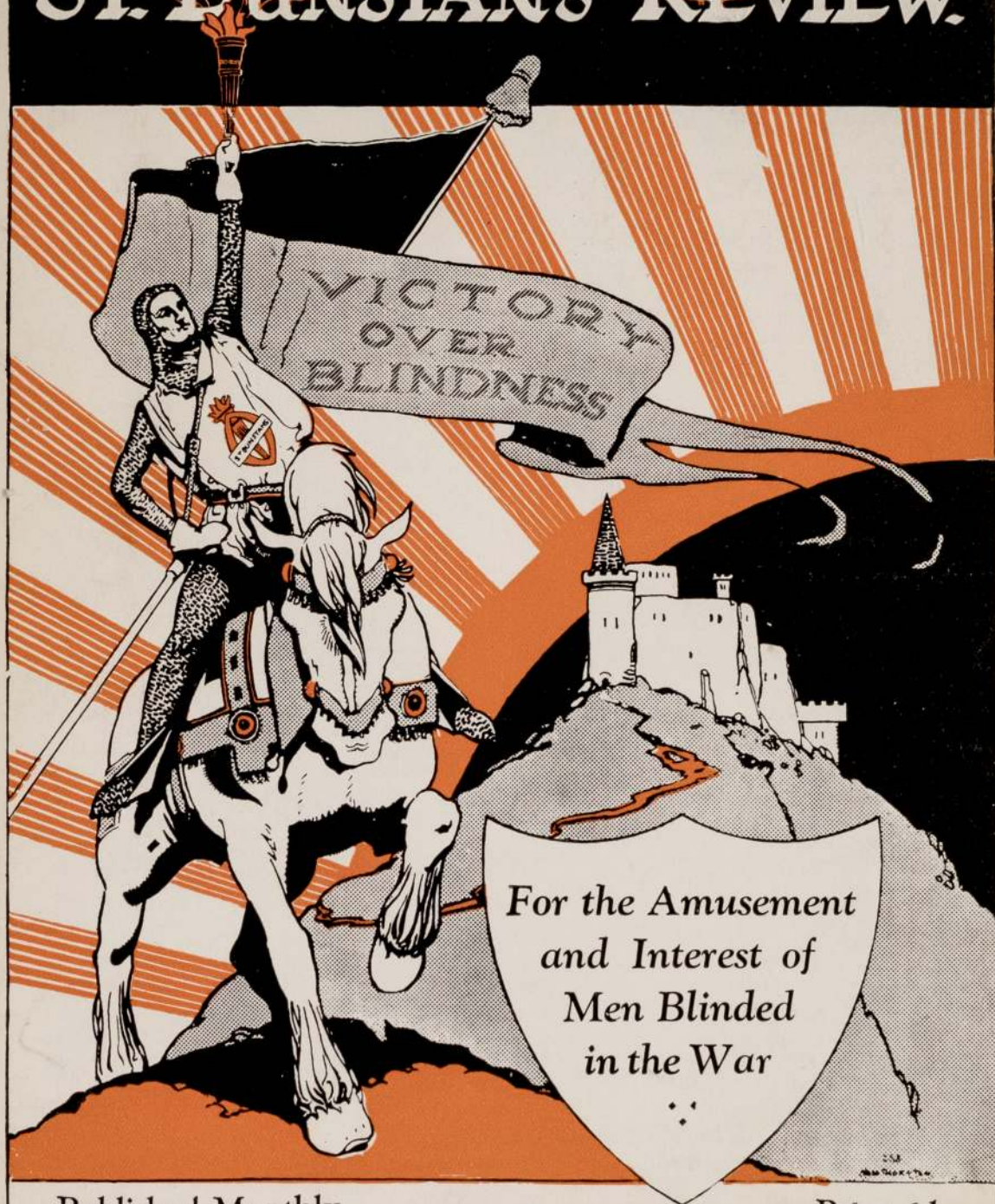


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EDITORIAL NOTES

THE absence of our usual pictorial frontispiece is explained by the fact that under new arrangements we have been able to make, as regards the technical production of the REVIEW, a very considerable economy by printing the covers in bulk and not separately for each issue. Generally speaking, the letterpress contents of the magazine will remain as before, and it may even be possible, when pictures of specially topical or historical interest are available, to reproduce them occasionally on the inside pages. It is the duty and desire of every department of our organisation to keep to the lowest possible level every item of expenditure which does not affect the efficiency and completeness of the services we render our men, and we are confident that our readers everywhere will be gratified to know that with such a slight pruning only of the regular features in our little house magazine to which they have been accustomed, we can yet give them all the news and happenings concerning our work and our men throughout the Empire. May we take this opportunity of expressing once again our high appreciation of the sustained interest taken in the REVIEW, and our hope that our readers will continue to regard ST. DUNSTAN'S REVIEW as a free means of expression of their own views on any subject of general interest, and that they will continue to send us any news of themselves and their activities.

The twelfth annual report of St. Dunstan's which was recently published has again received strikingly widespread attention from every section of the Press. In addition to lengthy reviews in almost every journal of importance, great newspapers like *The Times* and *The Morning Post* have also devoted editorials to the work of our organisation, while details of the individual achievements of some of St. Dunstan's men, recorded in the pages of the report, have formed in many papers the subjects of special stories. This fact provides fresh evidence, if such evidence were needed, that, in spite of the fact that it is nearly ten years since the end of the world war, the work of St. Dunstan's and of the men whose welfare it has taken in charge continues to hold a high place in public sympathy and regard.

Birmingham Memorial Service to Sir Arthur Pearson

On Sunday, 11th December, a Memorial Service to the memory of Sir Arthur Pearson was held in the Cathedral, Birmingham, and was attended by a large number of St. Dunstaners who are resident in the Midland Counties. The service was conducted by the Reverend Harold Gibb—a St. Dunstaner—and was also attended by some three hundred school children.

St. Dunstaners afterwards assembled for tea.

