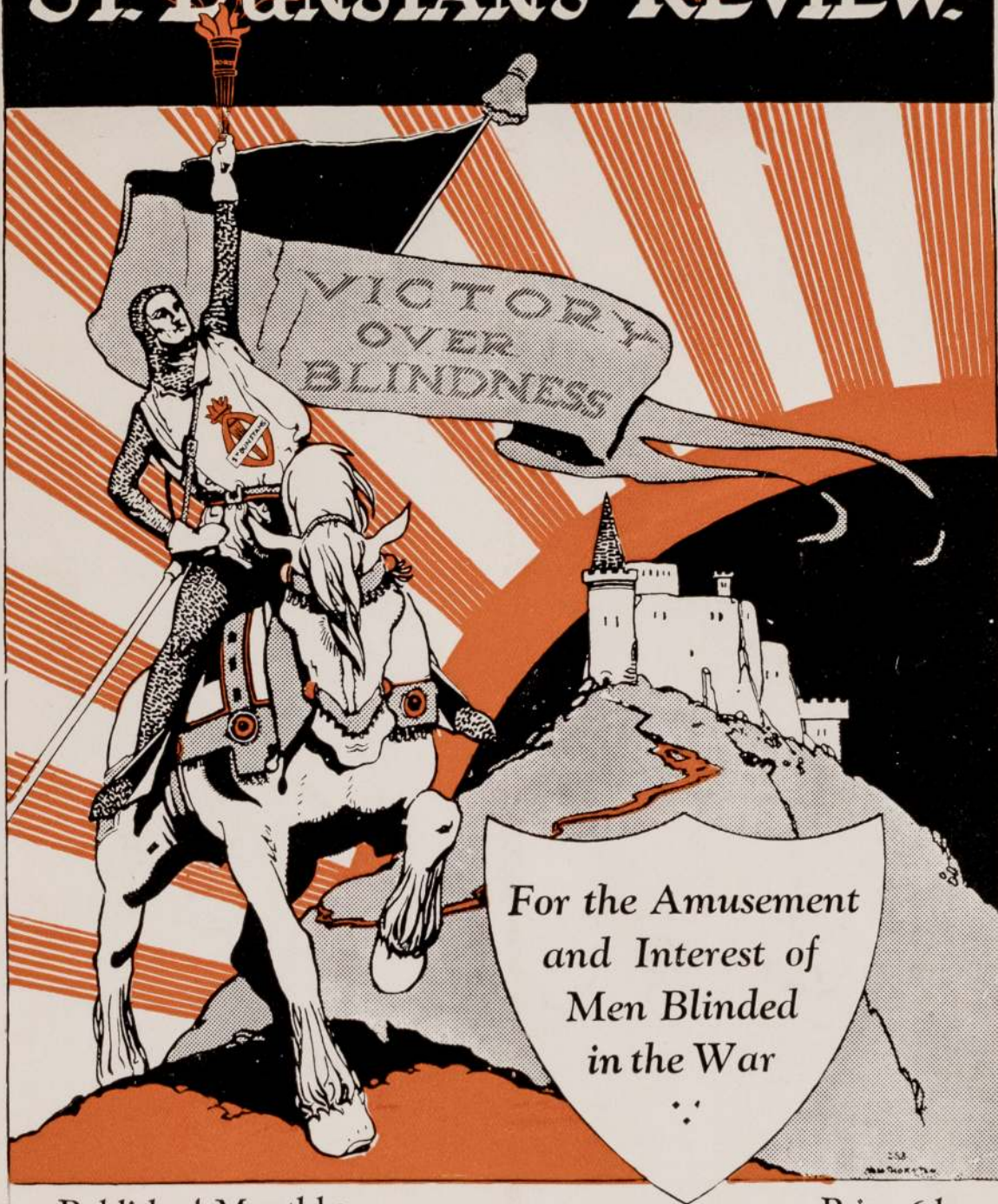


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## EDITORIAL NOTES

ELSEWHERE in this issue we pay, on behalf of the Executive Council and the Officers and Men of St. Dunstan's, homage to the great soldier whose sudden passing has left the whole Empire in mourning. There is nothing words can add to that tribute to the memory of the man who was more than General Officer Commanding in Chief of the British Forces in the War—more than Field-Marshal Haig. He was in the highest sense of Army tradition the fighting comrade of every man who donned khaki in those long years when the whole future of the Empire—indeed, of the civilised world—was at stake. But there is one other tribute we would pay, and that is to the sorrowing widow of the great soldier. The Countess Haig had shared with her illustrious husband in every mounting triumph as well as in every time of stress and anxiety in his long career. She had entered also not only in name, but in very active helpfulness, into his work for the welfare of ex-Servicemen. We vividly recall the last visit of Lady Haig to St. Dunstan's, and her keenly sympathetic interest in all phases of our organisation. The emotion with which she received, on her departure, the gift from one of our men of a specially made basket filled with flowers, revealed the depth of her womanly affection for those who had fought and suffered with her husband on the battlefields of the greatest Armageddon in the history of the world. St. Dunstan's tenders its deepest sympathy in her great bereavement.

While our Leeds Re-union may stand out as a red-letter day by virtue of the fact that the Lord Mayor of that great city was present at the gathering, there is ample evidence that from what we may term a "family" point of view, these re-unions in the various areas throughout the country are serving most adequately the purpose for which they were designed. That purpose, as all St. Dunstaners know, is primarily to promote a means of intimate personal contact between the manager of St. Dunstan's widespread After-Care Organisation, his helpers, and the St. Dunstaners whose interests and welfare he has in charge. But another end which is gained is, in the view of St. Dunstan's Administration, of as great value. That is the opportunity which is provided for our men and their wives and relations to foregather under, as we may term it, the "wing of St. Dunstan's," to maintain friendships and at the same time to discuss business and other problems with those charged with the responsibility of solving them. We know that these re-unions hold a high place in the regard of St. Dunstaners throughout the country, not only for the reasons we have outlined, but because they provide also a means, if means were needed, for the individual members of our brotherhood to express their appreciation of all that St. Dunstan's has meant to them and theirs.

## The Passing of Earl Haig

*St. Dunstan's Tribute to the Empire's Great Soldier*

ST. DUNSTANERS everywhere must have heard, with emotions near akin to those felt on the tragic death of our own Chief, of the sudden passing of Field-Marshal Earl Haig.

In the lives of both these great figures of our time—and particularly in the later years—in the fact that both had been the leaders of our men and in the way in which both had passed to the Great Beyond in the midst of noble work for others, there was striking unison of aim and achievement.

Both had won outstanding positions in the world—the one in civilian and the other in army life, and both with the laurels of victory thick upon them had elected not to rest on success won, but to go forth and aid others to win victory also.

Great as was the success of Sir Arthur Pearson in business, his name will live in history not because of that, but as the founder of a new world and the inspirer of new hope for those who had lost their sight.

