. Pemberton, Lt. E. M. Little, C.S.M., J. E. Bell, Rifleman C. Baker, Driver F. G. Braithwaite, Private M. Doyle, Gunner J. Dunks, Private A. Law, Air Mechanic A. W. Pimm, and Private D. McDougall.

The Prince was then escorted to the Council Chamber, where he was met by Captain Ian Fraser, C.B.E., M.P., our chairman, and the following further presentations were made:—Mrs. Fraser, C.B.E., Miss M. Hamar Greenwood, Major the Hon. J. J. Astor, M.P., Lt.-Col. Eric Ball, Major J. Brunel Cohen, M.P., Lt.-Col. Charles I. Kerr, D.S.O., M.C., Mr. E. E. Mavrogordate, Rev. Prebendary E. N. Sharpe, Mr. Ernest Kessell, Mr. W. G. Askew, Sir Arnold Lawson, K.B.E., F.R.C.S., Mr. A. W. Ormond, C.B.E., F.R.C.S., Mr. W. G. Howarth, M.B., F.R.C.S., Col. R. E. Bickerton, D.S.O., M.B., Rev. J. Ernest Williams, Miss Power (St. Dunstan's Headquarters Matron) and Miss Thellusson (Matron of the Brighton Annexe).

Afterwards an adjournment was made to the platform which had been specially erected at the north end of the large ball-

room, the doors of which had been removed to include the large lounge in the ballroom accommodation. The Prince's appearance on the platform was a signal for loud and prolonged cheering, and the whole company joined in the singing of the first verse of the National Anthem, followed by "God Bless the Prince of Wales." His Royal Highness then took his seat, with Lady Pearson on his right and Captain Fraser on his left.

#### THE ADDRESS OF WELCOME:

Lieut. N. A. Ramsden, the chairman of the Presentation Committee, gave an address of welcome in the following terms:—"Your Royal Highness, we are deeply sensible of the signal honour you do us in so graciously consenting to be here this evening and on behalf of all St. Dunstan's, here, in Great Britain, Ireland and Overseas, it is my privilege to offer you a very sincere welcome. St. Dunstan's was the outcome of the great heart and imagination of the late Sir Arthur Pearson. His genius and energy created St. Dunstan's, his name is ever remembered with love and admiration by every one of us. When at the end of 1921 Sir Arthur Pearson died it was a tremendous and difficult task to which Captain Fraser was called. The work of consolidating what had been done by Sir Arthur, and also to some extent, re-organising St. Dunstan's so as to carry on the vast after-care activities, was one that called for the highest qualities of head and heart. What St. Dunstan's is doing to-day shows how well Captain Fraser was equipped with those qualities which are essential to success in such an undertaking. This gathering to-night, and the occasion of it, are demonstrations of how Captain Fraser has won, not only the admiration and respect of his fellow St. Dunstaners, but their loyalty and affection. In his achievements all the men of St. Dunstan's take pride, and in him we find one who has the sympathy and full understanding which we all so highly appreciate. May I again, Sir, express to you our thanks that you have so graciously consented to come among us, and on our behalf to convey to Captain Fraser this mark of our admiration and regard?"

#### THE PRINCE'S REPLY:

Rising to respond, the Prince of Wales was compelled to stand mute until the enthusiasm of the great company present would at last be stilled. His Royal Highness said:—"Lady Pearson, old comrades, ladies and gentlemen, I do not think I have to tell you how very happy I am to be with you all for a few minutes at this party which you are having to-night. I am particularly pleased to be with you just this week, the week of remembrance, a very special week to all of us nowadays who went through the Great War. I have not actually been in St. Dunstan's for some years, but I think that there must be a few at least of you here to-night with whom I have had an opportunity of shaking hands and saying a few words in my many travels throughout Britain and the Empire, so I feel to-night that I am addressing a lot of old friends."

"Now I am not going to spoil your dance to-night by making a long speech, but I am very glad to do as you ask me—to make this presentation on your behalf to Captain Fraser. Captain Fraser is so well known to all, and the work that he has done for you, as your chairman, that I will not attempt to add more to what has already been said by Mr. Ramsden. Captain Fraser: you have been chairman of this Institution since January 1922, ever since Sir Arthur Pearson died. I am sure that you appreciate very much indeed this present that has been subscribed for you by your old comrades and that this moment in your life is one that you will never forget. May I personally congratulate you most heartily?" (*Applause.*)

Addressing the company generally His Royal Highness said:—

"I have just presented a cigarette case—and it looks a very nice cigarette case—and a grandfather clock on your behalf to Captain Fraser. And now, old comrades, ladies and gentlemen, will you please accept my very best wishes, for a pleasant evening—to-night and always?" (*Prolonged Applause.*)

An incident typical of the Prince's forethought followed the conclusion of his speech. Stepping slightly forward, he asked Captain Fraser to rise and stand with him

to enable the photographers to secure the picture of the occasion they wanted. Then he resumed his seat, and Captain Fraser rose to reply. He said :

CAPTAIN FRASER'S SPEECH :

Your Royal Highness, my Lords, Lady Pearson, my St. Dunstan's friends, ladies and gentlemen :—I am conscious of a feeling of very great pride and satisfaction that my comrades throughout the Empire should have wished to make me these gifts, and that His Royal Highness should have been graciously pleased to have acceded to their request to come and make the presentation himself. I thank the Men's Committee, the Chairman of it, Mrs. Bates, who acted as Secretary of that Committee, and all of you who have joined together to make the gift so unanimous. The gift itself is one which will give me pleasure every day of my life, and which is worthy to be handed down to my daughter after me. (*Cheers.*)

