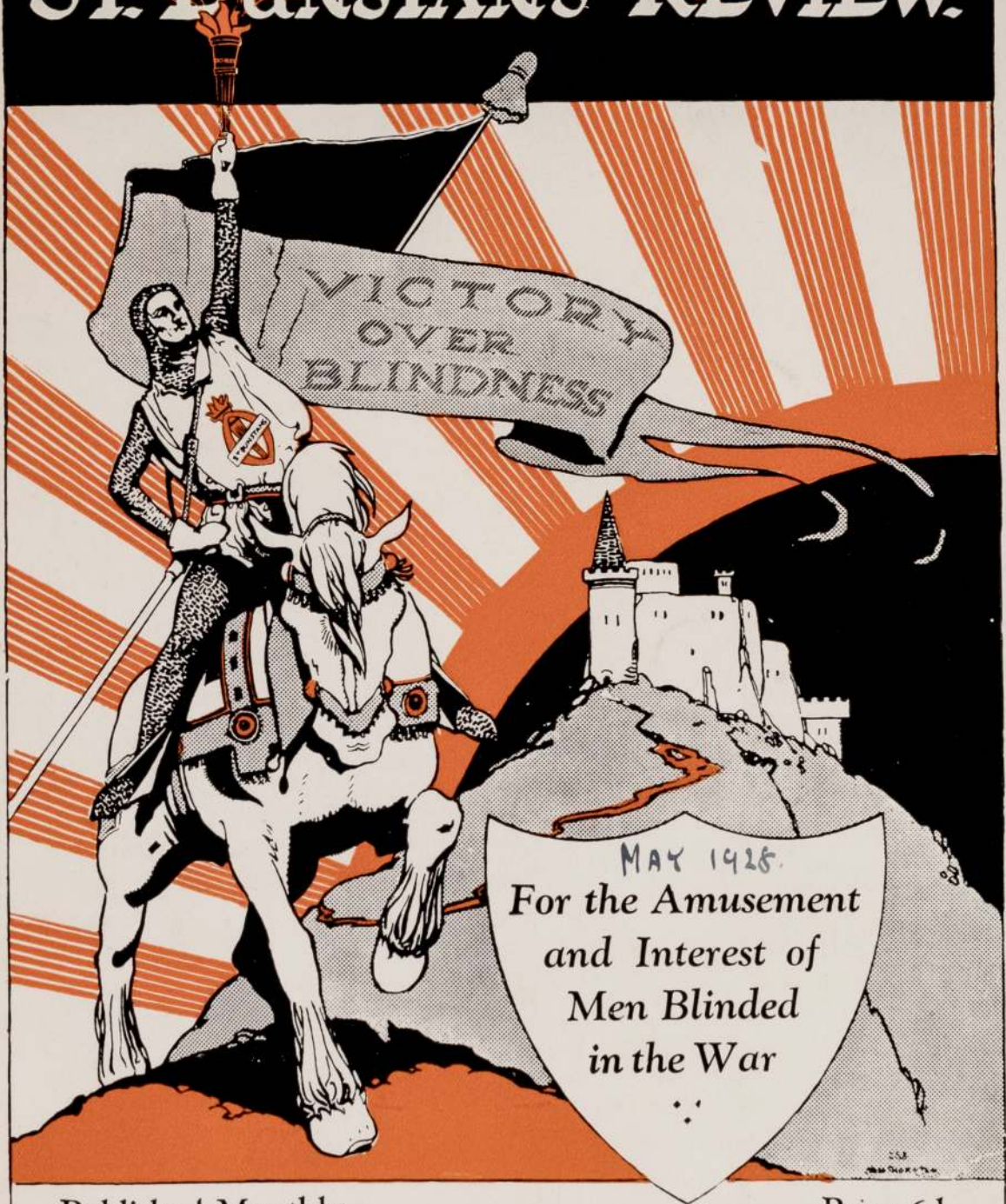


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## EDITORIAL NOTES

“**C**AMEO DAY” for St. Dunstan's in the Metropolitan Area was held on Saturday, 28th April. Favoured by glorious weather, and with voluntary organisers and sellers working from early morning till late at night, backed by the whole energies of the organising staff at Headquarters, there is every reason to hope for a successful outcome of this annual effort. The full financial returns are not yet available, but judging by the almost universal display of the emblems and the kindly reception sellers received everywhere, this year's Day should at least equal, if not surpass, previous records. At Headquarters this year some special schemes were evolved with a view to supporting the work of the voluntary organisers. The invaluable help accorded by great London and suburban cinemas, and indeed by the cinema industry in general, deserves special recognition. By the generous permission of the managements of some of the largest picture houses, our Chairman, Captain Fraser, was enabled to make a personal appeal from the stage for sellers and for support on “Cameo Day” itself. Sitting among the audiences on these occasions, we were able to judge personally of the effect of these appeals and their re-action upon those to whom they were addressed. We may say at once that those who are inclined to think that the fading of the War in public memory has brought also a fading of sympathy with and interest in St. Dunstan's, would have found indisputable evidence to the contrary. Captain Fraser's short but eloquent address was listened to in a deeply impressive silence throughout, and the applause at the end was striking witness to the way in which he had held attention.

Other means were afforded, where a personal appeal was not possible, to bring before the vast audiences which assemble at cinemas daily the claims of St. Dunstan's upon public support, and in addition to the exhibition at a large number of suburban cinemas of a special lantern slide appealing for helpers, an interesting experiment was made in preparing a short film to the same end. This took the form of bringing to life St. Dunstan's famous poster, “The Three Happy Men of St. Dunstan's,” in which the actors were three of our own war-blinded men. Care was taken to select men who bore as close a facial and figure resemblance to those depicted by the artist, and the result was really most effective and undoubtedly proved of the greatest interest to the large audiences who saw the film.



## NEWS OF ST. DUNSTANERS

ALL who take an interest in public work will be glad to know that F. Westaway is to serve once more on the Council of the Yeovil British Legion. On behalf of other St. Dunstaners we offer him hearty congratulations.

Another Yeovil man is G. Cocker. He is of a particularly ingenious disposition and his friends expect that some day he will do the world a good turn by inventing something. Has he ever seen a small booklet issued by the Institute of Patentees giving a list of "desired inventions"? Among the most unique inventions of recent years we should think one just put upon the market "takes the cake." It is an alarm clock for a deaf man! How does it work? Well, its owner is supposed to set it and place it near his pillow. At the correct hour it discharges a rubber ball into his face! Can Cocker beat that?

The coal business is flourishing in Somerset according to A. Pink, of Ashcott, Somerset, and as a side line he is starting up chinchilla rabbits. We shall be interested to know if he finds them profitable.

His various occupations keep Pink so busy that he declares he "has no time to be ill," so is always "in the pink."

Everyone will be glad to know that E. C. F. Brewer, of Bristol, finds himself very much better for his change to Brighton. It pleased him very much to find several nice local orders waiting for him when he returned to his mat frame.