So, too, Earl Haig, the commander whose high courage, genius and tenacity of purpose made him almost an idol throughout the Empire, shouldered, when the burden of battle was over and victory was won, the cause of those who had suffered because of their loyalty to himself and the trust which had been laid upon him. As St. Dunstan's will ever stand as a monument to Sir Arthur Pearson, so will the British Legion be forever associated with the untiring work on its behalf to which Earl Haig devoted the remaining years of his life after he had so greatly contributed to the Allied Victory in the War.

He had shown both during and since the war the keenest interest in and sympathy with every aspect of St. Dunstan's work, and it was fitting, therefore, that St. Dunstan's should wish to pay the

highest tribute possible to his memory. The Executive of the British Legion, that great organisation of ex-service men which has ever worked so closely with St. Dunstan's, recognised this desire and made themselves responsible for the allocation of some of the facilities as permitted an adequate representation of St. Dunstan's at the ceremonies in connection with the funeral. With Captain and Mrs. Fraser, the following officer and men, accompanied also by Mrs. Bates and Corporal-Major Tovell, were present at the service in Westminster Abbey:—Lieut. R. H. Hyde Thomson (Rifle Brigade), Private Daniel Hunt (17th Lancers), Private W. D. Alexander (King's Own Scottish Borderers), and C.S.-M. R. Middlemiss (King's Own Scottish Borderers). In addition, the following St. Dunstaners, accompanied by Mr. A. Cousin and Orderly Passiful, formed part of the Parade lining the route through which the funeral cortege passed:—Private H. V. Kerr (London Regt.), Private J. W. March (East Yorks Regt.), Private A. J. Wiltshire (Royal Engineers), Air Mechanic J. L. Brooke (R.A.F.), Gunner G. J. Webster (R.F.A.), Lance-Corp. R. P. Coles (County of London Regt.), Private F. Matthewman (16th Yorks Regt.), Sgt. W. B. Riley (A.S.C. Remounts), Lance-Corp. A. W. Ballard (Sherwood Foresters), and Corp. F. Richardson (Norfolk Regt.).

Upon the solemn observances in the Abbey it is not necessary to dwell here. The whole press of the Empire have described them in close and impressive detail. It might, however, be noted that Corp.-Major Tovell valued especially the privilege of being present at the Abbey, as he had not only been in attendance at Earl Haig's wedding in the private Chapel at Buckingham Palace, but had met and conversed with him at sports meetings and various regimental re-unions whilst escorting the men of St. Dunstan's.

The following sketch of the impressions of the deputation of St. Dunstaners which paraded on the route of the funeral procession are contributed by Mr. Cousin:—

"The position allotted to us at the top of the Mall was excellent. The time of waiting was filled up by exchanging anecdotes of occasions on which we had been inspected by the late Field Marshal.

"The first intimation of the approach of the cortege was when we heard the sounds of orders being given to the troops at a little distance. As the procession passed where we were lining the route, one of the Guards' bands played a Funeral March and the step changed from the quick to the slow march.

"We were greatly struck by the youthfulness of the troops, who, nevertheless, carried themselves splendidly on a difficult ceremonial occasion.

"To some of us, perhaps, the most remarkable sight was the magnificent march discipline of the only Territorial regiment on parade—the London Scottish.

"As well-known personages passed kindly folk in the crowd called our attention to them, and when the Wreath-Carriers passed, the wreath sent by the King was pointed out.

"We came away feeling glad that we had had an opportunity of paying our tribute to a great Chief and wondering who there would be able to carry on the magnificent work which he has done for the British Legion."

The wreath sent to the Abbey by St. Dunstan's took the form of a wide swathe of laurel leaves, with a knot formed of Flanders' Poppies. Perhaps the feelings of St. Dunstaners generally towards Field-Marshal Haig are best expressed in the inscription placed on the wreath, which was as follows:—

"To the Glorious Memory of our  
Great Leader.  
From the War-Blinded Officers and Men  
of St. Dunstan's.  
*We are proud to have served under him.*"

### Records in Clogs

Since the purchase of an upper closing machine at the end of 1926, A. Taylor, of Lye, with his wife's assistance, has turned out one thousand pairs of clog uppers. He has also had a record year with making new clogs, having supplied to factories 630 pairs during 1927, in addition to others for private customers. These facts surely speak for themselves, not only as to Taylor's hard-working powers, but also as to the quality of the work he turns out.

A letter from G. E. Crook, of Herne Bay, gives some very interesting news as to his activities, and evidences very clearly that this St. Dunstaner employs both high intelligence and praiseworthy patience in producing the best work in joinery possible. He gives details, perhaps rather too technical for our "non-joinery" readers, of the means taken to overcome some of his initial troubles. Articles he has recently made are bedside tables in both deal and oak, and a large two-compartment cupboard for the kitchen, which has given Mrs. Crook such satisfaction that she calls it "The Melbury Annexe" ("Melbury" is the name of Crook's house). We regret to learn that Crook's work was interrupted just before Christmas by the dangerous illness of his mother, which was followed by her death on the 4th January. As she and her son had been in correspondence every week for the last thirty-five years, one can appreciate that it is a big link broken. We offer our sincere sympathy.

We hear with much interest that J. Sheehy, of Dover, has for the seventh year in succession been elected a Member of the Executive Committee of the Dover Branch of the British Legion. Sheehy has found his work on the Legion to be very interesting. He has thoroughly learned its constitution, Royal Charter and Bye-Laws, and considers it, as all of us do who know the vast field of activity it covers, to be one of the greatest national organisations in the country. Sheehy, as most of our readers know, has much other good public work to his credit. He has served on the local committees of many ex-service societies interested in the welfare of men and their wives and families. He has been for several years past a representative of disabled men on the Isle of Thanet, Dover and District War Pensions Committee, and has never missed a meeting except when he has been ill. Members are appointed by the Ministry of Pensions, and, incidentally, Sheehy recalls his service in the Grenadier Guards, when the present Minister of Pensions, Major G. C. Tryon, was captain of his company, and "no better officer could one wish to serve under," says Sheehy.



## NEWS OF ST. DUNSTANERS

PLENTY of customers find their way to W. C. Ward, of St. Leonard's-on-Sea, and between times he is never idle, for he has numerous ideas and likes to carry them out. He has built a most useful shed and rigged up a bell on ingenious lines within the last few weeks.

Very fit," says S. Bull, of Spilsby, Linc., "and business goes on improving."

A man who is making a most promising beginning is A. Hughes, of Eardisley, Herefordshire. He has secured several very nice local orders for baskets already. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hughes are full of enthusiasm and ambition which should help them to go far, and they are mutually keen to get the place into good order. A pig has been secured and preparations are being made for poultry. There should not be over much spare time in the Hughes' menage!

Friends will be glad to know that J. P. Farrell, of St. Leonard's-on-Sea, is no longer suffering any ill effects from his rheumatic ankle but can walk "miles."

Other St. Leonard's men are J. E. Plunkett, who has been securing a goodly number of local orders for his mats, and A. Sneddon, who has managed to procure a delightfully sunny house. He has been displaying some of his baskets in Plunkett's window with excellent results.