Mr. Ramsden seemed to suggest that it was a fortunate happening for St. Dunstan's that I was available to become your Chairman when Sir Arthur Pearson died. The suggestion is indeed kind, but no more, for in my experience there are always plenty of people capable and suitable for any jobs that may turn up. (No, no.) But that your feelings towards St. Dunstan's should have been expressed by means of a presentation to me is personally gratifying. I would be scarcely human if I did not admit it. But that, believe me, is not the principal matter which causes us at St. Dunstan's gratification to-night. It is the fact that the occasion has been made, and has been so graciously and willingly accepted by His Royal Highness to come amongst us. (*Cheers.*) That any one person should possess in his personality the power of giving so much pleasure as His Royal Highness has given us, and our comrades who are not here, is a wonderful thing, but that that person should be willing and able to expend every ounce of his vital energy in sharing that gift with his fellow-countrymen is something which demonstrates in the highest possible degree public service, and self-sacrifice. (*Applause.*) Nor is it the case that His Royal Highness takes an interest in St. Dunstan's only on formal occasions. As he himself has said, occasions have arisen during the past few years in all parts of our Empire when he has gone out of his way to make the acquaintance of some St. Dunstan's man whom his quick eye has seen. I am correct when I say that there is not a great town in this country or in our Dominions which he has visited—and you all know how widely he has travelled—there is not one place he has visited where, amongst the thousands who have come to greet him, he has not picked out a St. Dunstan's man to speak to. (*Cheers.*)

But to turn for a minute to another aspect of this matter. You were good enough to make use of the occasion that I happen to have served you for five years as your Chairman to make a presentation which expresses your feelings to-

wards St. Dunstan's. That I should be the medium through which that presentation is made is gratifying to me, naturally, but the important thing, as I see it, for you to remember is that on no one pair of shoulders could the responsibility or the credit for such work as has been done at St. Dunstan's possibly fall. I well remember how, some six years ago, Lady Pearson and Sir Neville Pearson, to whom naturally our blinded soldiers would look for guidance at the time when Sir Arthur died, and their friends asked me if I would undertake executive responsibility here, and I remember, too, how on that same occasion I met nearly a thousand of you with Colonel Ball, and we pledged ourselves that, so far as it lay in our power, the traditions of St. Dunstan's—so well and truly founded by our great Chief—would be carried on. Our Committee has changed, and much water has passed under the bridge since then, but I think I can claim that St. Dunstan's is still going strong, and that our traditions have been maintained. (*Applause*)

My last word is to repeat our most cordial thanks to His Royal Highness for having come, to assure him that the pleasure he has given us to-night is more than he can imagine, and more than I can say, and to tell him, if he will permit me to say it, that we see in this visit of his here to-night an expression of the way in which he and all his relations seek to enter into the thoughts and aspirations of every section of his Father's people. (*Cheers.*)

We men who were blinded in the War have retained the inherent right of every Englishman to grouse. The things that we grouse at are the cost of living—in some cases, very few, I am afraid, the income-tax; the Government, whatever party it may belong to, and the weather. Our own peculiar difficulties, Sir, are not subjects about which we grouse, and therein lies the whole moral and mental outlook of St. Dunstan's, and therein its success. (*Hear! Hear!*)

I must conclude by thanking all you, my friends, for your extreme generosity, by telling you that so long as it seems to be your wish and the wish of the Committee of St. Dunstan's that I should in a way represent you and guide the destinies of this great organisation, I shall devote myself to that object. In that task, as you know well, as in every task to which I may set my hand, Mrs. Fraser will be with me, and I dare say the final sentence in which I will attempt to appraise Mrs. Fraser's worth will echo the feelings of every married man amongst you—my wife, by far my better half, my guide, philosopher and friend. (*Loud and sustained applause.*)

A delightfully human touch followed when Miss Jean Fraser, the little daughter of our chairman, offered for Lady Pearson's acceptance a magnificent bouquet of Japanese lilies. Obviously overawed by the importance of the occasion, little Jean made to return to her mother's side after Lady Pearson had gathered the child to

her and kissed her affectionately. The Prince, a delighted spectator of this little ceremony, would have responded to Jean's shy curtsey to him with another kiss, but a return to "Mummy" was made without further ado.

There followed the presentation of another lovely bouquet to Mrs. Fraser by F. G. Braithwaite, who said :—

"I have the greatest pleasure in asking you to accept these flowers on behalf of all St. Dunstaners, together with an expression of our very sincere thanks for all that you have done for us, and we all hope that you may long be spared to act as Captain Fraser's right hand." (*Cheers.*)

OVERSEAS CONGRATULATIONS.

Lt.-Col. Eric Ball then read the following messages of congratulations which had arrived from Overseas St. Dunstaners :—

*From 21 Gardenvale, Victoria, Australia.*

"Accept best wishes, Fraser, from Australian St. Dunstaners; congratulations Prince's visit Armistice Ball.—ELMER GLEW."

*From Toronto, Ontario.*

"Canadian Blinded Soldiers retain happy memories of several visits in Canada by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and individual meetings with him. We congratulate fellow St. Dunstaners on the further honour to be enjoyed through an Armistice Day meeting with His Royal Highness. We also consider this a most auspicious occasion on which to recognise Captain Fraser's services by presentation.—Fraternally.—CAPTAIN EDWIN BAKER."

*Newmarket, New Zealand.*

"New Zealand Blinded Soldiers keenly appreciate St. Dunstan's magnificent work and His Royal Highness's warm interest in its welfare. We send heartiest good wishes and thanks on present great occasion.—CLUTHA MACKENZIE."

*George, Cape, S. Africa.*

"As representative After-Care Department in South Africa we wish to be identified with an expression of loyalty which may be given on our behalf by Headquarters to His Royal Highness, Prince of Wales at presentation ceremony at St. Dunstan's.—VINCENT."

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This terminated the official programme, and the Prince expressed the wish to make a brief tour of the ballrooms. Although every effort was made to keep a clear passage for His Royal Highness, he had hardly stepped off the platform, accompanied by Lady Pearson and Captain Fraser, then the pressure of the crowd became so heavy that despite all efforts

of some members of the staff and those with the platform party, it was apparent that any progress would be fraught with great discomfort and even danger. The Prince accepted the position with the utmost good-humour, and with the words quoted elsewhere he laughingly made his way back to the platform and thence to the Council Chamber again. Here, while taking some light refreshment, he chatted informally with many of those present, including several of St. Dunstan's men, in whose war-time and civil life experiences he showed the keenest interest. After a stay of over an hour altogether, His Royal Highness, bidding a cheery "Good-night" to those around him and saluting right and left as he walked through the hallway, drove away to the accompaniment of ringing cheers.

It was some time before the excited and happy throng settled down to dancing, and even when they did so, the crowded floor made conventional steps difficult and "stunting" impossible. However, the outstanding events of the first part of the gathering brought nothing of an anticlimax, and the festivities were kept up to a late hour to the full enjoyment of everyone.