The following men were present:—F. Best, F. Brown, M. Bateman, W. Castle, H. Cooke, S. Chambers, P. Cashmore, W. Dainter, W. Ellison, R. Finch, W. Hines, J. Hastings, T. Johnson, F. Kirkbright, C. Grattidge, D. Lilley, E. Moss, W. F. Macarthy, T. North, G. Perry, E. Read, W. Shakespeare, G. T. Shaw, T. Shaylor, G. Thomas, W. Trott, A. Taylor, J. H. New, E. Varley, G. Wicken, and G. Whitten.

News from Canada

Several interesting letters have been received from Canadian St. Dunstaners recently. S. W. Johnson, of Lakeside, Quebec, writes:—

"When I look through the REVIEW and read the reports and goings on of my old friends I feel that I must write and make some account of myself, that they may know of what I am doing to make time pass pleasantly and profitably.

"I started in poultry farming and am still doing that work. I have raised a good number of chickens since I started, and generally keep around 200 layers for the winter. This year has been pretty well, and I have turned over a fair margin. Eggs are getting a very good price now. I have sold a lot of roosters and broilers, and have still more left that I am keeping for Christmas.

"We all look forward to the re-unions which are held periodically at Toronto, where we meet our old friends and talk over our happy days we spent together at St. Dunstan's.

"I took in a new 'partner' this year—getting married this past summer. On my trip I visited an old St. Dunstaner, W. Austin, who has also started in poultry. I would be glad to have my friends know of the step which I have taken after such a time."

Captain Fraser has also received a long letter from Charles Hornsby, of Edmonton,

Alberta. Hornsby says that everything is going well with him at the office. He is just as busy as he could possibly be, and consequently has not much time for letter writing. He follows with a most interesting description, which we regret pressure on our space prevents our quoting in full, of his summer holiday last year. This he took in the form of a tour, which started on 16th July and embraced such places as Vancouver; Scagway, Alaska; Prince Rupert; the Alaska and Yukon Territories; Ben-my-Cree; Wrangle Island; Victoria, B.C. (where ten days were spent), the return route being via Vancouver again. Hornsby met several St. Dunstaners in his travels, including Sgt. Taylor and Archibald, who has unfortunately passed away since. Both Hornsby and his wife feel greatly the benefit of their holiday, and if all goes well may spend a little time in England this year, when they hope to see many old friends again.

We are glad also to have received a letter from our old friend, Bill Dies, of Toronto. Here are some extracts:—

"First and foremost, of course, we must send our very best wishes for a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year to all past, present, and future members of the one big family. In this, of course, I include staff, graduates, and lead-swingers—people who thought they knew me have often placed me in the latter class! We are at this time not only having unseasonable weather, but also unreasonable, as it insists on raining daily for some unknown reason, which, to say the least, is totally unexpected in this part of the world at this time of year."

Friend Bill proceeds to give some pleasant news about "little Bill," now two and a half years old, and ends up with a tribute to the memory of our late Chief.

E. B. B. Parke—A Correction

We regret that owing to the necessity of holding over, after it had been first written, the paragraph relating to Parke's business in poultry appliances, his old, and not the new address to which he has moved since, was mentioned. Parke's address now is "Moorend," Pinehurst Road, West Moors, Dorset, to which all orders and communications should be sent.

A Magic Carpet

THIS is the splendidly apposite title given to the thirty-sixth annual report of Pearson's Fresh Air Fund, a copy of which has reached us. Dip anywhere you will into this record of the wonderful work done for Britain's poorest children, and you will realise how much of magic there must seem to the little slum dwellers who benefit by the untiring efforts of those who conduct this unique charity. There is the little slum boy who was endeavouring to convey to a companion the joys of the country. "G'wan Ted, what sort o' a place is it at all?" queried a listener. "It's the sort o' place where—where," said the other, wrinkling his forehead despairingly. Then with a sudden, vivid memory of its invigorating air, he blurted out exultantly, "It's the sort o' place where, if yer had a piece of bread and butter in yer hands, you could eat it every five minutes!"

Look at the reproductions from actual photographs which illustrate the report—the tragedy of the awful slum where an old tin bath is the baby's cradle, and a "little mother" of perhaps six years old is doing some housework. "Housework!" Ye Heavens! Turn then to the gloriously happy little crowd romping on the sands at the seaside. That change of scene must surely mean "a magic carpet."

The Fresh Air Fund, as most St. Dunstaners know, differs from other charities inasmuch as there are no general management expenses, these being defrayed by the promoters—Messrs. C. Arthur Pearson Ltd. and the Shaftesbury Society. In this way all money subscribed goes directly to the children. This simple rule was laid down at the time of the inception of the movement, and still obtains—the only change being the cost per head, viz. fifteen pence and £1 respectively for the day and fortnightly holidays, in place of ninepence and 10s., the increase being brought about by the calamitous great war.

In 1927 no fewer than 145,235 children had a day's holiday, and 3,638 a fortnight's holiday. In thirty-six years the Fresh Air Fund "Magic Carpet" has wafted

5,189,654 children into the country for a day, and given renewed life in fortnightly holidays to 87,739 children since the year 1908. Mr. Kessell, who has been the Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Secretary of the Fund since its foundation, will welcome every penny our readers can spare. We know of no better way of spending pounds, shillings, or pennies.

Armistice Observance Day

A Tribute from America

WE have received from Mrs. C. Apperson Leech, the chairman of the Louisville (Kentucky) Community Committee for the Perpetual Observance of Armistice Day, an account of the last ceremony held on 11th Nov., together with the beautifully produced and most interesting order of service. The Community Committee have received, for the purposes of this service, flags from nearly every country in the civilised world which supported the Allies in the great war, and from many of the most famous cities and towns of France and Belgium. The service, which included the reading of the "Commemoration Ode" and presentation of the "Commemoration Pageant and Processional," must have been a most impressive ceremony. At each year's observance one particular group of those who fought and suffered in the world war are remembered, and St. Dunstan's and St. Dunstaners will be proud to know that the "Wreaths of Victory," carried by the women who took part in the Pageant, were raised "In Memory of the Men of St. Dunstan's." On their behalf, we send greetings to the chairman and the members of the Louisville Community Committee and an expression of our high appreciation of the graceful tribute paid our men.