Two hundred teapot stands sold round about Christmas is a good record surely; it is one set up by J. Hastings, of Smethwick.

C. Smith, of Walsall, who has a reputation for being among the best of St. Dunstan's many excellent netters, is working away as steadily as ever. Has he ever calculated the weight of material he uses in any given time, or the number of knots he makes in a week!

A St. Dunstaner in the same district is G. Lawlor, whose new baby (number nine in the family by the way) is a particularly fine specimen we hear. Two of Lawlor's sons are in the Army and one of these is now on his way to India, so Lawlor is looking forward to the receipt of interesting letters.

"Quite a glut of orders" is the excellent report from J. Goodison, of Sandymount, and to add to his good luck he has high hopes of receiving regular commissions from a Dublin shop.

Business must be good in Ireland for B. Martin, of Bray, has been very fully occupied of late, having received quite a number of articles for such things as dog-baskets and soiled linen-baskets. All the same he has got his garden trenched and has painted his outhouses.

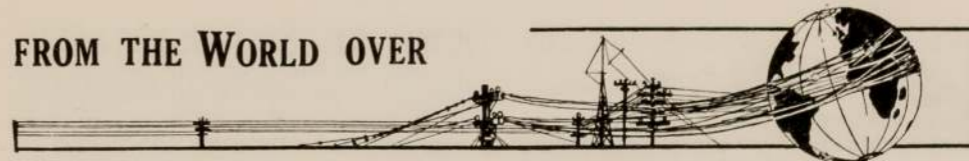
"Going on champion," says J. Bannister, of Skelmersdale, with his usual cheery optimism.

Such an excellent reputation for good work has been set up by J. A. Dunlop, of Bonnyrigg, that orders follow him from his late district.

In Bangor, Mr. and Mrs. Ap Rhys are as happy and comfortable as ever with themselves and the baby in excellent health. Ap Rhys has given up his poultry though, chiefly on account of rat trouble, and has decided to devote his energies to tomato growing. As a side-line he might try Japanese cucumbers, these will grow without heat of any kind outside a house if need be, and are delicious. They are considerably shorter and thicker than the "cues" of ordinary growth.

Very few accidents seem to have occurred among St. Dunstaners owing to

## FROM THE WORLD OVER



the bad weather round about Christmas, but T. McCann, of Ballinarty, had his aerial blown down—which, by the way, a kindly neighbour refixed for him right speedily.

Taking advantage of the weather D. Makin, of Wallsend, has again gone in for the coal trade though he does not reckon on carrying on in this line through the summer.

Business is "fair" with S. Purvis, of Lemington, and the same can be said as regards W. Redhead, of Byker, who is getting in boots to repair although he has only been established a very short time.

Mats and a few head of poultry—which look very flourishing—keep G. Powell, of Cobbler's Bank, employed, with wireless for relaxation in leisure hours.

A fine New Year start has been made by T. J. Waldin, of Winchester, who says he has plenty of work in boot repairs and that trade is good in sundries and his other "side-lines."

F. Cooper, of Fareham, is another with a nice lot of work in sight.

A new house has been secured on the Wyggeston Estate, Horninglow, by J. Wilkie, who is much to be congratulated. Wilkie has just completed his course in baskets and is quite busy—a number of local orders having been secured.

How many St. Dunstaners have succumbed to the dog-racing craze? Those who have will be interested to hear that T. Kinder, of St. Helens (recently of Holmes Wood), has a valuable dog which, he says, was "favourite" at the recent Manchester Races.

A ration of a loaf a day for fear supplies

should run out entirely was all that was allowed to W. Raine, of Kingsdown, near Sevenoaks, during the Christmas snowfall period. The family was snowed up for a week and cut off from the world to a great degree since the postman found it impossible to get round with letters. Raine has just moved to Walden House, Tudwick, Tiptree, Essex, where he will hope not to have such exciting experiences.

A new station to be called West Weybridge is to be opened near the home of P. G. Alvey, of Byfleet, and a lot of new houses are being built in the district, so we hope, with him, that he will soon experience a noticeable increase in trade. He keeps his shop most attractively.

With a one-valve wireless set, G. H. Wootley, of Maulden Amptill, succeeds in getting all the principal German stations and also Paris and Hilversum. No wonder he derives a large amount of pleasure from the installation.

Does anybody want a tandem at a fair price? G. Dawson, of Park House, Carlton, near Newmarket, has decided to dispose of his as he sees little chance of using it. He says that it is in excellent condition and has never even had a puncture.

What with orders for six school mats, various motor mats, and poultry that seem to wish to set up a laying record, J. Brockerton, of Coleraine, is as busy as he can be.

Another Irishman who should have a word of mention is G. Lyttle, of Cloverhill, who could almost take a prize as a specimen for an advertisement for some health product. Unfortunately for advertising purposes he attributes this not to any purchasable patent food but to fresh air and exercise. He makes a practice of

walking ten miles every day, whatever the weather.

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The chances are that St. Dunstan's will soon be able to add yet another name to its list of vocalists for H. McAteer, of Belfast, who has a remarkably good voice, has been making fine progress with singing of late.

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A small sweet shop, with various "side-lines" which will develop according to demand, is to be opened in Grimston by J. Buckle. We wish him all possible success in the new venture. Buckle, by the way, is the proud possessor of quite a number of certificates for basket making and has a fine reputation at local shows.

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A piece of very bad luck was experienced by C. Stock, Newent, Glos. He was moving just before the Christmas fall of snow. He shifted his birds successfully and on the following day, when the houses should have been moved, the snow came, making it impossible to do anything for over a fortnight, during which time the poultry had to be kept shut up in the back part of his new house. However, the new establishment, now that he has got there with all his equipment, bids fair to be a very great success and is in an excellent position, being just off the main road.

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Considering the number of people whose land has been under water it is surprising that more damage has not been done to St. Dunstaners' holdings, but very few seem to have met with troubles owing to flooding. Unfortunately among the few sufferers C. A. Butler, of Long Eaton, must be counted—his ground has been under water for six weeks, during which time his birds have had to be shut up.

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A trade exhibition is to be held in Margate very shortly and as a result G. A. Millen, of Birchington, among other, is finding himself very busy. May he have pronounced success again this year. Millen, by the way, is showing great ingenuity in his mat designs and has worked one for a theatre with a bold crown device upon it.

Baskets keep A. Brown, of Sidmouth, happily employed and he gets a large amount of pleasure too out of the various little improvements he makes in their charming and convenient little home.

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Another Devon man is G. H. Gilpin, of Thorverton, who is busy and contented as usual and divides his time fairly equally between his wireless and his boot bench. He is so contented at home that he rarely wants a holiday.

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If any St. Dunstaner wants a fine singing bird let him apply to F. Tait, 458 Halliwell Road, Bolton, who is prepared to sell to his fellows at 25s. for a good singer, or he would sell in pairs for breeding. Tait's prize record, as our readers know, is one of which any man might be proud.