It should be added that the heartiest congratulations are due to all those officials and members of the staff who were concerned with the organisation of the gathering. The presence of royalty at any time lays a heavy onus upon those responsible for such matters, but so far as could be seen not a single hitch marred the smoothness with which every item on the programme went.

The presentation clock can be seen in the picture on our frontispiece page. It bears on a brass plate the following inscription :—

"This gift to Captain Ian Fraser, C.B.E., M.P., was subscribed for by his war-blinded comrades throughout the Empire, on the completion of his five years' chairmanship of St. Dunstan's, as a token of their appreciation and affection."

Authority can be conferred upon you, but not wisdom. It has to be earned.

ST. DUNSTAN'S HEADQUARTERS

INNER CIRCLE,  
REGENTS PARK, N.W. 1.

15th November 1927

To the Editor

St. Dunstan's Review.

Dear Sir,

Please let me, through the medium of the 'Review,' thank my friends for the very cordial welcome which they gave Mrs. Fraser and me the other night when the presentation of their beautiful gifts was made by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. I understand that you are printing my speech in this issue; it is therefore a little difficult to find other words in which to express my feelings. But I should like all St. Dunstaners to be assured that Mrs. Fraser and I very deeply appreciate the presents to which they so generously subscribed, and that we reciprocate most heartily the good wishes which accompanied the gifts.

Yours faithfully,

*Jan Fraser.*

### In Memory of Sir Arthur

All St. Dunstaners and other readers are specially asked to note that the Memorial Service to our late chief, Sir Arthur Pearson, will be held at Holy Trinity Church, St. Marylebone, at 6.30 on the evening of Friday, 9th December. The service will be conducted by the Rev. Prebendary E. N. Sharpe, Chaplain to St. Dunstan's, assisted by the Rev. Ernest Williams, Chaplain to St. Dunstan's; and the Rev. Andrew Nugee. It is hoped that there will be a large attendance, and St. Dunstaners and others wishing to pay tribute to the memory of Sir Arthur are asked to be present at Holy Trinity Church not later than 6.15 p.m.

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

### News from Brighton

Armistice Day! What a flood of memories comes surging up from the time when the terrible god of war held sway over practically the whole world, when Tommy cursed his way to victory through the mud and rain of Flanders, or sweated and slipped over the cobbled paved streets of France, wondering how long the final victory would be delayed. Thus we honour the anniversary of this great victory in remembering the thousands who contributed to it, but never returned to enjoy the peace.

We in Brighton joined in homage to the dead in a short but touching service conducted by Matron, the Silence being most impressive, every person in the building being present.

Afterwards about 70 of the boys, headed by Matron, Alexander and Bird, bore our wreath to the Brighton Memorial, where it was placed in a prominent position.

At dinner each boy had a glass of wine, when Matron made one of her characteristic little speeches, asking the members of her staff to pledge the health of the men who saved civilisation, amongst the forefront of whom must surely stand the men of St. Dunstan's. C. Hudson and G. Sheehy responded, the latter remarking that St. Dunstaners were particularly fortunate in having such an organisation to see to their comfort and welfare. Sir Arthur's memory was drunk in silence. Cheers were

then given for Matron, the sisters and orderlies.

On Saturday we held our Victory Dance, which was as great a success as ever. Among the guests were Sir Cooper and Lady Rawson, Lady Eva de Paravicini, Mr and Mrs. D'Arcy Dawes and Mrs Roper Tyler. Sir Cooper, after reading a telegram of good wishes from Captain and Mrs. Fraser, entertained us with a very humorous little talk. He was particularly droll in his remarks as to the lateness of the hour at which the Matron and the boys returned from the presentation at Headquarters on the 8th. He emphasised his close parliamentary friendship with Captain Fraser, next to whom he sits in the House. In a very able speech, G. Sheehy, on behalf of St. Dunstan's, thanked Sir Cooper Rawson and his party for their kindness in attending the festivities.

Dancing continued until 11 o'clock—and so one more pleasant memory is added to the many upon which we can look back.

OBSERVER.

We have received from J. C. Stephens, of Elmfield, an interesting account of an exhibition and sale of work held recently at Newport, Isle of Wight, in aid of the Isle of Wight Society for the benefit of the blind men and women. The exhibition was opened by Lady Seely, who spoke highly of the work of St. Dunstan's. Stephens sold six mats, and also took several orders.



## NEWS OF ST. DUNSTANERS

"Excellent form and working away steadily at mats," is the news that reaches as from J. Joyce, of Sandymount, this month. May we refer readers to the "Births" column for an interesting announcement?

Our other Sandymount men, R. Bell and E. P. Horan, are also hard at it, getting ready for the Christmas trade in baskets.

How many of our readers can supply us with stories illustrating the intelligence of their dogs? J. Murray, of Kilkenny, has a four-legged companion who comes trotting across the 100 yards that lie between his workshop and his home to "tell" him when meals are ready!

Friends will be glad to know that Murray is in splendid health and very busy. He has had a good order for mats from a local hospital, his poultry are laying well, considering the season, and the tobacco trade is most promising.

We have not many St. Dunstaners in the crockery trade, but one of these is J. Salt, of Ashton-under-Lyne. He says the people in the district do not break enough of their dishes to please him! Salt has many friends as he is keen on sports—it will be remembered that he carried off a fine clock as a special prize at the recent Manchester walking match.

Among those who are inclined to credit the new football card advertising scheme with bringing about an increase of business is A. Bundy, of Gloucester. He has had quite a number of new customers for both tobacco and sweets of late and feels sure the card has something to do with it.

Local orders are beginning to come to B. J. Day, of Tewkesbury, who by the way has a most excellent little work shop. Good luck to him and may he make steady

progress. The new home is most comfortable and Day has every reason to be proud of it.

E. Brewer, of Bristol, has made a most promising start and some orders have come in already from neighbours. May his circle of friends grow larger and larger and may they all prove good customers!

A man who is an example of what steady industry combined with good work may do is W. M. Williamson, of Denton, near Manchester. What with the making of light baskets, teapot stands, trays, &c., he has few idle minutes. Cake stands are one of his specialities too. He has had three excellent orders for these of late.