Another man who is well occupied at present is B. Inman, who has just started a nice little business which bids fair to be successful—as it should, considering the good work Inman and his wife are both putting into it.

Our spell of cold weather has affected all engaged in outdoor work, and A. Tillotson, of Nelson, has found market trade decidedly poor of late. The spurt of summer upon us as we go to press should do something towards starting the pendulum swinging in the opposite direction.

Compliments to Tillotson's little daughter Elsie who is making fine progress at her secondary school and is now sixth in her form.

All is well with W. Joyce, of Hulme, Manchester, and the family is in excellent health. Joyce is working steadily at his baskets.

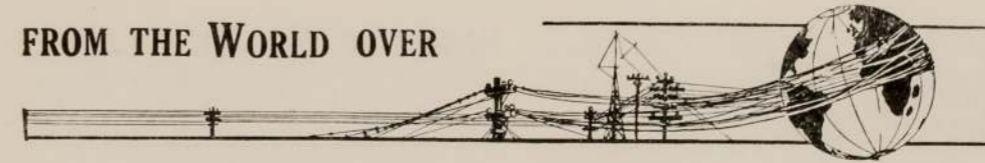
Our Belfast St. Dunstaners, A. Gribben and E. Callaghan, are as cheery as ever and take the rough with the smooth of life with true St. Dunstan's courage. Gribben's only complaint is against the Clerk of the Weather who, he is beginning to think, has a special grudge against potatoes and sends rain to interfere with the planting! Callaghan's mother has been seriously ill of late and he has put in a lot of time with her.

"Plenty of work," says W. B. Gill, of Ripon, and judging by looks he is thriving on it.

Another who is working steadily is L. Thomas, of Rawdon. His optimistic temperament is a valuable possession and enables him to face the world smiling. He has been making extensive alterations in his house of late, and has every reason to be proud of the result; he has a delightful home.

The confectionery trade is flourishing in Bolton and F. Tait seems to get his full share. Canaries interest him as much as ever and he hopes to rear a number this spring. Tait's birds have carried off yet another Cup, by the way.

## FROM THE WORLD OVER



"Tipperary Tim" suggests the Grand National, but H. McAteer, of Belfast, has borrowed the name for a new pigeon that arrived on the eve of the race!

J. Thomas, of Cowbridge, S. Wales, has been doing some excellent netting. His family is a busy one since it runs a milk round; there are few idle moments for anyone.

The Banjolele is a fascinating instrument, according to W. Trott, of Handsworth, Birmingham, who mastered it a short time ago. With a friend as partner, Trott is securing quite a number of engagements. The two are known as "The Black and White Duo" and Mrs. Trott has developed a genius for making up these gallant "entertainers," so no doubt helping them to the success they have achieved.

What with frequent demands for such wares as nails, leather, polishes, and small ware, D. Bee's little shop in Bolton has been doing very nicely, and he is looking forward to a fine trade in mineral waters as a side line, when the summer brings thirsty customers into his lair.

Quite a nice contract for the repair of the advertisement boards of a good firm has come the way of H. Randall, of Brighton; it should keep him busy for some time.

Tea-stands and baskets keep J. Hastings, of Smethwick, busy and he gets a goodly number of orders. Like several other Staffordshire men, including L. Sheridan, Hastings has been finding his wireless of little use since Daventry started up; it is a great deprivation.

Friends will be glad to hear that H. N. Matthews, of Wolverhampton, is looking better and is contriving to put on weight in a satisfactory manner. His workshop

is always in apple-pie order—as neat as a new pin.

In Strabane, F. Gallagher is getting his garden into excellent condition and his vegetables and potatoes are all planted; he is looking forward to bumper crops.

W. Higgins, of Hulme, Manchester, like his fellow St. Dunstaner, Tait, is a bird lover. He has quite a fine stock of larks, canaries and other cage birds and, in addition, sells food stuffs, &c.

A fine piece of work which was balloted for at a bazaar and fetched £5 was recently executed by W. J. Berry, of Belfast. He made the basket work for a picture painted on wood which was covered with glass and formed the base of a tray.

Was any one lucky enough to be present at the Corner House during the time that H. Costigan, of East Sheen, was singing there? If so, we are sure they enjoyed his performance and helped to swell the applause.

Among the many St. Dunstaners who take a vivid interest in livestock J. T. Johnson should be mentioned (of Stoke-on-Trent). He is never so happy as when busy among calves or poultry. His garden, too, is a great asset, and Johnson is expecting a fine supply of fruit and vegetables this year. The place is in promising order.

Basket-making is quite an attractive handicraft to M. Deegan, of Treorchy, Glam., and he is making excellent progress we hear. We are anticipating the time when he will have to be added to the long list of those who are prize-winners.

Rumour has it that the large mine upon which Taff's Well depends for prosperity is to be reopened shortly. We hope this is well founded for it will make a great difference to J. H. Ham, who has been

**News of St. Dunstaners—continued.**

finding the jobs brought into him of late pitiable to handle. No one has money for new footwear and people bring the oldest of old boots and shoes to him hoping that he will be able to make them fit to wear a little longer "till times improve."

J. W. Wright has made a very happy move and is now in Stapely Lane, Ropley. He says sitting listening to the singing of the birds is a never ending joy; with this and his wireless he needs no other occupation. The family is well established for Wright has a steady customer for his eggs and his daughter has found a post in the local post office. They were among the "snowed-up" in the bad spell of weather about Christmas and had to dig a track to enable them to go out to fetch food.

A man of very different taste is A. J. Mitchell who is as pleased with his flat in Southwick as is Wright with his cottage in the country. Mitchell likes plenty going on around him and the sound of busy traffic. The flat is convenient in every way and Mitchell is in clover.

By the way, has anyone a tandem for sale? P. Holmes, of Woburn, is on the lookout for a bargain in this direction.

Dog-breeding is the chief interest of J. Jones, of Lydd, at present and he has made two additional kennels which seem most satisfactory.

**Brief Notes**

Hitchin is proving itself a pleasant locality to the minds of R. Cook and his wife, who are now satisfactorily settled there and beginning to work up a local trade for mats.

In Brentford C. W. Wise is going along contentedly and his two elder sons are now launched; the youngest is still at school. W. A. Foulkes, of Bletchley, is keeping well and is busy with chickens—he is fortunate in that he did not lose any of his birds at Christmas time though the snow was so deep that he had to dig his way across from the house to the farm.

J. L. Eason, of Liverpool, likes his work and has few slack moments. H. Roberts, of Heyrod, has both poultry and rabbits, but is doubtful whether the latter are going to prove a paying investment; his birds are laying well and he has about 150.

