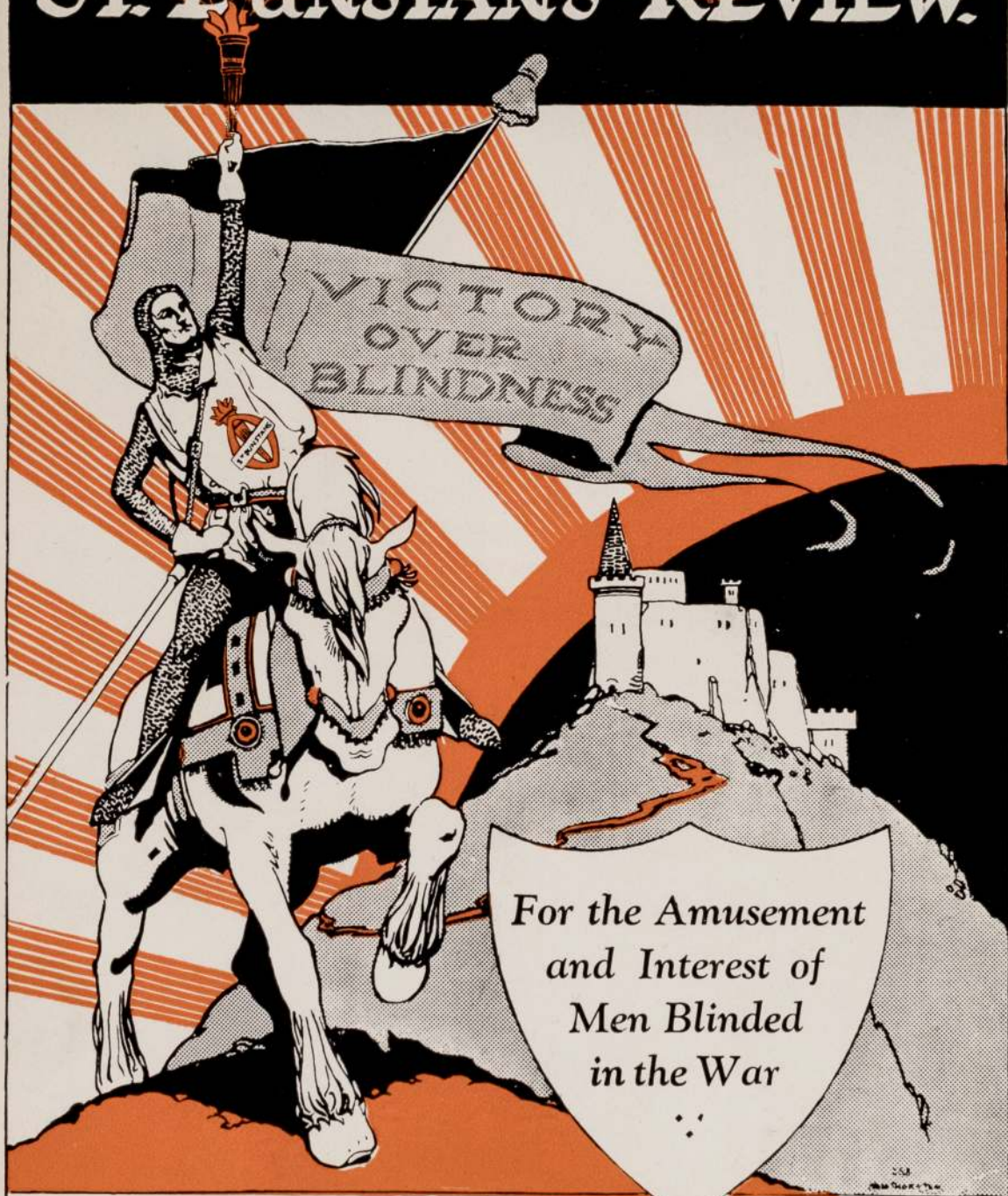


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## EDITORIAL NOTES

THE reference in our Editorial Notes in the December number to the need to expedite the issue of free wireless licences to blind folk in Northern Ireland has, apart from the benefit which we feel sure will accrue from its extensive quotation in some of the leading Irish papers, brought us some information which we welcome very sincerely. This is to the effect that in the City of Belfast there has not been any dilatoriness in the issue of free wireless licences, as the beneficent clauses of the Blind Persons Wireless Facilities Act were put in operation immediately the Act became law, and 144 blind persons, including blinded soldiers in Belfast, have been and are in the enjoyment of the privilege which those licences give. The Corporation's Blind Persons Act Committee has throughout taken a keen and sympathetic interest in the movement, not only to facilitate the issue of free licences, but to assist the Voluntary Fund inaugurated at the instance of the Station Director of the British Broadcasting Co., for the provision of free wireless sets for the blind who, owing to any cause, are confined to their homes.

By the sudden death on the 19th February of its Chairman, Councillor R. T. Harpur, who quite recently visited St. Dunstan's and other London and Provincial Centres, in the quest of guidance in matters connected with the welfare of the blind, the sightless people in Belfast have lost a sympathetic and generous friend.

The only street collection for the year which St. Dunstan's holds in the Metropolitan Area takes place on Saturday, 28th April. The funds raised by this annual collection represent an important contribution to the income St. Dunstan's needs for its work, and Headquarters are putting forth every possible effort this year to ensure a record success. The restrictions upon this form of collection imposed by the authorities and the wise restraint in these appeals exercised by the leading charities themselves have served to restore flag days in public favour as a form of help in which all can share at trifling personal cost. The almost universal display of emblems on "Poppy Day" and "Rose Day" are cases in point, and we have little doubt that "Cameo Day" for St. Dunstan's provides an appeal which few of the public wish to ignore.

But universal contributions necessitate universal opportunity to buy the emblems. Here, then, is the occasion for St. Dunstaners' wives, sisters, and friends to all help forward our cause. Headquarters are assured of help in organising and in selling "Cameos" in almost all the districts of the Metropolitan Area, but the services of many more lady sellers could be employed with most useful effect. Mr. Kessell therefore appeals to anyone who can give assistance in this connection on 28th April to notify him at St. Dunstan's Headquarters, Inner Circle, Regent's Park, as early as possible, when the fullest information will be sent as to the nearest depot for supplies of trays, collecting boxes and emblems.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

**Change of Method of Payment of Weekly Government Disability Pensions**

By the courtesy of the Minister of Pensions, who has consulted St. Dunstan's with regard to a change in the machinery for the weekly payment of disability pensions, we are in a position to explain exactly what this change means and involves.

This alteration provides that the pensioner will have the custody of his own Pension Order Book. He will no longer require a Ring Book. This new procedure will come into operation on Wednesday, the 21st March 1928. On this date when a pensioner applies at the Post Office for his payment he will hand over his Ring Book to the Postmaster, who, after paying pension as usual, will retain the Ring Book and give out in exchange the book of Pension Orders which has hitherto been kept at the Post Office. The pensioner will be required to bring this book to the Post Office of payment each week when applying for his pension. He will then sign as usual the Pension Order Form for the week and hand the book to the Postmaster, who will tear out the form, pay the pension, and hand the book back to be brought again on the following week.