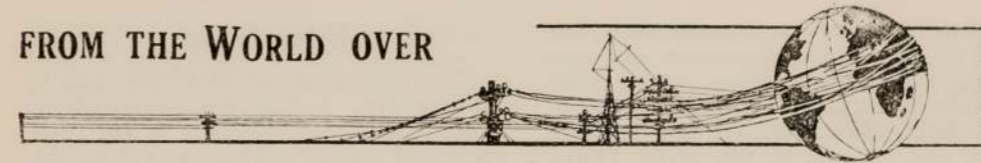
Twelve hundred miles is a fine record for any one to put up on a tandem cycle; yet G. A. Millen, of Birchington, and his wife passed this mark last summer, bad as the weather was. They find any amount of pleasure in life and are looking forward to the establishment of a new home near the shop—the move should have been accomplished by the time these lines appear.

What with odd jobs in the house and the erection of a small shed, G. E. Crook has had a busy time lately. In addition several Christmas orders have come in. Crook is so proud of his new workshop that he can hardly be dragged away from it for necessary exercise.

W. F. McCarthy, of Nuneaton, is as keen on his job as usual and has been working away at trouser presses. Another man in the same line is A. Billingham, of Northampton. He also has been turning out some remarkably well-finished presses.

A workshop has just been completed for S. Batten, of Bridgwater, Somerset. He is

## FROM THE WORLD OVER



looking forward to doing a good amount of work in such comfortable surroundings.

A serious misfortune has befallen H. Miller's chief assistant. The boy cut an artery in his foot and has been laid up for seven weeks, so Miller has had to close up his flower stall temporarily. Both Mr. and Mrs. Miller had an anxious time for more than once they had to rush the boy off to hospital in fear that he would bleed to death.

Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Gattrell too, have been very worried over their little daughter who has been so seriously ill with peritonitis that they have been to the hospital four times a day. Prayers were offered up for her in church and also at the Sunday school where the child attends. We are glad to say she is very much better and we hope that she will be safely home again before these lines appear in print.

T. H. Dennison, of Longsdon, Stoke-on-Trent, has put up another poultry house and his birds are all flourishing. Dennison is happy and contented as usual.

One of our steadiest workers is C. Knight, of Leicester, and we offer him congratulations on all he has done. Knight has over an acre of land now, and sells all his produce at shop prices, direct to the consumer, so there is no "middle-man" to walk away with the profits. His pony is worth its weight in gold from a labour-saving point of view, and Knight has never repented his purchase.

The little shop run by O. Windridge, in Wigston Magna, looks as well as ever and trade is considerably better than it was in the previous location. Windridge has had a number of pictures in for framing, though the "gift" season has hardly begun.

Another who has been in serious anxiety about his child is G. Bateman. The little boy has been desperately ill and is only just out of danger. Work probably helped Bateman through the anxious hours. He does exceedingly well, and gets quite a number of local orders. We look to see Bateman with a steady business of his own when he has contrived to work up a stock, as we are sure he hopes to do by Christmas.

With E. Read, W. Trott, of Handsworth, Birmingham, has set up "a co-operative store" or rather a partnership affair, and is doing exceedingly well.

The one goes round buying up old boxes and the other cuts them into bundle wood. This they take round on a trolley and not only supply near-by shops "wholesale," but also have a number of private customers. Congratulations on their enterprise and courage.

Does any one want a parrot? W. Higgins of Lower Moss Lane, Hulme, Manchester, is in the bird and poultry food-stuff business and makes a speciality of parrots under the "sale or return system," so that prospective customers may find out if their purchases have a satisfactory vocabulary!

Another enterprising St. Dunstaner is W. Alston, of Preston. He has found it possible to turn an honest penny by purchasing his customers cast-off foot-gear, mending it and selling it. Alston's reputation for good work stands high, as is clear by the fact that he has been asked to "lend a hand" as a piece-worker at another shop.

"Doing well," says D. Bee, of Bolton, and the shop shows evidence of the fact. It is well kept and little by little, in a judicious manner, Bee is adding to his stock.

Rats have curious tastes we know, but all the same one is surprised to find that they do serious damage among such edibles as cucumbers and tomatoes; yet so T. Clarke, of Clanfield, reports. Has any one else suffered in this way? Clarke will doubtless like to know if he has companions in misfortune.

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A farm is a place that makes ceaseless demands upon a man's time, according to J. E. Davies, of Llandyssul, of Cardiganshire, particularly if one has a cow with the disposition of a pioneer. What with searching for her, and looking after his poultry, Davies has little time for mat-making.

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Another of our farmers is W. Last, of Pencader, Carmarthenshire. He is thinking about breeding sheep.

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One of the most musical of our young St. Dunstaners is the elder daughter of W. A. Westell, of Liverpool, and we are looking forward to hearing that she makes good progress with the development of her very real talent. So far she has passed her musical examinations well and it is a pleasure to hear her perform. The Westells have a delightful little home and Westell is beginning to feel well repaid for all the time and labour he has spent on his garden. It should be a joy to the whole family next spring.

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Pigs pay better than poultry according to J. Nolan, of Market Drayton, who has increased his number of these to eleven.

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On the other hand A. Sutton, of Parkside, Madeley near Crewe, puts poultry above all other livestock and has no desire to branch out in other ways. His triumph in the recent laying test brought him in several orders.

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A fine lot of repairs are coming the way of D. Marshall, of Market Drayton. He has been over a year in the new shop and has done splendidly. Congratulations to him on the steady work he has put in.

### Brief Notes

The news from our Dunstable men is satisfactory. A. Impey is well and busy with kneelers; T. Cheshire is also well occupied and is looking forward to the time when his garden will reward him for the work he has put into it this season.

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J. Stibbles, of Pitlochrie, manages to dispose of all he makes. W. Mackay, of Castleton, is in good health. F. Cooper, of Fareham, is kept busy with boots and mats. A. Chiverton, of Eastleigh, is always occupied with local orders. In Wolverhampton, J. H. New, is as enthusiastic and hard-working as ever despite the shock of a nasty fall downstairs, when incidentally his head broke the knob off a door en route! It was a mercy New escaped without a fracture.

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Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Hunter, of Bolton, on their charming little home; it is quite one of the nicest in the district.

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Friends of T. Bowen, of Llanely, S. Wales, will be glad to know that his health has improved considerably of late. He is working away happily at his netting and rejoicing in his comparative freedom from headaches.

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"All's well," says T. J. Waldin, of Stanmore, Winchester. "The boot trade is better and the sale of sundries is on the increase."

