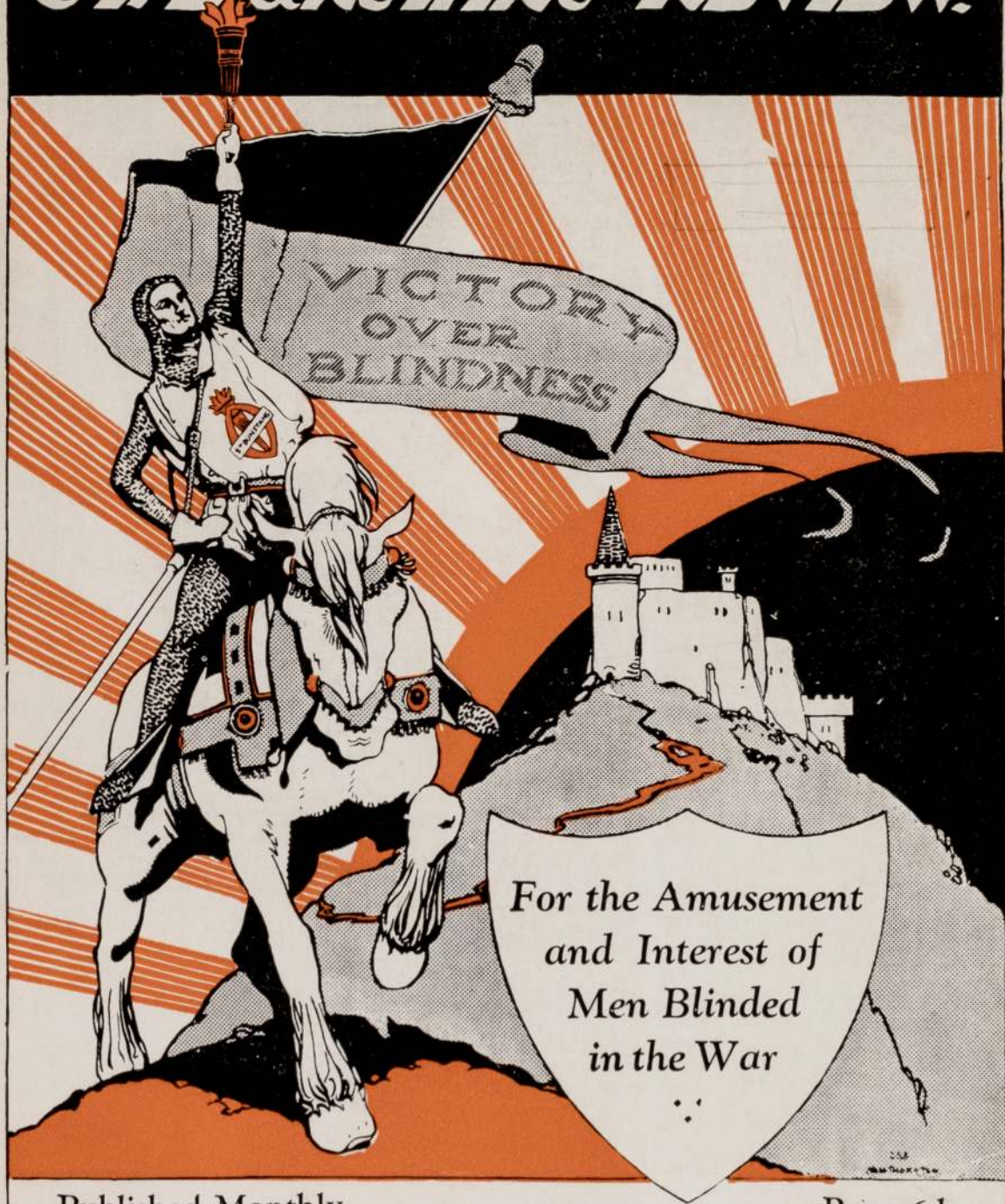


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EDITORIAL NOTES

WE are able to make an announcement this month which we are sure will arouse great interest amongst St. Dunstaners everywhere. This is to the effect that at the beginning of August our Chairman, Captain Fraser, is paying a long-promised visit to South Africa. Under the ægis of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Vintcent, whose splendid work on behalf of our South African St. Dunstaners is so well known, Capt. Fraser proposes to make an extensive tour of the Union during September and October. The primary object of this tour is to enable him to meet again the war-blinded men who were trained at St. Dunstan's and who are now settled in different parts of the Union and Rhodesia, to learn at first-hand of their progress and to consult with the South African Committee of St. Dunstan's as to permanent arrangements for their welfare. Mr. and Mrs. Vintcent are arranging in addition for Captain Fraser to address meetings at many of the principal towns and to meet the mayors and the leaders of civic and social life who have always taken such keen and practical interest in the work of St. Dunstan's throughout the Empire, and in South Africa particularly.

Apart from the official and business side of his tour, however, Captain Fraser, it may not be generally known, will in this visit to South Africa be returning to what is really his home, for although he was born in England, his parents were permanent residents in the Union, his father having lived in the country for over half a century. Indeed, Captain Fraser describes as perhaps his earliest recollection being swung, at three years of age, in a basket from a steamer at Durban into a little tug. At that time the steamer had to stand some way out from the town, and a tug was requisitioned to take the passengers and their belongings ashore.

Already the South African press is giving widespread reference to Captain Fraser's visit, and while all our South African St. Dunstaners, the great majority of whom have personally known Captain Fraser in past years, will be specially glad to meet him again, there is little doubt but that he will find a very warm welcome everywhere he goes, not only because of the high regard in which the work of St. Dunstan's is held throughout South Africa, but in recognition of the untiring, intuitive, and splendidly loyal service he has rendered his war-blinded comrades, both when he was in charge of the After-Care Organisation and especially since he accepted the position of Chairman of St. Dunstan's.