O. Windridge, of Leicester, has had a sad ending to what should have been a very happy day. His sister was married on Boxing Day, and towards night one of the guests—an aunt of Windridge's—collapsed and died very suddenly. "It seemed to take us," he writes, "all last week to get over it." We offer this St. Dunstaner our sympathy in his trouble.



NEWS OF ST. DUNSTANERS

EXCELLENT reports of the attractiveness of St. Dunstaners' shops when prepared for Christmas festivities and winter sales reach us from many sources. We hope to hear good news of business as a result. Among those who deserve to be congratulated on efforts made is W. Shakespeare, of Smethwick, whose window made a fine showing.

As is natural, basket makers seem to have been doing particularly well of late. A. Hamlett, of Winsford, Ches., is very successful in securing local orders and we hear that he has a most valuable sister; she interests fellow employees and these prove very appreciative customers.

"All going well," says V. Jones, of Lostock, Gralam, which is satisfactory if somewhat brief news to give to his friends.

With four shops under his control (three in Northwich and one in Southport), W. Underwood cannot have much leisure. It is good to know that his café is well patronised and that everything looks most attractive.

A very busy basket maker is W. M. Williamson, of Denton. His main anxiety is to get ordered goods finished to time. However rushed he may be Williamson never turns out anything but the best, and therefore his reputation stands high in the neighbourhood.

What with odd jobs repairing windows, &c., J. Pearson, of Pendleton, keeps busy and cheerful.

Congratulations to members of the Woodrow family (of Ebbsbourne Wake, Nr. Salisbury). W. Woodrow took them to some local sports a short time ago, and they carried off first prizes in every event for which they were entered. To cap

matters the second girl won the Wilts County Championship for jumping, and was chosen to compete at Stamford Bridge where she jumped 4ft. 4in. and carried off third prize. Well done indeed!

Local orders for car mats have been coming the way of F. R. Reason, of Bothenhampton, Bridport. As he is in touch with a garage it is quite probable that he may work up quite a steady trade in this direction; good wishes to him for progress in the New Year.

Trade has been exceedingly good down Weymouth way of late, W. A. Bowring, of Broadwey, having about as much as he can do.

At Upwey, J. Boyce is building up a steady connection. Good-will, good work and push move mountains, as he is finding out.

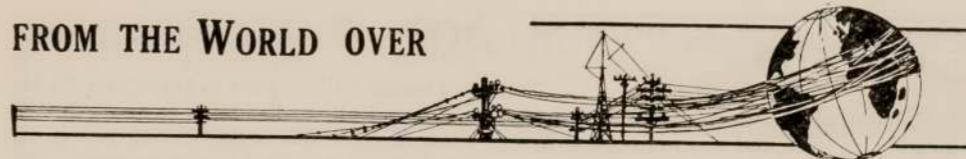
Sales of work and resulting parish orders are making S. W. Wain known in his (Derby) district. We know that he is keen to win success and feel confident that he will do so.

Pigs and poultry keep R. E. Hill, of Tideswell (nr. Buxton), busy and considering the weather he has experienced, they have all done remarkably well, which speaks volumes for his management.

At Great Longstone, H. Hurst is engaged with poultry and as an added interest has a fine Angora rabbit which won 2nd prize at a local show. He hopes to do well with it later on.

All will be glad to know that the health of A. Knotwell, of Langport, has improved of late, and that he is now able to tackle mats with renewed interest.

FROM THE WORLD OVER



Another young St. Dunstaner who has carried off a prize is Margaret, daughter of C. H. Smith, of Bury St. Edmunds—and in an unusual direction. She wrote an essay on Christmas, which was awarded a prize offered by the *Daily News*.

T. Gregory, of Thetford, is hoping to get his workshop up shortly and is full of enthusiasm. He has done remarkably well and has secured quite a number of local orders for heavy garden baskets, although he has only been settled recently.

An order for four small tables and some picture frames has come to A. Clover, of Long Melford, within a week of his starting work. He is now comfortably settled in his new home and everything is in apple-pie order.

Another who is very cosily fixed up in a new house is W. Nelson, of Newcastle. His health is good, we are glad to say.

A. E. Tucker, of Bristol, is working away as steadily and happily as usual. His shop is always beautifully kept and his window well dressed. Tucker is a man who takes a genuine pride in all he does.

What with boots, clogs and a drapery business, G. H. Matthews, of Haydock, is doing as well as any man in the town. We congratulate him upon his businesslike methods of working.

"Doing very nicely," says W. C. Scott, of Manchester.

It is not often that we have news to record concerning B. Pursglove, of Oswaldtwistle, but at least we may say that he is happy and contented and that mat-making has not lost its interest for him.

An embryo prize winner, according to report, is the new baby of J. Woodhouse,

of Hulland, Derby. May there be a Baby Show in the locality soon!

A few local orders have already come the way of H. Lea, of Bradley Corner, Derbyshire, who is settled happily in his new home. He will do well, we feel confident, being an excellent worker and of a cheery disposition.

How many St. Dunstaners would have the pluck to enter a hat-trimming competition? H. Garrett, of Notts., did. He was also successful in the "spot dance," a waltz, so is doubly to be congratulated.

"Never been in better health since leaving the army," says J. Taylor, of Idle, which is good news indeed.

"All well and poultry doing splendidly," says A. E. Coman, of Dunswell, Yorks., who is as industrious and hard working as ever. He, with A. Urry, C. Temperton, and J. W. Whitham, form quite a little St. Dunstan's colony in this district and rival one another in the success they make of life.

Thirty pigs sounds a fine and profitable supply. P. Featherstone, of N. Ferriby, Yorks., is the proud owner. May they fetch a profitable price when he sells. He is keeping a keen eye on the market, we hear.

A wooden fence between his house and a new erection next door has been employing the energies of G. F. Smith, of Stoughton, Guildford, and in addition he has been converting a coalhouse into a bathroom—and has made an exceedingly good job of it.

A Ford car is a delightful possession according to W. G. Heritage, of Chacombe, and he contrives to get quite a number of paid jobs on account of it. T. Parrish, of

Wellingboro', however, has laid up his iron steed for the winter.

A. Holland, of Rushden, is working away as steadily as ever and has his reward in the number of eggs he gets—450 in one week is his record at present.