"All's well" with J. Macfarlane, of Kilburn, W. G. Sullivan, of Charlton, W. Lowings, of Eastleigh, C. Roach, of Darlington, C. T. Condon, of Worting (his wireless is going strong), W. Rushen, of Witham, Essex, J. Birchall, of Chadwell Heath, J. Brodie, of Tweedmouth, W. Satt, of Montrose, I. H. Poole, of East Cowes, W. T. E. Collins, of West Cowes, J. C. Stephens, of Elmfield, Ryde, W. Brogan, of Gt. Shelford, Cambs., and T. J. Waldin, of Stanmore Lane, Winchester.

A. H. M. Wernham, of Bracknell, is kept busy with mats; H. S. Eames finds that he has little time to spare from his garden at present. W. B. Kirkup is gallantly holding his own in Durham; A. Smith, of Elwick, is looking forward to a busy summer with his café. In Clapton R. McMullen is weaving many baskets; L. Hardy, of Morley, is as cheery as ever; M. Oldroyd, of Dewsbury, is better than he has been for some time and C. Greaves, of Sheffield, is his usual happy self.

New railings and a new path have made a great difference to the appearance of the home of A. E. Hicks, of Kenley, and we don't wonder he is pleased. F. Ralph, of Purley, has been busy on a music cabinet. F. Saxon, of Cross Gate, Staffs., is pegging away as steadily as ever, and the health of F. Kneller is improving.

A. Jarvis has had good luck with his hatches this spring, and S. Jenning, of Potto, reports that his fowls are doing well. He is making a vigorous effort to get his garden into order, having been hindered by bad weather.

"Trade is good," says J. A. Dunlop, to whom come orders from Edinburgh and Pennicuik as well as from friends and customers in the immediate locality of Bonnyrigg.

**President of St. Dunstan's secures Wireless Sets for New Zealand Blinded Soldiers**

When Lady (Arthur) Pearson paid her visit to New Zealand the Blinded Soldiers' Committee of the Commercial Travellers' and Warehousemen's Blind Soldiers' and Sailors' Association and Club Co., Ltd., took the opportunity of consulting her about the value of wireless for the blind, and Lady Pearson expressed her opinion as to its value and encouraged them in the work which for so many years they have done in contributing towards the welfare of the blinded men in New Zealand. We are glad to report that in view of this they propose to provide a wireless set suitable to his district to each blinded soldier in the Dominion. We congratulate Lady Pearson and the men concerned upon this boon, and thank the Commercial Travellers' and Warehousemen's Association for this further evidence of generosity.

**Netting Notes**

May has arrived full of sunshine so we are hoping it will continue.

We hope also to send work and two netters to the Chelsea Show on 23rd, 24th and 25th May to demonstrate garden netting, hammocks, &c., and the weather makes such a difference to orders given. Last year our tent was flooded one day, so it was rather disastrous.

We have been kept very busy all last month with orders for tennis, boundary and fruit netting. Most of the work has come in very well done.

We have also had some nice bordered rugs sent in.

The men at Brighton are working well. We congratulate C. White on passing his string bag test. E. T. Millis, F. Reynolds, A. Kimber, A. C. Brignall, and C. White are getting on with their rugs, while F. Williams, A. C. E. Matthews, and T. E. Gidney are busy with netting. S. A. Worlidge has finished both rugs and has passed out. J. Jackson has completed his whole netting course and has done very good work.

G. Lamb had to leave in order to go to Kings Langley to study poultry.

W. H. O.

K. H. W.

T. D. Stamper, of Bellerby, continues in fair health and employs his time on wool rugs. J. Aitken has made a good start in Newcastle; L. Smith is working away at trays in Halifax; M. Hutchinson, of East Ham, is very well and devotes many hours to his mat frame, and J. E. Howe, of Kentish Town, another of our mat makers, is decidedly better in health; C. Singleton, of Forest Gate, too, is keeping well. The same may be said of M. Carey, of Tottenham, with whom trade is improving, and E. Greenwood, of Enfield.

In Glasgow, P. Yuille is looking forward to making a start so soon as his work-hut is up; N. MacDonald is busy at a furniture factory, and J. Broadley, who has a paper business, notices an improvement now that the flat-racing season has begun.

Mats keep J. J. Steele busy at Rosyth, where J. W. Broadbent adds boot repairing to the same trade. D. Ironside has a fine roomy shop at Kilbowie; W. Knott is making string containers at Blackpool, where he and his wife are very content, and W. Higginson is doing fairly well with joinery at Highbury, N.

**Orders for Mat Yarn**

It would save a considerable amount of money on carriage, and much work at Headquarters, if, instead of ordering, say, one hundredweight of yarn at a time, men would let us send them a complete bale of three hundredweights, as that is the way in which the yarn reaches us from abroad. The carriage on a bale is less than if we sent the same amount in three separate hundredweights, at intervals of a few weeks. If a man found difficulty on account of the position of his hut, or in getting a bale through the house, this could be overcome by our sending three separate hundredweights at the same time, as the carriage would then be the same as for a bale. The economy effected if each man would adopt this plan would be very considerable, and we should be glad if every mat-maker would help in this way.

## After-Care Meetings

### Norwich

Again a merry party of St. Dunstan's, their wives and escorts from all parts of Norfolk and Suffolk, assembled for their Annual Reunion at the School of Music, Rampant Horse Street, Norwich, on the 25th April.

If anything the meeting was a larger one than last year, and there were very few who were unable to attend.

After an excellent tea, Mr. Swain spoke to us for a few minutes on various topics of interest, and also read us a message from our Chairman, who regretted he was unable to come along.

We were very surprised—and pleased of course—to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Thomson Brown who called in on their way through Norwich, also Miss Hamar Greenwood, who came down from London especially to be with us.

After Mr. Swain's speech, Miss Greenwood said a few words to us and mentioned how pleased she was to be included in the party and to have an opportunity of being with so many of her old pupils. The vote of thanks was given by A. Wise and G. Wright seconded.

Mr. Lamb and his friends very kindly entertained us once again, and the concert was greatly appreciated by all. During the afternoon G. Wright led us off with some community singing, and W. Cubbit gave us one song—we wished he had brought more music with him—which was much enjoyed. R. Davies also added to the entertainment by singing to us.

The afternoon would not have been complete without a guessing competition, and after we had racked our brains to know how many beads were on a certain string, the winners were as follows:—First Ladies, Mrs. Thorpe, Second Ladies, Mrs. Barlow. First Gents, T. Gregory, Second Gents, J. W. Abbs. We must mention that F. Ashworth and T. Gregory really tied, so they drew for the prize with the result that the latter proved the lucky one.

Now all that is to be done is to look forward to next year's meeting at Norwich.

E. A. S.

### Portsmouth

The men from the Portsmouth district and from the Isle of Wight, experienced particularly fine weather for their Annual Reunion, which was held at the Esplanade Café Assembly Rooms, Southsea, on the 18th April.

The gathering was, as usual, a large one, over one hundred and five St. Dunstan's and their wives or escorts being present.

We were exceedingly pleased to welcome Miss Hamar Greenwood, who is so well known to us all, and her presence was all the more pleasing as it was unexpected.

