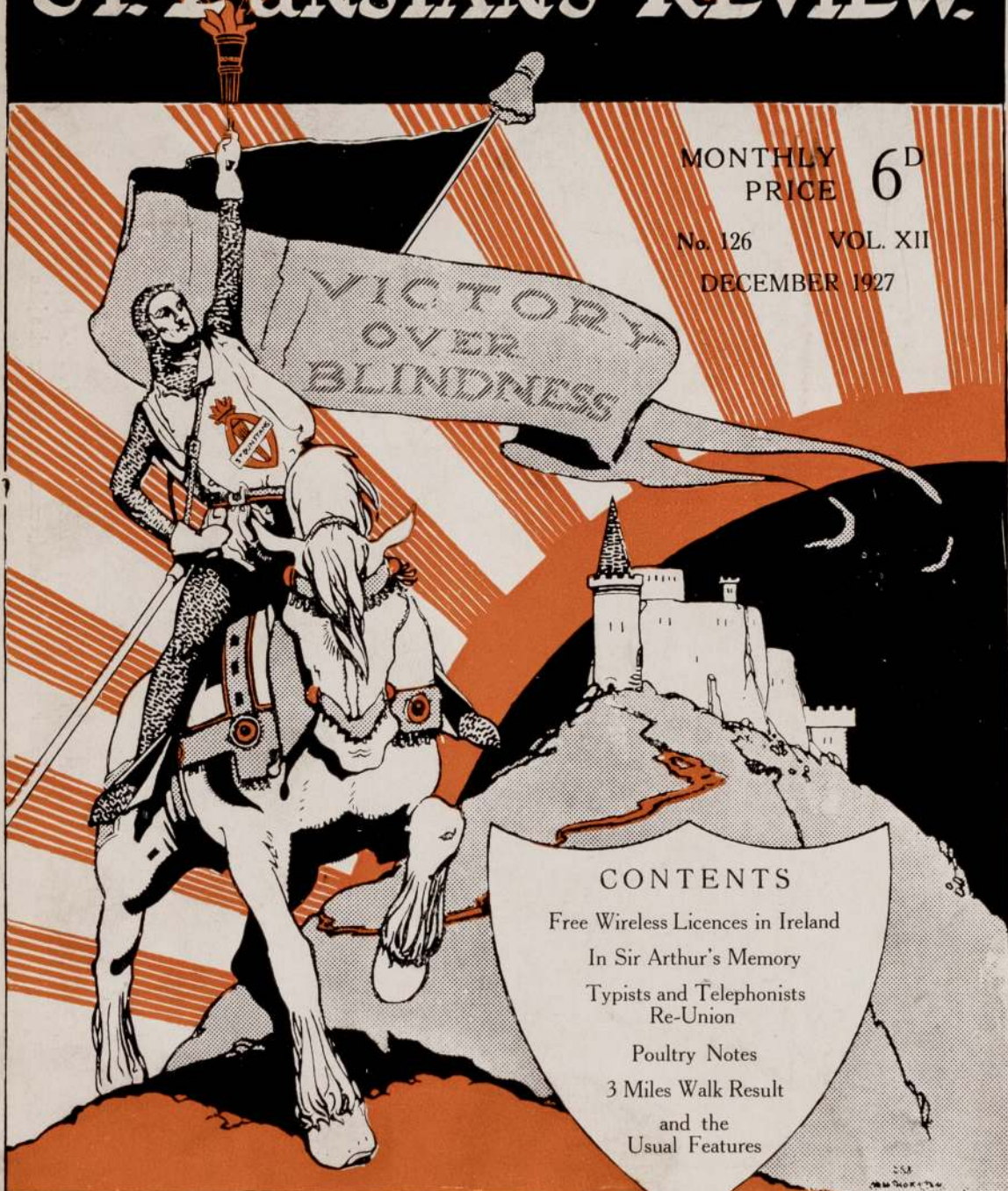


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 A Happy New Year**

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EDITORIAL NOTES

It is but rarely indeed that the warm-hearted Irish nation are in any way laggard in furthering works of beneficence. We must admit, therefore, to some feelings of surprise and regret on learning that, although it is nearly twelve months since blind persons in England received free wireless licences, these facilities are not yet available for the sightless folk of Northern Ireland. Yet that most excellent measure, the Wireless Telegraphy (Blind Persons' Facilities) Act, 1926, for the initiation and unopposed passage of which through Parliament, it will be remembered, Captain Fraser was responsible, applied concurrently in England and Northern Ireland. With a natural desire to see the boon provided by the measure available to all eligible, our Chairman has for some time past been endeavouring to induce the Government of Northern Ireland to expedite matters. The official answer given by the Government to those seeking these free licences is that at present there exists no official register of blind persons in the prospective areas. In response to this Captain Fraser makes the very reasonable suggestion that with good will any County Council in these areas, which does not possess or is unable to make a register of all the blind, could at least make a register of all the blind who want wireless licences. Even if it were argued that making a register demands investigation of cases, &c., war-blinded men at least could be passed for a licence, for St. Dunstan's could supply evidence as to genuine blindness in view of the fact that these men have Government pensions for that disability. There is also a class of civilians with regard to whom no investigation is required, namely, those receiving blind persons' pensions at the age of 50. These suggestions, made as far back as January last, had the effect of persuading the authorities to issue a circular letter to the town clerk of each County Borough Council and the secretary of each County Council of Northern Ireland asking them to take steps to compile the register of blind persons in their areas. It would appear, however, that this action did not succeed in inducing the Councils to take very active steps, and when, in October last, Major Shillingstone of the Northern Parliament raised the question again, the Minister of Home Affairs stated that it was not considered desirable to press the County Councils further in the matter pending the publication of a census containing particulars of the number of blind persons in each County in Northern Ireland. *"He was just as anxious as the honourable and gallant member on that matter."* (The italics are ours.)

Quite candidly, we feel—and we believe the press and public of Northern Ireland will be with us in this matter—that this question is not being approached by the Government and local authorities in the broadminded and charitable manner it should be. It is due to those who have worked for, and to those who benefit by this measure, that, where reasonable safeguards for non-abuse exist, facilities should be granted forthwith. Blinded ex-service men

and those persons in receipt of a special pension for the blind at the age of 50, should have licences issued to them at once, in advance of the general scheme arising out of the census. That is surely but bare justice allied to sound common sense.



We would direct the particular attention of our readers to the loose-leaf inset which accompanies this month's copies of the REVIEW, which gives details of the new arrangements and addresses necessitated by the removal, and we advise the leaflet being kept for future reference.

In Memory of Sir Arthur Pearson How the Anniversary was Observed

FRIDAY, the 9th of December, being the anniversary of the death of St. Dunstan's great founder, due reverence was paid to the day both in London and at Brighton.

In the morning a delegation, consisting of Captain Fraser, Lieut. T. Irvine, Private A. Wiltshire, Sergt. W. Riley, Private T. Millward, and Sapper W. Chambers, paid a visit to Sir Arthur's grave in the Hampstead Cemetery, and placed thereon some splendid floral tributes. The first, in the form of St. Dunstan's Badge, and standing nearly six feet high, was of white chrysanthemums and pink gladioli. A beautiful wreath of lilies and chrysanthemums was sent "From Matron and the Boys at the Brighton Annexe," another from "The Telephonists," while Mr. Johnston, St. Dunstan's Honorary Representative for Scotland, sent a lovely cushion of white and pink flowers. After these wreaths had been reverently laid on the tomb among the many other beautiful tributes which were already there, a short service, including the Litany and the Lord's Prayer, was conducted by the Reverend J. E. Williams, who also gave the following special prayer:—

O Heavenly Father, it is with feelings of sincere gratitude that we acknowledge before Thee the great services for humanity rendered by the Founder of St. Dunstan's, and particularly all that those services meant to us. He gave us hope, and encouraged us to renewed effort.