Several orders for mats have come to H. E. Hill, of Devizes, from the Barracks and he has great hopes of securing still more.

A. Allen, of Stoke-on-Trent, is enjoying his usual good health, partly due perhaps to a contented mind, and is working away at clogs and boots with his customary energy. In addition he finds time to look after a few head of poultry.

A recent gale did such damage to T. Devlin's house that he and his family had to move into his hut and live there for a fortnight. They are heartily glad to be back in their restored dwelling!

W. Read, of Bedfield, Framlingham, is keeping busy on mats. W. Alexander, of Dalbeattie, has moved into his new house, but is still in the same district. His poultry are laying well. J. McAvoy, of Mauchline, contrives to get quite a number of orders for his mats, perhaps his poultry supplies help him to get into touch with likely customers.

According to A. Chiverton, of Eastleigh, general trade is on the increase. We congratulate him on the way he succeeds in getting his full share. In Scaldwell, N'hants, G. Chapman is carrying on as cheerily as ever. W. Woodcock, of Rickling Green, Nr. Newport, is doing well with his poultry.

Not many St. Dunstaners go in for running a library, but F. Marshall, of Hull, finds it quite a satisfactory side-line. "All's well," says W. Agate, of Alton. P. Sheriden, J. J. Steel and J. Broadbent, all of Rosyth, are working away steadily at mats. The latter gets in quite a number of boots as well. H. V. Thompson, of Wood Green, is another whose mat frame is rarely empty

and J. L. Windle is doing fairly well with netting.

Friends will be glad to know that W. H. Reid, of Belfast, has been in much better form of late, and is not having nearly so much trouble with his rheumatism. He is waiting anxiously to secure a shop in a really suitable locality.

Baskets keep J. R. Harkness, of Newcastle, busy and the same may be said of J. Donnelly, of Forest Hall. W. Nelson, of Newcastle, is another St. Dunstaner who has moved of late; he too has settled comfortably into a new house.

V. P. Mordue, another Newcastle man, is working steadily at mats. T. Murphy of Bedlington, has had a touch of the 'flu, but has been kept so busy with his pigs that he has had little time to think of himself. F. Cooper, of Fareham, has been getting a nice lot of work. H. Bayer, of Edgware, is fairly well and working away at baskets, C. Marshall, of Southend, spends his time on wool rugs, R. Muncaster, of Preston, says his little mixed business is holding its own despite competition. H. A. Dakin, of Herne Hill, divides his time between boots and mats and leaves no stone unturned to capture and keep custom. "All's well" with A. V. P. Crook, of Brixton Hill, and the same can be said of J. Batchelor, of Tooting, who is always happy when employed.

At Miss Thellusson's request we gladly print the following letter:—

MY DEAR BOYS,

I want to thank you one and all for the many cards and letters of good wishes I have received from you this Christmas. Alas! they are too numerous to write a letter of thanks to each, but will you, through the medium of the REVIEW, accept my very grateful thanks and appreciation of your kind thought of me.

Wishing you all a *very* happy New Year and the best of good luck,

Your affectionate friend,

ADELINE THELLUSSON,

Matron.

St. Dunstan's Annexe, Brighton.

"In Memory"

QUARTER-MASTER-SERGEANT GEORGE EADES
(242nd Canadian Forestry)

WE record with deepest regret the passing of this gallant St. Dunstaner. Q.M.S. Eades enlisted in August 1916 and was blinded by the bursting of a shell at St. Eloi. He was discharged from the Army in May 1918, and came to St. Dunstan's in the following August. While at St. Dunstan's Eades was trained in poultry farming, basket-making and netting. He was an excellent workman, and apart from the above occupations he was qualified in embroidery work, and contributed a large portion to the panel of the Altar Frontal presented to St. Paul's Cathedral. On leaving St. Dunstan's in 1919 he went to Canada. He returned, however, in November 1922, when he carried on with basket-making, taking a great interest in all he did and turning out some very good work. He also taught light basket-making to the inmates of a Cripple Home. At the beginning of November 1927 he contracted pneumonia, and passed away quite suddenly at the Royal Berkshire Hospital on 11th November, after a short and painful illness. He was 56 years of age.

The funeral took place at Reading Cemetery on 16th November, the service being conducted by the Rev. A. G. Parham, Vicar of St. Mary's, Reading. A large number of friends attended the funeral, and many beautiful wreaths were received, including one "From Captain Fraser and his other comrades at St. Dunstan's."

PRIVATE CHRISTMAS JOHNS
(Royal Welsh Fusiliers)

This St. Dunstaner served in the Regular Army before the outbreak of war. He received his discharge in 1918 and came to St. Dunstan's in the following year. He was trained in mat-making and boot-repairing, and on leaving in 1921 took up the former occupation as a trade. He did well at this, but at times was unable to work on account of ill-health. In August of this year he was admitted to the North Middlesex Hospital, Edmonton. He died on 7th December.

The funeral took place on 14th December at Enfield Highway Cemetery. Many floral tributes were received, amongst which was one "From Captain Fraser and his other comrades at St. Dunstan's" in the form of our Badge.

Johns leaves a widow and five children to mourn his loss.

PRIVATE T. DOWSON
(10th Yorkshire Regiment)

Ill-health also interfered considerably with the post-war work of Private Dowson. He enlisted in September 1914 and was wounded at Albert in June 1915. He was admitted to St. Dunstan's just a year later, and whilst with us learnt poultry farming and mat-making, but, as already stated, he was unable to carry on with these occupations when he left in 1917 owing to the condition of his health. However, he did a little mat-making at times when he felt well enough to work. In January of last year he was admitted to a sanatorium suffering from tuberculosis, and was discharged in June. He gradually grew worse, however, and died on the 22nd December.

The funeral took place on Boxing Day, and Dowson was buried with military honours. He leaves a widow and five children.

PRIVATE GEORGE RICE
(7th Royal Sussex Regiment)

Enlisting in August 1914, this St. Dunstaner served until February 1917, when he was discharged from the Army. He came to St. Dunstan's and took up poultry farming. On leaving he expressed a wish to work up a connection for hawking fish, fruit, &c., and for this purpose he was given a pony and cart. He did very well with this little business, but later on had to give it up owing to his health failing. He had not been feeling well for some time, and died quite suddenly on 9th November 1927, aged 36 years.