After a splendid tea, Mr. Swain addressed the Meeting, and gave a special message sent by Captain Fraser. He also mentioned how pleased he was to welcome Mr. Martin, who was looking so very much better than this time last year. After Miss Greenwood and Mr. Martin had both said a few words to us, a vote of thanks was ably put up by R. Horsley, and seconded by G. Yarrow.

The feature of the afternoon was the excellent music provided by W. Lowings and his band, an innovation which was much enjoyed. Whilst personal interviews with Mr. Swain were in progress, dancing was in full swing and old acquaintances renewed.

The result of the guessing competition was as follows:—First Gents, R. J. Williams, the second prize was divided between J. Collinson and F. Cooper, who both guessed the same number.

In the same competition three ladies tied for the first prize, namely, Mrs. Lowings, Mrs. Parkinson, and Mrs. Cooper, so it was decided that these three should draw for the first and second prizes. The result was that Mrs. Parkinson won the first prize and Mrs. Lowings the second. We hope that Mrs. Cooper will have better luck next time.

A. K. R.

## "In Memory"

LIEUT. W. W. HITCHON  
(204th Battalion "Beavers")

WE greatly regret to record the death, after an illness of less than two days, of this officer. Blinded in the Battle of Passchendale, Lieut. Hitchon was known to hundreds of friends in Toronto as a sportsman of note, and one of the most active workers on behalf of his blind comrades. Since the Autumn of 1919, when he returned from England, he was actively connected with the Canadian National Institute for the Blind.

Lieut. Hitchon went to England with the "Beavers," where the battalion was broken up, and he was posted to another unit in France. He was the first member of the 204th to be wounded, shrapnel taking the sight of both eyes and inflicting a fracture of a leg. Sent back to England, he came to St. Dunstan's for training. He took an active interest in athletics, canoeing and boating being his chief pursuits. He was also an expert swimmer, an accomplished dancer and a fine bowler. Returning to Canada, he immediately entered the employ of the Massey-Harris Co. in an executive position, where he remained until the time of his death.

Lieut. Hitchon is survived by his wife and one small daughter.

PRIVATE MICHAEL GLEESON  
(24th City of London Regiment)

This St. Dunstaner was admitted to St. Dunstan's in 1916 and was trained in netting. He left us in 1917, but was unable to carry on with his work on account of ill-health. He became a permanent resident at our Brighton Annexe in 1925, where he died on the 24th April of this year. Gleeson leaves one daughter to mourn him.

PRIVATE THOMAS COLEY GILDEA  
(Northumberland Fusiliers)

Enlisting in December 1914, Private Gildea received his discharge in March 1918. He came to St. Dunstan's in 1921, and learned wool rug-making. He spent fourteen months with us, and although after leaving he was unable to continue rug-making owing to bad health, he occasionally did a little netting. He was admitted to Wingrove Hospital, Newcastle, in September 1927, suffering from dropsy, but was discharged the following month and seemed to be improving. In March of this year, however, he became worse, and died quite suddenly on 9th April.

Two St. Dunstaners were present at the funeral. They were W. L. Redhead and T. Cockburn, and they carried a wreath from St. Dunstan's in the form of our Badge. Many other beautiful floral tributes were received from relatives and friends.

PRIVATE WILLIAM SKINNER  
(King's Own Scottish Borderers)

Although under St. Dunstan's care, Skinner was quite unable, on account of the state of his health, to take any course of instruction. He spent a few weeks, prior to his death on 9th April, at the Brighton Annexe. Skinner was 33 years of age, and leaves a widow and three children to mourn his memory.

PRIVATE ROBERT DEEKS  
(1st Leinster Regiment)

Private Deeks enlisted soon after the outbreak of War. He received his discharge in April 1919, but did not come to St. Dunstan's until October of last year. He was prevented by illness from completing his training, and left in December last. He died on 9th March at his home.

## The House as I "See" It

How Blind M.P. Pictures Parliament & Identifies 200 Colleagues by their Voices

(For the interest of those of our readers who may not have seen the following article by Captain Fraser, which appeared recently in the "Weekly Dispatch," we reprint it below.—ED.)

ALTHOUGH he was blinded in the war, Captain Ian Fraser, the member for St. Pancras North, can identify two hundred M.P.'s he has never seen by the sound of their voices.

"I dislike intensely the claims which friends of blind people are apt to make," he said, "that the blind are possessed of marvellous and extraordinary powers. What we develop is not so much a keener sense of hearing and of touch, but the faculty of using to the best advantage the slightest indications and impressions which these senses bring to the brain.

"Abnormally acute senses of touch and hearing are simply the result of training, together with some honest Sherlock Homes' deduction. The ordinary man doesn't bother to hear things when he can see them—whether he's near a wall, or whether the match he lights his pipe with is burning. But he can hear them, all the same. \* \* \* \* \*

"For instance, the other day I was speaking at a dinner. I heard a reporter taking me down; I began to speak faster, and I heard him stop. I didn't know whether it was because what I was saying was not worth taking down or because I was going too fast. So I slowed up—and he started again. Those who can see certainly hear just as well, but would probably not be conscious of so slight a sound, and would certainly not make use of it."

Captain Fraser has never seen the inside of the House of Commons or any of his fellow-members. "I have some idea of the appearance of a few, like Mr. Winston Churchill and Mr. Lloyd George," he explained, "because they were much photographed and cartooned in the old days. \* \* \* \* \*

"Of the rest I form my own pictures, based upon description and imagination,

formed from deduction and odd scraps of conversation. The voice, manner, and behaviour of a man give one an idea whether he is modest or assertive, hard or kind. Men and women usually wear clothes to suit their personalities and characters, and from these one can usually guess accurately what sort of clothes they wear.

"My pictures of people are always a conglomeration of ideas gathered from various sources. To walk along a corridor holding a member's arm gives me an impression of his height and build, and these various impressions, coupled with known facts about individuals, form my ideas of people.

"When I come to put together my picture of any particular person, I never know whether it is the result of what I've heard or just what I feel they must be like. \* \* \* \* \*

"Then again, I can tell a man's height by where his voice comes from. There are very few men whose voices sound above my ears—but then I am six-foot-three.

"Often I hear people talking about a man, or about a cartoon of him, and I get a very good idea of what he looks like.

"Sometimes I do ask what people look like. But even then it is very difficult to tell from another man's description. The best man I know for describing people is Mr. Mitchell Banks—probably because he is a lawyer.

"Similarly, I make a fairly accurate picture of the House itself. These dreams may be correct or incorrect in general or in details. I do not know. But they are my own pictures, and a source of great satisfaction. I enjoy my life in the House enormously.

"In the chamber itself I do not meet with any insuperable difficulty. I dare say I know about two hundred M.P.'s

by their voices, either because they are friends of mine with whom I have often talked, or because they are important or frequent speakers in the debates. I always sit in the same seat in the House, and most members sit in and speak from particular benches, so that apart from the voice itself I have the additional guide afforded by the direction from which the voice comes.