The Payment Book will contain a pink sheet of instructions, which should be very carefully read and observed, and if these instructions are duly followed, St. Dunstaners should be able to secure payments of their pensions more expeditiously and without any trouble. The new scheme, in our view, has many advantages over the present scheme, as there should be less delay in payment and less possibility of delay due to changes of address.

W. A.

**Anniversary Dance**

It is regretted that owing to the difficulty in obtaining a suitable hall in the neighbourhood of Regent's Park, it is impossible to hold the Anniversary Dance during the last week in March, as hitherto.

It will take place at St. Marylebone Hall, St. Marylebone Baths, Marylebone Road (entrance in Seymour Place), N.W.1, on Tuesday, 10th April, from 8 to 11 p.m. Admission from 7.30 onwards.

Applications for tickets should be made as usual to Matron, Miss Power. One escort only can be allowed for each man.

It is regretted that children cannot be admitted.

The Marylebone Baths are opposite the Great Central Hotel in Marylebone Road, and only one minute's walk from Marylebone Station on the Great Central Railway.

Omnibuses from most parts of London pass the door.

**The Late Field Marshal Earl Haig**

Directly the sudden death of Earl Haig became known, St. Dunstan's, through our Chairman, sent the following letter to Lady Haig:—

DEAR LADY HAIG, The Officers, N.C.O.'s, and men who were blinded in the War express their deep sympathy with you on the death of Earl Haig.

During the most anxious period of the War Earl Haig took a generous interest in the work that was being done at St. Dunstan's to alleviate the suffering of those who were blinded, and after the cessation of hostilities St. Dunstan's, together with every other ex-servicemen's organisation, benefited enormously by the late Field Marshal's singleness of purpose in devoting his life to the fine task of keeping public attention fixed upon the needs of ex-servicemen and especially of disabled men.

We share with our fellow-comrades throughout the Empire in the admiration and respect due to a Great Leader of his men in War and Peace.

In particular, we recall with pleasure and gratitude, encouragement and service which you yourself gave to the officers and men of St. Dunstan's, and venture the sincere hope that the unanimous expressions of goodwill and sympathy and of admiration of Earl Haig which will reach you from all parts of the world, and to which we humbly add our own, may, even to the slightest extent, mitigate the grief of your personal loss.

Yours sincerely,

IAN FRASER, *Chairman.*

The Secretary also wrote to the General Council of the British Legion, expressing the sympathy of St. Dunstan's Executive Council with them in the death of their President. Letters of grateful acknowledgment have been received from the recipients.

**"In Memory"**

PRIVATE JAMES McCUE  
(1st Royal Scots)

AS each month passes and we come again to the sad duty of recording those names of St. Dunstaners who have passed from us, we wonder if any of us (apart, perhaps, from intimate relations and friends) realise the plucky fight put up during the years that have passed since the termination of the Great War by so many of our war-blinded men. Courage and patriotism still burn undaunted in the hearts of our St. Dunstaners, and when war-service brings ill-health as an additional handicap to that of blindness, it is met with the same fortitude and patience which brought our "contemptible" British Army through the long years of strife to Peace and Victory.

By a strange coincidence we find that each St. Dunstaner whose passing we have to record this month has been faced, in a greater or lesser degree, with this extra burden of ill-health. Private James McCue was wounded at Ypres in 1915, and was discharged from the Army the following year. He came to St. Dunstan's in April 1917, and was able to be trained in basket making. He did extremely well at this craft, and became skilled in the making of any kind of cane or willow basket. On leaving us in 1919 he carried on with this trade and worked up a good connection, but was considerably handicapped by the state of his physical health. In August 1920 he was admitted to Guy's Hospital, where he had his leg amputated, and again later he had to return for a further operation. McCue was suddenly taken ill while visiting his mother in Glasgow in December of last year. On arriving home he became worse, and was removed to the General Hospital, Saffron Walden, where he died from pneumonia on the 25th January last. On the same day that McCue was taken to hospital his wife gave birth to a son.

The funeral took place on Monday, 30th January, at Saffron Walden, St. Dunstan's being represented by Sister Goodey and H. T. Mummery (also of that town). A wreath in the form of St. Dunstan's Badge was sent from Captain Fraser and his other comrades at St. Dunstan's.

The deepest sympathy is felt for Mrs. McCue and the five children who are left to mourn the memory of this gallant St. Dunstaner. We feel sure that it is the sincere hope of all our readers that Mrs. McCue may find some measure of consolation in the little ones for whom she cares so lovingly.

SERGEANT GEORGE PEARCEY  
(King's Royal Rifle Corps)

A regular soldier prior to the outbreak of the Great War, Sergeant Pearcey served for two and a half years in the South African War, and then went to France in August 1914. He was wounded at the Battle of the Aisne in 1914, but on recovery continued his service throughout the War. He was discharged from the Army in 1919, after having served nearly 23 years. Later he became blind through shell-shock, and was admitted to St. Dunstan's in July of last year. He was unable, however, to be trained at Headquarters on account of his bad health. For about nine months Pearcey was confined to his bed with paralysis, but he bore his suffering uncomplainingly and with great courage. He passed away on 10th February last.

We extend our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Pearcey and her three children in their bereavement.

CHIEF PETTY OFFICER WILLIAM HENRY WARD  
(Royal Navy)

This St. Dunstaner enlisted in the Royal Navy in 1892, and received his discharge in 1917. He was under St. Dunstan's care for the last two years, but was all the time in the Ministry of Pensions Hospital, Liverpool, where he died on the 1st March. He was married and leaves seven children to mourn his memory.

PRIVATE PHILIP GEORGE CHAPMAN  
(5th Devon Regiment)

Most of this St. Dunstaner's stay with us was necessarily spent at one or other of the Annexes, as he was unable to do any work having been ill for some years. He died at the Brighton Annexe on the 25th February.

PRIVATE WILLIAM HENRY WALTON  
(2/5th King's Liverpool Regiment)

Enlisting in 1915, this St. Dunstaner was discharged from the Army a little over one year later, and after admission to St. Dunstan's took up the crafts of mat and string bag making. He was never able to do much work, however, on account of his health, and spent much time at the Brighton Annexe, where he died on the 7th March.



## NEWS OF ST. DUNSTANERS

SEVERAL St. Dunstaners were in the flood area in one district or another, and none seems to have had a narrower escape from trouble than F. Bradford, of Battersea; the water rushed into all the houses opposite to that in which he lives, but stopped at his doorstep!

Friends will be glad to know that E. Found, of Bideford, Devon, is as cheerful and full of interest in life as ever, despite his indifferent health. His last annual sale of work was a great success, we are glad to know. By the way, one of the things Found particularly enjoys on the wireless is any item contributed by St. Dunstaners. The St. Dunstan's Band radio performance and St. Dunstan's community singing were a real joy to him. Next time such are performing they should give a special thought to Found, who will be sure to be listening to the music of his old comrades.