The funeral took place on 14th November at St. Leonard's Church, Turner's Hill, the Rev. C. D. Trimming conducting the service. A large number of beautiful wreaths were received from relations and friends, and one in the form of St. Dunstan's Badge from Captain Fraser and comrades at St. Dunstan's.

Poultry Notes

Laying Test 1927-28

Officially Recognised by the National Poultry Council

Report for 2nd Period 22nd November to 19th December 1927

EGG production has shown an increase of 217 eggs with a total of 3,225 laid during the second period. Of these 68.59 were first grade, 28.68 second grade, and 2.73 third grade.

The average per bird was 11.73 and the daily percentage production nearly 42 eggs.

Whilst the general health has been good there have been several birds in hospital with colds and crop trouble. The colds yielded to treatment quite well, but the birds with crop binding were still under treatment at the close of the period.

There are two deaths to record, and the Ministry's reports on these are as follows:

Ring No. 247 "Post-mortem examination revealed the presence of some very hard material firmly attached to the base of the crop. Death probably due to pressure on heart as bacteriological examination gave negative results." Ring No. 263 "Post-mortem examination revealed the presence of visceral gout."

Particulars of Feeding	Second Period	To date
Food consumed	17cwt. 1qr. 9lbs.	35cwt. 14lbs.
Cost of Food	£10 3s. 8d.	£20 1s. 3d.
Cost per Bird	8.82d.	1s. 5.34d.
Cost per Bird per week	2.21d.	2.17d.
Average consumption per Bird per day	4.101 ozs.	4.052 ozs.

EGG PRODUCTION OF LEADING PENS

No. of Pen	Position	NAME AND ADDRESS OF OWNER OF PEN	1st	2nd	Under weight	Total	Test Value of Best 4 Pullets
SECTION 1.—WHITE LEGHORNS (4 Pullets and 1 Reserve)							
12	1	Roach, C., 1 Holding, Harrogate Hill, Darlington	116	33	2	151	130
5	2	Chaffin, A., Brooklands House, Leighton Buzzard, Beds.	116	38	1	155	127
15	3	Newell, C. L., 3 Havilah Cottages, Cheltenham, Glos.	103	39		142	121
13	4	Jackson, G. C., Alfred Poultry Farm, Kingsnorth, Kent	91	10		101	101
7	5	Fisher, T. M., Craig-y-Darra, Longforgan, Perthshire	15	138	19	172	95
2	6	Cockerill, J. D., "Beechcroft," Basildon Road, Laindon, Essex	42	56	33	131	94
SECTION 2.—RHODE ISLAND REDS (4 Pullets and 1 Reserve)							
32	1	Boorman, F. W., Mount Pleasant Poultry Farm, Ropley, Hants	151	32		183	152
24	2	Parke, E. B., "Moorend," Pinehurst Road, West Moors, Dorset	125	64	1	190	148
30	3	Trigg, A. E., 4 Bedonwell Hill, Belvedere, Kent	159	13		172	145
18	4	Webb, W., The Green, Gt. Houghton, Northampton	159	14		173	144
38	5	Hamilton, B., The Croft, Brookville, Brandon, Suffolk	143	15		158	140
39	6	Jackson, G. C., Alfred Poultry Farm, Kingsnorth, Kent	133	33		166	137

No. of Pen	Position	NAME AND ADDRESS OF OWNER OF PEN	1st	2nd	Under weight	Total	Test Value of Best 4 Pullets
SECTION 3.—ANY OTHER BREED (4 Pullets and 1 Reserve)							
45	1	Holmes, P., Pinfold Pond Lodge, Woburn, Beds.	113	10		123	123
47	2	Jackson, G. C., Alfred Poultry Farm, Kingsnorth, Kent	117	19		136	121
48	3	McIntosh, C., Ramornie Poultry Farm, Dumfries, Scotland	109	18		127	115
41	4	Carnell, W., Kiln Cottage, Bampton, Devon	39	49	3	91	82
SECTION 4.—SINGLE BIRD ANY BREED							
1	1	Condon, T., 2 St. Dunstan's Bungalows, Basingstoke, Hants	39	4		43	43
2	2	Peach, C., St. Helens Cottage, Copford, Essex	32			32	32
3	3	Hamilton, B., The Croft, Brookville, Brandon, Suffolk	23	9		32	32
4	4	Sims, H., 1 St. Dunstan's Bungalows, Worting, Basingstoke	27	1		28	28
5	5	Holmes, P., Pinfold Pond Lodge, Woburn, Beds.	15	11		26	26
6	6	Sutton, A. W., Parkside, Madeley, Nr. Crewe	11	14	1	26	25

Poultry Successes

H. A. Knopp, of Worksop, gained the following awards at the Worksop Show:—Silver Cup and Poultry Club Silver Medal for best all round pullet in the show; Silver Cup for best utility cockerel in show, and Silver Cup for best breeding pen in show. He also says in a recent letter that the show was an exceptionally good one this year and included entries from the Duke of Portland, Lord Barnby, Lady Robinson, and many others of high repute, and the judge declared that in his opinion a large percentage of the exhibits were up to dairy show standard. "My pen of White Leghorns," he writes, "which were sixth last month, are now leading in the Light Breed Section of the Notts County Laying Test."

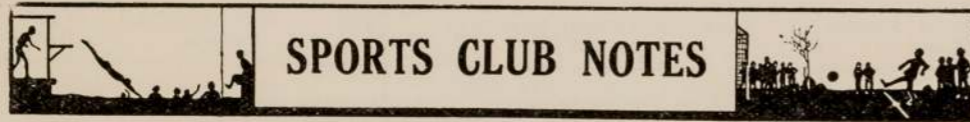
A Blind Town Clerk

Guy E. Bradley is the Town Clerk of Lancaster, New York State, and T. Till, as most of our readers know, is a joiner of Lancaster, England. Both are blind, and are close friends although they have never actually met. Their correspondence started through Mr. Bradley reading a paragraph in the REVIEW about our St. Dunstaner Lancastrian. Recently, Till sent us a cutting from the *Buffalo Evening*

News, reproducing a photograph and a two-column article telling of the striking career of Mr. Bradley, whom Till describes as one of the most wonderful blind men he has ever known. It is to be regretted that pressure on our space nowadays makes full reproduction of this most interesting article out of the question.