Do Thou keep him, we pray Thee, in Thine own glorious keeping, and grant

that light perpetual may shine upon him. Through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

The delegation was accompanied by Mrs. Fraser, Mrs. Bates, Mr. Kessell, Mr. Askew, Mr. Barringer, and Instructor Tovell.

In the evening a Memorial Service was held at Holy Trinity Church, St. Marylebone. The Reverend Prebendary E. N. Sharpe officiated, assisted by the Rev. J. E. Williams and the Rev. A. Nugee. The service included the hymns "Lead, Kindly Light," "For all the Saints," and "Abide with Me," and St. Dunstan's special prayers. The following moving address was given by the Rev. Nugee:—

[Taken from the 12th Chapter of the Epistle of the Romans, of the 21st Verse]

Be not overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

"I speak of all of us who may for various reasons have our own particular memories of Sir Arthur Pearson. Some have worked with him in the days of his adversity, in those great schemes which have made his name famous—and his fame will last, please God, for many generations yet. Some of us did not know Sir Arthur Pearson intimately, but nevertheless he won the personal gratitude of each one of us who received so much good from his hands.

"It is not in my mind to use language of praise, although I do not think that what I am saying is lacking in praise; rather I feel wholly inadequate to deal with such a subject; other men far more worthy

than I have done so before, and I can only try to repeat their words.

"We do right, of course, to honour those who have been great in this life, but we must never forget that their greatness and goodness came from Him who is the only author of goodness. Remember God made us all. Although I cannot ask you to bear your sorrow as recommended by Sir Arthur Pearson—it is for his good work and all he stood for that I ask you to lift yourself to God.

"We came here to-night to pray for the man who has passed from among us, and with the blessing of Almighty God to pray for the soul of he who has passed to the grave—that he may rest in peace—to pray that we may be able to see and know the beauty of the wisdom and truth of God.

"The lives of great men are as books wherein is written something of God's plans and purpose—wherein we may find inspiration and guidance. Such a book is the work and life of Sir Arthur Pearson, something not merely to be looked at, but to be lived up to. But, of course, we cannot do it adequately unless we realise that his goodness and bearing came from God, and from God alone. As one can say of this great man, he did overcome evil with good; surely that was the motto during his later years. Greatly handicapped as he was, he gave everything for the benefit of those who had to suffer and endure the handicap as himself. He was not overcome by evil, but overcame evil with good.

"This lesson we have all got to learn whatever our station of life, whatever work we do; no one must sit down under it and say what must be. As in the early days of the war it was no use to defend ourselves only, but to attack.

"There is work for us all to do, whether we be handicapped or whether we be whole, and there is a great lesson to be learnt from the life of the man whom we honour to-night. Some of us cannot withstand the temptation to sit down under our burden, but be not overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."

Included in the congregation present were Lady (Arthur) Pearson, D.B.E., Sir Neville Pearson, Bt., Miss Pearson, Sir

Arnold Lawson, Captain and Mrs. Ian Fraser, Mr. E. E. Mavrogordato, Colonel Bickerton, Miss Kennedy, Mrs. Mansell Moulin, Miss Hamar Greenwood, Mr. and Mrs. Hyde Thompson, Mr. J. Lee (National Institute for the Blind), Captain and Mrs. Crowe, and most of the chief officers of St. Dunstan's. There were also present representatives of several other organisations for the blind, and a considerable number of St. Dunstaners, their wives and relations.

At Brighton a Memorial Service was held in the big Lounge, at which Canon Dixon, of St. George's, Kemptown, officiated. In the course of his address he paid a high tribute to the wonderful understanding and love of humanity which was possessed by Sir Arthur in so great a degree. The crowded lounge at the service bore testimony to the undying love and affection in which the memory of our late Chief is held.

Manchester Sports Club

The January meeting will be on the 18th. I am hoping to get a band so that we can have a dance as well as a concert. As it will be a specially good meeting, I hope as many as possible will come.

Meetings to follow will be 15th February and 14th March. Please note these dates.

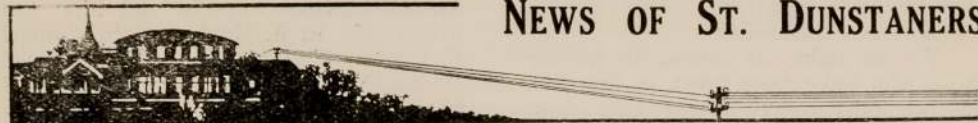
For the first time we took part in the Armistice celebrations in Manchester. We were a party of about twenty (counting escorts). We were given quite the best place in the square. Everyone was most kind to us; the General-in-Command of the Parade came to say how pleased he was to see our men; and later, the G.O.C. Western Command (who took the salute) came down from the dais, with the Lord Mayor, specially to have a word with us. Their kind thought was much appreciated.

After the march past Robinson and Joyce laid a wreath on the Cenotaph: "In Remembrance from Manchester and District St. Dunstaners."

It was a most impressive ceremony, and I think we were all very glad to take part in it.

K. V. M. IRVINE.

NEWS OF ST. DUNSTANERS



A VERY promising start has been made by B. B. Bowering in his new town—Weston-super-Mare. He has had several orders that may lead to good trade and, in addition, the Corporation have sent him quite a number of baskets for repair. The new house is most comfortable and the work shed in the garden is a fine one.

A most unpleasant little accident befell C. E. Watson, of Manchester, a week or so back. Some child had left its coat near his front door and he, stepping briskly out to go for a walk, got his feet entangled in it and fell, hurting his knee. It was serious enough for the doctor to suggest hospital treatment, but Mrs. Watson is such an excellent nurse that Watson preferred to remain at home.

Small round baskets are in great demand in Salford, it seems, for A. Gaffney says he has sold "dozens of them." May the fashion long continue!

Those who expected to meet D. Bee, of Bolton, at the Bolton meeting and were disappointed will be glad to know that it was business that detained him and not ill-health. There is quite an active trade in both tobacco and grindery at present we hear.

What with pigs and chickens, C. V. Smith, of Desford, Leicestershire keeps busy and is as happy as usual with his many interests, in all of which his wife shares.

A new house in Strabane is giving great pleasure to F. Gallagher. He has been busy furnishing it and we hear it looks remarkably well.

The Brighton holidays seem to have been particularly appreciated this year and

every man reports himself as the better for the change. E. E. Bryer, of Yate, Gloucestershire, is still full of good stories as to happenings at the Annexe. Both Mr. and Mrs. Bryer ought to be congratulated on their young family. The little girl is just about to start out into the world by going to school and the nine-months old baby is as happy and healthy as can be.

Mats keep E. W. Emerton, of Hockliffe, so busy that he does little with his poultry. One of the last mats he made was so large that it almost filled up his frame by the time it was finished.

From Clare, M. O'Hara, has been making a general tour—on his wireless set. He can now get several German stations as well as Daventry Experimental.

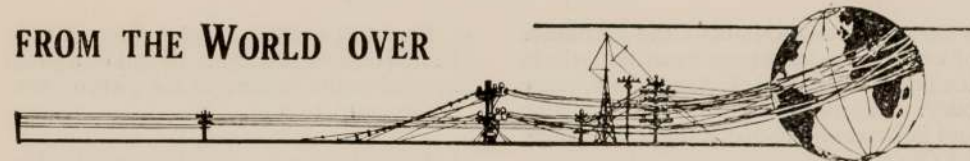
The move to Ealing Road, Brentford, made recently by C. W. Wise has proved most successful. Quite a lot of boot repairing has come to him although he has only been there a short time. He has hopes of building up a steady trade.