We are sure that Captain and Mrs. Fraser will sail with the universal good wishes of us all for a very happy and successful tour, particularly as this is the first occasion, since the visit of Sir Arthur Pearson to the United States and Canada in December 1918, that the Executive Head of our Empire-wide Organisation has found it possible to see at first-hand the work that St. Dunstan's is effecting in any of our great Overseas Dominions.



NEWS OF ST. DUNSTANERS

ALL public-spirited St. Dunstaners will wish to offer their congratulations to P. J. Sparkes, of Grimsby, who has been elected Vice-President of the British Legion in Grimsby. Nor is this the extent of his work for the good of his fellow citizens; he was candidate for a seat on the Grimsby Board of Guardians at the last election, and nearly won, losing only by a single vote. Sparkes put up a splendid fight, we hear, and what with political matters and attending to his patients he had a hectic time for the last weeks before the poll.

Success in another line has been won by F. G. Teagle, of Aldbourne, Wilts., who has again won a First Class Certificate for his mats at the Wiltshire Arts and Crafts Exhibition in Trowbridge. In addition, he sold several mats, and is anticipating further orders as a result of the advertisement he has gained.

Morley Farm, near Loughborough, which is run by S. W. Taylor, is in a flourishing condition, thanks to Taylor's efforts. He has six fine specimens of calves.

Another man who believes in live stock is G. James, of Barrow-on-Soar. He has just made a successful sale of a calf, and is now bringing eleven energetic little pigs to a marketable state in addition to looking after his poultry.

Recent alteration to the shop of F. Ashworth, of Gorleston, have improved it immensely, and he has stocked it up well, we hear, in preparation for a busy season. Good luck to him. Ashworth's daughter, Peggy, is one of the many young St. Dunstaners who have been sitting for examinations and are now hoping to hear of victory. We trust that by the time these lines appear in print they will all have heard good news.

A move has been made by W. H. Thorpe, of Ipswich, and he is now well settled into his new house, which is in a good street. As a result, Thorpe is putting in strenuous hours in the garden, which has been allowed to grow into a wilderness by a former tenant.

A fellow-labourer is J. J. Knights, of Trimley St. Mary, who has quite a nice piece of land, back and front, which he has dug and planted by himself while his busy wife has been renovating the house in a most professional manner. Knights' plantings are growing well, so he has evidently a lucky hand.

A few nice local orders for baskets have been coming the way of B. G. Wood, of Brackley, of late.