### Brief Notes

Trade is increasing slowly but steadily, says W. A. Muggeridge, of Great Bookham, Surrey, who, by the way, did remarkably well at Christmas time. He is another of the wireless band to get exceedingly good results.

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"All's well" with G. Jackson, of Ashford, who also tells us he has just become the proud possessor of a beautiful Airedale.

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J. Nolan, of Hinstock, is doing fairly well with both pigs and poultry; S. Barlow, of Pett Row, Grimston, has plenty of work in the mat line; P. Yuille, of Glasgow, is settled into his new house but has not yet got a work hut. At Stewarton, A. Highet, whose health keeps good, is doing well with poultry; H. Sims, of Worting, combines mats with poultry which suits him very well. Mrs. Sims was one of the many to have a bad fall during the famous "Silver Thaw," but has quite recovered from the ill effects of it. T. Condon, of the same district, and the same combination of trades, says "Going strong," and A. Chiverton, of Eastleigh, joins him in the cheery message.

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Orders for kneelers and mats continue to come in from local sources for J. Smith, of St. Helens Junction. Other mat-makers

### A Joinery Note

The March winds are rapidly approaching when their effect on all kinds and classes of wood is to be either that of a good servant or a very bad master. It is imperative that all stocks of wood be carefully watched and stacked so that they may dry without splitting or twisting as would be the case if they were left reared or laid in such a position that the air gets at them unevenly or so that they are bent while drying. Stand all soft woods, such as deals or mouldings, as erect as possible, on end. Hard woods such as oak, mahogany or American white should be laid perfectly flat with strips of lath between at regular intervals and at the same time protect the ends from getting the direct wind. Planes should be daily wiped with linseed oil and if the ends of the planks forming the top of the bench be oiled, it will save them splitting. The wind in March is more disastrous than the hot sun but it is wise to keep the wood and tools out of the sun's rays, especially if they pass through a window.

E. H. A.

That always energetic St. Dunstaner, W. Murphy, of Liverpool, put in some excellent work on behalf of St. Dunstan's just before Christmas. On 11th December he paid a visit to the Mission Hall in Arkwright Street, Liverpool, and gave an address on "What St. Dunstan's is doing for War-Blinded Men." As the outcome of that visit, Murphy went on 18th December to the Methodist Church, St. Domingo Vale, where he and his wife had a great welcome. Murphy spoke from the pulpit, and one of the Town Councillors was in the chair. A popular demonstration of Murphy's skill at basket making was given by a display of some of his basketry. We understand that the address was listened to with the greatest interest, and a collection was taken up afterwards which realised a most useful sum for St. Dunstan's funds. "Spud's" friends will be glad to know that his ability as an orator is being turned to such practical and helpful account.

making steady progress are F. C. Harrison and H. A. Gardiner, both of Leytonstone. W.B. Kirkup is holding his own in Durham. T. Allan, of Hetton-le-Hole, has quite recovered from his attack of gout, which, according to the doctor, was caused by a sprain.

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A ready sale for eggs is still being found by M. Watson Brown, of Seddlescombe; J. Avey, of Bromsgrove, is still on the look-out for a place where he can keep some poultry. J. Watson, of Houghton-le-Spring, is doing very well with his birds, and A. Benning, of Pinley, Warwick, is working hard for the success he is winning in the same line.

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Baskets employ T. R. Beattie, of Crouch End, and he manages to keep busy in this trade despite foreign competition, while I. H. Poole, of East Cowes, yet another basket maker, is preparing for the coming season, having decided to return to willow work.

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Among those who attended the very enjoyable "Not-Forgotten" Association party at Buckingham Palace were J. Gibbons, of Chelsea, and A. V. Crook and F. Polley, of Brixton. Gibbons and Crook were especially favoured as the Duke of York spoke to the latter and the Duchess to the former.

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Seven St. Dunstaners and their wives were honoured by an invitation to the tea and concert given by the Marchioness of Bute in Cardiff, when she with her sons and daughters took an active part in the entertainment of their guests.

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Everyone will be sorry to learn of a serious accident that has befallen A. L. Isaac, of Glasgow. He was run over by a motor lorry and has had to be taken to hospital where he has been X-rayed. One shoulder is dislocated and he has a bad compound fracture of the arm besides being badly bruised and much cut about the head. Bad as is the damage, one can only be thankful that it is not worse and hope for the sake of both Mr. and Mrs. Isaac that he will make a speedy recovery.

## After-Care Gatherings

### THE LEEDS RE-UNION

THE gathering at Leeds proved once again the largest of the three Yorkshire meetings. It was held at the Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds, on the 27th January, and but for the sudden appearance of snow in the early morning, which prevented the arrival of a few of those expected, even last year's numbers would have been exceeded. Those present appreciated very highly the honour paid the Organisation and themselves by the visit to the re-union of the Lord Mayor of Leeds, Alderman George Ratcliffe, who arrived during the afternoon and remained for tea. During an address of welcome Mr. Swain said that they felt honoured to have the leading citizen of Leeds to attend their re-union, and he was sure that now that the Lord Mayor had met what after all was only a very small section of St. Dunstan's large family and had seen in evidence something of the spirit which had made "Victory Over Blindness" possible, he would feel worth while this one of the many calls upon his time and energy.

In a short address the Lord Mayor expressed the sincere pleasure it gave him to visit that unique gathering of men who had given so greatly for their country and who had yet made so much of their lives since their blindness. Their cheeriness and the success that they had gained in the various vocations which they had learned at St. Dunstan's gave wonderful proof of the stuff of which the men of Britain were made who fought in the War.

On behalf of his fellow St. Dunstaners, W. Heeley, in appropriate terms, proposed a vote of thanks to the Lord Mayor, which was given with resounding heartiness and accompanied by musical honours.

The prizes for the guessing and other competitions were then presented by the Lord Mayor, who afterwards left amid rousing cheers. The winners of the competitions were Mrs. Cairns and Mrs. Heeley

(both of Wakefield), and Messrs. Skelly, of Batley, and Bruce, of Skipton.

The concert which followed and which was provided by our three artists of the previous day, Messrs. Copley, Roberts, and Hal Jones, who came from Sheffield specially to entertain us, and by some St. Dunstaners who contributed to the programme, was greatly enjoyed by all, and so ended one of the most successful re-unions ever held.

### SHEFFIELD RE-UNION

Perhaps the happiest feature of our Yorkshire gatherings this year was our unexpected visitors. If only for the pleasure derived by all from Mr. Herbert Craiger's (one of Sheffield's leading ophthalmic surgeons) refreshing little speech, his presence was most welcome, but being known as he is to a number of St. Dunstaners and taking the personal interest in them he does, made him something more than the "visitor." We hope that Mr. Craiger will be "one of the family" next year.

Messrs. Copley Roberts and Hal Jones (of B.B.C. fame) broke the record so far as entertainments are concerned, and E. Garthwaite's songs received the usual share in appreciation.

Mr. Swain's speech was listened to with much interest and the vote of thanks which C. Greaves so well proposed was seconded by W. Burgin.