At a Musical Festival held at Morecambe T. Till gained 80 marks and much praise. A very little more and he would have carried off a prize! Oddly enough, Molloy, of Wigan, gained just one mark less at the Blackpool Musical Festival.

Several good engagements have of late come the way of another St. Dunstaner—C. E. Thomas, of Todmorden. One of these was to sing at the Huddersfield Town Hall. Thomas is a busy man, for he has a stall at a local market where he sells his baskets.

G. E. Bishop, of New Romney, has been very busy in connection with his bungalow, having boarded the floors and fitted it with cupboards, making it a much more

FROM THE WORLD OVER



comfortable little place. In addition he has put up a porch which is exceedingly useful, since it holds oddments as well as a mangle.

Everything is going well with G. B. Coles, of Beckenham; poultry flourishes and the wireless is a never-ending source of pleasure.

Pigeons are proving of absorbing interest to A. Thompson, of Upton Beacon. He has about 20 now and these birds won several prizes last year. Thompson is doing well with mats too and always seems to have some orders on hand; his work is so good and steady that we feel sure he deserves all the credit he gets.

A very constant stream of customers pours into the little shop run by T. Meredith, of Cheltenham.

Quite a rush of repair work has engulfed R. Finch, of Upper Gornal, of late—indeed he had to send for help to enable him to get through it.

Local orders for kneelers have been keeping A. Wilkes, of Oswestry, busy and what with these and the many odd jobs he undertakes about the house Wilkes does not find himself with much idle time.

At Sedgley, E. Tatton is one of the busiest of basket makers and does a dozen regularly every week.

"All well," says H. Morriss, of Wandsworth Road. Morriss, by the way was one of those who went to the Albert Hall on Armistice night and gives a great account of that splendid ceremony.

Some excellent work is being turned out by H. A. Mann, of Notts., we hear and he

is leaving no stone unturned to get local orders. We hope he will work up a steady and paying little trade and we congratulate him upon the energy and initiative he is showing.

A farmer who must be mentioned is S. W. Taylor, of Shepshed, Loughboro'. Not only is he very hard working, but he has a wonderful knack with animals, we hear, and every cow and calf in the place seems to count him as a personal friend. Such a gift ought to help him immensely.

There has been great excitement in the home of J. Bates, of Salford, for his son has just returned from Shanghai with many a tale to tell of his experiences there. Other St. Dunstaners might like to hear his adventures if Bates would send in a few yarns.

A rival shop has been opened near that run by W. Alston, of Preston, which will doubtless make some difference to him in the immediate future, but good work and a pleasant manner go far and we feel confident that Alston will be able to hold his own, after the first novelty of the new arrival has worn off.

A dressing table sounds a tall order. W. Lilley, of Leigh, has just completed one to suit a local customer—congratulations to him.

Another who is "doing nicely," is J. Eccleston, of the same district; he is kept busy with boots and clogs.

J. L. Housden is going on satisfactorily with his poultry and is assisting in the building of some new hen houses, one is to be 34 ft. x 12 ft. and the other some two feet larger each way; Housden is finding the work most interesting.

String containers, about the usefulness of which there have been many remarks in the press of late, keep T. Ashall, of Billenge busy. In addition he runs a sweet shop and is looking forward to increased trade for Christmas.

Our last gale displaced the hut of E. Roberts, of Abergele, but luckily only by a few inches. He has been particularly busy of late getting ready for a sale of work, and making baskets for his regular Christmas customers.

Another busy man is J. H. Matthews, of Rhyl. He reckons that he has reseated from 80 to 100 chairs during the last 12 months. At present he has an order on hand for some half dozen trays and tea-pot stands.

Despite the bad summer several St. Dunstaners who can accommodate visitors report having been quite full. Among these are Mr. and Mrs. Floyd, of Teignmouth. Several of their visitors have promised to come again "next year," which is the highest form of praise.

"Sufficient orders in sight to last me into the New Year," says J. A. Dunlop, of Bonnyrigg.

A satisfactory change of house has been made by P. W. Powell, of Ross, Herefordshire. He is looking forward to getting the garden into shape in the spring and meanwhile is beginning to build up a boot trade. We feel sure that he will put plenty of energy and courage into all he undertakes.

Surely J. Brockerton, of Coleraine, must be one of our most successful mat makers. He is very busy at present on an order for three large ones from a Technical School, and has also had orders for a number of motor mats.

A number of orders have come the way of T. McCann, too. He is in the best of health, we are glad to say.

Plenty of work in another line comes to E. J. Harlow, of Eton. He takes a great interest in the framing of the pictures that are brought to him.

A novel order has just been received by S. Holmes, of Belfast—a letter box for a church vestibule.

W. J. Berry, another of our Belfast men, has worked up a remarkably nice basket connection, and H. McAteer, of the same district, is in excellent form and is preparing a special display of nursery swings for Christmas.

The full force of the recent gale seems to have been experienced at Burnley where a considerable amount of damage was done. Next day H. Edge was dismayed to find that his work shed had practically disappeared—it had been blown into an adjacent mill pond!

Another Blackburn man, F. Marsden, had quite a large amount of his fencing blown down and damaged.

A young St. Dunstaner, to whom congratulations must go this month, is the eleven year old son of W. Hill, of Hull, who has carried off a scholarship after having done remarkably well at school.

Brief Notes

J. Kennedy, of Barnhill, has quite a lot of work in hand. A fair number of local orders are being received by R. Boyter, of Cupar. T. M. Fisher, of Longforgan, has had good success with his poultry, but his pullets have been somewhat late in starting laying.

Mats keep J. J. Hiscock, of Ross, busy and he is well, though troubled with rheumatism, as so many are at the beginning of the winter. The twin trades of boots and mats keep R. Edwards, of Hereford, going fairly steadily. A. W. Robinson is another who is well and happy; we hear he is putting on weight!

Our Dalston newsagent, A. Robinson, finds trade good. Perhaps the shortening

days will improve it still more, sending people back to their firesides with more than one newspaper; we hope so at all events.

Has D. Munro kept any account of the number of fishbaskets he has made for Aberdeen trade? The total must be pretty high.

"Trading going strong," says A. Chiverton, of Eastleigh—as friends will remember he goes in for both boots and mats. Another mat maker who is well content with life is J. Foster, who is setting to work, with fresh energy, in a fine new workshop.

Amongst our shopkeepers mention should be made of F. Tait, of Bolton, whose well-stocked shop it is a pleasure to visit, J. Patter who finds "all's well" with trade, and H. Gunson, of Batley, who is now happily settled into a new house just opposite his shop.

Boot repairing is keeping A. Gribben, of Belfast, busy; his son, by the way, has just joined the Royal Irish Rifles. H. Chave, of St. Neots, combines mats with boots, liking the change of work. His new workshop, we hear, is a model of neatness and cleanliness.

Other boot repairers keeping going are W. H. Agate, of Alton; E. J. Squires, who is working up an excellent trade at Ringwood; W. Walker, of Gosport; T. J. Waldin, of Winchester, who has increased his trade in sundries to a noticeable degree; A. Kean, of Hayling Island, who, we note, has moved into what should be a better position in the High Road; and H. Gransby, of Willesden.

J. Ballantyne is for the moment "resting." His last fell on his bad hand and bruised the bone which has left him unable to work at either mats or boots for the time being. Friends will be hoping to hear that he has recovered and has been able to make up for lost time.

At Laindon, J. D. Cockerill, is doing fairly well with his poultry and is looking forward to an increase in his supply of eggs. R. A. Clarke, of Gunnislake, Cornwall, has so few birds at present that he is able to spend the more time on mats, but on the other hand, R. Ashwell, of Cheadle, Hulme, Cheshire, has time for little else. He is getting 70 to 80 eggs a day.