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Does any one want to buy a bull-dog? If so let them patronise J. Jones, "St. Dunstan's Shop," High Street, Lydd. He is out to do well with them.

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Baskets are keeping J. Thornton busy in Camden Town, and A. Brown at Sidmouth, Devon. T. Murphy, of Bedlington, is keen on pigs and he is doing remarkably well with them we are glad to hear. J. Aitken is in Newcastle waiting for a workshop. We hope to learn that he has made a good start before long.

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H. Hayes, of Ballincollig, is in his usual good form and as willing as ever to turn

his hand to odd jobs, so he must be a boon in the house. When "last seen" he was making a success of fitting a new handle to a zinc bath!

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P. Maher, of Nenagh, is keeping fit and pegging away at mats. "All's well, in health and trade," says J. H. Poole, of East Cowes. Another steady mat worker is A. Rowe, of Stoke-on-Trent; his chief relaxation is the concertina on which he is an enthusiastic and critical performer. J. Harker, of Hove, is busy as usual and snatched at the October sunshine by taking a week's holiday which he spent mostly in exploring the Downs with a companion walker enthusiast.

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A. A. Hillier has been turning his hand to various little jobs in the house to the mutual satisfaction of himself and Mrs. Hillier. It is surprising what a difference the doing of such things makes not only in comfort, but in the general appearance of a place.

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In Berwick, J. Brodie is finding trade fair, and is keeping in good health. J. A. Dunlop, of Bonnyrigg, is getting a fine amount of local orders. E. J. Hall, of Waltham, and R. J. Williams of Southwick are both well; the latter has just made a move. A. T. Iddiolls is increasing his supply of baskets with a view to capturing the Christmas trade of the district, while P. Maynard, of Gamlingay is looking forward to the advent of a rainy spell and anticipating a demand for mats. W. Buckle, of Mortlake, has been making a most imposing tradesman's basket, one quite fit for exhibition. G. Phillips, of Nottinghill, is looking forward to starting in the same line when he gets settled in his new abode. F. Humphreys, of Brixham, is finding a good deal of pleasure in his wool rug-work. D. M. McLean, of Brimpton, near Reading, has been luckily enough to secure quite a number of orders of late. G. Hadfield, of Newport Pagnell, who works at boots and mats, has a remarkably nice little shop and one that always looks well kept.

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The new daughter (the proud possession of J. R. Brown, of Nuneaton), is a

very fine specimen we hear—yet another candidate for honours in the next baby show. Brown says that local trade is not so good as it might be, but he is working away cheerily and anticipates a revival.

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Friends will be glad to hear that T. H. Marshall, of Worcester, is putting on weight steadily, "eats anything," and is in fact a new man since his operation. He is eager to start work again and make up for lost time.

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The "fattening up for Christmas" process has begun in the turkey world. W. Carnell, of Devon, has some birds that bid fair to reach a record size, we hear. Will turkey raisers let us know at what weight their finest birds turn the scale? It ought to be interesting. Carnell runs a most accomplished "jazz" band, by the way, and recently organised a most delightful whist drive and dance. All the prizes were St. Dunstan's made goods and it was a real pleasure to hear the delighted comments of the lucky winners as to the excellence of the workmanship.

### Angora Rabbit Keeping

With reference to the paragraph in a recent issue of the REVIEW on this subject, we hear from A. T. Brooks, of Bournemouth, that he has kept these beautiful animals for over a year. Angora wool farming is a growing industry in this country, and has been given considerable prominence in the Press of late. In Brooks's opinion, the keeping of these rabbits, together with, say, Flemish Giants for the table, would be an excellent combination with poultry farming, when it could be done on a larger scale, and therefore more profitably. Even as a hobby, however, it is most interesting, and by no means unremunerative. Brooks has no Angoras for disposal at the moment, but is continuing breeding Flemish and Flemish-Belgian rabbits.

Good temper is like a sunny day; it sheds its brightness upon everything.

The kindness you radiate is the only kindness you retain.

## "In Memory"

GUNNER AUBREY P. ARCHIBALD  
(23rd Canadian Field Artillery)

IT is with deepest regret that we have to record the death of this gallant St. Dunstan, whose unflinching courage and optimism were an inspiring example of St. Dunstan's dearest ideals. Archibald enlisted in January of 1917, and was wounded at Passchendaele just ten months later. He came to St. Dunstan's in the following year and was trained as a shorthand-typist, netter, and joiner. From the commencement of his stay with us his outstanding ability and extremely attractive personality marked him out, and, looking back, we remember how he "won high commendation from each department." In 1920 Archibald returned to his Home Country. Here he secured a position as stenographer in the Forest Branch of the Provincial Civil Service. He continued his joinery work as a spare-time hobby, turning out some really beautiful articles of furniture. His personal letters to Headquarters, and our social visitors' reports both struck the same happy note of content, but a cloud was gathering on the horizon—the old war wound began to give trouble, and in August 1924 Archibald returned to England for an operation. Unfortunately, this was not successful, and another was performed two years later in Toronto. As so often seems to be the case, one of the latest reports received at Headquarters before the sad news of his death came, was to tell us that he was "in splendid health, and the old wound behaving remarkably well." In a letter to Headquarters, Archibald's father writes:—"He had been a great sufferer ever since receiving the wound which deprived him of sight. His last illness began about the beginning of May. About the 19th of August he recovered so much that we had great hopes of a total recovery. But on the 22nd August a relapse came and he gradually grew worse, and died five days later. His burial took place on 29th August. The funeral was very large. We laid him to rest at Royal Oak, a new cemetery opened up about three or four years ago, and about five miles from the city; a very beautiful place. Please accept our deepest appreciation for your kind and thoughtful letter. Our dear boy will be greatly missed, for his short life has been an inspiration to everyone here and wherever he was known, and more especially to the blind, many of whom he helped and encouraged in many ways."

Archibald's old comrades join with us in offering an expression of sincerest sympathy to his bereaved parents and sister.

PRIVATE ALBERT EDWARD THOMPSON  
(2/5 Essex Regiment)

It is always with great sadness that we write down the names of those St. Dunstaners whose plucky efforts in the reconstruction of their post-war lives have been handicapped by continual ill-health—the legacy of their war-service. Among these was Private Thompson, who came to St. Dunstan's in 1920 and was trained in mat-making. He worked at all times with keen interest, intelligence, and perseverance. On leaving in 1921 he carried on with this trade, but his health became so bad that in 1924 he was compelled to give up work altogether. He was eventually admitted to Erdington Hospital, and died there on the 27th September. The funeral took place on 3rd October, and many beautiful floral tributes were received, including one in the form of our Badge, bearing the inscription "With deepest sympathy from Captain Fraser, C.B.E., M.P., and his many comrades at St. Dunstan's." Thompson leaves three children to mourn him.