The fortunate winners of the first prize in the competition (a decorated cake weighing 7 lbs. 1 oz., and given by Miss Lowe, of Roberts' Café) was won by Mrs. Batty. Mrs. Lincoln won the consolation prize, W. Bower the gent's first prize and T. Millward the consolation prize.

E. E. R.

Courage is a virtue which the young cannot spare; to lose it is to grow old before one's time.

## Departmental Notes

### NETTING NOTES

Since writing our last notes for the REVIEW the Netting Department has moved bodily to Raglan Street, so it has been a great upheaval, but things are getting straight now, and we hope soon to be in thorough working order.

All the "Old Boys" will be glad to hear Sister Berry has definitely joined the netting room staff, as she has been connected with St. Dunstan's for so many years and is beloved by everybody.

May I thank all the After-Care netting men for their patience over parcels during the move, because it was impossible to deal with them all at once, and I know men were kept waiting for orders when they wanted them quickly; but we did them in rotation as soon as the move was made, so as to cause as little delay as possible, and the men certainly rose to the occasion when they knew what was happening.

The netting room at Brighton is very busy and happy under Sister Morris's care.

Congratulations are due to F. Williams, W. H. Floyd, and J. Jackson for passing their string bag test.

W. Capstick, J. Mullen, J. Jackson, T. Gidney, and A. Matthews sent up very nice rugs to be lined this month, and J. Marsh finished his full course of netting. J. Madison had a three weeks' course at which he did very well.

All the new men working at present are making very satisfactory progress. H. W.

### TELEPHONY

Heartiest congratulations to the following telephonists who have been found positions:—

W. Hallam, Vulcan Motors, Edgware.  
W. Ruddock, Homecrafts, Victoria.  
W. E. Cook, Max Meyer, Ltd., Hatton Gardens.  
J. Holmes, Greyhound Racing Association, Regent Street.

We wish them every success.

M. B. M.

### BRAILLE ROOM NOTES

We heartily congratulate A. J. Wiltshire and J. W. Bullock on passing their Braille Reading Tests.

### TYPEWRITING NOTES

Many congratulations to J. Jackson and A. Brignall on passing the Typewriting Test.

F. Gallagher, who has had five years' experience in Burma, sends us the following verses, quite in the neo-impressionist style, it will be observed. Burma would appear to be a place *not* to live in, judging from Gallagher's description!

### BURMAH

Burmah! Land of savage things,  
Noted for its cruel kings.  
Land where deadly vultures fly,  
And seek the dead where'er they lie.  
Land where deadly reptiles creep  
And steal the people in their sleep.  
Land where dreaded insects crawl,  
Monstrous things, though very small.  
Land where donkeys are unknown,  
But elephants are quite at home.  
Land where men no breeches wear,  
Their legs tattoo with skill and care.  
Land where girls increase their charms  
By creaming faces, legs and arms.  
Land where Irawadi flows,  
Guarded safe from Britain's foes.  
For eight long months no rain is seen,  
But yet the trees are always green.  
Then four months of ceaseless flood,  
Destroying bazaars and roads—the mud  
Pagodas, wooden gods, beslimes.  
Sickness comes when no sun shines.  
Many a soldier penned indoors,  
Wonders why he left home shores—  
Longs for news more every day  
To take him and his pals away.  
And swears no more he'll wish to roam,  
For there's no place like "Home, Sweet Home."

T. W. Chamberlain, of Keelby, who received an order for a solid walnut bookcase from Lord Conyers, has been very successful in its production. He is very proud of the letter of acknowledgment received from Lord Conyers, who writes as follows:—

"I thank you very much for the beautiful tray you sent to Lady Conyers and myself. It is very nice and will be most useful. The bookcase is very much admired, and I must say that it is the best bit of furniture work I have seen for a long time, and the wood is of very fine quality.

Yours truly,  
CONYERS."

## Poultry Notes

Laying Test 1927-28

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### Report for 3rd Period 20th December 1927 to 16th January 1928

The total number of eggs produced during the third period was 3,325, or an average of 12.09 per bird. 68.24 per cent. were first grade, 28.18 per cent. second grade and 3.58 per cent. third grade.

During the earlier weeks of the period under review the weather conditions were very extreme and most unfavourable to egg production; and, as a consequence, there was a slight falling off in the daily collections. There was, however, a sharp recovery during the last week, which brought the total for the month slightly higher than that for the 2nd period.

The general health and condition of the

flock has been satisfactory; most of the sick birds referred to last month having been returned to their pens.

It will be noted that the consumption of food has increased by nearly  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz. per bird per day, and the bodily condition of the birds has greatly improved accordingly

Particulars of Feeding	Third Period	To Date
Food consumed	19cwt. 3qr. 18lbs.	55cwt. 4lbs.
Cost of Food	£12 6s. 9d.	£32 8s.
Cost per Bird	10.69d.	2s. 4.03d.
Cost per Bird per Week	2.67d.	2.33d.
Average consumption per Bird per Day	4.593 ozs.	4.231 ozs.

## Births—Deaths—Marriages

### Births

CASTLE.—On the 27th of November 1927, to the wife of W. S. Castle, of Birmingham, a daughter (Irene).

CURNOW.—To the wife of J. Curnow, of Troon, a son on the 18th of January.

EVANS.—On the 18th of December 1927, to the wife of J. Evans, of Walsall, a daughter (Doris May).

HINDLEY.—To the wife of J. Hindley, of Manchester, a son on the 29th of December 1927.

SHAW.—On the 11th of January, to the wife of R. Shaw, of Burnley, a son (Ronald). Both doing well.

### Deaths

This month we offer sympathy to the following St. Dunstaners:—

NOBLE.—To Mr. and Mrs. Noble, of Middlesbrough, whose little son (Henry Edward), born on the 3rd of January, died on the 6th.

SHEPPARD.—To E. Sheppard, of Bellingham, whose father died very suddenly

on the morning of the 18th January. He had been at work on the previous day and the shock of his death has quite prostrated his mother.

THOMAS.—To R. J. Thomas, of Worcester, who lost his father on the 8th January.

WARMAN.—To C. Warman, of Caledonian Road, King's Cross, who lost his eldest sister a few days ago. She was 54 years of age.

WEBB.—To A. Webb, of Birmingham, for his tragic double loss. He lost his baby daughter Jean on the 8th of January and his wife on the 19th.

WHITE.—To P. White, of St. Helen's, who lost his wife on the morning of the 29th of December.

### Marriages

MASSEY-FREEMAN.—On 11th January, at the Chelsea Town Hall, Arthur Massey to Miss Florence Mary Freeman.

POLLEY-WHITE.—On the 26th of December 1927, at Hyde Park Hall, Edgware Road, Marble Arch, W., Frederick Polley (widower) and Lucy White (widow) were married by the Rev. Gordon James at 12.45 p.m.