It was in 1916, due to an old injury sustained in playing baseball, that Mr. Bradley lost his sight. He was then thirty-five years old, but taking a grip on himself and refusing to be daunted by the future, he, a college graduate, began a new course of study. He mastered the Braille system of reading and writing with record speed, and then took to the lecture platform. In 1920 he was unanimously elected Town Clerk of Lancaster. In 1927, after several terms of satisfactory service, we find him again a candidate on the Republican ticket. To quote from the article before us, "Guy Bradley is a 32nd degree Mason, a Shriner, a Rotarian, Chaplain of the F. & A. M. Blue Lodge, Patron of Niagara Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, and member of a dozen civic or charitable organisations."

Altogether Mr. Bradley is undoubtedly, as his friend describes him, "a very wonderful blind man," to whom few ambitions should be unattainable, particularly in such a country as America.



THREE MILE WALK

THIS event produced a record number of entries and incidentally will go down in the history of St. Dunstan's as the last walking race from the Bungalow. A very strong contingent came up from Birmingham escorted by Sisters Hodgson and Nelson. You will hardly believe where I met them—in the "Volunteer"—but they, like us, were only going in for lunch! The race was quite a success in more ways than one; it was so nice to see the novices put up such a good performance and all were pleased that one or two entries had started again after being idle for a long while. Mr. Kessell got the field away to a perfect start. There was the usual army of press photographers and a cinema and movie man who was driven round in state by Miss Nelson, but I must confess that I was responsible for this. Boorman set a cracking pace followed by Thompson, Bates, Riley, McFarlane, Birch, Benning, Kerr, with the remainder well bunched up together. This order remained at two miles when Boorman gave way to Bates and Riley, and as reported in last month's REVIEW, Bates won a good race in 26 mins. 26 sec. from Riley in 26 mins. 40 secs., with Boorman third in 27 mins. 16sec. The S.S. boys were now well on the way, Brown and Trott having a rare tussle and a "dark horse" in MacSteel well up with Gover and Ashton. Hereabouts Brown gradually drew away to win in the splendid time of 21 mins. 45 sec., Trott was second in 22 mins. 24 secs., Ashton just getting the better of Gover to finish third in 23 mins. 12 secs.

As reported in last month's REVIEW the eventual winners were:—

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

Our old friend Mr. Donoghue, Secretary to the Queen's Park Harriers, acted as handicapper and timekeeper. Miss Greenwood presented the prizes with a kindly word to each recipient. Captain Williams

in a very breezy speech thanked Miss Greenwood, all the officials, the escorts, Miss Davies who with her noble army of assistants had provided such a splendid tea, the competitors and last, but not least, the police who are ever helpful and willing.

Our next event will be a 9 Miles Walk starting from Headquarters on 28th January at 2.30 p.m.

BOXING

Mr. E. C. Hoodless, the genial secretary, on behalf of the St. Pancras Boxing Club, kindly invited a party of our boys to attend their private show at the Prince of Wales' Baths on 15th December. The Club were competing against the Watney A.B.C. at the various weights and we were treated to some real good boxing. We left with a feeling of satisfaction and a promise of more invitations. The more the merrier say we all.

The Annual Stable Lads' Boxing Tournament was again held at the N.S.C. on 3rd January. Our party numbered a dozen. As usual this show was really top hole, the stable lads showing great keenness. Mr. George Graves, who conducted the auction during the interval, told a few very witty stories and some of his aside remarks during the bidding were very amusing. The racing fraternity were well represented and nearly all the principal boxers were present, some perhaps to learn *how* to do it! There were many inquiries after some of our boys who have attended this show, and are now on the After Care. Mr. George Graves asked me if I remembered the dinner he gave the boys some years ago. I replied that the boys who were there that night will never forget it. Captain Fraser addressed the audience in a very sporting strain and pointed out what sport and sportsmen had done in the past for St. Dunstan's. Commander Kenworthy, M.P., presented the prizes to the splendid winners and congratulated the losers on being so gallant, and so ended a night that reflected great credit on all concerned. W. A. T.

SPORTS

There are no points to record this month as we are only just starting again after the Christmas holidays, so that we just wish you all a very happy New Year and the best of luck for all the sports in 1928.

Will all those who are thinking of joining our Tuesday evening sports and social gatherings remember that they will in future be held at St. Dunstan's Headquarters, Inner Circle, instead of at the Bungalow. We should like to see as many as possible as there is room for all. L. W.

Christmas Re-union and Sports Meeting at Manchester

This meeting was held at the Y.M.C.A. Manchester, on 21st December. There were about 50 present. After a splendid tea the party was entertained by a Concert Party of the members of the Y.M.C.A. There were separate competitions in the Cake Weight Guessing Competition, ladies and gentlemen, and lucky number for the men, followed by the scramble for the kiddies. Then came the general sports meeting, Mr. Irvine being in the chair, assisted by Mr. Slack and Instructor Tovell. A committee was elected, and the new rules governing the shield competition having been read a resolution was passed asking that Mr. Allcock should elect a committee of Manchester sportsmen to arrange ground and general sports day in Manchester some time in May. At an interview the next day Mr. Allcock stated he was perfectly willing to accede to the proposal, and said that at any time he would do all in his power if the boys showed keenness. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, 25th January, and not the 18th as previously arranged. May I take this opportunity of saying how very nice it was to renew acquaintance with so many jolly old sportsmen and their good ladies, and to thank them for their very kind reception. W. A. T.

R.A.O.B.

St. Dunstan's brethren of the Order will be pleased to learn that Brother W. Lowings, C.P.P.P., has been elected Provincial Grand Alderman of Benevolence for the Province of Southampton for the year 1928, and sends fraternal greetings to all brethren.