Another Devon man is A. Lane, of Bow. His poultry does well, and he is getting on with various things on the farm. The site has been cleared for the dairy and the foundations dug, so Lane is only waiting for the materials and the masons.

A. W. Hall and his family have been much better since the move to Selsey. His boy is looking forward to the time when he is old enough to be a sailor, we hear.

No job comes amiss to W. H. Wright, of Derbyshire, for he is a man of many occupations. His calves are flourishing, and likewise his pigs. In odd moments, when free from attending his livestock, Wright sets light-heartedly to work on such tasks as limewashing apple-trees.

Brislington, which is Bristol way, is a coming neighbourhood, so we send our good wishes to H. Bennett, who is settled

there, feeling that he has every prospect of working up a good mat trade. The new house is very satisfactory, and Bennett has quite a nice-sized garden which should be a pleasure to him in the good weather.

A rainy spell has prevented T. Cheshire, of Studham, near Dunstable, getting on with his garden as well as he had hoped, but mats and poultry are keeping him busy. Studham was fortunate inasmuch as it did not suffer from the Christmas snow as heavily as was reported of other districts near by.

Mats keep T. Peach, of Aley Green, near Luton, busy, though there is not as much boot repairing to be done as might be.

Friends will be glad to know that A. Hermon is distinctly better in health of late, which he puts down to having more outdoor exercise.

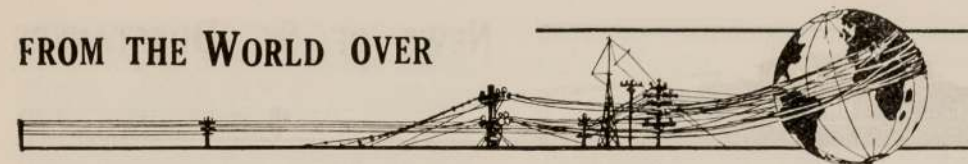
In Manchester A. Taylor is keeping as busy as usual, particularly at the week-ends. One week he skinned and sold over a hundred rabbits.

Pigs are interesting F. Reason, of Bridport; although he did not make as much profit out of the last as he had hoped, he feels confident of doing better next time, with reasonable luck. His health is improving, and he has managed to secure some local mat orders of late.

Five days without a post is a curious experience for anyone in these times, but this was the record achieved by the postal service in Ballinarry, according to T. McCann. The cause? Why, the floods from Lough Neagh, which practically surrounded McCann's home.

It is to be hoped that V. J. Fennell, of Tooting, is proving a good hand with

## FROM THE WORLD OVER



babies, for he now has six children, the last being twins.

An exciting little adventure befell H. Jubb, of Crowmoor, near Shrewsbury, a short time back. He and his wife had been putting some strenuous days into their garden and had got it into a most promising condition when it was raided by pigs one night. They captured three of the intruders, but these, unfortunately, escaped before morning—having done about £4 worth of damage—and since they escaped the intruders cannot be identified!

Those who run poultry farms can expect little leisure, according to W. H. Hildick, of Crowmoor, but luckily he is always contented when there is plenty to do, so he is working away as cheerfully as usual, and his birds are doing well as a consequence.

A fair number of orders for trays have come the way of W. T. Harris, of Grantham. As a special hobby he goes in for 'cello playing.

Fowls and pigeons keep T. W. North constantly occupied. Comrades in distress will be glad to know that he suffered no ill-effects from the soaking he experienced in the nine-mile walk.

Congratulations to W. Peters, of Lodge Lane, Liverpool, who has, we hear, built a most workmanlike hen-cote in his backyard. May the fowls he intends to keep prove themselves excellent layers.

Stuttgart, Hamburg, Madrid and Paris are among the foreign stations to which B. Martin, of Bray, can listen-in on his one-valve wireless set now that he has got his new forty-foot aerial fixed. What with radio as employment for his ears and basket-making for his hands, Martin does not find much time unoccupied.

At Kilcullen, H. J. Glendennan is getting along as well as usual with his netting, and is filling spare moments mending his kiddies' shoes. Like all active youngsters, they wear out a lot of shoe-leather, even though they are the proud possessors of a donkey and car in which they drive off to their five-mile distant school every day.

A very pleasant little domain is that wherein J. Mahoney, of St. Marychurch, Torquay, has made his home, and he is constantly improving it. The district evidently suits him, for he is looking extremely well, we are glad to hear.

S. C. Loram, of Brixham, has taken a share of a garden and is planning to do great things with it in the coming season. We are sure the open-air life will be excellent for his health, and hope that he will be thoroughly successful with all his plantings.

How many mat-makers take an interest in working out the number of knots they make in a net? P. White, of Leominster, says that he could make a good guess at it!

"Never in the doctor's hands since I came south," says T. Parkinson, of Bilsham. Good news, indeed, and almost equally good is the fact that Parkinson has been able to sell locally quite a number of trays of late.

Another in the same line of work is W. England, of Brighton, who had almost a record number of orders at Christmas time. England, by the way, went on the Mons Pilgrimage last year, and found it so interesting that he is hoping to go again.

A. Singleton, of Grantham, has had a fine number of engagements to play at

dances with his band of late—congratulations to him.

Small tables are most interesting to make, according to W. Lilley, of Leigh, to whom a local order for one came lately. All the family are in good health.

J. Roylance, of Atherton, has been decidedly busy recently, and among other orders for mats received are two for the Botanical Gardens which may well prove the kind of orders that attract others; we hope so for his sake.

Another who has been working at mats with especial steadiness is A. Forster, of Warrington. He does good work and is going splendidly. Like so many other St. Dunstaners, Forster finds "wireless" a genuine blessing.

A fellow enthusiast is A. Griffen, of Hereford, who controls his set exceptionally well and gets excellent results; he made his own set, by the way.

### Brief Notes

There is little news to report from F. Humphries, of Brixham, except that he is as happy and contented as ever and finds his wireless set a perpetual joy—but this all those who met him at the Exeter meeting will have gathered.

A. G. Herne, of Wickford, is fairly well and pegging away at mats. A. E. Tucker, of St. James, Bristol, is as steady a worker as ever, and as cheery. A. G. Rogers, of Biggleswade, adds boots and nets to his trade of mat-maker. S. Clarke finds baskets give him all the occupation he cares to undertake. Other mat-makers "carrying on" with good will and energy are H. Myford, of Burnham-on-Crouch, A. Northcott, of Harlesden, C. Davey, of Sawbridgeworth, Herts, and E. J. Thompson, of Letchworth, the latter, by the way, has just got a few head of new poultry.

W. Farmery, of Waltham Chase, and R. Edwards, of Hereford, combine the trades of boot-repairers and mat-makers

and say "all's well." Edwards is gradually making himself known in his new district, and good reports of his work are circulating. S. J. Jordan, of Leominster (Herefordshire), prefers poultry as a combination with mat-making, and believes in steady application.