## M.O.T.H.

HOW many St. Dunstaners will know what these initials stand for? Our comrades in South Africa certainly, and possibly a few others who may have connections with or Army friends in that country. The initials stand for "The Memorable Order of Tin Hats," and in the words of the Honorary Secretary, "the Order is one of camaraderie and good fellowship amongst all those who have won for themselves medals in any war." It is open to all European races and has a membership in the Union of South Africa already nearing the ten thousand mark. It was started in the town of Durban by C. E. Evenden, a Londoner by birth and an Australian soldier during the war, who served with those forces during the landing at Gallipoli. In a country which has been divided by racial troubles such a great membership is proof of the hold the organisation has taken on ex-Service men out there, bringing together as it has English and Dutch speaking soldiers, even the latter who fought against us in the Anglo-Boer War and who did not take up arms for us during the Great War.

We have before us a certificate and a copy of the Rules and Regulations of the Order. These are couched in exceedingly amusing form. The "Patron" is Mademoiselle from Armentieres; the "Moth Hymn" is "Old Soldiers never Die, they simply Fade away"; and the certificate of attestation states that "the recruit has attested in consequence of having participated in rum issues and of possessing a sound memory!"

We regret that limitations of space prevent our quoting in full the "Dugout Orders," and the ingeniously framed "General Routine Orders," but the following few extracts will serve to give an idea of the lines they take: In "Dugout Orders," for example, we learn that "Reading of Vests is taboo," as also is "Live Stock Hunting." Moths are granted the privilege of "trench language," and "no Moth will be considered genuine unless he develops a good grouse." "General Routine Orders" inform us that membership is open to "cooks' sons,

dukes' sons, and sons of belted earls"—in fact, "to any old son of a gun," the only qualification being that members must have served in one of the following little scraps (we quote only a few): The Great War, the Boer War, the Trojan War, the Wars of the Roses, the Battle of Bannockburn, &c. The Badge of the Order is a miniature tin hat, which "can be worn on the coat, the tie, the garter, or elsewhere." One of the aims of the Moths is to ensure that Armistice Day shall never be allowed to pass without a grand All Services Re-union, which shall take the form of a Soldier's Binge—a real "back of the line" soldiers' concert, organised by each base or district dugout. Another aim is the strengthening of all existing ex-service organisations. The organisation of the Order is by means of shell-holes and dugouts—a shell-hole consisting of twenty-five attested Moths, any number of shell-holes constituting a dugout. The entrance fee is 2s. 6d., and the annual minimum subscription 1s. After the bare cost of miniature tin hats, certificates, and administration have been deducted, the balance of the funds is formed into a Moth ex-Service Fund, for distribution at the discretion of the dugout.

It remains to add that with the letter from the Honorary Secretary is sent from the Moth Order generally in South Africa greetings and tender thoughts to their brethren in St. Dunstan's, and a contribution of £20 subscribed by the Estcourt Dugout of the Order.

On behalf of St. Dunstaners throughout the Empire, we send heartiest good wishes to the "Patron," to all "Old Bills" (the ex-Service men in charge of each district dugout), "Brass Hats," "Pip Artists," and Moths of every rank, and to the Estcourt Dugout sincere thanks for their generous donation.

Friends of W. Horsnell, of Charlton Adam, Somerset, will be interested to learn of his young son's musical success recently, when he passed at his first attempt in the Junior Trinity College of Music Examinations held at Taunton.



## SPORTS CLUB NOTES

### After-Care Sports

May I congratulate everyone on the very speedy way in which they have adapted themselves to the difficulties of the lounge after the freedom of the Bungalow; all have shown remarkable patience, and many cheery gatherings have been the result.

We are glad to welcome Coles and Mathewman at our sports and hope that still more will follow their example.

In the appended list of points we notice that that keen Scot McFarlane has jumped from 6th to 2nd place. I'm glad that my absence abroad has given someone courage!

#### POINTS

31ST FEBRUARY 1928

1. Fleming . . . . .	99	13. Johns . . . . .	39
2. McFarlane . . . . .	87	14. Burran . . . . .	29
3. Deegan . . . . .	82	15. Roden . . . . .	28
4. Crook . . . . .	76	16. Mathewman . . . . .	26
5. Nichols . . . . .	75	17. Hughes . . . . .	23
6. Webster . . . . .	68	18. Hallam . . . . .	18
7. Martin . . . . .	59	19. Gover . . . . .	14
8. Henry . . . . .	47	20. Ruddock . . . . .	14
9. Scott . . . . .	45	21. Ashton . . . . .	11
10. Wiltshire . . . . .	44	22. Champaiss . . . . .	9
11. Prior . . . . .	43	23. Riley . . . . .	5
12. Brooke . . . . .	40	24. Coles . . . . .	5

### Sports Sister

Miss Woolrych has very kindly and efficiently taken over the duties of Sports Sister at Headquarters, and although I am now on the retired list and hope to enjoy more travelling than has hitherto been possible, yet I still hope to help at the various sports gatherings when in London, and so will not altogether lose touch with my many very sporting friends. All success to the future of our sports.

GRACE J. STACEY.

### Boxing

We were fortunate once again to be present at a Grand Display at the Royal Albert Hall when the principal contest was Len Harvey *v.* Kid Nitram, the French middle-weight champion. Harvey won after a splendid bout, Nitram proving a

very gallant loser. The world-renowned Jimmy Wilde had a chat with our boys and autographed their programmes. Another old friend, Stan Hilton, of Battersea, wished to be remembered to all the boys he has met in the past.

On Tuesday, 7th February, the St. Pancras Boxing Club held their open competition. The secretary, Mr. Hoodless, on behalf of the Club, invited a party of our boys. A very excellent programme was carried through, and we were shown every kindness by everyone concerned. We all thoroughly enjoyed the whole show, and the last bout between Chard, of the Polytechnic B.C., and Jackson, of the Printers and Allied Trades, was simply wonderful.

### Nine Mile Walk

This race was the first to start from Headquarters. The climatic conditions could not have been worse, but it takes more than that to damp the ardour of our boys and their escorts. Mr. Kessell and Mr. Hegarty welcomed His Worship the Mayor of St. Marylebone, who had come to start the race. His Worship soon made himself at home and was very busy chatting with the competitors. Miss Nelson and Mr. Alexander escorted the Birmingham boys up, all looking very fit. Lenderyou came up from Brighton, where he has been taking the ozone (and gas—he had all his teeth out the day before). Roberts, from Southend, assured us that he had not trained on cockles.

The race itself was very interesting. Boorman took the lead, followed by Bates, Birch, Thompson, Kerr, Johns, Lenderyou, Rhodes, Burran, North, and Shakespeare. Boorman at three miles was setting a very hot pace, and Bates had moved up to within 10 yards, Birch losing a little ground, with Thompson and Kerr gradually moving up to the leader. At six miles this order was still maintained, Bates being literally at Boorman's heels, Thompson had moved up followed by Kerr and

Johns, and it was still raining with a north-east wind facing the walkers, so none of the competitors or officials were suffering from sunstroke. The pace Boorman had set early on now began to tell its tale, Bates going on strongly to win a good race and Kerr coming through like a steam engine finishing second, with Boorman third, Thompson fourth, Johns fifth, Birch sixth, Lenderyou seventh, Rhodes eighth, Burran ninth, and Shakespeare tenth.