After Care Re-union

The Exeter After-Care Meeting was held on Friday, 9th December, and was, as ever, a most enjoyable affair.

A very pleasant surprise early in the afternoon was the arrival of "Auntie." Everyone was glad to see her looking so well and she was given a great reception by all present. We were so glad too that "Auntie" brought with her Miss Fysh, a friend to so many in the days of the Torquay Annexe.

The date for the meeting this year fell on the anniversary of Sir Arthur's death and before commencing the speeches Mr. Swain asked all present to stand for one minute in silence, as a tribute to one who is never far absent from the thoughts of his St. Dunstaners. Many of us felt that on a day when memories of Sir Arthur were particularly vivid it was good to be together and able to talk of him.

Mr. Swain then read a much appreciated message from Captain Fraser, and followed with a speech from himself, welcoming those present and touching on many matters of interest. A very good reply was made by W. J. Gilbert, of Barnstaple, all being much amused by his introduction of himself as "the fellow that has the accidents." Gilbert voiced the feelings of his fellow St. Dunstaners in his message of thanks and loyalty to Captain Fraser and went on to speak of how impressed he had been by the interest taken in St. Dunstaners by the people he had met in the course of his trading travels in North Devon.

Tea and speeches over, we settled down to a real musical treat, provided through the kindness of Miss Brandt who had secured the orchestra from the Imperial Hotel, Exeter. We hope Miss Brandt realised how very much we appreciated the delightful little concert.

As usual competitions were in full swing all the afternoon and, thanks to the kind help of our many friends who came in to assist at this meeting, all were successfully settled at last.

The results were: Cake, A. Head. Basket of Fruit (after a draw between four competitors), Mrs. Found. Bead competition, A. Lane. Ladies' bead competition, Mrs. Chaplin.

Brighton News

AT Brighton the Christmas programme was a very full one. To start the festivities the trainees had their Christmas dinner before breaking up and a very pleasant gathering it was. After a splendid feast there were presents of purses and cigarettes from the Matron and handkerchiefs from our old friend "Mr. H.," and the latter wanted to know why we could not have Christmas once a week! Matron, in a characteristic speech, commended the work of the instructors and complimented the men upon the manner in which they had applied themselves to their work and the success that had attended their efforts. J. Mullen, replying on behalf of the men, thanked the Matron for the assistance which she had given them and for her ceaseless efforts on their behalf. There was a lucky draw for a beautiful silver cigarette case, the present of Mr. Angus, C. Brignel being the fortunate holder of the winning number. The singing of "She's a Jolly Good Fellow" and "Auld Lang Syne" brought a very happy evening to a close.

The different rooms were artistically decorated, two special features being the model of a snow house, electrically lighted and named "The Ever Open Door," and a large reproduction of the frontispiece of the REVIEW, the latter being the work in charcoal and crayons of Orderly Hawling.

During the holidays Mr. Poole, who is well-known to all visitors to the Brighton Annexe, was the recipient of a handsome smoker's cabinet, a present from the boys as a mark of their appreciation of his two years as reader at the Annexe.

On Christmas Day there was the usual Christmas fare and, after speeches by Matron and J. Hughes, the pulling of crackers and the toasting of the different officials of St. Dunstan's, all adjourned to the big lounge where there was music and dancing. In the evening there was a concert. On Boxing Day there were cards, dominoes and a "sing-song," and in the evening nearly all the boys went to the Pantomime, which was voted a splendid show.

On Tuesday the big Christmas dance was held, and a real carnival spirit prevailed, much amusement being caused by the fancy dresses worn by the men and their friends. The prize winners were: 1st, Spencer, who was in the role of an infant, with J. Walne as his nurse; 2nd, Colman (Froth Blower); 3rd, J. Wylie (China-man); 4th, Comely (Redskin); and a consolation prize which went to J. Hughes (Charlie Chaplin). The "Spot" dance prize was won by Mr. and Mrs. "Paddy" Thompson. Dancing continued until 11.30 and all were loud in their praise for the Granville Orchestra, the members of which always give their services at St. Dunstan's voluntarily. Cheers for the Matron brought the very enjoyable evening to a close.

The Old Year was danced out and the New Year ushered in in like fashion, but at about a few minutes to midnight we formed "twos" and marched out from one door and entered by the other just as Big Ben was booming midnight to us over the wireless, when we all joined hands and sang, "The More we are Together" and "Auld Lang Syne," then a last waltz—a very happy ending to the old year and a joyous beginning to the new one.

On New Year's day a happy incident occurred which marks the affection held by all for Matron and Miss Downing, when a presentation of silver perpetual calendars was made to these ladies, emphasising the appreciation of their efforts to make Christmas 1927 the happiest yet spent at this House of Hospitality.

OBSERVER.

Braille Notes

We heartily congratulate the following men on passing the Reading Test:—G. H. Orrow, F. Matthewman, E. Marsden.

Also those who have passed the Writing Test:—F. Matthewman, G. Wilkins, H. B. Read, H. Acton.

Typewriting Notes

Congratulations to those men who have passed the Typewriting Test:—A. C. E. Matthews, H. S. Clarke, J. W. March, R. Deeks. M. H. R.

Births—Deaths—Marriage

Births

DEBNAM.—To the wife of J. H. Debnam, of Gt. Barrow, Chester, a son (Neville Arthur) on 7th November.

HILL.—To the wife of W. H. Hill, of Liverpool, a daughter (Joan) on 5th December.

Deaths

We extend our sympathy this month to:—

ADAMS.—Mrs. Adams, of Balby, Nr. Doncaster, who lost her father on the 26th of October.

BLAKER.—Mrs. Blaker, of Lancing, whose father passed away on the 15th of December, after a very short illness. He was 70 years of age.

COOK.—Mrs. Cook, of Hitchin, who lost her mother on the 30th November.

HINES.—Mrs. Hines, of Birmingham, whose brother died on 22nd November.

Marriage

Details have only just reached us of the wedding on 23rd October of W. Robinson, of Liverpool—but better late than never! We think many of our readers will be interested in the following brief description of the celebrations.

Robinson married Miss Frances Read, the eldest daughter of Mr. Frederick William Read, of Holly Park.