PRIVATE JAMES FLEMING  
(4th Middlesex Regiment)

This St. Dunstaner enlisted in June 1915 and served with the 4th Middlesex Regiment until March 1919, when he received his discharge. He came to St. Dunstan's three months later, and while with us took up boot-repairing and mat-making. He worked well at both these trades, and on leaving in 1921 carried on the two occupations. At the beginning of this year he was taken seriously ill, and in April was admitted to the West End Hospital, Regent's Park. His death occurred on the 10th October, at the age of thirty-two years.

The funeral took place on Tuesday, 18th October, at Isleworth Cemetery, and the coffin was covered with the Union Jack. Many beautiful flowers were received, and a wreath was sent from Captain Fraser and his many comrades at St. Dunstan's. Numerous friends and neighbours were present at the funeral, and St. Dunstan's was represented by Miss Lloyd.

Fleming leaves a widow and four children to mourn his memory.

## After-Care Meetings

### LIVERPOOL

THE After-Care Reunion held at Liverpool on the 12th September had a record attendance and the presence of Captain and Mrs. Fraser went far to establishing it as the most successful meeting yet held on the Merseyside.

Naturally both were given a very hearty welcome by all. Major Cohen, M.P., was also with us, and with much speechmaking, musical items, competitions, &c., the day passed all too quickly.

Several boys contributed to the musical programme provided by Mr. Derbyshire, (humorist) of Liverpool.

Captain Fraser and Major Cohen spoke immediately following lunch and an admirable vote of thanks was returned by W. Westall, seconded by G. Eames.

Prizewinners in the Guessing Competitions were:—Mrs. Peters, 1st (handbag), W. Westall, 1st (cigarettes), Mrs. Mealing, 2nd (chocolates), T. Milner, 2nd (cigarettes).  
E. E. R.

### STOCKTON

Mention of the After-Care Reunion at Stockton on September 1st has been long delayed but it was nevertheless much appreciated and certainly well attended.

An excellent musical programme was provided by Madame Agnes Elliott and Mr. Hepper during the afternoon.

After tea Mr. Swain spoke for a while. As on previous occasions, J. Garbutt's vote of thanks was both perfectly worded and entertaining. He was admirably seconded by W. Paul.

Prizewinners in the Guessing Competitions were:—1st, Mrs. Humble (handbag), 1st, C. Roach (clock), 2nd, Mrs. Mowtell (cake), 2nd, J. Straughton (cigarettes).  
E. E. R.

### CARDIFF

The Cardiff Meeting is always a cheery affair, but the one held this year on the 7th October beat all previous records. Captain Fraser was in Cardiff for the Conservative Conference and so was able, with Mrs. Fraser, to come to the meeting. Once more

we were the guests of the Cardiff Sailors' and Soldiers' Rest for lunch and tea and everything was done by Mr. and Mrs. Glenelg Grant and the helpers at the Rest to make the meeting most enjoyable.

There were moments when it seemed doubtful if even the large space at the Rest would be enough for us, but at last everyone found a seat, over a hundred sitting down to the delicious lunch. It was very nice, and gave a true St. Dunstan's touch, having Mrs. Howell, Miss Miles, Miss Hines and Miss Lloyd among the helpers.

After lunch, the health of "The King" having been duly honoured, A. C. Evans proposed a vote of thanks to Captain Fraser for coming to the meeting, and this was ably seconded by A. J. Caple. Captain Fraser responded in a speech which was listened to with deep interest and appreciation by all present; the record of the steady increase in the amount of work turned out by St. Dunstan's craftsmen and other cheering items of news being received with much applause. In his reply to an appeal "come again next year," Captain Fraser very clearly indicated that it was only pressure of work which kept him from attending *all* the After Care Meetings.

Captain Arthur Evans, M.P., also spoke, saying what very great pleasure it gave him being present at a St. Dunstaners' Meeting. Mr. Glenelg Grant said a few words in response to the vote of thanks which had been passed to him and the Committee of the Rest for their generosity in again entertaining us. After lunch Mrs. Hedger Wallace and her orchestra once more gave us a musical treat, and with music, competitions and talk, tea-time soon arrived. There was much regret that Captain and Mrs. Fraser had to leave before tea, but everyone hopes they will come to another Cardiff meeting some day.

Throughout the afternoon Mr. Swain was kept busy with interviews, in fact interviews and competitions only seemed to finish just in time for the catching of the homeward trains.



The cake was won by J. H. Ham; in the Bead competition A. Morris and D. Morgan were equal, Morris won the draw and Morgan got second prize. J. Lavell was so near the others that he had a special consolation prize.

The basket of fruit was won by Mrs. Shields and the Bead competition by Mrs. Anderson. The "How many raisins?" cake, made and given by Miss Lloyd, was won by Mrs. Elias. D. I. M. A.

#### LEAMINGTON

19TH OCTOBER 1927

St. Dunstaners and their wives and escorts were invited from Warwickshire and Northampton to the above meeting, and over 130 sat down to tea.

The Alexandra Musical Society kindly provided buses from Birmingham and a special bus was arranged from Northampton, while others came by train. It was a lovely day, and I think everyone enjoyed the drive to Leamington.

A splendid tea was provided by Mrs. Fowler, and her detachment of V. A. D.'s did the waiting. Mr. Swain's speech was replied to by S. Chambers and W. Shakespeare.

During and after tea the Black Satin Orchestra played delightfully; Mr. Wilson, of Kenilworth, conducted the community singing, which was the greatest success. Miss Cooper gave several delightful songs. The singing was interspersed with dancing and competitions, the following being the winners of the latter item:—

*Card Basket*.—1st (T.B.), T. Griffiths, (S.S.), S. Sephton; 2nd (T.B.), S. Chambers, (S.S.), E. Read.

*Hoop-la*.—1st (T.B.), W. Simmons, (S.S.), E. Varley; 2nd (T.B.), W. Street, (S.S.), H. Hughes.