"'Catching the Speaker's eye' is a phrase which describes the process of indicating a desire to be called to speak. It does not involve my seeing the Speaker, but merely that he should see me. When each member finishes speaking and sits down those who want to join in the debate will rise in their places and the Speaker will call names in turn, according to the distribution of the parties, pre-arrangement or possibly to the priority of the rising of the individual. \* \* \* \* \*

"I have to rely on my memory in making a speech, both as regards my own considered ideas and statements of previous speakers. This seems to serve me well enough, for memory, like every other faculty or sense, develops with practice.

"I sit in a corner seat, the nearest one to the main door of the Chamber. This enables me to get in and out of my place without bothering other members for assistance or running the risks involved by climbing over a number of outstretched legs. \* \* \* \* \*

"The average blind man, if he takes the trouble, can fairly quickly find his way about a strange place by learning the corners and angles of passages, peculiar sounds and echoes of halls, and so on. The sense of hearing and possibly an appreciation of differing air pressures convey information as to the proximity of walls and inform one whether or not a door is open. These indications are by no means certain, but with practice one can proceed on one's usual routes without very great difficulty.

"But I find it difficult to find my way about the House. I can soon find my way if I am left to explore *alone*; but there

is always somebody proceeding in the same direction who offers an arm. To refuse is difficult and uncongenial.

"Moreover, the numerous members themselves, quickly moving from place to place, are unfixed and incalculable objects. I know where Joe Chamberlain's statue is, and would not run into him, but I never know where I may meet one of his sons, hurriedly coming round a corner, looking at a paper."

## News from Brighton

### AN INTERESTING PRESENTATION

A pleasing little ceremony took place at St. Dunstan's Brighton Annexe on 20th April last. The occasion was the presentation through W. A. Biggs, of Leicester, of three invalid chairs, subscribed for by the members of the Newfoundpool Working Men's Club. The money required to purchase the chairs—some £40—was raised by a series of whist drives. In asking Mrs. Fraser, the Chairman of the Brighton Annexe Sub-Committee, to accept the chairs, Biggs said:—"I am able to get about and enjoy life very well, although I am blinded, but there are others who are permanent invalids, as well as being blind. These chairs will, I trust, bring happiness to these very sad cases." He promised also on behalf of the Newfoundpool Working Men's Club that they would hold themselves responsible for the upkeep of the chairs and replace them if necessary. Mrs. Fraser, in a charming little speech, expressed the sincere thanks of the Executive Council and the men of St. Dunstan's for the most useful gift. She said that a framed photograph of the presentation scene would be sent to the Newfoundpool Club as a memento of their generous work.

## A Postponed Broadcast

Will our "listeners-in" please make a note that D. McLoughlin's broadcast which was announced in last month's REVIEW to take place on 2nd May has had to be postponed until 21st May. Many of our wireless enthusiasts who were disappointed on 2nd May will be glad to know that this little broadcast is still a pleasure in store for them.



## SPORTS CLUB NOTES



THERE was a very good attendance at our Sports Meeting held at Headquarters on Tuesday, 24th April. It was good to see such zeal and enthusiasm, and if it is retained we should have an excellent term's sports. In spite of its being Budget Day at the House, Capt. Fraser most kindly came along and took the chair at the beginning of the meeting. Considering the amount of business which was gone through, I think we did well to conclude as early as we did. The following points were decided upon:—

(a) *Summer Sports*.—That from the third week of sports, any newcomer should commence with the maximum handicap. Also as regards handicaps, as in winter sports, the handicaps should be retained for the summer sports, i.e., S.S. 21, 14, 7, and T.B. 15, 10, 5. It was further decided that the other arrangements as regards points, &c., should remain as before, that the sprint should be included, that a roller should be obtained for the sprint track, if possible, and that our night should be Tuesday, commencing *sharp* at 7 p.m.

(b) *Rowing*.—The date of the Regatta would be Tuesday, 17th July. The programme would be similar to that of last year, but, of course, we couldn't expect as many Present Care entries. It was resolved to do all we could to retain our "Fours" race. It was unfortunate, as explained at the meeting, that it is impossible to arrange a Saturday Regatta. The river is generally very crowded then, and the safety of our St. Dunstaners must be our first consideration.

(c) *Sports Day*.—This has been arranged to take place on Saturday, 23rd June, and a Cigarette Race will be included. Our London Shield Team, it was resolved, should be selected according to competitors performances during the term up to the date of the closing of entries.

(d) *Escorts*.—It was also determined to hold another concert for those who have been so kind in giving their time and services to us during the past.

(e) *Birmingham Walk*.—It was stated that the Walk was dated for Saturday, 25th August, and it was resolved to ask our handicapper, Mr. Donoghue, to kindly select the teams. Mr. Donoghue is an unbiassed observer of all our doings, and we know he will choose our best teams. The teams will consist of six, three T.B. and three S.S., and as soon as the teams are notified our representatives will be expected to keep up their training.

(f) *Running*.—Instructor Tovell gave a most interesting account of the preliminary races for the Sports Team for Manchester on 12th May for the quarter, half, one and one and a half mile races, and gave the team that had selected itself, i.e. quarter mile, W. T. Scott, half mile, F. Matthewman; reserve, H. McSteel; one mile, W. Riley, one and a half mile, F. Lenderyou.

(g) *Swimming*.—It was resolved to ask Instructor Jones to arrange a small Gala at his earliest convenience.

A most hearty and generous vote of thanks to the Sports Captain for presiding &c., was proposed and carried unanimously.

*Regatta*.—We hope to hold our Regatta on Tuesday, 17th July, commencing at 1.30 sharp. I am sure that our competitors will endeavour to be at Putney in good time so that we can get through our programme without undue haste, and be ready for the Dinner at the proper time.

### PROGRAMME

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|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Single Sculls | Present Care (T.B.)                 |
| 2. "             | " (S.S.)                            |
| 3. "             | Old Boys (T.B.)                     |
| 4. "             | " (S.S.)                            |
| 5. "             | Veterans over 45.                   |
| 6. Double Sculls | Open (at least one T.B. in a boat). |
| 7. Pair Oars     | Ditto                               |
| 8. "             | One-armed.                          |
| 9. Open Fours    | At least two T.B.'s in a boat.      |
| 10. Shield Event | Pair Oar (1 T.B. and 1 S.S.).       |
| 11. "            | Double Sculls " "                   |

We will adhere to last year's rules, that men may enter for two events only, excluding of course, the Shield Events, and there must be sufficient entries for each event to warrant a race.

Will all those who intend entering please let me know not later than 30th June, as entries cannot be received after that date.