The bride, who was given away by her father, looked charming in a dress of ivory satin beauté and old lace. She wore a cluster of orange blossom on her left shoulder, and carried a sheaf of lilies.

The reception was held at 4 Park House, and was attended by over forty guests. Many beautiful presents were received, including St. Dunstan's silver tea-pot. The bridegroom's colleagues at Liverpool presented him with a cabinet gramophone, and he also received a handsome cheque from Mrs. C. Birchall, his employer. The bride received a floral china and silver tray from her father, and the bridegroom's parents presented their son with a silver cake-basket. From Mr. and Mrs. Fred Read, the youngest brother and sister-in-law of the bride, who are in Australia, came two satin pouffes.

The happy couple were given a hearty send-off when they left for Bournemouth, where the honeymoon is being spent. The bride travelled in a costume of mauve and white crepe-de-chine and a coat of beaver fur, the gift of the bridegroom.

Robinson's father-in-law, Mr. Read, will be well known to St. Dunstaners visitors in the Wigmore Hall Concerts, and also in connection with his work for the Adair Wounded Fund. In the earlier days Mr. Read kept in touch with our men at St. Mark's Hospital, and organised many river outings, &c., on their behalf.

George Eades—a Tribute

Some interesting details of the life story of George Eades, whose passing is recorded on our "In Memory" page, are contained in an article which appeared in the *Toronto Evening Telegram*. Below we print some extracts from this:—

"Q.M.S. George Eades has passed away on Armistice Day in the Royal Berks Hospital, Reading, England, at the age of 51 years. He joined the Imperial Army in 1899, and served throughout the South African campaign. In 1911 he came to Timmins, Ontario, where he operated a lumber business. During active service in the Great War he was blinded at St. Eloi, and for some time was at St. Dunstan's Hostel at Regent's Park, London. There he organised the famous Canadian tug-of-war team, composed of blinded Canadian war veterans. This team became the champion team of the British Empire, winning the cup which Mr. Eades brought back with him to Canada, depositing it at Pearson Hall on Beverley Street. On Armistice Day, 1918, he organised the blinded soldiers at St. Dunstan's and marched them to Buckingham Palace, where His Majesty the King took their salute. During his association with Pearson Hall, Mr. Eades became Instructor in basketry, netting, Braille, &c., for the Canadian Institute for the Blind. He returned to England in 1922."

Seven Centuries of Baskets

With reference to our paragraph last month expressing curiosity as to the total number of fish baskets D. Munro has made for the Aberdeen trade, he writes us that in the past five years he has made over seven hundred—proof surely of his industry and the satisfaction his work gives. He tells us that although the price is cut so close that there is little profit, he likes making these baskets, and just fills in the time with other work to help to "keep the pot boiling." May it never even simmer!

A St. Dunstaner in Paris

We have received from F. C. S. Hilling, of Herne Bay, an exceedingly interesting account of his recent visit to "The Gay City," which we print below:—

"I have great pleasure in telling you that my visit to Le Phare de France was in every way a very happy one. The accommodation was excellent and I found the French war-blinded splendid fellows. Miss Tyler, la directrice, is most genial and extends welcome to any St. Dunstaner. Le Phare de France is run and supported mainly by American organisations and it is conducted more on the lines of a club or hostel.

I would strongly recommend a week at the Phare for any St. Dunstaner, but at the same time much of the pleasure of such a trip will depend upon the services of a good friend as escort, and both must approach the venture with a definite objective. As a suggestion I give here my own programme which we carried out to the letter and thoroughly enjoyed.

Sunday.—Walked to the Madelaine and visited Notre Dame.

Monday.—Arc de Triomphe and several of the Grand Boulevards. In the afternoon, the Louvre.

Tuesday.—Versailles, Petit Trianon and Grand Trianon.

Wednesday.—Montmartre, Sacre Coeur. In the afternoon to the Luxembourg.

Wednesday.—Les Invalides, Napoleon's Tomb.

Thursday.—Bois de Boulogne, Race Course at Auteuil.

Friday.—Fontainebleau, a delightful run out of 60 kilometres through the forest to the Louis Palace with wonderful horse-shoe staircase.

Saturday.—Tuilleries, Eiffel Tower, and the banks of the Seine and Bridges.

We also found time for such places as the English Theatre, Folies Bergere, Café de la Rotonde—the haunt of Parisartists—Café de Paris, Café de la Paix, and many other interesting shows.

In conclusion, I would add that if I can help any St. Dunstaner with further details I shall at any time be pleased to write him fully."

With reference to our recent paragraph concerning the impending departure of I. Corns to his son's farm in Australia, we feel the following provides fine testimony of British grit and perseverance. The son in question, named Isaac after his father, went out as an emigrant lad only a little over three years ago, and stepped off the ship with no other capital than a bundle of clothing and a cheerful outlook. He went straight up country to a sheep station, and kept steadily working and banking his wages. He has now purchased a 40 acre farm at Cranbourne, which shows prospects of becoming a valuable property, as it is in a rich well-watered district near Melbourne. A brother and sister have now gone out to Australia, and are helping on the farm.

A St. Dunstaner, T. G. Sibley, of Stratford-on-Avon, has received an order for a number of articles from Madame de Navarro, once famous as Mary Anderson. We append the little notice that appeared in the local press on the subject:

"*Madame de Navarro buys from St. Dunstan's Man.*—Madame de Navarro (Miss Mary Anderson) has just honoured Mr. Sibley, a St. Dunstan's man, living in Park Road, Stratford-on-Avon, with an order for a number of articles which he will specially make for her. Mr. Sibley was trained at St. Dunstan's, and is the only local man doing basket-work, &c. Madame de Navarro has given a gracious lead to Stratfordians, who, by patronising Mr. Sibley, can obtain articles excellently made, and, in addition, have the satisfaction of knowing that they are giving encouragement to one who gave up a great deal for them."

Many of our sportsmen will be interested to know that Police Constable Stone, A. Division, Met. Police, who recently dived off Westminster Bridge fully clothed and saved a man from drowning, is none other than Rodney Stone, who has often acted as escort in our various walking events, including the Brighton Race. We raise our hats to you, Rodney.

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