Cake given by Miss Holt correct weight guessed by Mrs. Austin. Number of buttons in a bottle guessed by Mrs. Waite.

The prizes were presented by Mrs. Hake (Sister Evers) who arranged the whole meeting; it was delightful to have her with us. Several old friends came along: Miss Gough, Miss Stacey, Miss Rayson also Miss Ayre, well known to the men in the Southern area, and several local friends of the Birmingham Club, Miss Fortescue, Mr. Alexander, and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas.

The meeting concluded with dancing; at 7 o'clock we had to break up as many of the party had long journeys home. Mr. Swain had to hurry off for his train but looked in after he had finished his interviews to offer sincere thanks to the artistes. He left amid a lusty chorus of "He's a jolly good fellow."

We must not forget to mention that Mrs. Snook had a nursery corner with the children, who played most contentedly and so left their parents free to take part in the entertainment. A. O. H.

#### WOLVERHAMPTON

I think everybody had a very good time at the Wolverhampton meeting, which took place on Thursday, 27th October. Certainly everybody had plenty to say and the time hardly seemed long enough to say it in. After a very excellent tea, to which over eighty did ample justice, Mr. Swain welcomed the men in the name of Captain Fraser and himself. His cheery speech was greeted with enthusiasm, and a hearty vote of thanks was proposed by J. H. New and seconded by A. Taylor, both of whom spoke of the wonderful difference St. Dunstan's had made in the lives of the blinded ex-service men who had been trained and helped there.

Mr. Smith, the manager of the Wolverhampton Hippodrome, brought an excellent concert party from his theatre. The performance was much appreciated as can be judged by the applause when the audience passed a vote of thanks to him and his artistes.

During the concert Mr. Swain interviewed any who wanted his help and advice. I do not think there were many "grouses"!

The competitions were organised by Miss Hodgson, Mrs. Sankey and Miss Elsie Gough. We were very glad to welcome Mrs. Sankey, whom lots of the men will remember as Sister Higgs-Walker.

The results were as follows:—

*Card Throwing*.—(T.B.), 1st, G. T. Shaw (T.B.), 2nd, G. Perry; (S.S.), 1st, J. T. Johnson, (S.S.), 2nd, J. S. Smith.

*Guessing Competition*.—Mrs. Saxon.

It was a much bigger meeting than last year and we hope it will be bigger still in 1928. N. G.

#### MANCHESTER

The Manchester reunions held on the 13th and 14th October at the Y.M.C.A. were a huge success. Captain and Mrs. Fraser attended both meetings, and on the two occasions received an exceedingly warm welcome from the Lancashire St. Dunstaners. Over 225 were present at the two reunions.

After tea Captain Fraser addressed the gatherings on the various points relating to the work of St. Dunstan's After-Care, and votes of thanks were accorded by W. Joyce and W. C. Scott, who were ably seconded by W. Chambers and F. Tait.

Mr. James Worsley, entertainer, and Mr. Hever, pianist, were loudly applauded in appreciation of their efforts. C. E. Thomas, of Todmorden, sang "Passing By" with great success, and C. Molloy's rendering of "Sea Fever" was also very much enjoyed.

The vocalist at Friday's reunion was Mr. Thompson, who greatly pleased his comrades with "Sheila O'Shay." During the entertainments, Captain Fraser and Mr. Swain spent most of their time giving the men personal interviews.

In the Guessing Competitions, prizes were won by the following:—C. Molloy, Mrs. Williamson and Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, of Crewe.

We were exceedingly pleased to welcome Mrs. Irvine—or better known to us as "Sister Pat," who came along to both of the meetings. P. F.

#### Telephony Notes

On 18th October, His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught paid a visit to Trinity House, Tower Hill, and expressed a wish to see the telephone operator, J. Edwards, of Tottenham. The Duke had a very interesting chat for about ten minutes, asking questions and expressing all good wishes for Christmas and the future.

Congratulations to W. Knox, who has obtained a post at Red Lion Yard, Edgware Road. Also to J. Baxter, who has started with the Gas, Light & Coke Co., Nine Elms. We wish them both every success in their first posts.

#### A Chapter of Accidents

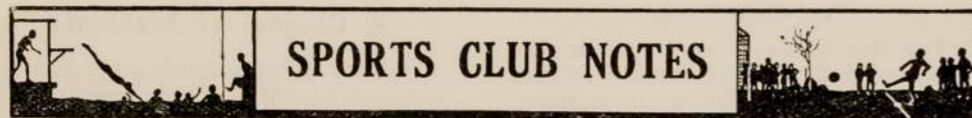
We have all heard the old saw "It never rains but it pours," which must, indeed, have flashed across the mind of W. J. Gilbert, of Barnstaple, during the recent major and minor calamities which have befallen him. In a letter to headquarters, Gilbert describes these accidents:—

"Just a few lines to let you know that I arrived home alright, but am sorry to say I was taken very ill on my way and had to send for the doctor the next day. He told me that I had caught a severe chill. I little thought when you and I were talking together in the office that I should have to pass through such a series of misfortunes. First of all I dropped my watch, and it stopped. The next day a friend came to see me, and looking into the cage to see the bird, he found that it was dead. The following morning my wife came downstairs and was horrified to see a part of the ceiling down. With the shock she broke some cups, and I told her to keep clear in case some more came down. On the Tuesday after I came home I went to the hospital to have my wound dressed, and the nurse, instead of watching me, let me lean back too far, and I knocked the back part of my head and also broke the top plate of my teeth. Then came the hardest blow of all, when they brought me the news that my dog was dead—it nearly broke my heart . . ."

We extend our sincerest sympathy to Gilbert, and are sorry to hear that at the time of writing he was still under the doctor. We hope by now that his "luck" has changed decidedly for the better, and produced a state of affairs more conducive to a speedy recovery to health.

#### A Good Basket Maker

J. Marriott, of Soham, is establishing a sound reputation for his baskets. He is one of the most enterprising St. Dunstaners, and we congratulate him on the excellent quality and finish of the work he turns out. We do not doubt that his initiative will speedily bring about the expansion of business which it deserves.



## SPORTS CLUB NOTES

### AFTER CARE SPORTS

IT is indeed delightful to see so many at the Bungalow on a Tuesday evening. Some of them are to be seen setting out on their walking training with grim determination written large on their faces, others come straight to the lounge for physical jerks and sports, and others repair to the card table for bridge or solo—all are busy, and all are welcome.