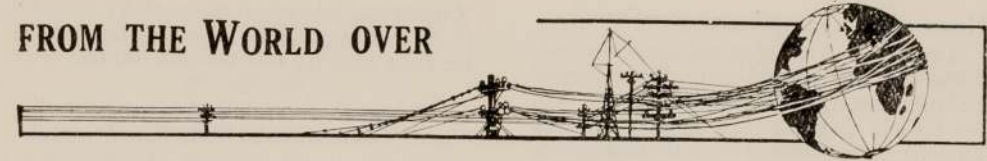
C. H. Brown, of Burton-on-Trent, is looking remarkably fit, his friends will be glad to know.

Literally scores of newspaper notices have been appearing in the Press concerning a little adventure that befell D. S. H. Wood, of Rugby, a few weeks back. A conscienceless boy palmed off a piece of paper upon him as a 10/- note, and, escaping once, tried the same dodge again—with dire results as far as he was concerned, for Woods was on the look-out for him and a capture was effected. That a member of the rising generation should play such a trick on a St. Dunstaner has horrified many people.

Very pleasant indeed are the new surroundings of A. F. Groves, of Woodchurch, who has just moved into another house which promises to give great satisfaction. There is a near-by pond which is an attraction to the young people—if, perhaps, a somewhat dangerous playground.

The latest recruit to joinery is A. A.

FROM THE WORLD OVER



Hillier, of Kempton, who is anticipating doing great things so soon as he makes a fair start.

"Very well and as busy as usual," says J. Harker, of Hove, who is very pleased with life. He has now secured possession of the house upon which he had set his heart, and is looking forward to moving in at the end of the summer.

A rush of orders has almost swamped H. Chave, of St. Neots, who is hard put to it to understand why everyone in his district seems to run out of mats and require their boots mended at the same time!

Every poultryman will sympathise with A. Jarvis, of Whitehill, Borden. Crows have carried off at least eighty of his Leghorn chickens—a very serious loss indeed, just when he was hoping to increase his stock.

Plenty of work usually seems to come to A. Allen, of Stoke-on-Trent, and he goes steadily forward with a contented mind and good health; perhaps the latter is partly due to the hours he spends in his garden, which he manages to keep in most excellent order.

We learn that hard-working E. D. Martin, of Wolverhampton, has a most attractive display of baskets in his window at present.

G. Perry, of the same district, is developing into a veritable sports enthusiast, as those who were in camp with him know well—but we would add that his new love is not leading to any slackening of his attendance at his mat frame.

The health of A. Massey has improved notably since he moved to Corfe Mullen, and he has already made some nice friends.

His first mat was sold so speedily that he feels sure the move has brought him luck.

Picture-framing has its "seasons," according to E. J. Harlow, of Eton, and after the slackness of the holidays, he is now particularly busy.

Local sales of between thirty and forty mats have been made by T. Thorpe, of Darwen—good going, indeed. He has found customers at both schools and mills, and such sales have a way of repeating and extending one's clients in a wonderful way. Mrs. Thorpe, we are sorry to say, has not yet recovered from the effects of her nasty fall at Christmas.

A number of local orders have been secured also by S. Wright, of Wilsden, another of our joiners. Oddly enough, the district seems to "run" to a demand for step-ladders.

A most satisfactory move has been made by T. W. Chamberlain, of Hull, who is looking forward to opening his shop as soon as it is free from the presence of decorators. May the "Opening" have been accomplished before these lines appear in print. We send good wishes for the prosperity of Chamberlain's venture, and feel sure that with the splendid co-operation his mother gives him he will win success.

Yet another who is delighted with his new house is H. Chafer, of Hull, which is particularly modern in equipment, being built on one of the new housing estates.

Our recent spell of good weather has done wonders for F. Hemsworth, of Doncaster, who has seized the opportunity to get about the countryside on a tandem. He has had many most enjoyable outings, and travels with a friend who is delightfully regardless of distance.

News of St. Dunstaners—continued.

Those who are contemplating the purchase of dogs should note the name of L. Hutchinson, of Huntington, near York, for he has now settled comfortably in a bungalow and intends to start dog-breeding again.