Friends of F. Kneller, of Southampton, will be glad to know that he is in better health. "Woolies" occupy him fairly steadily.

R. Dodds has now settled into a new house at Whickham and is very comfortable; he is one of our wool-rug makers.

Joinery is occupying J. R. Ridley, of East Finchley, as usual; H. T. Mummery, of Saffron Walden, is yet another who is constantly at his mat frame, as is also G. Tibbs, of Kentish Town; J. Marriott, of Soham, is doing quite well with baskets; F. Matthews, of Soberton, is very busy wood-sawing; T. J. Waldin finds the boot trade is fair in Winchester; H. Porter is fitting up a most promising workshop for himself in Shirley, and J. Brodie, of Tweedmouth, has just had his. P. Yuille, of Glasgow, is waiting for a hut.

"Happy, busy and doing fairly well," is the brief if satisfying message from F. J. Harriss, who is occupying himself with poultry in Essex. D. Gibson (Ancrum), too, says his hens have been laying well, although they were somewhat disturbed by a severe storm, and J. Simpson, of East Denton, finds he has nothing to complain of in the laying capacities of his birds. A. Sterno is quite flourishing; O. Cole has just started work in his exceedingly nice workshop in Appledore, Devon; F. Stratton is working most steadily in Shirebrook, Derbyshire; W. H. Conlon, of Kirkintilloch, is getting on well with his job and giving every satisfaction, and the same may be said of J. Mitchell, of Leith, and G. Rose, of Dartford, and I. H. Poole, of East Cowes, reports "all's well" so far as health and basket-making go.

## The Chairman's Notes

THE Editor has asked me if I will write a page in the REVIEW each month under the above title. My experience of such regular contributions is that frequently the contributor tries desperately hard to fill his page without having adequate material or time to make it interesting. Accordingly, I will not promise to write a page every month, but will contribute odd notes about matters of interest which come my way when I feel there is something to write about. By this I do not mean that I shall only write about matters of important policy, for sometimes my paragraphs may be merely interesting without being important—at least, I hope they will be interesting. Certainly, in moving about as I do, and in receiving a vast correspondence from all over the world, on all sorts of subjects sometimes only remotely connected with the problems and experiences of the blind, I come across matters which give rise to interesting thoughts. If, as the Editor thinks, setting these down from time to time in a rather informal kind of way will promote thought and comment amongst readers of the REVIEW, and perhaps lead to their occasionally joining in the discussions and writing me their opinions, I shall be only too pleased to do what he asks.

The other day one of the blinded officers asked me if I suffered from sleeplessness. I said, "Yes, sometimes when I have been over-working I lie awake for some hours before I can get to sleep." My friend has a different trouble. He invariably gets to sleep quickly, but frequently wakes up in the early hours of the morning and either does not go to sleep again, or cannot do so for a long time. "Do you think," he said, "that blind people are on account of their blindness particularly subject to insomnia?" I said I thought this might be so. We do not in our every-day life take so much exercise as those who can see, and doctors will usually tell you that lack of exercise

is a cause of sleeplessness. Possibly, too, the fact that we do not appreciate the darkness of the bedroom deprives us of a suggestion to sleep to which other people are subject. I should be interested to hear other fellow's experiences in, and thoughts about, this matter.

I wonder how many St. Dunstaners have noticed something about getting into 'buses, taxis or trains which I almost invariably find, namely, that the sighted escort frequently tries to get the blind man to go in first. The motive is probably kindness—almost perhaps a sort of chivalry such as makes a man stand by while a lady precedes him. As a matter of fact; it is really very inconvenient. The best way to help a blind man is for the sighted guide to say, "We are going into the 'bus now; follow me," when the direction to be taken, the height of the step, the door, &c., will all be clearly indicated by the movements of the guide. Sometimes I have quite an argument with a friend about this matter—he stands firmly by and says, "Oh no! You must go first; I wouldn't dream of it."

The candidature of Ap Rhys in the Labour Party's interest for Carnarvon Boroughs will be a matter of general congratulation. Those of us who disagree with Ap Rhys in politics will nevertheless wish him luck. Not all St. Dunstaners have the opportunity or the desire to stand for Parliament, but I have on numerous occasions recommended my blind friends who want something interesting to do and think about outside their ordinary work to take an interest in municipal, political, or public affairs. Quite apart from politics, there is much to be gained in the way of social and educational interest from taking part in public affairs, and there is also the opportunity of developing one's gifts for Committee work or speaking in order to advance the general welfare of the community or of some district or group with

which one may become associated. Quite a number of St. Dunstaners sit on British Legion Committees, some have been and are Guardians and Borough Councillors, and there is, or has been, a blinded soldier in Canada, New Zealand, South Africa, and Tasmania in the House of Representatives or Local Legislature. There are Masons and Buffaloes, too, and I know of two St. Dunstaners who have reached the highest position in Lodges of these Orders. The more we can take our normal place in this way, as in every other, the more we shall enjoy our own lives, and the more we shall uphold the ideals of St. Dunstan's.

*Ian Fraser*

### News from the Workshops

Everybody is very happy in the new workshops at Brighton, and from every point of view the first term's work has proved very successful.

#### BOOTS

T. Gidney started very well and has improved steadily in his marking and riveting. He is making good progress all round. J. W. March also made a very satisfactory start; he is painstaking and keen, and is turning out some very creditable work. H. Acton should avoid a tendency to hurry; he is turning out a fairly good job, and we expect shortly to see further improvement; he maintains a level standard. A. E. Marsden has been having good all-round experience, but is hardly showing the improvement we expected. E. A. Alexander does very well on a straightforward job, but he lacks confidence with regard to getting a good foundation for his work. He should now endeavour to make his work neater and more regular. A. A. Tennison turns out some very useful work, and keeps up a good standard.

#### BASKETS

A. Matthews has been making barrels, round-arms, and waste papers, is quick in picking up strokes, and has shown steady improvement, particularly with his borders, at the end of the term. R. Deekes has been doing similar work; he has got a sound idea of bottoms and staking, and

has done quite well with plaited borders. In spite of sickness, H. Read has done some useful work, and we feel that he has now mastered the barrel basket, getting good results in all parts of the work. Even though J. Mullen has a bad touch, he is making a steady improvement, both with trays and baskets. Teapot stands and oval baskets have been occupying J. Bullock, with quite promising results. T. Tootell has been doing barrels, waste papers, trays and teapot stands; he has made all-round improvement in all parts of his work, and the general appearance is always fairly good. A. W. Pimm made a number of teapot stands and some workbaskets; he did very nicely with some teapot stands with plaited sides, and also made a good tray.