### SPORTS DAY

#### PROGRAMME OF SPORTS DAY, 23RD JUNE

- 1.—(a) Children's Race. Girls and Boys under 7. Distance 40 yds. Handicap 5 yds. for each year.
- (b) Boys' Handicap Race between 7 and 14. Distance 60 yds. Handicap 2 yds. for each year.
- (c) Girls' Handicap Race between 7 and 14. Distance 60 yds. Handicap 2 yds. for each year.
- 2.—Wives' Race.
- 3.—Cigarette Race and Wheelbarrow Race.
- 4.—Open Sprint, 75 yds.
- 5.—Shield Events and Open.
  - (a) Single Jump.
  - (b) Treble Jump.
  - (c) Throwing the Cricket Ball
  - (d) Putting the Weight.

Please don't forget to send in your entries for the Sports Day in Regent's Park on Saturday, 9th June, starting at 2.15 p.m., as soon as possible, as 9th June is the closing date for all entries. Also, please state the names and ages of your children you enter, and the number of tea tickets you require.

The Sports Office reserve the right to alter any of the above programme should it be found necessary.

### SPORTS

The fine evening at our first Summer Sports brought with it many competitors, and we were very glad to welcome new members and also others who have not taken part for some time. The term promises well and I am sure competition will be, if possible, keener than ever as it was rumoured there were "dark horses" amongst the new arrivals.

#### FINAL POINTS OF WINTER TERM SPORTS 17TH APRIL 1928

1. Fleming .. 163	4. Nichols .. 146
2. McFarlane .. 161	5. Crook .. 138
3. Deegan .. 154	6. Webster .. 125

7. Scott .. 100	16. Burran .. 29
8. Martin .. 90	17. Hughes .. 24
9. Henry .. 84	18. Coles .. 19
10. Prior .. 83	19. Hallam .. 18
11. Wiltshire .. 73	20. Gover .. 14
12. Roden .. 60	.. Ruddock .. 14
13. Brooke .. 54	22. Ashton .. 11
14. Johns .. 39	.. Champness .. 11
15. Matthewman 32	24. Riley .. 5

L. W.

### The Maidenhead Walk

By F. DONOGHUE

"Oh! to be in England now that Spring is here," It is evident that the author of those words did not experience so many samples of spring weather as we did during the 25 Mile Walk.

After a slight fall of snow, followed by some words of wisdom Lady Astor gave the word "Go!" to the T.B.'s who were followed 17 minutes later by the S.S. entrants.

Very early in the race it was apparent that most of the competitors realised that it is the "Pace" that kills, and settled down to a steady gait. Lenderyou, no doubt feeling bucked by Lady Astor's words at the start, cut out a pace that for him was obviously too fast. At five miles he led the T.B.'s by 1½ minutes, followed by Thompson, Castle, Lowings, and Holmes.

In the S.S. section also, we had a surprise, Fallowfield leading by over one minute from Brown, Ashton, Trott, and Gover. The weather now being ideal, everyone showed the highest spirits, and it was a question, ices or tea? Time did not allow the point to be debated, however, because the interest in the race was too great.

At ten miles Lenderyou had dropped to fourth and was not looking too pleased with himself. Lowings, who had assumed the lead, was closely followed by Thompson and Castle. Fallowfield was leading the S.S. now by 2½ minutes, being followed by Brown and Trott, both the latter evidently content to play a waiting game. The 15 miles point being reached, Lenderyou gave up, Lowings travelling very well leading by 100 yards, followed by Thompson, Castle and Holmes. Brown and Trott were now leading the S.S. by 2 minutes.

Fallowfield still going strong but slower, was 3 minutes in front of Ashton and Gover

After passing the 15 miles point we had a terrific blizzard, the hailstones lashed by the wind almost cut into the flesh; it speaks volumes for the "Spirit of St. Dunstan's" and the "Determination to Win" to note how they all carried on smilingly, even jesting as they passed by. No debate was needed now as to the merits of hot tea or ices!

M. Burran as a spectator on a Rolls Royce, or some similar car, had more ice than he wanted and most cheerfully shared it; however, bad things, like good, come to an end and the sun reappeared in full glory.

At 20 miles the race became very interesting, Lowings passing in 3-45 strong and comfortable, leading by nearly 4 minutes. Thompson came next leading Castle by 200 yards, with Holmes a similar distance away. Brown had now assumed a lead of 3½ minutes from Trott, the latter ill-advisedly, having discarded a sweater earlier, and was now suffering the natural results and the full effect of the weather. Fallowfield who was third, and some 10 minutes behind Brown at this point, was showing the effects of his earlier pace.

From the 23rd mile the T.B. section underwent some drastic changes. Holmes, who had been lying fourth and fifth during the earlier stages, came along in splendid style, passing Castle and assuming third place. Half a mile from the finish, apparently not satisfied, he maintained his pace and in the last 600 yards successfully passed Thompson and Lowings to win an exciting race by 250 yards. Holmes clearly demonstrated the necessity of using the head as well as the feet in long distance races. The S.S. section positions remained unchanged, the redoubtable Brown finishing very fresh, winning the course in record time of 4hrs. 8mins. 27 secs., a clear 10 minutes in front of Trott, Fallowfield four minutes later. The style of walking throughout the race was very good indeed. It is interesting to note that Holmes was actually 1 min. 2 sec. faster over the last five miles than Brown.

The manner in which the Maidenhead

Cycling and Athletic Club carried out the arrangements, and the splendid reception we received at Skindle's after the race, were all that could be desired, and call for our sincere thanks. The Mayor of Maidenhead (Alderman Cox) presided, and gave most hearty welcome to us all, expressing the pleasure of himself and the citizens of Maidenhead at our making the charming old town the centre for our Walk, and his hopes that we should come again next year. In presenting the prizes to the successful competitors, he had a few words of congratulation for each. Captain Fraser, in a brief speech, returned thanks for our most kindly reception, and to the many helpers who had done so much to ensure the success of the event. We shall all look forward to next year's race even if we do hope for more congenial climatic conditions.

T.B.		
Competitor	Escort	Time
		h. m. s.
1. P. Holmes	Mr. Shore	4 42 10
2. H. V. Thompson	Webster Smith	4 44 39
3. W. Lowings	Stupples	4 44 56
4. W. Castle	Nye	4 51 25
5. H. Kerr	Lucas & Leary	4 55 56
6. F. Rhodes	McSweeney	5 15 7
7. W. Shakespeare	Stiff	5 37 39
E. Bats	Booker	
F. Lenderyou	Baker	
H. Boorman	Hill	

S.S.		
Competitor	Escort	Time
		h. m. s.
1. A. Brown	Mr. Winter	4 8 27
2. W. Trott	W. F. Baker	4 18 30
3. G. Fallowfield	Martin and Matthews	4 22 36
4. P. Ashton	Fielder	4 27 55
5. H. Giles	Hall	4 28 39
6. H. Gover	Harris	4 32 14
7. E. Read	C. H. Hill	4 33 6
8. W. J. Roberts	Austin	4 58 2
9. J. Triggs	Graygross	

#### PRIZES

T.B.		
1st Prize	2nd	3rd
P. Holmes	H. V. Thompson	W. Lowings
Cup	Cup	Cup

S.S.		
1st Prize	2nd	3rd
A. Brown	W. Trott	G. Fallowfield
Cup	Cup	Cup

T.B.		
STANDARD TIME MEDALS (5 hrs.)		
W. Castle, H. Kerr.		