In the S.S. section Brown quickly took the lead, followed by "The Twins" (Gover and Ashton), Fallowfield, Read, Roberts, Giles, and Triggs. The last named I am sure would be better if he did not walk in flat-heeled tennis shoes. At three miles this order prevailed; at four miles Brown was still going ahead, and Roberts had moved up into fourth place; at seven miles Ashton was not looking too well, and the judges thought that three competitors in this section were not looking well from their point of view. Fallowfield was now walking splendidly and will continue to improve now that he has settled down. The conditions did not stop Read from having his little jokes, but my word his cap did get wet! Brown

eventually won in 75.30 secs. from Gover, Ashton, Fallowfield, Triggs, Giles, and Read. Mr. Donoghue, Q.P.H., again framed the handicaps. I am sure that everyone who knows our good friend will be very sorry to hear that Mrs. Donoghue has had a very serious operation, and is passing through a very critical time; may there be a speedy recovery and return to good health. It was particularly good of Mr. Donoghue, at such an anxious time, to help us.

Miss Hamar Greenwood, prior to presenting the prizes, firstly congratulated the boys for turning out on such a day, then proceeded to thank Messrs. Donoghue and Organ (handicapper and timekeeper), the judges, Messrs. Joe Binks, S. Parsons, and H. Evans, also those jolly old escorts who never let us down, Miss Davies and helpers for the tea which they so splendidly arranged, and all others who had helped. The prizes and medals having been handed over, Miss Greenwood announced that the *News of the World* "Novice's Medal" had been won by Micky Burran. (Loud cheers.) Miss Greenwood having been thanked with a very few words and lots of sincere cheers, another successful sporting event ended.

#### RESULTS NINE-MILE SEALED HANDICAP OUTER CIRCLE WALK 28TH JANUARY 1928

T.B.

Pl.	NAME	Rd. 1	Rd. 2	Rd. 3 and Ttl. Time	Handicap	Net Time	Order of Finish
		m. s.	m. s.	m. s.	m. s.	m. s.	
1	Kerr . . . . .	31 20	60 35	<del>93</del> 9	5 0	89 9	2
2	Lenderyou . . . . .	31 11	61 5	<del>97</del> 20	8 0	89 20	7
3	Johns . . . . .	31 45	62 2	<del>94</del> 51	5 30	89 21	5
4	Thompson . . . . .	31 40	60 59	<del>93</del> 35	4 0	89 35	4
5	Shakespeare . . . . .	34 45	67 45	105 19	15 0	90 19	10
6	Bates . . . . .	30 16	58 59	<del>91</del> 23	Scratch	91 23	1
7	Boorman . . . . .	30 7	58 57	<del>93</del> 25	2 0	91 25	3
8	Birch . . . . .	30 55	60 47	<del>96</del> 25	3 45	92 40	6
9	(Rhodes . . . . .	34 3	66 29	102 55	9 45	93 10	8
	Burran . . . . .	34 29	67 30	103 10	10 0	93 10	8
11	North . . . . .	—	—	—	—	—	11

S.S.

1	Gover . . . . .	26 16	51 9	<del>79</del> 10	4 30	74 40	2
2	Ashton . . . . .	27 35	53 37	<del>82</del> 3	7 0	75 3	3
3	Brown . . . . .	25 34	49 14	<del>75</del> 30	Scratch	75 30	1
4	Fallowfield . . . . .	28 37	55 35	<del>85</del> 50	8 30	77 29	4
5	Triggs . . . . .	28 30	57 30	90 22	11 0	79 22	5
6	Giles . . . . .	28 45	57 22	89 36	10 0	79 36	6
7	Read . . . . .	31 10	59 50	92 40	13 0	79 40	7
8	Roberts . . . . .	28 11	54 0	—	—	—	—



**Date of Next Walk**

Our next road walk will be over a distance of 15 miles on *Saturday, 17th March*, starting and finishing at Headquarters. Entries to be handed in by 5th March.

Mr. S. Jones, Secretary of the London Shipping Association, has promised to provide the prizes for this event. We thank them for their very generous and sporting offer.

**Maidenhead Walk**

In a communication from Sec. Howard Wood and his committee of the Maidenhead Athletic Association, the suggested date for our 25-mile road walk at that venue is *Saturday, 21st April*. Will probable competitors kindly make a note of this date? Further arrangements will be announced in the next REVIEW.

W. A. T.

**Football**

The following is the result of the football competition which, owing to the weather, we have only just been able to complete. Our good wishes go to Webster, who is the winner of the prize, and also to Johns, who is the highest goal scorer. It should be noted that Ruddock, Hallam, and Cook were unable to complete their full list of matches owing to obtaining posts as telephonists.

**Football Competition**

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Webster ..	12	6	4	2	25	23	14
Ruddock ..	10	4	2	4	25	19	12
Hallam ..	10	5	3	2	22	22	12
Brooke ..	12	5	5	2	15	16	12
Johns ..	12	5	4	3	26	22	11
Riley ..	12	4	5	3	20	22	11
Wiltshire ..	12	4	5	3	25	27	11
Cook ..	8	3	4	1	15	13	7

**Birmingham St. Dunstan's Sports Club—Trophy presented at Monthly Gathering**

Members of the Birmingham and District St. Dunstan's Sports Club spent a pleasant evening at Queen's College on the occasion of the monthly gathering. A musical entertainment was provided by the Aristo Concert Party, and a special feature of the proceedings was the presentation of the St. Dunstan's Sports

Shield to the Club, as joint holders with the London Club, with which the Birmingham team made a dead heat on points during a series of competitive sporting events held during last year. The events comprised walking, athletics, field games, and rowing and, but for the fact that the local club was at a disadvantage in the matter of rowing practice facilities, they might have won the shield. The hon. coach is Mr. W. W. Alexander, junior, and the shield was handed to the members by the hon. secretary of the club, Sister Hodgson, who is keenly interested in its welfare. The artistes taking part in the programme kindly gave their services. They were Miss Norah Vennell, Miss Goldman, Messrs. Tom Smith, Charles Loch, Frank Rolfe, and Arthur Lerrigo.

During the evening a Christmas tree was provided for the children of the members, who were given toys for the youngsters.

**Following in Father's Footsteps**

The baby son of J. H. Greaves, of Oldham, is, we learn with much interest, showing decided tendencies to emulate his father's prowess at swimming. "Baby is taking to water like his father," says his proud mother, while superintending the morning bath. "Watch him splash!" Greaves has recently given another exhibition in swimming at the Chadderton Public Baths—a charity function in aid of poor children. He was assisted by a little blind friend, and his feats included ornamental swimming, life saving, and diving (with the blind boy on his shoulders). We wish him all success in his training of his small son, whom we do not doubt will prove an apt pupil.