In a recent letter J. W. Clare, of Brockenhurst, gives us news of an alarming happening at his house recently. He writes:—

"Last night, or shall I say early this morning—to be precise at 12.30 a.m.—Mrs. Clare awoke me, saying that she heard noises downstairs. I listened and found that her suspicions were correct. Jumping out of bed, I called out, 'Who's there?' There was a tremendous scuffle in the living-room. We came downstairs to find that burglars had broken in through the back window, having broken the hasp of the window. Every drawer in the room had been ransacked, paper was all over the place, and they had taken 19s. out of Mrs. Clare's purse, leaving the purse and sundry notes therein on the table. You may guess how upset Mrs. Clare was. We have reported it to the police, and it appears that another house had been broken into a short distance from us. Also the police inform me that Beaulieu Road Station was burgled at 1.30 a.m.—just about an hour's time between."

Clare points out that his wife is, of course, now very nervous, and he is anxious to obtain a black retriever puppy or a cocker spaniel as a house-guard. Perhaps any of our readers who know of a dog of this type for sale at a reasonable price will get into direct touch with Clare, whose address is 2 Westfields, Meenet Road, Brockenhurst.

## Departmental Notes

### Netting Notes

March has come in with good orders for golf nets, one being as large as 112 feet by 25 feet, so that several men are busy making sections for it.

The boys will be glad to learn, too, that we sent two large nets to Brighton this month to protect the conservatories and glass from "the dangerous football," so they will be able to play to their hearts' content, and we hope to hear of many matches.

Congratulations are due to W. H. Floyd, F. Williams, A. C. Brignall, A. Kimber, and A. Biggs for passing their string bag test and receiving certificates and frames.

W. H. Manning had a refresher course of rug-making.

A. Biggs and W. H. Floyd sent up rugs to be lined.

S. Bakewell, F. Williams, and A. Kimber are all getting on with rug-making.

H. B. Reid, J. Jackson, T. E. Gidney, and A. C. Matthews are progressing well with netting, and J. Bullock has nearly finished his course and is doing excellent work.

The Netting Room at Brighton always seems bright and full of activity.

K. H. W.

### Braille Notes

We heartily congratulate A. J. Wiltshire on passing his Braille writing test.

### Poultry Notes

Will our readers please note that the increasing pressure upon our space makes it impossible for us to print each month the Tables and Reports of the Egg-Laying Test? In future, therefore, regular monthly reports will be posted direct by Mr. J. Thomson Brown to all competitors, and copies can be obtained by any other reader interested upon application to him at St. Dunstan's Poultry Farm, King's Langley, Herts.

Content makes poor men rich; discontent makes rich men poor.

## "The Poor Gentleman"\*

*Ian Hay's New Book with a St. Dunstan Hero*

More than five years ago, when Ian Hay was dining with Captain Fraser before lecturing at St. Dunstan's, our Chairman suggested, as a subject for the popular author's next book, the "St. Dunstanised" blind man. "The Poor Gentleman," says Ian Hay, in sending Captain Fraser a copy of the novel, "is the result," and he adds the hope that the book "does not contain too many 'howlers.'"

Well, we have read "The Poor Gentleman" ourselves, and we most strongly advise every one of our readers to "go and do likewise." We entirely echo Captain Fraser's words when expressing his pleasure at receiving the book: "I thought it an excellent story, and was much intrigued to try and catch you out making your blind hero do something which blind men would never do. In fact, I did not succeed in any one detail, and my friends and I who know how blind persons behave were very astonished, and wondered whether and when you had had an opportunity of watching a suitable blind man in his day to day life, or whether you drew entirely upon your imagination. I wondered at the time if the suggestion I made to you at dinner years ago had consciously or possibly sub-consciously inspired the book. I am gratified that you should resolve this speculation, and I am pleased, too, that you should have referred so kindly to St. Dunstan's."

Ian Hay is not the first to have taken a war-blinded man as the central figure for a book, screen, or stage play, but in our experience is certainly the first to have done so and to have made a real true-to-type portrait of a St. Dunstaner. Incidentally, the title "The Poor Gentleman" is not Ian Hay's description of his hero, but is the name given him by the cockney urchins in the London Park where he takes his "constitutional." Indeed, so far from being "a poor gentleman" in the to-be-pitied sense of the term, Captain

\*"The Poor Gentleman," by Ian Hay. Hodder & Stoughton, 7s. 6d.

Barry There is a most redoubtable person, and without our divulging the exciting plot of the story, can well be considered to have, with a few friends, saved England at a crisis in her island history. What that crisis was, who were the villains, and how they were thwarted, it would be unfair to reveal to those who, as we have said, must read for themselves this rattling good yarn. Suffice it to say that the story moves with quick, pulsing action throughout. There are strikes, fights, hates and loves, and a stage setting to hold the interest of all of us. It is probable that Ian Hay would not claim for "The Poor Gentleman" anything more than a virile, up-to-date story, packed full of incident and holding the interest of the reader from first to last. But to every blind man and to those who have close knowledge of what blindness means, the book will have a deeper appeal, and will, we feel, achieve a far greater end. It emphasises with an insight, which is as amazing as it is convincing, the normality of a blinded man—the range of mental and physical activity which is open to him—and, above all, it teaches how unnecessary, almost how insulting to those with the spirit of our war-blinded men, is the far too prevalent assumption that because they have lost their sight they have lost as well the ordinary instincts of self-help, common-sense, valour, discretion, and the power to love and to inspire love in others.

We thank Ian Hay for a book which, because of its very lack of attempt to point a moral and champion a cause, will perhaps do more towards this end than any other method could accomplish.

P. B.

We are sorry to hear that H. Gale, of New Malden, has recently had six Rhode Island Reds stolen from his coops. On going down early one morning to feed the fowls, Mrs. Gale found the door of a coop open and the netting broken down. She counted the birds and found that six hens (in full lay) were missing. This is, of course, a most regrettable loss to Gale, and we hope the culprit may be traced by the police.

### A Parliamentary Aspirant

T. Ap Rhys to Oppose Lloyd George

ST. DUNSTANERS everywhere will have read with the keenest interest that the number of their comrades who have taken up a political, municipal or other form of public life, has recently been added to by the adoption of Thomas Ap Rhys, of Bangor, as prospective Labour candidate for the Caernarvon Boroughs. The decision must receive the endorsement of the National Executive before it becomes official, but the Association does not anticipate any difficulty in this connection.

We are quite sure that all St. Dunstaners will heartily congratulate Ap Rhys upon the signal mark of confidence and esteem for his abilities shown by his selection, and whatever may be the result of the contest will wish him a keen and straight fight at the polls.

Thomas Ap Rhys is the grandson of the late Rev. D. Michael Jones, of Bala, one of Wales' most stalwart democrats. He received his early education at Garth School, Bangor, and matriculated at Bala Secondary School. Later he entered the Bangor University College, and took a course in electrical engineering. The war interrupted his studies, and between 1915 and 1917 he served in France. In the battle of Vimy Ridge he was badly wounded and gassed, and while in hospital he became totally blind. Before leaving hospital in France he learned to read Braille, and when in 1917 he was admitted to St. Dunstan's, he speedily gained full proficiency both in Braille reading and in type-writing and shorthand. He took up a course as a masseur and, gaining his certificate, later obtained a post at the Alder Hey Hospital, Liverpool. The after-effects of gas caused him, however, to give up this profession and return to Wales, where he decided to re-enter the Bangor University College and study for an Arts Degree. In 1924 he graduated with first-class honours.