Good progress is being made by our basket makers, among them C. Singleton, of Forest Gate, and H. J. Fleming, of Becontree.

Joinery is occupying S. Aves, of Hayling, who by the way has a remarkably nice workshop and is looking forward to doing a good trade when he gets better known.

Friends will be glad to hear that R. Dunn, of Burnley, is looking particularly well and thinks this is partly due to the daily walk to and from work. "Nothing like exercise!"

D. H. Wood, of Rugby, is very pleased by the prospects offered by his new shop, and H. Hargreaves, of Clayton le Moors, sees two or three weeks' work ahead of him in local orders—always a pleasant position to be in. Another who contrives to keep very steadily in work is C. Ross, of Padiham.

A Portable House Builder

We are interested to hear from E. B. Parke, of Myrtle Cottage, St. Ives, Ringwood, Hants, that he is making all kinds of portable houses and poultry appliances. With his skill at this work, and the assurance that the best possible materials are used in the making, there may be some of our readers whom Parke could supply. We understand also that he will make any kind of house required, and this also is a great advantage where the ordinary standard patterns may not be quite what is wanted. Parke will deal with all inquiries personally.

Shorthand Typists and Telephonists Re-Union

CHEERY GATHERING AT HEADQUARTERS

THE annual re-union of St. Dunstaners employed as shorthand typists or telephonists within the London area took the form this year of a dinner and entertainment. About sixty sat down to the excellent dinner provided, with Mr. T. E. Swain, the superintendent of the After-Care Organisation, in the chair.

Just before the conclusion of dinner, Captain Fraser, whose parliamentary duties had kept him at the House, arrived with Mrs. Fraser, and was greeted with hearty cheers when he rose to speak. He expressed his sincere regret that pressure of work in Parliament made it possible for him to stay only for a short while. He could assure them, however, that the sincerity with which he welcomed everyone present there that night was not to be measured by the short time he could be amongst them. The telephonists and shorthand writers of St. Dunstan's had set a very high standard of achievement in their respective occupations. It might have been said that in the first few years when some of the earlier men had been trained to this work, that sentiment had to a certain extent helped in finding them positions, but he felt that to-day no one could say that sentiment was needed now to achieve that end. (Applause.) The men's own skill and hard work and the recommendations from one employer to another, had kept the large majority of our shorthand writers and telephonists in permanent and well-paid jobs. Only a day or two previously, Mrs. Bates had received a letter from a large insurance company, which had employed our telephone operators for some time. In that letter the General Manager said:—"I have been quite satisfied with the work of the men I have had from you, and, as I think I have already told you, a telephone in the hands of a St. Dunstaner operator, is, in my view, more efficient than in the hands of anyone else." (Cheers.)

"Whether that is true or not," continued Captain Fraser (a voice: "Oh! it is true!"), "we are all very proud of St. Dunstan's and proud of you." St. Dunstan's was still going strong, and although the re-organisation which was still being rendered necessary, and the relinquishment of the big house, might make some small difference in the facilities the organisation was able to offer, he could give them the definite assurance that the general standard of benefits and care they had been used to would be maintained. The transference of our work of training to Brighton was a move he had no doubt the trainees themselves welcomed very heartily, for most of them could work and learn better in the bracing sunshine of Brighton than in the fogs and rain we were so accustomed to in London. In spite of the prevailing industrial depression and the hard times the country had gone through, we still had support from the public which had enabled us not only to balance income and expenditure, but generally to put something to reserve each year. That fact showed that St. Dunstan's was still held in high esteem. The main credit for that, he felt, was due to the men of St. Dunstan's who had always supported himself and the staff so loyally.

In conclusion, he was very glad to welcome Miss Greenwood, some of the chief officials of the staff, with whom the company present come into frequent contact, our chairman that night—Mr. Swain—Mr. Kessell, Mr. Askew and Mrs. Bates. (Applause, and a voice "and Macfarlane") Yes, and Macfarlane too, but he had yet to learn that he had been appointed to the staff! (Laughter.) He wished them all a most enjoyable evening and a pleasant concert, and," concluded Captain Fraser with a smile, "That's all I've got to say."

The termination of the address was the signal for musical honours, and then J. Hughes, in a humorous little speech, pro-

posed a vote of thanks to Captain Fraser, remarking that it was the only opportunity he (Hughes) got for public speaking. He yet felt that the most successful and most appreciated speeches were those which Mr. Ford has said should be "Short and interesting—like the ladies' skirts!" It had been, he thought they would all agree, a very successful dinner, and thanks were due to everyone who had helped in the work of organising it. "and that's all I've got to say," concluded Hughes, amid laughter and applause.

H. Tompkinson, seconding the vote, expressed his own and his comrades appreciation of Captain Fraser's work and the attention which Mrs. Bates and Mrs. Moore always paid to their needs in every direction. (Applause.)

After the toast had been honoured, amid cheers, Captain Fraser, in returning his thanks and in expressing his regret for having to go back again to the House, pointed out how even attendance at the Mother of Parliaments could lead to awkward situations. For example, a night or two previously the House had sat (and so had he) until 5.30 a.m. Mrs. Fraser was, wisely enough, asleep when he returned, and the next morning asked him what time that had been. When he assured her that it was about six, she pointed out—he did not say with suspicion—(laughter)—that his secretary had mentioned that the House had risen at 2.30, and, reasonably enough, she inquired what he had been doing in the balance of time. Fortunately, there was a convincing and innocent explanation. (Laughter.) His secretary, in her rush of work, had read the time of adjournment as the time of the meeting of the House next day—a very different thing! (Laughter and cheers.)

The concert which followed—an excellent one in every respect—was thoroughly enjoyed by those who were able to remain for it. Mr. Cecil Harrington was the entertainer, and the following were other items of the programme:—Humorous recitals by J. Hughes, songs "The Toast" and "Friend o' Mine," by W. Harding, songs "Cartload o' Hay" and "Tommy Lad" by S. Webster, recitations "Devil

may Care" and "Nini, Ninette, Ninon," by F. O'Kelly, and flute solos "The Lass with the Delicate Air" and Beethoven's Minuet in G, by F. Rhodes.

A Grateful Ex-Service Man

The Chairman's post-bag contains many interesting letters, but none, we think, could be more unusual or gratifying than a letter from one of Captain Fraser's constituents which arrived recently. The writer was an ex-service man who had had some difficulty in securing a pension to which he felt he was entitled. On being approached in the matter, Captain Fraser took up his case, and was able to secure recognition of the man's claim. In due course the chairman received the letter to which we have referred, in which the following passage occurs: "You will no doubt be interested to hear that I have been awarded a "special grant" pension until further notice. As it was only after I had approached you that I was given a medical board, I consider I have you to thank for this grant. I enclose postal orders value £2 as a small mark of my appreciation, and no doubt you will be able to use this sum to further the work of St. Dunstan's in some small way."

We are certain that our readers will echo the terms of appreciation and gratitude in which Captain Fraser replied to his correspondent.

Poultry Successes

We heartily congratulate H. A. Knopp and G. C. Jackson on recent show successes. The former's Rhode Island Reds finished 4th in the Notts. Laying Test, having laid only 26 eggs less than the winning pen. Jackson gained the following awards in the Bethersden Poultry Show:—2nd prize, Rhode Island Red cockerel; 3rd prize, Leghorn cockerel; 4th prize, Ancona hen; very highly commended, White Wyandotte cockerel.