A nice little four-seater car has been acquired by A. Adams, of Balby, Doncaster, who is seeking out trade by carrying his drapery into outlying districts and selling from door to door. Good luck to his enterprising spirit.

"Doing very nicely," says G. F. Furniss, of Bolton, in regard to his poultry, and Mrs. Furniss, too, is fronting the world bravely. She lost her mother quite suddenly from heart trouble a few weeks ago, and both she and her husband are feeling the shock.

S. A. Worlidge is now well settled in at Keelby (Lincs.), and shows every intention of becoming an enthusiastic and successful poultry farmer.

We are hoping to be able to give interesting accounts of the Great Pilgrimage to Belgium this year; among those who are going is W. Tremble, of Knaresboro'.

We congratulate the wife of W. Duxbury, of Moston, Manchester, who at the recent sports carried off a first prize—a pair of most attractive brass vases. Congratulations also to his daughter, who has just passed an examination and as a result is offered education at Notre Dame Convent.

Other young Dunstaners who have been under examination and have high hopes of carrying off scholarships are Kenneth Hunter, son of J. Hunter, of Bolton (whose drawing is noticeably good), and Reginald Heapy, son of J. Heapy, of Heywood, whose headmaster reports that he is particularly pleased with the boy's progress.

"I never have a slack time," says W. M. Williamson, of Denton—a fine piece of news, indeed. Just before we go to Press

Williamson had received an order for five linen baskets and had customers waiting for fruit baskets and tea-pot stands.

"At again," says J. Eccleston cheerfully—and puts it down to his holiday.

"Can't grumble" is the report from W. T. Monaghan, of Wallasey, Cheshire. He is making various alterations in the kiosk, which seems to be doing a fine trade. Both Mr. and Mrs. Monaghan are splendid workers and are invariably "up with the lark."

Everyone will be glad to hear that J. Ballantyne is on the mend after his distressing accident. He was knocked down by a motor car and his foot injured. His child, who was with him, suffered from "shock" almost as severely as Ballantyne himself.

T. Ashall, of Billinge, is becoming quite an expert in the making of those remarkably useful string-containers, we hear, and finds the work most interesting. His confectionery business is "holding its own" despite severe competition.

"Keeping champion," says A. Hamlett, of Winsford, who is working away at baskets. His eldest son, a boy to be proud of, has secured a job at the pumping station, and Hamlett is full of hope that it will lead to an engineering apprenticeship.

"Plenty of local orders," reports W. H. Whiteside, of Lytham, cheerfully. His son also has just started out in the world, and has secured promising employment with a local electrical engineer. Whiteside, by the way, has made himself exceedingly popular with local tradesmen, who are among his most appreciative customers.

Both W. Muir, of Middleton, and V. Jones, of Lostock Gralam, have been suffering from similar accidents—both having scalded feet. Muir's accident was not very serious, although painful enough, no doubt, but his fellow-sufferer was laid up for three weeks or more. We are glad to be able to report that he can get about

again now. His wireless has been a boon during the "laying-up" time.

Congratulations to H. Birley, of Pendleton, who carried off three prizes at the recent sports.

In two weeks G. Gillibrand received local orders for no less than eight mats from local sources. As a "backyarder" Gillibrand wonders whether he breaks the record with his poultry. He has twenty-nine birds, and averages 120 eggs a week!

Another fine record comes from C. A. Stevens, of Ashford, and he asks, "Who can beat it?" In May and June last year eight hens laid 149 eggs each month, and this year, in March and April, six hens gave them 107 eggs each month!

No wonder J. Moss, of Little Lever, Lancashire, is waiting anxiously for the time when he shall have got over the initial difficulties of starting in the same line.

Space is limited, but two of our gardeners must have mention. P. W. Powell, of Yatton (Herefordshire), has done wonders with his garden, which, with Mrs. Powell's able assistance, he keeps in splendid order. When A. A. Hughes (of the same county) took possession the place had a generally neglected appearance, but he has got it into fine shape, well planted, and with neatly-kept hedges that would do credit to any man. His latest triumph is a pig-sty and run. Mrs. Hughes, too, is as enthusiastic a worker as her husband, and cheerily lends a hand in whatever direction it is required, as also does her father, so Hughes is particularly fortunate.