He met his future wife at the College Annexe, where she was doing splendid

service as a V.A.D., and it is largely owing to her untiring help and constant encouragement both in his studies and in all other directions that he has achieved such success in the academic sphere.

It is natural that the news of this St. Dunstan's entry into the political field was received by our Chairman with the greatest pleasure and interest, and we have his permission to publish the letter he immediately sent to Ap Rhys and the latter's reply. We feel that these letters express most convincingly the true spirit of comradeship which has always existed between St. Dunstaners, irrespective of creed or political opinion.

DEAR AP RHYS,

I learn from the London papers that you have been selected by the Labour Party to stand in Caernarvon Boroughs at the next election. Please accept my sincere and hearty congratulations. I wish you, as I would wish any St. Dunstaners, Labour, Liberal or Tory, the best of good luck in the election. It would be a very happy issue if Martin were to be returned for the Liberals in East Aberdeen next time, you in Caernarvon, and I were to survive the ordeal in St. Pancras.

I view your entry in the political field as a personal, not a political matter, and if I can be of any assistance to you in telling you how I have overcome some of the difficulties which present themselves to a blind candidate of any party, you have only to ask me when I will do my best.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) IAN FRASER.

DEAR CAPTAIN FRASER,

Allow me to express my warm appreciation of the generous encouragement you have given me on the occasion of my taking up a political career. I heartily agree with you that the fact that we St. Dunstaners differ in our political opinions must in no way be allowed to prejudice the common loyalty that bids each and every one of us to lend a helping hand when our assistance is sought. If I succeed in my venture, my first thought will be that I have done something to show how well St. Dunstan's refitted us to play our parts in the world.

I gratefully accept your offer to indicate to me the special difficulties that lie ahead and how you have yourself managed to overcome them. When Stayt came over here I was able to help him in his university career by giving him the benefit of my experience of the best methods to adopt and I have no doubt you can render me a like service with regard to ways and means in the field in which you are experienced and I am not.

Again thanking you,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) T. AP RHYS.

### Death of "Tansy" Lee

St. Dunstaners will, I am sure, regret to learn that a very old comrade of theirs, Arthur Lee, better known as "Tansy," passed peacefully away at the Brighton Annexe on Thursday, February the 1st, at 11.45 p.m. Those who knew Lee at the Annexe at Ilkley, Cheltenham and Brighton will, I am sure, agree with me that we have lost a very dear friend and a great soldier, as he bore his sufferings with such patience and courage. Although such a sufferer, Lee was always cheerful, and almost his last words were full of gratitude for all that had been done for him by St. Dunstan's. One feels as if a stone out of the building had been removed since the death of our dear old friend, but from one who has had the privilege to nurse and look after him for many, many years until his end, one cannot help but rejoice that his sufferings are over in this world and I am sure he is now reaping his reward in our Eternal Home. ADELIN THELLUSSON.

On the occasion of the recent visit to Derbyshire of the Prince of Wales, His Royal Highness inspected seven hundred and fifty veterans and ex-service men in the thronged market-place of Derby. As is his almost invariable practice, he made a point of speaking to a St. Dunstaner who was at the parade—H. Bridgeman, R.A.M.C., who won the D.C.M. and lost one leg and both eyes at Roselle. On being informed that Bridgeman had learned his trade of basket-making at St. Dunstan's, the Prince inquired if he had enough work to keep him going at Derby. He expressed his pleasure on hearing that business was always satisfactory.

Good news comes to Headquarters in a letter from Mrs. Curnow, of Troon, regarding the recent birth of a son. "He is the finest child I have had," writes Mrs. Curnow, with pardonable pride, "and weighed 9½ pounds when born." We would venture to add our congratulations to those already received by Mr. and Mrs. Curnow, upon the acquisition of this much-admired addition to the happy family.



## SPORTS CLUB NOTES

**T**UESDAY evenings are as cheery as ever, and everyone seems to be feeling very strong at the moment, judging by the records that are being made. Fleming has beaten his own record by throwing the weight 31.8 ft. (if he continues doing this an extension in the new Lounge will be necessary). Crook is also jumping well and at great length, and Nichols is fast gaining ground and creeping up the list. There is now keen competition between Deegan, Nichols, and McFarlane, who head the list of the T.B.'s.

Those who are not doing sports are all busy training round the circle and increasing their speed weekly in preparation for the 15-mile walk on March 17th. There is promise of a good entry, and with a fine day the walk should be a success.

### POINTS

28TH FEBRUARY 1928			
1. Fleming ..	124	13. Roden ..	42
2. Deegan ..	113	14. Johns ..	39
3. Nichols ..	111	15. Matthewman	31
4. McFarlane ..	110	16. Burran ..	29
5. Crook ..	100	17. Hughes ..	23
6. Webster ..	89	18. Hallam ..	18
7. Wiltshire ..	65	19. Coles ..	17
8. Martin ..	61	20. Gover ..	14
9. Prior ..	61	20. Ruddock ..	14
10. Scott ..	60	22. Ashton ..	11
11. Henry ..	58	23. Champaiss ..	9
12. Brooke ..	53	24. Riley ..	5

### MAIDENHEAD WALK

Will all those who are competing in the 25-mile walk on Saturday, 21st April kindly send in their names to the Sport Office as soon as possible so that the necessary arrangements can be made?

L. W.

### RUNNING

(LONDON SECTION)

Entries are invited for the Shield Running Competition to be held at Manchester in May next.

Distances.— $\frac{1}{4}$  Mile } S.S.  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  Mile }  
 1 Mile } T.B.  
 $1\frac{1}{2}$  Mile }

If more than one entry for any event is received it is proposed to hold a qualifying race during the first week in April.

### Brighton Sports

Sports are now in full swing at Brighton, and owing to the fine Saturdays we have been experiencing we have had every opportunity of making good progress.

We have been fortunate in securing the services of Sister Morris as Sports Sister, and she is already proving of great assistance to us.

Both T.B. and S.S. tables of points are beginning to be very interesting, as in the T.B. class Read and Duff total an equal number of points, each having 485; Tennison makes a good third with 380, while in the S.S. class Marsden leads with 510, followed by Jackson with 405, and Matthewman with 365.

The newcomer Scotland and his fellow countryman Duff are all out to uphold their native land of the thistle—"Scots wha hae." Up to the present we have only been able to have practice football, but we hope soon to be playing matches during the week on the ground that is being prepared close to the workshops.