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Poultry Notes

Two Years' Egg Laying Test

Officially Recognised by the National Poultry Council

Report for 12th Period 11th September to 8th October 1927

THE 12th period of four weeks closed on the 8th October. 296 eggs were laid, of which 94.26 were first grade and 5.74 second grade. The average per bird was 9.55 eggs. Four birds passed through the broody coops, ring Nos. 365, 377, 387 and 389.

Two pullets died during the month. The Ministry's Report on pullet no. 356 reading "post-mortem examination showed constriction of the large intestine, with impaction of the bowel above the constricted orifice," and on No. 360 "This fowl was found to be severely affected with visceral gout."

At the end of the first twelve lunar months it will be of interest to review one or two features of the competition. In the first place it is very satisfactory to note the high standard of production during the months when eggs were dearest i.e. periods 1, 2, 3, 4, 11, 12. The Rhode Island Reds stand out in this connection and their average of 177.23 for the 12 lunar months is very encouraging.

St. Dunstan's Egg Laying Test 1927-28

Report for 1st Period 25th October to 21st November

The total number of eggs laid by the 277 pullets during the first four weeks of the test was 3,008, and 60.00 of these were first grade, 35.55 second grade and 4.49 third grade. The average per bird was 10.86. This is a very satisfactory figure for the month under review, and is equal to a daily percentage production of 38.06 eggs.

Weather conditions have not been favourable, with considerable periods of rain, cold and fog.

The general health of the flock has been good and one of the most noticeable

The table giving the total number of 1st, 2nd and 3rd grade eggs laid by each breed, together with the percentages, shows up the White Leghorns as the chief offenders in the matter of small eggs. The Rhode Island Reds and White Bresse have done very well in this respect, with 83.80 per cent. first grade eggs, respectively.

Mr. F. E. C. Bulley is to be congratulated on the very excellent figures put up by his pen of Rhode Island Red pullets, Mr. A. E. Trigg is a good second with a score value of 751.

The full awards are as follows:—

1st Position.—F. E. C. Bulley, score value 778, awarded Gold Medal.

2nd Position.—A. E. Trigg, score value 751, awarded Silver Medal.

3rd Position.—C. T. Condon, score value 606, awarded Bronze Medal.

J. H. Tindall score value, 601 award of merit.

Pair of silver spoons for pen which laid the highest number of first grade eggs, F. E. C. Bulley, 832.

features has been the rapidity with which many of the pullets have come into laying condition.

Four birds have been in hospital with colds. Three of these being White Wyandottes and the fourth a White Leghorn. *Particulars of Feeding.*

Total food consumed, 17 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lbs.

Cost of food consumed, £9 17s. 7d.

Cost per bird for the period, 8.52d.

Cost per bird per week, 2.13d.

Average consumption per bird per day, 4.004 ozs.

[EDITOR'S NOTE.—We regret that extreme pressure on our space prevents our printing the usual tables which accompany these notes. Copies will, however, be sent to anyone applying to Mr. J. Thomson Brown, at King's Langley, Herts.]

"In Memory"

PRIVATE FRANK DAWE
(Royal Warwickshire Regiment)

A St. Dunstaner who suffered greatly was Private Frank Dawe. He was unable to learn a trade at Headquarters on account of his illness. He was very weak and unable to get about, and for a long time was in hospital at Ealing. Whilst there he was able to do a little wool rug work, which helped considerably to pass the time away. Gradually he became stronger, and eventually was able to leave hospital and move into his new house at Hounslow. Things seemed to be brightening, and until recently he had been in much better health, but he was suddenly taken ill again and removed to the West Middlesex Hospital, Isleworth, where he rapidly became worse and died on the 19th October.

The funeral took place on 24th October, and Dawe was buried at Heston Parish Churchyard. The funeral was attended by several members of the family, including his father and mother. St. Dunstan's was represented by Miss Lloyd. Another St. Dunstaner—Bowers, of Hounslow—was also present. Dawe leaves a widow to mourn his memory.

SERGEANT-MAJOR JOHN COPE
(Devon Regiment)

Enlisting in 1887, Cope served for 21 years with the Wilts. Regt. at home and abroad, retiring in 1908 whilst in Ceylon, where, for the last three years, he was attached to the Ceylon Volunteer Staff for instructional purposes. During this period of service he was severely wounded in the Boer War. In 1912 he joined the War Office Staff at Exeter, rejoining the Colours at the outbreak of the Great War, being then attached to the Devonshire Regt. In 1915, owing to ill-health caused by foreign service and aggravated by excessive clerical work, his sight failed, and from 1916 to 1917 he was at St. Dunstan's learning to adapt his misfortune to a useful civil life. At the end of training there he was appointed by the National Institute for the Blind to the Southampton District as Home Teacher, which post he held for eight years, until compelled by ill-health to resign. His health becoming rapidly worse in recent months, he went to St. Dunstan's Convalescent Home at Brighton at the beginning of October, where he died on the 31st of that month.

Cope did a great deal to ameliorate the conditions of the blind in Southampton and the surrounding district. Among his many activities may be mentioned the "Sunray's" Concert Party, which consisted entirely of blind artistes, trained and led by Cope, the formation of a Circulating Library, and Christmas and Medical Clubs. His death means the loss of a great friend to the blind of Southampton, where he was loved by all, both for his work and personality.

The funeral took place at 12 o'clock on Friday, 4th November, at Hollybrook Cemetery, Southampton, the service being conducted by the Rev. H. R. Bates, the Chairman of the Southampton Association for the Blind, and many blind mourners were led in the procession. The coffin, brought from Brighton on that day, was covered with the Union Jack, and on it, as a tribute from St. Dunstan's, was a cross of red and white flowers. Many family mourners attended the funeral.

A. B. JAMES GRIFFITHS
(Royal Navy)

Griffiths was a late-comer to St. Dunstan's. He trained in joinery and netting, and left us in 1923. His health, however, was not good, and for a period he was in permanent residence at the Annexe, until he was removed to hospital, where he died on 26th October. A widow and two children are left.

Deaths — Births — Marriages

Deaths

This month we send our sympathy to:—
BUNDY.—A. W. Bundy, of Gloucester, who on the 18th of November lost his mother as the result of an operation. The loss was very sudden, for on Armistice day she had been with Bundy through all the local celebrations.

CHAPPLE.—W. Chapple, of Bush Hill Park, who lost his father on the 29th of October, after only a few days' illness. Mr Chapple senior was 77 years of age, and known to a great many St. Dunstaners. All will join in the sympathy we offer Chapple, for they will understand how very real the loss is to him.

as he and his father were great companions.

FORSTER.—A. Forster, of Warrington, who lost his mother on the 22nd of October. She passed away after an attack of pneumonia followed by asthma, and both Forster and his father are feeling the loss very keenly.

IMPEY.—A. Impey, of Dunstable, is another who has suffered the same great loss. His mother died on the 18th of November.

SHAW.—F. J. Shaw, of Intake, Sheffield, whose mother passed away on 26th November after an illness of 4 years' duration.

SHAW.—R. Shaw, of Burnley, whose mother after having been ailing for some little time passed away on 15th October, at the house of a friend.

SIBLEY.—Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Sibley, of Stratford-on-Avon. Mrs. Sibley's father died on the 20th October. He had been confined to bed for five years and had celebrated his 81st birthday.

SKELLY.—T. E. Skelly, of Batley, who lost his mother through cancer on the 2nd of November.

Births

AP RHYS.—To the wife of T. Ap Rhys, of Bangor, a son (Thomas Llewelyn), on the 15th of October.

BARBOUR.—To the wife of R. Barbour, of Brighton, a daughter (Genevieve Elizabeth), on the 8th of November.

BURTENSHAW.—A daughter, to the wife of W. A. Burtenshaw, of Chippenham on the 21st of November.

DEMBENSKI.—To the wife of A. Dembenki, of Cheltenham, a son on the 19th of November.