In a letter to headquarters W. Lilley, of Leigh, Lancs., says that short time both for the pits and factories is making everybody look twice at their money before parting with it. He has, however, had some interesting orders, including a small set of drawers, a bookcase, and a large meat safe. Incidentally Lilley pays high tribute to the help St. Dunstan's has been to him.

**The "F.A.F."**

We gladly publish the following correspondence between W. Tout, of Exeter, and Mr. Kessell, who, as all St. Dunstaners know, has been hon. secretary and hon. treasurer of the Fresh Air Funds since its foundation thirty-six years ago.

Exeter,  
29th January 1928.

DEAR MR. KESSELL,

I read with interest the article in this month's REVIEW about the good work which was being done by the Fresh Air Fund, and also the appeal to readers. At a re-union of St. Dunstaners, held in Exeter just before the free wireless licence for the blind became law, Mr. Floyd, one of our St. Dunstaners, in the course of a short speech, made a very thoughtful suggestion, namely, that each St. Dunstaner, on receiving his first free licence, should send the ros. thus saved to the Fresh Air Fund.

I was not present at this particular re-union, but I entirely agree with Floyd's happy thought. I have only recently made my renewal and received my first free licence, and the ros. I have thus saved I am sending to you for the Fresh Air Fund. It gives me the greatest pleasure to do this, because I feel that by so doing I am honouring the memory of our late Chief, to whom we owe so much, and I also know that by sending this small token I am helping a fund which deserves every support.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

W. TOUT.

17A Henrietta Street,  
London, W.C.2.

MY DEAR TOUT,

How very kind of you to send ros. for the Fresh Air Fund; eight poor children will be able to enjoy a happy day in the country, which, but for your kind thought, would not have been theirs.

It was a most happy idea of Floyd's to suggest that the money saved on the first free wireless licence should, if possible, be sent to the Fresh Air Fund.

There certainly could be no better way of honouring the memory of Sir Arthur than by helping the Fresh Air Fund, for it was very dear to him.

I think that you will like to have one of our reports, and I am enclosing a copy herewith.

With the kindest of regards,

Yours very truly,

E. KESSELL,

Hon. Sec. and Hon. Treas.

You may censure the faults of others when you have none of your own.

We reprint the following from the *Yorkshire Evening Post* :—

**Blind Men at Games**

A CHEERY YORKSHIREMAN'S PLUCKY FIGHT

On the afternoon of Friday, 27th January, at the Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds, there will be a reunion of practically all the war-blinded men resident within 20 miles of Leeds.

The occasion will be the annual gathering of the blinded men who are under the care of St. Dunstan's.

One of them is Mr. L. Hardy, of East Park Street, Fountain Street, Morley.

Mr. Hardy is the son of a well-known local miners' official, and before the war was a furnaceman with the Yorkshire Iron and Coal Co. He joined the King's Own Scottish Borderers on 27th October 1915, and on 27th October 1917—exactly two years later—was blinded at St. Julien. In addition, he was very badly wounded in the left wrist.

But he recovered the use of his hand sufficiently to be able to learn basket-making, and now, as a totally blind person, he has since 1921 been supplementing his pension by basket weaving in the little workshop close by his home in East Park Street.

He is also a sufficiently good typist to be able to do his own letters.

The number of war-blinded men who go to cricket and football matches is amazing. Mr. Hardy is one of them. He has a great friend, Herbert Scarfe, who takes him about. The Morley Cricket Club make him an honorary member for the season, and there are few of their matches he misses.

"And I can tell by the sound of the bat against the ball how a batsman is shaping," he says. "I've said many a time, 'That chap won't last long,' and he hasn't."

He is an expert domino player, and another of the games he plays is "rings." He feels for the height of the board against the wall, his friends put him in position, and he is so skilful that he won the first prize at a competition recently.

"St. Dunstan's did everything for me," he says, and he pointed out how St. Dunstan's still provide him with his basket-making materials, and how he still goes up to Brighton for the fortnight's holiday every year which St. Dunstan's provides.

"I am very happy," was his general summing up of his life now. "I am fit and well; I have work that I can do; I can enjoy a theatre, a cricket or a football match with anyone, and my good friend Herbert Scarfe helps me to get about. I felt pretty hopeless once, but not now."

### A St. Dunstan's Museum ?

We have received the following interesting suggestion from G. Fallowfield, and should like to have any other views from our readers on the subject:—

DEAR SIR,

Some considerable time back I picked up a piece of copper piping about 4" long, splitting it I hammered it into a shape for a cigarette ash tray. I took not much notice of it until I came upon it early this year, and cleaning it, I told my wife of the things I had seen made from what was thought waste and what I had made myself from broken china when I could see.

I was about to write to you and suggest a museum at headquarters for articles made by our boys out of waste metal, wood, &c., but learned of St. John's Lodge being closed down, and, of course, did not.

Learning of the ship recently presented to our Matron at Brighton has aroused me again, yet I am now under the impression that the Brighton Annexe will be a different place now. I have in mind, however, of three recesses on the left of the conservatory which would make fine museum cases after being fronted with glass.

Will you please consider my suggestion and if you think it would lead to any new line of hobby (which I do) for our boys, please pass it on to the right people.

It is not known yet what really can be made from scrap and waste and we might see some fine exhibits if such a thing could be arranged, and it would be a nice exhibition of St. Dunstaners' industrial spirit for people who visit the Annexe.

The articles, of course, would have to be considered fit for the museum but any man would not mind trying again. And it ought to be insisted that the articles must be made from waste and scrap materials.

If St. Dunstan's are doubtful as to the popularity of the scheme, letters might be asked for through the REVIEW.

Again, a section might be put aside for such as eggs and vegetables of extraordinary size and shape. I, myself, am neither a gardener or poultry farmer, but thought we might give a chance to all, on a second thought.

Yours very sincerely,

GEO. FALLOWFIELD.

A St. Dunstaner sends us the following, which we print without comment!

### "Something Wrong"

A very Easty East-ender, having been left a legacy—a mere matter of a couple of thousand pounds—decided to go West—figuratively, of course—and promptly installed himself and his belongings in a classy house of a stragglng suburb, much to the annoyance of the "Naace" neighbours and the delight of inquisitive errand-boys. The electricity department of the municipality was duly notified, and promptly wired the house, so that 'Erb was enabled to undress his bloater and fling the bones into the firegrate with the aid of the beam from a sixty c.p. filament. Things went merrily until the day that his wife was obliged to pay a visit to her "Muvver." She left a pencilled note on the table, indicating the whereabouts of a chop, and advising him to cook it on the electric to save time.

'Erb arrived home to his mid-day meal and scanning the note, promptly marched to the front door and hung the chop on the door-bell, and stepping outside, pressed the button.

A. Ulyatt, of Southwell, has as many friends as ever and is always cheery. A. G. Cole is most happily settled at Ilkley. H. Ferrand is finding his Bradford job most interesting. J. J. Steel, of Rosyth, keeps busy at mats, as does J. Langham, of Sutton-in-Ashfield.

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