As for our Irish St. Dunstaners, J. O'Neill, of Newport, is in splendid health, and has done a large part of the work of planting an acre of potatoes. P. Maher, of Nenagh, says he is "Pushing through nice and quiet"; M. McLoughlin, of the same district, is in excellent health and doing yeoman work with his pony and cart, trying to beat his rivals with their motor lorries.

Brief Notes

"Very well and quite busy," says M. O. Anker, of Ealing, and much the same news comes from another St. Dunstaner in the same district, T. W. Walton. J. W. Macaulay, of Heaton Park, who "never sticks at anything," is also well, except that he has been having some trouble with his teeth. "All's well," with S. K. Jerome, of Hurn, R. A. Newton, of Ringwood, E. Gregory, of Aldham, near Colchester, W. E. Cook, of Wood Green, B. Varley, of Stanway, Essex, and A. Taylor, of Copford, who is kept very busy with his poultry and pigs.

Boots and mats are the avocations of E. Alexander, of High Street, Borough, and he is planning great doings when he is well settled in his new premises.

The health of F. Cairns, of Wakefield, is much improved, and he is now out of the doctor's hands.

S. Goodwin, of York, is happily fixed up in a Council house. His married nephew is now living with him.

A. T. Turrell, of Beeston, Leeds, head of a particularly happy little family, should be contemplating entering his fourteen months' boy for the first convenient baby show; we hear he is a remarkably fine child, and a great credit to Mrs. Turrell's careful upbringing.

H. Buchanan, of Sutton, is another whose garden is making excellent progress.

L. Hsley has a record coat of sunburn for the time of year!

Woollies keep F. Kneller, of Southampton, busy, and he had a well-earned and most enjoyable trip to Shawford with a very friendly party recently which was a great success.

The health of J. McAndrews, of Christchurch, has improved, and he is working away at his trade again. T. J. Waldin, of Winchester, is busy with boots and his general store, and facing the world bravely. W. T. E. Collins, of West Cowes, is catering

for the needs of Isle of Wight residents so far as mat-making goes, as does A. E. Moore for the inhabitants of Denmark Hill, M. J. Shinnars, in the New North Road, and A. Blackwell, in Dagenham.

Our telephonists, too, are "carrying on well," among them C. F. Thompson, of Kingsbury, A. Smith, of Harlesden, J. B. Dixon, of Edgware, and W. Nichols, of St. John's Wood. In the same list, though actually he is a typist, should come F. A. Rhodes, whose friends will be glad to know that he is in better health.

In Southsea, J. Collinson is busy with tobacco and baskets. E. G. Willcocks is making a good thing of joinery work in Tottenham. J. Dixon has secured a number of local orders for mats round about Watford, and H. Jones, of the same district, is working steadily and well at the same craft, as is E. A. Turnock, not so very far distant from the two men previously mentioned.

Deaths

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

AVEY.—To Mr. and Mrs. Avey, of Dudley, who, on the 3rd of June, lost their little son born a few hours previously.

BREWER.—To Mr. and Mrs. G. Brewer, of Helston, Cornwall, who lost their little daughter Beatrice on 7th June as the result of an accident. The child upset a kettle of boiling water over herself, and died from burns and shock.

BLYDE.—To Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Blyde, of Old Kent Road, who, on the 12th of May, lost their eldest son, from pneumonia, after only a few days' illness. Young Mr. Blyde was aged 28, and his loss is the greater to his parents in that he was unmarried, and has always lived at home.

DAKIN.—To Mrs. Dakin, of Herne Hill, who lost her father on 22nd June. He died quite suddenly in his sleep.

SMITH.—To Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Smith, of Derby, who on the 20th of May lost their little daughter, aged one day.

WAITE.—To A. Waite, of Kettering, who lost his wife suddenly on the 15th of May. She died in Kettering General Hospital.

Births

BIRCH.—To the wife of W. Birch, of Waltham Green, a son, on the 17th June.

DEEGAN.—On the 2nd of June, a son, to the wife of J. Deegan, of Brixton.

JENNINGS.—On the 3rd of June, to the wife of S. Jennings, of Potto, a son.