HEALEY.—On the 7th of November, to the wife of J. Healey, of Manchester, a son (Bernard).

LORAM.—On the 15th of October, to the wife of S. C. Loram, of Brixham, S. Devon, a son (Albert Frederick).

LOVERIDGE.—On the 15th of October, to the wife of A. G. Loveridge, of Harrow, a son (Arthur John).

MCGLOIN.—On Armistice Day, the 11th of November, a son (William Martin), to the wife of P. McGloin, of Sligo, Ireland.

MURPHY.—On the 4th November to the wife of D. Murphy, of Glasgow, a son (Andrew).

PIDCOCK.—To the wife of R. Pidcock, of East Leake, Notts., a son, on the 25th November.

SPURGEON.—To the wife of P. C. Spurgeon, of Halstead, a daughter, on the 5th of November.

Marriages

ROBINSON-MARSH.—At Holy Trinity Church, Hove, at 12 noon, on the 27th September, H. E. Robinson, of Hove (late Pontefract), to Miss Edith Alice Marsh, of Market Drayton, Shropshire.

Note.—We hear that the wedding was an exceptionally pretty one. The bride wore a dress of powder-blue georgette with a hat to match and beige shoes and stockings. She carried a bouquet of red roses.

Miss Betty Knight, niece of the bride, acted as bridesmaid; she wore shell pink georgette and carried a posy of pink carnations.

The bride was given away by her sister, Mrs. H. P. Knowles, of Brampton, Huntingdon, and Mr. F. Bennet, of Brighton, acted as best man.

The honeymoon was spent in Yorkshire and Shropshire.

Over fifty presents were received and several others are known to be on the way. St. Dunstan's silver tea-pot arrived on the actual wedding day and friends added sugar basin, cream-jug and hot water jug to match, so Mr. and Mrs. Robinson should have a charming tea-table!

A Busy St. Dunstaner

A cheery letter telling of happy, energetic days comes from W. Barnes, of Bradford. He writes: "I have made a large cupboard and a tool box and a curb, also put some thresholds down and one or two little jobs. We are all fine just at present."

Another Prize Winner

Congratulations to J. Dixon, of Watford, in that his tea cosies carried off first prize at the recent Arts and Crafts Exhibition.

Armistice Exhibition

THIS exhibition was held during Armistice week at the Imperial Institute, South Kensington. There were a number of other ex-service men's organisations present, and the whole of the exhibits were strictly confined to work of this kind. The Board of Governors provided the space and whatever fittings were required free of cost, and arranged publicity entirely at their own expense. Their generosity in these directions was the means of affording considerable assistance to all represented.

St. Dunstan's had a fine site at the exhibition, just inside the entrance, with a frontage of 30 feet. Privates Ackland and Phillips demonstrated basket and wool rug work, and their presence naturally added to the interest displayed in our stand.

The King and Queen visited the exhibition on the first Sunday; the Duke and Duchess of York on Tuesday morning; the Prince of Wales on Thursday evening, and Princess Beatrice and the Queen of

Spain on Friday. All the Royal visitors made purchases, and expressed their admiration at the perfection of the work of our men. Both Ackland and Phillips had the honour of meeting the Royal visitors.

The new lacquer effects on our tea trays were very popular. The Queen's choice was a green ground with gold veining. A feature that attracted a great deal of attention was three illuminated models of a mat maker, a basket maker, and a joiner at work. The object of these models was to show the general conditions under which St. Dunstan's goods are produced.

The exhibit was, of course, representative of all branches of St. Dunstan's work which can be offered to the public for purchase. We feel that much of the success gained was due to the untiring efforts of a number of our lady voluntary helpers. Miss Hamar Greenwood very kindly came in to see us, and expressed her pleasure at our stand. Salesby cash and orders reached a fine total. H. B.

Armistice Party at Birmingham

SATURDAY, 12TH NOVEMBER

A delightful party was given by Mr. James at his private house. Mrs. Edwards (Mr. James' sister) acted as hostess, and was also assisted by other members of her family. It was one of those parties which are just right from the very beginning. I was a little late in arriving, as I had been round to pick up some of the troops. When I entered one could hardly see across the drawing room for smoke, or make oneself heard through the chatter. Some old friends among the party had not met since 1916, but everyone seemed to have settled down. Before tea several of the boys sang, and everyone joined in some well-known choruses.

We then went upstairs to a delicious tea, and were waited on by Mr. James and his relations and friends. After tea we had a charming concert, and there were further opportunities to renew old acquaintances. The time, under such pleasant circumstances, passed all too soon, but before leaving W. Trott proposed a vote of thanks.

This was seconded by J. New, and heartily endorsed by all present. Many St. Dunstaners came from considerable distances to afford themselves the pleasure of being present. I feel that the large number at the party showed how much Mr. James' hospitality is appreciated. The following St. Dunstaners were present:—G. Bateman, F. Brown, J. B. Brown, H. Lea, W. Castle, G. Cole, H. G. Cooke, A. Benning, C. Grattidge, H. W. Giles, W. H. Hines, F. H. Kirkbright, G. Lilley, T. Johnson, G. Lawlor, H. Matthews, E. Varley, E. Read, G. Perry, J. New, J. S. Smith, T. Shaw, T. North, T. Shaylor, W. Shakespeare, W. Trott, and V. Wicken. Miss Nelson came along, and also Mr. W. W. Alexander, Junior, and Mr. G. Robinson (both Vice-Presidents of the Club).

— A. HODGSON.

We are interested to hear that Olwyn, the little daughter of R. Edwards, of Denbigh, gained second prize at the Eisteddfod "Denbigh Independent Chapels" for singing, and was 4th in recitation out of twenty-two competitors.

After-Care Meetings

NOTTINGHAM

ST. DUNSTANERS and their wives or escorts were invited from Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire, Leicestershire and South Lincolnshire to the After-Care Re-union held at the Elite Picture House, Parliament Street, Nottingham, on the 2nd November. There were about a hundred and thirty for tea, and the new room at the Elite was a great success. Time before tea was filled in with talking to old friends, and a flash-light photograph was taken of everyone, both before and at tea. G. Swindell and W. Bridgeman replied to Mr. Swain's speech, in which he gave a message of greeting from Captain Fraser.

The Assistant Commandant and members of the V.A.D. Nottingham 32, gave invaluable assistance during the whole meeting, and took charge of the competitions. Toc H. also sent us some able helpers. We were so glad Mr. and Mrs. Carlin, who entertained all the boys in May, were able to come along, also to welcome Mr. Seely Whitby and his friends who looked in during tea-time.

The results of the competitions were as follows:—

Hoop-la—

T.B. SECTION	S.S. SECTION
1. A. Hayes	1. W. Garrett
2. G. James	2. C. Knight
3. G. M. King	3. P. Brelsford

For Ladies. Guessing the number of buttons in a bottle.—Mrs. Straw and Mrs. Ling drew, but the former won the toss and took the prize—a handbag.

Having two rooms, we were able to carry on the competitions whilst the musical part of the programme was in full swing in the larger room. Many kind people came to entertain the company. A most amusing sketch was given called "The Brown Paper Parcel," and a lady and her friend conducted the Community Singing and gave several charming songs. Captain Brown's arrival was greeted with much enthusiasm; he gave a number of amusing songs at the piano.

The manager of the Café most kindly lent us the Restaurant Orchestra for an hour so that we might have some dancing, and they really played delightfully. Quite a number were persuaded to take the floor. One could wish some would dance without so much persuasion; I think we must have a few dancing classes before the next meeting to increase everyone's confidence.

Miss Gough presented the prizes, after which we sang a few more choruses. It was then after 7 p.m., and the company was beginning to thin out; so, regretfully, old friends parted till another year.