S.S.

STANDARD TIME MEDALS (4hrs. 35 mins.)  
P. Ashton, H. Giles, H. Gover, E. Read.

ESCORT MEDALS PRESENTED TO:—  
Messrs. Shore, Webster, Smith, Stupples, Winter, W. F. Baker and Martin.

Among the donors of the handsome cups were Mr. C. Angliss, Major the Hon. J. J. Astor, M.P., and the Council of St. Dunstan's.

Photographs of the start and of the Race in progress were taken, and copies of these have been exhibited in the Lounge at Headquarters. Any competitors or their friends who desire prints of these can obtain them through the Editor. The prices are:—6½" by 4½", unmounted 2s.; mounted 3s. each; or 8½" by 7½", unmounted 2s. 6d.; mounted 4s. each.

Under the heading of "Healing Electricity," an excellent article appears in the "Town and Country News" on the work of Richard H. Cook, of Cambridge Road, Wallasey. We regret that limitations of space prevent our reprinting the article in full, but the following are some extracts:

"His authority as a medical electrician rapidly secured for him a reputation throughout Wallasey and the surrounding neighbourhood; for the past five seasons he has been massage and electrical specialist to the Everton Football Club and he also gives special electrical treatment to the players of the New Brighton Football Club."

"Sometimes a badly damaged joint, muscle or ligament needs such special manipulative or electrical treatment as he can give, and for such work his services are in great demand."

"He has an exceedingly well-equipped clinic at 5 Cambridge Road, Wallasey, where every modern electrical device, including a sunlight lamp, has been installed. Massage, medical electrical treatment, Swedish exercises, and so forth are undertaken at his hands at charges which are reasonable and which bring the benefits of such treatments within the reach of the poorest sufferers."

"It may be remarked in conclusion that the full story of this inspiring success, in spite of so great an affliction as blindness, has been by no means told in the foregoing. Since leaving St. Dunstan's, Mr. Cook took

a post-graduate course at Liverpool University, and although being the only blind student, he succeeded in heading the list at the final examinations."

### News from the Workshops

#### BOOTS

E. Marsden is still showing all-round improvement. E. A. Alexander has had further general experience with all kinds of work; it would be an advantage now if he could gain a little more speed. H. Acton is still keeping a good standard of work. A. E. Tennison is doing the same, getting very good edges and a nice finish. J. W. March has concluded his course; we should like to have seen a little more of him, as he was a capable man, who took advantage of every opportunity in extending his knowledge of the trade.

#### BASKETS

J. W. Bullock has made some cake baskets, one 12 inch being distinctly good. He has now commenced his stock work with some good barrels. A. Kimber has advanced from barrel baskets to square arms. A. C. Matthews reached a fairly good standard on some barrels, and had further experience with three-cornered soiled linens. J. Duff's further work on soiled linens has also been satisfactory. A. W. Pimm did very nicely with beehive baskets, and also some oval cake baskets.

W. H. O.

At the fourth Annual Spring Show and Trade Fair, held at the King's Hall, Herne Bay, last month, G. E. Crook was one of the exhibitors. Among other specimens of his work were invalid bed tables, occasional tables, and trays, and also baskets made by St. Dunstaners. We hear that Crook was very pleased with the business done, which included the sale of a tray to the Mayoress of Margate.

#### Telephony

Many congratulations to W. Robinson who has started work at the British Security Insurance, Cornhill. We wish him every success.



### Births

- BULLEY.—On the 25th of March to the wife of F. Bulley, of Romsey, a son.
- HICKS.—To the wife of A. E. Hicks, of Kenley, a son on the 6th of April.
- HORNSBY.—On 30th March to the wife of A. J. Hornsby, of Sheffield, a daughter—Doreen May.
- PETERS.—To the wife of W. Peters, of Liverpool, a son on the 3rd of April.
- POLLEY.—On the 24th of March to the wife of G. Polley, of Stanstead, a twin son and daughter.
- SEPHTON.—On the 21st of April, to the wife of S. Sephton, of St. Helens, a daughter—Dorothy Pauline.
- TOMKINSON.—On the 16th of April to the wife of H. Tomkinson, of South Chingford, a son.

### Deaths

- This month we have to offer sympathy to:—
- CURNOW.—Mr. and Mrs. Curnow, of Troon, who lost their little son James Roy on the 23rd of March. The boy was fifteen months old.
- GRAHAM.—Mr. and Mrs. R. Graham, of Tottenham, whose baby son, born on the 23rd of March, died on 6th April.
- GWYN.—I. Gwyn, of Lowestoft, who lost his elder brother suddenly on Tuesday, the 27th of March.
- LLOYD.—E. J. Lloyd, of Cardiff, who lost his mother on Good Friday, from pneumonia after a very short illness. Lloyd was summoned by telegram on the Thursday and reached his mother some three hours before she died.
- NEGUS.—Mrs. Negus, of Wellingborough, who lost her mother on 23rd April. This death was a great shock to Mrs. Negus who thought that her mother was making a good recovery.

### Marriage

We have received a brief notice concerning the marriage of J. Cooper, of Hitchin, on the 26th of April and shall hope to give further particulars later of this new candidate for St. Dunstan's silver tea-pot.

### Prize Awards

The Harman Foundation, of New York, announces awards for "instructive and creative achievement among blind people." The total value of the awards is \$2,710, and the competition is open to totally blind persons throughout the United States and Canada. The classes include the following:—(1) For suggestions embodying new and interesting and simple plans for future awards to be given by the Harman Foundation, looking toward a better orientation of the blind in their outlook of life, their personal relations and economic endeavour; (2) for achievements of economic value, to be granted to persons who have produced outstanding results or marked success in the same line of business or occupation in competition with seeing competitors; (3) for the best short story, literary essay, descriptive article, &c.; (4) for accomplishments or progress in the first two years of blindness; (5) participation in home activities, these awards to be based on the progress the aspirant has made since blindness in becoming a part of the Home Organisation.

Entries must be filed before 15th July 1928. The above details only summarise the full particulars, which we have not space to print in the REVIEW, but of which we shall be glad to send a copy to any of our readers who are interested.

Many of our mat-makers will have grateful memories of S. Westward, who was for some years an instructor in the Mat Department. They will be interested to hear that Westward has been appointed instructor in mat-making in the local workshops for the blind in Walsall, where we understand he is giving as great satisfaction as when he was working at St. Dunstan's.