### POINTS

(14TH JANUARY TO 24TH FEBRUARY)			
T.B.		S.S.	
Read ..	485	Marsden ..	510
Duff ..	485	Jackson ..	405
Tennison ..	380	Matthewman ..	365
Barbour ..	255	Kimber ..	270
Alexander ..	250	March ..	255
Acton ..	105	Williams ..	185
Taylor ..	100	Gidney ..	130
Bullock ..	90	Matthews ..	130
Scotland ..	55		
Pimm ..	25		

### Manchester Club

The April meeting will be on the 11th, and may be held at Belle Vue. We want to have outdoor sports on that day, and as the ground will most probably be rather wet, it will be better to be at Belle Vue where there is a cinder track than at the Y.M.C.A. ground. I will send cards out

## Births—Deaths

### Births

**BAGSTAFF.**—On the 12th of February, to the wife of S. Bagstaff, of Cambridge, a son. Mother and child both doing well.  
**BATEMAN.**—To the wife of G. Bateman, of Birmingham, on the 8th of February, a son.

**CHAMBERS.**—On the 20th of January, a son, to the wife of A. E. Chambers, of Ramsgate.

**DAVIES.**—On February the 13th, a son to the wife of A. Davies, of South Bank. Mother and child are both doing well.

**HILL.**—To the wife of H. E. Hill, of Devizes, a daughter, on the 8th of February.

**JUDD.**—on the 24th of January, to the wife of W. Judd, of Acton Green, a daughter.

**KENNEDY.**—A son (George), to the wife of J. Kennedy, of Strathmore, St. Barnhill, on the 19th of December 1927.

**LAWLOR.**—To the wife of J. Lawlor, of Dublin, a son (Arthur William) on the 1st of February.

**MARDON.**—On the 29th of January, to the wife of T. E. Mardon, of Torquay, a daughter. Mother and child are both doing well.

**MCCUE.**—On the 24th of January, a son, to Mrs. McCue, of Newport, Essex. (As will be seen on another page, Mrs. McCue lost her husband three days after the birth of her son.)

**MEARS.**—On the 21st of January, a son to the wife of F. Mears, of Beeston.

**PEARCE.**—To the wife of H. A. T. Pearce, of Reading, a daughter, on the 12th of February.

**SKINNER.**—To the wife of W. Skinner, of Tweedmouth, a son, on the 25th of November 1927.

**SPIRES.**—To the wife of G. Spires, of Malvern, a son, on the 11th of February.

### Deaths

This month we have to offer sympathy to the following:—

**BIRLEY.**—Mr. and Mrs. H. Birley, of Pendleton, Manchester, who have just lost their little son, Walter, aged eight

later on, stating where the meeting will be held. The May meeting will be on the 2nd.

As I think you all know, we are trying to arrange a big sports day in Manchester in May. Birmingham has kindly offered to forgo the Shield running events—which should have been held there, so that we may have them in Manchester. This, I am sure, will add considerably to the attractiveness of the programme.

Now, about training. Mr. Cooksey has very kindly arranged to go to Belle Vue Track every Wednesday afternoon at 2.30, and he has also got some of the City Police to come and act as escorts. To start with it was merely running practice, but now there will be cricket ball, weight, and jumping practice, so I hope that everyone who can will take advantage of Mr. Cooksey's kindness. Last year there was a cry of "We can't get any training." This year no one will be in a position to say that, and it is up to all members of the Club to do their best to win the Shield for Manchester. Remember, every Wednesday afternoon at Belle Vue at 2.30!

I have received the passes for the park lakes for those who asked for them, but I will not send them out until later, as they are not available until Easter. The concession is for you to use the boats at half price on all days except Saturdays and Bank Holidays. K. V. M. IRVINE.

### Holiday Sports Camp

I hope to arrange two camps this summer as in former years—one nearby Stratford-on-Avon, probably on the same site as last year, and one near London—perhaps at Little Gaddesden. I cannot at present give the exact dates, but I hope the Stratford Camp will be from 11th June to the 19th, and the other at the end of June or the first week in July. Will anyone wanting information please write to me? A. HODGSON.

From F. Gallagher, of Strabane, comes the interesting news that he is now "an old grandfather." His daughter has recently become the mother of "a fine, big, fat son."



months. He had been in hospital for some time suffering from bronchial pneumonia.

CASHMORE.—To P. Cashmore, of Birmingham, who lost his wife on the 13th of February.

DIXON.—To J. B. Dixon, of Edgware, who lost his stepfather recently. He died suddenly in hospital at Newcastle following a relapse after an attack of pleurisy.

GWYN.—To I. Gwyn, of Lowestoft, who lost his father suddenly in January last.

HORAN.—To E. P. Horan, of Sandymount, Dublin, whose father, William Horan, late of the Royal Field Artillery, died on the 14th of February.

JORDAN.—To A. Jordan, of Upper Holloway, who has recently lost his brother, who had to go to hospital with double pneumonia and pleurisy, which turned to pulmonary abscess, causing his death.

MURPHY.—To Mr. and Mrs. D. Murphy, of Glasgow, who lost their little son Daniel, aged three years, on the 31st of January from pneumonia, following on measles.

SHERIDAN.—To Mr. and Mrs. P. Sheridan, of Rosyth, who lost their baby son on November the 2nd, 1927.

One of the most sedate of St. Dunstan's Departmental Officers sends us the following. We will only hope, for the maintenance of the awe of him in which we stand, that it is not the product of his own experience!

"Here y'are, ladies and gents," said the tipster, "wot did I tell yer yesterday? Didn't I tell yer Broad Bean was not a runner, Gnat Bite was scratched, Bath was a wash-out, Water Tap still running, and that Dusty Carpet would take a lot of beating? Now, to-day I have a special which I gives yer free. Be sure and back Loose Button—it's bound to come off!"

#### Special Note

The Stores Department will be taking stock at the end of March, and ask the men, therefore, to order all goods they need early in the month. Orders should reach this department not later than Monday 26th March, for execution before Easter. Mats, baskets, and joinery articles sent in should also reach Stores by the same date.

### After-Care Reunions

#### PRESTON

"**Q**UITE the best meeting yet," was said of The East Lancashire Reunion held on 17th January at the Bull and Royal Hotel, Preston.

Forty-five St. Dunstaners with their wives gave a hearty welcome to Captain and Mrs. Fraser. An excellent lunch was provided, after which Captain Fraser addressed the meeting.

Our Chairman's speech was eagerly listened to, and very much appreciated. A vote of thanks was proposed by Allen, of Darwen, and ably seconded by Kirkby, of Dalton-in-Furness; both expressing their gratitude to St. Dunstan's and confidence in the After-Care Department.

All St. Dunstaners who wished to see Captain Fraser were given a private interview, and we were sorry that he had to leave for pressing duties rather early.

Mr. Swain, Manager, Men's After-Care, was kept very busy, many of the men, and wives too, being desirous of his valuable help and friendly advice. Miss Rush was present as hostess.

On this occasion we were entertained by Mr. J. Worsley (humorist), the well-known Preston entertainer; he and his pianist, Mr. Hever, giving entire satisfaction. We cordially thank Miss Pettitt for her violin solo "Liedesfrend" (Kreidler), and Mr. T. Turner (baritone) who, with Mr. Tommy Rodgers, entertained us splendidly.