A. O. H.

GLOUCESTER

The Gloucester After-Care Meeting was held in Botherway's Café on the 23rd November. Illness prevented a few from coming, but with those exceptions it was practically a full muster. Competitions and conversation were soon in full swing, much enjoyment being added to the afternoon by the presence of so many old St. Dunstan's staff friends. Miss Hamar Greenwood's visit was much appreciated, both as a member of the St. Dunstan's Executive Council and as a friend of so many of those present. (Frequent explanatory whispers of "the dot-chaser" were overheard as Miss Greenwood's activities in the Braille Room came to mind!) We also had Miss Gough and Miss Hodgson with us, and Miss James, Miss Phillips, Miss Schrieber, and Mr. Gardiner, of the Cheltenham Annexe days.

The musical programme was a real treat, the Harris and Organ Band giving us a delightful selection (many remembered Mr. Fletcher and his banjo at the Annexe). We also much enjoyed songs from Miss Pile and G. Hill.

After tea Mr. Swain read a message from Captain Fraser and added a speech of welcome from himself. This was replied to by T. S. Meredith, seconded by A. Bundy. To everyone's pleasure Miss Greenwood gave a little speech also.

Then followed a delightful little ceremony when F. C. Harris, on behalf of

the men of the area, presented Mr. Swain with a gold-mounted umbrella inscribed with the St. Dunstan's badge. He said: "Mr. Swain—it has been suggested by my fellow St. Dunstaners that I should this afternoon try to express to you to the best of my ability how much we at Gloucester appreciate your services as After-Care Chief. We have always found you most courteous and attentive, and if the occasion arose whereby any of us were confronted with any little difficulty, or trouble, you were always most anxious and willing to assist us in overcoming that obstacle. In so doing you have won for yourself very high esteem amongst us all; much higher than I can find words to express. It was suggested, and unanimously carried, that we should at this meeting this afternoon show to you in some practical way our appreciation and so it gives me great pleasure to present you with a little memento in recognition of your past services, and with it our very best wishes that you may still continue to enjoy good health and for many years to come represent us at Headquarters as our After-Care Chief." (Applause.)

The reception, with full musical honours, given Mr. Swain when he rose to reply left no doubt that Harris had expressed the views of all present.

With such a crowded afternoon of happenings it was a wonder that the competitions were completed, but at last all had competed and the results were announced: Cake.—C. H. Stock; basket of fruit, Mrs. Roberts. Men's competition: P. Sumner. Ladies' competition: Miss Pile. And so ended a memorably happy Gloucester meeting.

BRISTOL

The Bristol Re-union took place in St. John's Hall on Saturday 26th November. This was a new place for the meeting and proved an exceedingly good one. Again we had many old friends with us, the presence of Mr. Kessell being a much appreciated pleasure. Miss Lloyd, Miss Berry, Miss Hodgson and Miss Skrine were also there and we had the excellent help at tea-time of our many Bristol meeting

friends. Talk and competitions kept everyone fairly busy till tea-time, Miss Yeoman's piano playing giving much pleasure.

After tea Mr. Swain read a message from Captain Fraser, following with a speech from himself and then he called upon Mr. Kessell to say a few words. Mr. Kessell's speech, with its memories of old days at St. Dunstan's and news of present day doings there, was listened to with great interest. A. B. Hill then spoke on behalf of the St. Dunstaners present in a most able little address, asking Mr. Swain to convey to Captain Fraser thanks for his message and an expression of loyalty and good wishes from the men of the Bristol meeting.

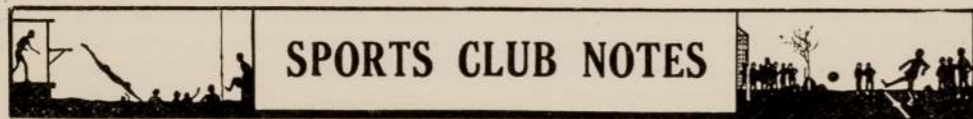
After tea we had a great musical treat, Mr. Tarrant Bailey and his Banjo Band having come specially over from Bath to give us a little concert. It was very much enjoyed by all present and we hope Mr. Bailey realised how very much we appreciated his kindness. Amongst all the talk there was just time to fit in the competitions, the winners being: Cake, H. Perrett, Basket of Fruit, Mrs. Batten. Men's competition, F. Bond. The ladies' competition was a draw between Mrs. Pink and Miss Kean; the latter won the draw for it. Mr. Swain seemed to be very busy with interviews, but all was finished in time for the homeward trains. D.I.M.A.

A New Wireless Attraction

St. Dunstaners will be tuning in with extra eagerness shortly, we expect, for C. E. Thomas, of Todmorden, has had a successful audition at the Manchester Broadcasting Studio, where he sang, "As You Pass By," with fine effect. The date of his first "appearance" has not been settled yet, but all St. Dunstaners must watch their programmes closely. We offer Thomas sincere congratulations.

A Lucky Draw

A doll's house was won by W. J. Berry, of Belfast, in a recent ballot and, since he has no use for it, Berry is putting it up again for the benefit of a mission that is doing fine work in the neighbourhood. We hope it will fetch a goodly sum.



SPORTS CLUB NOTES

SHIELD COMPETITION

A MEETING was held at Headquarters on Wednesday, 9th November, to arrange rules and plans for this coming year's competition. The representatives of the Sports Clubs at London, Birmingham, and Manchester, Miss Stacey, Miss Hodgson and Mrs. Irvine respectively, together with the sports captain, sports secretary and sports instructor, were present. With a view to obtaining a definite decision in our next contest, and also of encouraging the weaker competitors, it was unanimously decided to increase the scoring points proportionately. This means that the points will work out as follows:—

1.—WALK			
	1st place points	2nd place points	3rd place points
Walk	6	4	2
2.—RUNNING			
$\frac{1}{4}$ Mile	3	2	1
$\frac{1}{2}$ "	3	2	1
1 "	3	2	1
$1\frac{1}{4}$ "	3	2	1
3.—SPORTS			
Cricket Ball	3	2	1
Single Jump	3	2	1
Weight	3	2	1
Three Jumps	3	2	1
4.—ROWING			
Pairs	3	2	1
Doubles	3	2	1

It will be noticed that instead of the two mile running race, the distance is altered to $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles; whilst it was thought advisable to limit the shorter distances, the quarter and half mile to S.S., and the longer, the one and one and a half miles to T.B.

As regards the suggested dates for the various events whilst it is essential to know them as early as possible, yet it is difficult at this time to definitely date events taking place next summer. However, we are trying to arrange the running events somewhere about 11th-18th May at Manchester; the sports in London about 11th-18th June; and the rowing on the Thames about 16th July.

We feel sure that our sportsmen will generally agree with these alterations. The competition is but new, and we can only learn by experience, but at any rate we can give these suggestions a trial, and see how they work out. J. E. W.

POLICE MINSTRELS' CONCERT

Supt. Annis of the S. Div. Met. Police once again invited a party of our boys to attend the above concert. I am sure lots of our after-care boys will remember these very pleasant functions. We had a most enjoyable afternoon, and we thank our friends the police for continually remembering us.

THE CENOTAPH CEREMONY

The St. Dunstan's wreath party this year numbered 12, headed by Captain Fraser. As usual we marched from Wellington Barracks with the Scots Guards Band leading. This simple ceremony seems to be more impressive each year. Captain Fraser placed the St. Dunstan's wreath immediately after the King, the Princes, and Ministers had deposited theirs. The flowers were more beautiful than ever this year.