The number joining in the general sports is most encouraging, and many fresh names will be noted on the list of points. The best performance in any event this month is A. P. V. Crooke's double jump of 16 ft. 2 in.—it is whispered that the Kangaroos have been giving him free tuition!

Miss Davies, Miss Hensley, Miss Berry, Miss Bamberger, Messrs. Winter, Organ, Unstead, and the sports staff are always busy, especially at "Bovril Hour," and other friends have promised to call during the winter, so I think our Club promises to be a merry one.

Below is given the list of results, where there are many well-known names to the fore. A. Crooke has crept between our old friends McFarlane and Webster, and those in front will have to look to their laurels.

POINTS			
1ST NOVEMBER 1927			
1. Fleming .. 30	13. Wiltshire .. 9		
2. Deegan .. 25	14. Gover .. 8		
3. McFarlane .. 20	15. Champniss .. 7		
4. Crook .. 19	16. Hallam .. 7		
5. Nichols .. 19	17. Hughes .. 7		
6. Webster .. 18	18. Ruddock .. 6		
7. Roden .. 14	19. Johns .. 6		
8. Henry .. 14	20. Riley .. 5		
9. Burran .. 11	21. Ashton .. 5		
10. Martin .. 11	22. Scott .. 4		
11. Prior .. 10			
12. Brooke .. 10			

I have every hope that our entry for the three-mile walk on 10th December will be a record one, as walkers are coming from Brighton and Birmingham—is this because I heard Miss Davies mention decorating the lounge with mistletoe? Perhaps J. Hughes may walk when he hears this rumour!

G. J. S.

### WALKING

Will all those who have not yet sent in their names for the Three-mile Sealed Handicap Outer Circle Walk, on 10th December kindly do so before 26th November, so that we can start making the necessary arrangements. The walk will start at 2.30 prompt.

### ROWING

A small party is still to be seen on the lake every morning, Riley and Johns are amongst our greatest enthusiasts—except in bad weather, they have never been known to miss a morning. I hope one or two of the other sleepy heads will follow their example and keep fit by taking advantage of the kindness of Bedford College and our old friend Monty, our ever willing helper.

### FOOTBALL

The weather has so far been kind to us and very keen interest is shown in the eight separate teams that are playing each other. It is so far difficult to name the winning one as I think there are several "dark horses." They are looking forward to challenging Brighton when they get started, and I am sure there will be an exciting match.

On other days when there is no football the "Family" is to be seen walking hard in fine style round the Inner Circle; and I am sure we shall soon have to start a Ladies' Walking Race as Miss Greenwood, amongst others, is being so well trained that her speed increases daily, and it is getting difficult to keep pace with her.

### SWIMMING

The swimming classes, under the able tuition of Instructor Jones are going strong. It is a large bath, and there is plenty of room for more if they care to come along.

### FOOTBALL LEAGUE MATCHES

We continue to be well represented at these matches Saturday by Saturday; if any others wish to come along, will they kindly get in touch with Instructor Tovell.

L. W.

### Poultry Notes

#### St. Dunstan's Laying Test

Officially recognised by the National Poultry Council (25th October 1927 to 24th September 1928)

THE birds for our first year's laying test were received at King's Langley on 14th October. Most of the members of the Test Committee were present to help with the unpacking and examination of the birds. As a whole the quality of the entries is very good, and I think it safe to say an improvement on last year's winter test. At any rate it is hoped the results will prove this to be the case.

Many of the birds were in full lay on arrival and it is therefore anticipated that there will be some neck-moulting during November and December. Every effort will be made to prevent this; but much depends on the weather and the way in which we are able to keep up the bodily condition of the birds.

On the other hand quite a lot of the pullets were very backward and will not lay for several weeks.

The total number of birds entered is 277, and they are divided between the various sections as follows:—

Sec. 1.—White Leghorns (16 pens of 5 birds).

Sec. 2.—Rhode Island Reds (23 pens of 5 birds).

Sec. 3.—Any other breed (10 pens of 5 birds).

Sec. 4.—Single bird any breed (32 birds).

In applying for tickets for the recent Armistice Festivities quite a number took the opportunity of writing very kind personal letters to Matron, thus, by a happy chance, bringing her in touch with old friends. She takes this opportunity of thanking them one and all.

We regret that extreme pressure on our space this month has unfortunately crowded out interesting reports of the Winter Meeting of the Manchester Sports Club and the Manchester Walk.

### Births

BLACKMAN.—On 6th October, to the wife of T. W. Blackman, of North Walsham, a son.

BONNER.—On the 28th of September, to the wife of W. Bonner, of Whitstable, a daughter. (Marjory Winifred.)

HAMMETT.—To the wife of H. A. Hammett, of Carterton, on the 30th September, a son (Derrick John).

HARLOW.—On the 1st of October, to the wife of E. J. Harlow, of Eton (in the Princess Christian's Maternity Home, Windsor) a son. Mother and child are both doing remarkably well.

HUDSON.—To the wife of C. W. Hudson, of Brighton, a son on the 21st September.

HUNT.—To the wife of D. Hunt, of High-bury, a daughter on the 3rd of October.

JOYCE.—On the 12th of October, to the wife of J. Joyce, of Sandymount, Dublin, a daughter.

KENWARD.—On the 22nd of September, to the wife of E. E. Kenward, of Uckfield, a son (Edward).

PIMM.—On 11th September, to the wife of A. W. Pimm, of Wickford, a daughter.

### Deaths

We offer our sincere sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Glasspool, of Brixton. On the 21st of October Mrs. Glasspool lost her father. He was 72 years of age.

Congratulations to Mabel Wernham, of Bracknell, who has not only won the Ranleigh Scholarship but also carried off first prize for needlework. Her parents must be very proud of her.

What with poultry, pigs and a garden, S. Jennings, of Potto, finds life very full. Poultry and mats employ J. F. Treby, of Fordham, Essex, and boots keep C. B. Baker busy at Enfield Lock. In Peckham, H. R. Exall is making a success of his shop. T. Newman, of Kempton, is much better since his holiday, and finds himself able to turn out an increased supply of baskets. "More than holding its own," says R. Muncaster of his little business in Preston. Another hard-working shop-keeper is J. Spinks, who is a fine reliable mat-maker.

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