Again we were favoured with songs from the St. Dunstaners Walch, of Blackpool, Fitzpatrick, of Millom, and H. Edge, of Burnley, whose contributions greatly aided in making the Reunion a success.

Prizes for the Bead Guessing Competition were presented by Mrs. Fraser. Gents' 1st Prize: W. Allen (Brush Stand). Ladies' First Prize: Mrs. Rodgers (Spoons). Gents' second prize: S. Catlow (Cigarettes). Ladies' second prize: Mrs. Alston (Chocolates).

Our thanks are due to Mr. Pettitt for the admirable way he catered for us and for the nice things he said of St. Dunstan's and St. Dunstaners. P. F.

### After-Care Reunions—continued

#### HULL

The Reunion held at Hull on Tuesday, 31st January, was not quite so large as the previous one, which was somewhat disappointing, although it did not lack enthusiasm on that score.

Messrs. Fawcett Evans and Fred Todd entertained us, whilst T. Cooper's songs gave undoubted pleasure to many who never imagined he possessed such a talent. As always, P. Sparkes' humorous musical monologues received the applause they deserved.

It was a happy coincidence that in the Guessing Competition both S. Bull and his wife secured a prize. This is the first year they have been able to attend an After-Care Reunion but apparently they made up for lost time when they did come! Other prize winners were Mrs. Stamp (Brocklesby) and P. Sparkes (Grimsby).

Mr. Swain, before dealing with matters of "family" interest, said they had read in the papers that morning of the very sudden death of Field Marshal Earl Haig, and he would ask all present to stand for one minute in silence as a tribute to the memory of one who was not only a great Commander-in-Chief of the British Army, but of one who always had the welfare at heart of the men who fought under him, and when peace was proclaimed, worked untiringly on behalf of ex-service men.

Mr. Swain concluded his speech with a special welcome to Councillor and Mrs. H. Smith, and also to Mrs. K. Evers, who is so well known to us all. P. Sparkes' nicely expressed vote of thanks was seconded by T. Cooper.

E. E. R.

A. Prettejohns writes to us in reference to the death on the 23rd January of Mr. Arthur Graham. He recalls the many kindnesses Mr. Graham extended to himself and many other St. Dunstaners, all of whom will regret this passing of a most kindly and generous friend. Incidentally, we understand that Prettejohns receives a legacy under Mr. Graham's will.

### A VISITANT

Of glad renewal the gold sun gave pledge,  
I walked by pastures and washed river  
sedge,

And halted where a budded hawthorn  
hedge

Hast secret shade.

For resting by a carved and mossy stile,  
When young-leaved elm trees formed a  
listening aisle,

With steadfast look and fleeting pensive  
smile,

I found a maid.

Most delicately draped and girt was she,  
And gold against her white robe's purity  
Shone her fine tresses braided artlessly,

A tumbled wealth.

And colour virginal that might have been  
Early distilled from sanguine dawns and  
clean,

Blent richly with her hair bright with the  
sheen

Of youth and health.

And I who wearied of the passing days,  
Felt a half fear, a sudden quick amaze,  
A fluttered beating through my heart's  
closed ways,

Like bird a-wing.

And in my ears I heard-the clarion  
Singing "Rejoice in all you look upon!"  
For at her nimble feet Narcissus shone.

It was the Spring.

C. R. A.

From G. Fallowfield, of Leytonstone, an interesting article reaches us dealing with a query raised recently in the *Radio Times*—Are Listeners-in Lazy?

We regret that pressure on our space forbids our giving even brief extracts from Fallowfield's article, but generally we gather that his own view is that while listening-in is not itself a sign of laziness of mind or body, over-indulgence may create a tendency to physical and mental inertia—an opinion with which most of us will agree.

### The Goats in Spring

ALTERATIONS IN BOTH FEEDING AND MANAGEMENT ARE INDICATED DIRECTLY THE FINE WEATHER COMES

**I**F you do your goat well in the spring she will do you well in the summer. That is one reason why your energies should be doubled this spring to feed and manage your goat properly. Another is that conditions are altering somewhat and therefore management and feeding have to be altered accordingly.

First of all, you must see that the goat gets plenty of fresh air. It was quite in order to keep the ventilators closed rather more than usual in cold, wintry weather, but this is quite out of place in a decent spring atmosphere.

Another thing that needs attention is the goat itself. That object will need more grooming so that the animal's old coat is entirely got rid of to allow the new summer coat to form. Linseed, given in any way, will help the formation of this new rig-out.

But one of the things you should *not* do at this time of the year is to pasture your goat too soon. Under any ordinary conditions you will get more milk if you keep the animal housed until May. Of course, there are exceptions to this, as, for instance, if you live in a fairly mild district and can give the animal a well-sheltered paddock or enclosure.

When you come to the time when your goats can be safely pastured and if you wish them to run loose, you can put up square mesh netting fencing. This is the best goat fencing that has ever been devised, and is quite cheap, considering its durability.

Now, to deal with the spring feeding. Since greenstuff is getting more and more in evidence every day you should, and will be able to, feed it regularly and liberally. Give the animal the same quantity at each meal; don't feed her with a lot at one meal and a little at another. However, if you can't get all the greenstuff your goat can eat, make up with roots.

At this time of the year, though, roots have to be very carefully cleaned before they can be given to livestock.

However plentiful greenstuff may be do not omit to give the animal a supply of hay every day. This helps to prevent looseness which is a common trouble in the spring.

Try how you will, there is always some little waste with greenstuff feeding; some always manages to get under the goat's feet and soiled. This, of course, should be removed as soon as possible for it will not do the goat any good if it is eaten.

Although your attention may be confined to the milch goat, don't forget the billy entirely. Feed and treat him generously; in fact, upon somewhat similar lines to the nanny. An allowance of corn every day will improve his condition if he has been overworked at all.

Finally, see that your outdoor shelters, racks and troughs are in good order for the time when they will be required. You don't want to be let down at the last minute in this direction, do you?

#### WHEN GOATS WON'T DRINK

The obstinacy which sometimes shows itself in a goat with regard to the drinking of water is rather worrying after a time. The milk yield generally decreases through it, for one thing, and for another, it is annoying to find the water bucket kicked over and the water running about the stable every time any water is placed before an animal suddenly gone "dry."

There is a very good way of circumventing a goat with this fad, though, a way which, while also giving the animal a nourishing drink, saves much waste in the home.

The idea is this:—

Instead of draining potato cabbage or other vegetable water down the sink, put it into the goat's water bucket, while still warm, and salted.

You will find that the goat will drink this readily, for it is tasty, salty and stimulatingly warm in cold weather.

Potato peelings and other vegetable waste can also be given to goats. These are boiled up, the water poured off, the solids mashed, salted and, for goats in milk, crushed oats and bran added and then fed to them.

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