A very handsome oak pedestal cabinet with panel doors is the latest joinery achievement of S. Holmes, of Belfast. We hear it is a very fine piece of workmanship, and Mrs. Holmes must share some of the credit, for she assisted with the polishing, which is equally good.

### St. Dunstaners at a Cinema

At the invitation of the management of The Plaza, one of the largest and most luxuriously equipped of modern picture theatres, a party of St. Dunstaners attended the showing of "Speedy!" the new Harold Lloyd film. They were accompanied by Instructor Tovell, who by means of a running commentary gave an excellent "view" of the film to our men: The party were photographed on arrival, and the Press have given a good deal of attention to this new departure in providing entertainment for St. Dunstan's men. We quote the following extract from an article which appeared in "The Bioscope":—

"Inside the theatre they followed the descriptions intently, roaring with laughter and clapping with the crowd. If they had 'borrowed' another's eyes, the joy was all their own, and I came away feeling that though my eyes were wide open to the sunshine outside, to the limelight, the arcs and the flitting celluloid inside, I had yet failed to perceive the beauty of life and living, as these splendid fellows had done. I understand that the Plaza management, who, until approached on this occasion had not considered it appropriate to invite blinded ex-service men, have now accorded a standing invitation to St. Dunstan's."

"It is great to know that such a courtesy can be appreciated. Who would have believed it?"

### A Successful Vocalist

A recent announcement in the Press pays high tribute to a St. Dunstaner vocalist, T. Tootell, who sings under the name of "Thomas Tell." The writer says:—

"As a tenor he is an established favourite in the musical world, and is constantly engaged in London and elsewhere. His performance at the Brighton Regent and Devonshire Park, Eastbourne, is hailed with delight. Mr. Tell's disability has not broken his spirit, but that, and other experiences of life, have brought the soul into his voice, and he feels every note he sings. It was a great treat to hear him on this occasion and his songs made a deep impression upon all present. His choice

fell upon Cadman's 'At Dawning,' and Teresa del Riego's 'Homing.' To these Tosti's 'My Dreams,' and Sullivan's 'Take a Pair of Sparkling Eyes,' were added by way of encore, and in all of these the tenor made an intimate appeal to his hearers, and won their heartiest admiration."

### To a Red Cross Nurse

The moving verses which we print below will make appeal, we are sure, to many of our readers. They are reprinted from "The Sunday At Home":—

Ten years ago to-night I lumbered back  
Dully and dumbly into life again,  
And found a bedstead had become a rack  
And I a point of pain.

Beneath the quilted coverlet's caress  
My mangled limbs, my ankles wrenched askew,  
Seemed locked beneath a slowly tightening press,  
With Satan at the screw.

Grimly I turned and struggled to retreat  
Across those phantom frontiers of the mind,  
Where throbbing pulses cease their ghastly beat  
And spearing nerves grow kind.

But my requickened senses could not catch  
The luscious null that waking had destroyed.  
Vainly I strove to reach and lift the latch  
And hurtle to the void.

Then in that hour of doom when Pain the ghoul  
In grinning triumph claimed me for his own,  
I felt your fingers, supple, lissom, cool,  
Answer my strangled moan.

Those dazed and anguish-blinded eyes of mine  
Had scant appraisal for your woman's charm,  
I lay and gazed at Calvary's crimson sign  
Blazoned upon your arm.

Pain makes us egoists. I had no thought  
What all that carnival might mean to you,  
Yet every throe in which my frame was caught,  
I know you suffered too.

Here at my desk old ghosts begin to stir,  
Your features glimmer through the candlelight.  
I think remorsefully of all you were  
Ten years ago to-night.

WITTON KEENE.

### ADVERTISEMENT

APARTMENTS.—One minute from and in view of the sea. Terms moderate. Address—G. Newman, 21 Burlington Street, Kempton, Brighton.

### On Filling a Pipe

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT)

One may fill a bowl absent-mindedly, ruminating on anything, but there are certain well-understood principles which must be observed if you wish to remain on good terms with your pipe.

A new pipe needs especial care. It is better for the pipe and the smoker that it should be broken in slowly. After half-a-dozen smokes the pores of the wood expand, a carbon forms, and the whole bowl has hardened. It will then be able to absorb the nicotine secretions. The best thing for the health of the pipe—and of your own—is to keep it really clean. A pipe-cleaner cannot be used too often. An occasional thorough cleaning on more elaborate lines is not to be neglected. Pour a drop or two of any drinkable spirits into the bowl and let it stand for a while, or, better still, place in the stem at night a woollen cleaner steeped in spirits of wine, which is tasteless and odourless, and let the pipe stand, bowl downwards, until the morning. If you happen to know an engine driver, ask him to pass a jet of steam through the pipe. This is the best possible method. But a squirt from a soda syphon is a fair substitute and is generally more handy. This will clean away any bits of carbon which remain in the pipe after scraping out. A pipe should be stood bowl down when not in use, as it is the bowl, not the vulcanite stem, that absorbs moisture.

As for the actual filling, different tobaccos require different treatment. A granulated tobacco or finely-cut shag may be packed tightly in the pipe; but a compressed flake in a damp condition must be rubbed in the palms of the hands before it is loaded into the bowl, and it may easily be pressed in too closely. Some brands of tobacco ought never to be rubbed up, and in these cases a warning against it is usually printed on the packets. Cartridges of ready-made fillings, which were once much in use, are still to be bought. They ensure the packing being neither too tight nor too loose, provided the cartridge fits. But the size that fits a new pipe does not fit the same pipe when it becomes

heavily carboned. So much the worse for the cartridge fillers, which for that reason have lost much of their popularity. Do not smoke the same pipe again immediately. If you can possibly do so, give it a rest. But above all, keep it clean.—*Times*.

### An Exporting Joiner

About four or five years ago a lady bought a tray from W. Brogan, of Great Shelford, and later on went to America. She has just sent Brogan an order for a complete set of trays, of which he is naturally very proud. Brogan has also sent work out to Australia and other parts of the world, and is doing remarkably well all round. His work, we understand, is exceptionally well finished, and thus carries its own recommendation. We congratulate him upon his success.

### A Record!

Eleven of the hens of J. Triggs, of Billingshurst, have laid 188 eggs in a month. Triggs is a backyarder poultryman, and thinks that he must have established something like a record. Have any of our other backyarders had as great success?

### Story of the Day

"Ah, monsieur! I call to see Mr. Smith," said the Frenchman.

"You can't, he's not down," replied the valet.

"Vat you tell," said the Frenchman. "I came yesterday and you say I cannot see heem because he is not up. Now you say I cannot see heem because he is not down. Vat you mean? Ven vill he be in ze middle?"

The old gentleman was lost in a London fog, so thick that he could scarcely see his hand before his face. He became seriously alarmed when he found himself in a slimy alley. Then he heard footsteps approaching through the obscurity, and sighed with relief.

"Where am I going?" he cried, anxiously.

A voice replied weirdly from the darkness:—

"Into the river—I've just come out!"

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