REMEMBRANCE FESTIVAL

About 50 St. Dunstaners with their wives and escorts attended the Royal Albert Hall on this occasion. And what a wonderful night—the densely packed hall—the community singing—the Grenadier's Band—the Pipers Drums—State Trumpeters, and the Prince of Wales's "straight from the shoulder" speech. During the interval the corridors of the Hall were packed with a laughing and merry crowd, and there was much handshaking as one met old pals. Then the torchlight procession to the cenotaph—such a spectacle never before seen in England. Truly a night that will never be forgotten by any who were present. I noticed Piper Laidlaw, the V.C., of Loos, making himself very affable amongst our boys.

He told us he is filming in a new picture about to be released, "The Guns of Loos."

FOOTBALL

A very interesting and sporting football match was played on the Brighton College Ground between a team from the Brighton Annexe v. London (Mrs. Moore's telephone trainees). Some excellent shooting ability was shown despite the greasy condition of the turf. A capital display in goal kept the scoring down, and the result was a draw 3-3.

Brighton	London
Alexander (1)	Wiltshire
Tennison	Ruddock
Marsden (1)	Brooke
Read	Webster (2)
March (1)	Hallam (1)

The return Football Match was played at Headquarters on Saturday morning, 10th December, each man having eight kicks. The result after a very keenly contested game was a win for London by 16 goals to 13.

Brighton	London
Alexander	Wiltshire
Read	Webster
Acton	Hallam
Pimm	Johns
Tennison	Riley
Marsden	Brooke
Manning	Cook

The result of the football competition amongst the telephonists up to date is as follows:—

	FOOTBALL						
	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Webster	11	6	3	2	25	22	14
Ruddock	12	4	2	4	25	19	12
Hallam	10	5	3	2	22	22	12
Johns	10	4	3	3	23	20	11
Riley	9	3	3	3	17	17	9
Wiltshire	11	3	5	3	23	27	9
Brooke	9	3	4	2	11	13	8
Cook	8	3	4	1	15	13	7

(Up to and including 6th Dec. 1927)

W. A. T.

After-Care Sports

Competition at sports is very keen and each week the order changes, so there is no monotony, and some who started at the wrong end are gradually creeping up and showing us what really can be done.

Surely the jumping mat will soon have to be lengthened or renewed if Crook will continue to beat his own record, as we

should not like to hear him coming to an untimely end when he is doing so well. Since jerks have started certainly some figures are noticeably slimmer, but it would be impossible to be otherwise in view of the strenuous and whole hearted energy with which the word of command is obeyed.

We shall hope to see Miss Stacey back again with us after Xmas. As she is at present in Monte Carlo, we are only sorry she will not be with us for the walk, as I hear that the mistletoe is responsible for the record number of entries.

May we wish you all a very happy Xmas, and that we shall meet again in the New Year?

1. Fleming	63	12. { Brooke	19
2. Deegan	52	13. { Hughes	19
3. Crook	49	14. Roden	18
4. Nichols	49	15. Gover	13
5. Webster	45	16. Hallam	12
6. McFarlane	44	17. { Ruddock	10
7. Burran	28	18. { Scott	10
8. Martin	27	19. { Champniss	9
9. Prior	23	20. { Ashton	9
10. Wiltshire	22	21. Johns	7
11. Henry	21	22. Riley	5

L. W.

THE NINE MILE WALK

Will competitors please note that this walk is due to take place on Saturday, 28th January, and we will be glad if all those who intend to enter will send in their entry not later than 14th January. The walk will start at 2.30 p.m. sharp.

THREE MILES' OUTER CIRCLE WALK

The result of the 3 mile walk from the Bungalow was as follows:—

T.B.	S.S.
1st Eates	1st Brown
2nd Riley	2nd Trott
3rd Boolman	3rd Ashton

HANDICAP RESULT

T.B.	S.S.
1st Riley	1st MacSteel
2nd Eates	2nd Gover
3rd McFarlane	3rd Ashton

Owing to lack of space a detailed report of above will be held over until next month, but the time table appears on back page.

RESULTS
 3 MILE SEALED HANDICAP WALK
 OUTER CIRCLE
 10th December 1927
 T.B. SECTION

Pl	Name	Escort	Time		H'cap		Net Time		Order of Finish
			m.	s.	m.	s.	m.	s.	
1	W. Birch	Mr. Travell ..	27	31		15	27	16	4
2	H. V. Thompson ..	.. W. Smith ..	27	55	2	15	25	40	7
3	S. Webster .. ..	.. Stone	32	27	5	30	26	57	15
4	J. McFarlane .. ..	.. Unstead ..	29	30	4	0	25	30	9
5	F. Rhodes .. ..	.. Belchamber ..	29	35	4	0	25	35	10
6	M. Burran .. ..	.. Hall	32	26	2	15	30	11	14
7	H. Kerr .. ..	.. Steer	28	5	1	0	27	5	8
8	F. Lenderyou .. ..	.. Barnhouse ..	27	42	2	0	25	42	5
9	P. Johns .. ..	.. Linear	31	21	1	45	29	36	12
10	W. Riley .. ..	.. Chalk	26	40	2	15	24	25	2
11	A. Benning .. ..	.. Cade	27	54	2	15	25	39	6
12	T. North .. ..	.. Warwick	30	18	3	30	26	48	4
13	W. Shakespeare .. ..	.. Nicholls ..	31	59	4	30	27	29	13
14	E. Bates .. ..	.. Booker	26	26	1	0	25	26	1
15	H. Boorman .. ..	.. Hill	27	16	Scratch		27	16	3
S.S. SECTION									
16	H. Gover	Mr. Harris ..	23	22	3	0	20	22	4
17	P. Ashton .. ..	.. Chorley ..	23	12	2	30	20	42	3
18	A. Brown .. ..	.. Winter ..	21	45	Scratch		21	45	1
19	W. T. Scott .. ..	.. Stupples ..	25	53	4	0	21	53	7
20	H. MacSteel .. ..	.. Strank ..	25	13	5	0	20	13	6
21	W. Trott .. ..	.. Burnett ..	22	24		30	21	54	2
22	W. Giles .. ..	.. Livermore ..	26	57	3	45	23	6	8
23	E. Read .. ..	.. C. H. Hill ..	27	6	4	15	22	51	9
24	E. Varley .. ..	.. Hale	28	44	4	15	24	29	10
25	W. J. Roberts .. ..	.. Austin ..	24	46	1	30	23	16	5

Brighton News

On the 2nd December Mrs. Pitman and her committee of helpers gave their annual Social and Dance for the men of the Brighton Annexe, and about 35 of the boys had a right royal evening at the Portland Hotel. Dancing commenced at 8 o'clock, and never have dancers stepped it to more enjoyable music than that which Miss Raikes and her orchestra provided. The songs rendered during the intervals between the dances were thoroughly appreciated, and the vocalists, Miss Hilda, Miss Tuppin, Miss Stevens, and Mr. Slater, were loudly applauded.

About 9.30 supper was served, and here again everything was at high-water level, whilst the liquid refreshment were of the "nuttiest" and "brownest." In addition to all this, each man received a present of 50 cigarettes.

G. Eames, on behalf of the Matron and

the Boys, thanked all those who had worked so hard to make the evening so great a success. Mrs. Pitman, in a delightful little speech, emphasised that all the thanks she and her helpers required was the knowledge that the men were happy and enjoying themselves. But all good things must come to an end, and after more dancing and much cheering, the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" brought the party to a finish, and the guests were escorted to the omnibus reserved for them, returning home after having spent an enjoyable evening.

Poultry Success

At the National Laying Test the Sheffield Branch Team won the first prize of a gold medal and £15 in cash. W. Burgin (Rhode Island Reds) was one of the breeders represented in the Sheffield Team. St. Dunstaners will congratulate him upon this notable success.