MATTHEWMAN.—On the 28th May, to the wife of F. Matthewman, of Carlton, Yorks, a daughter (Doreen May).

MCDOWELL.—On the 16th of April, to the wife of H. McDowell, of Droitwich, a son (Robert Stephen).

OWEN.—To the wife of D. Owen, of Blaenau Festiniog, a son, on Saturday, 9th June.

WEBSTER.—To the wife of S. Webster, of Clapham, a son, on the 23rd of June.

Marriage

FAULKNER-FOSTER.—On Saturday, the 19th of May, H. Faulkner, of Nottingham, to Mrs. Gertrude Foster. The ceremony took place in St. Matthias' Church, the Vicar (Rev. J. H. Tomlinson) officiating.

The best man was L. Foster, of Kimberley, the bride's brother-in-law.

Many St. Dunstan's men will remember W. J. Hopper, and the additional disability which he has to overcome by the entire loss of his right hand. Every one of our readers will wish to join with us in congratulating Hopper on the making of oak trays, which he is now carrying on regularly. Accustomed as we are at St. Dunstan's to men overcoming difficulties of all kinds, we really felt that joinery-work was quite beyond the power of a totally blind man, with only a left hand, but Hopper has proved that it can be done.

All St. Dunstaners have probably heard of Mr. Atkinson, who has had charge of the joinery department from the commencement, but it may be news to a few that he himself cannot see. We will leave our readers to imagine Mr. Atkinson giving the necessary instruction to Hopper in his little workshop at Hull, and we have no doubt that they will come to the conclusion that this is another excellent example of the spirit which has kept St. Dunstan's going.

W. H. O.

"In Memory"

PRIVATE JAMES LORD (*23rd King's Liverpools*)

WE announce with deep regret the death of this St. Dunstaner. Lord enlisted in April 1916, and came to St. Dunstan's two years later, where he was taught boot-repairing and clogging. He did well at this work, and after a year's training he left and took up these occupations as a trade. In February of last year, however, his health gave way, and since then he had been in hospital. He died on Sunday, 6th May, aged 51 years.

The funeral took place at Accrington Cemetery on 10th May, the Vicar of the Parish conducting the service. The coffin was draped with the Union Jack. Among the beautiful wreaths from relatives and friends was one in the form of our Badge from Captain Fraser and other comrades at St. Dunstan's. St. Dunstan's was represented by Mr. Fairclough.

PRIVATE A. WEBB (*11th Royal Warwickshire Regt.*)

This St. Dunstaner enlisted early in 1915, and was blinded in July 1916 at Contalmaison. He came to St. Dunstan's in the following November, and was trained in mat-making, but he was never able to do much work after returning to his home in Birmingham on account of the continual bad health of himself and his family. In January of this year he lost his little daughter, Jean, and two weeks afterwards his wife died. Six children now survive, the youngest of whom is only two years old. Webb died on 23rd May.

The funeral took place on 29th May at Whitton Cemetery, and many relatives and friends were present at the graveside. There were many beautiful floral tributes, including a wreath from St. Dunstan's in the form of our Badge.

DRIVER ARTHUR HUGH FISHER (*K. Battery Royal Horse Artillery*)

Re-joining in 1914, this St. Dunstaner was blinded in Flanders within two months of the outbreak of war. He came to St. Dunstan's in January of 1917, and was trained in boot-repairing and netting, and on leaving in July of the following year, carried on with these occupations at his home at Clerkenwell. He enjoyed fairly good health as a rule, but in February of this year he was suddenly taken ill and collapsed in the street. He gradually became weaker, and died on the 21st June.

The funeral took place on the 25th June, and a large number of beautiful wreaths were received, including one from the Royal Courts of Justice (where Fisher, previous to his war service, was an attendant), and also one from St. Dunstan's.

Fisher leaves a widow and three children to mourn his loss.

PRIVATE ARTHUR LILLIE (*5th Middlesex Regiment*)

Coming to St. Dunstan's in March, 1920, Lillie was trained in clogging, at which he did remarkably well. In 1923, however, he gave up this occupation, and opened a little general shop. For some time recently Lillie had been under the care of the doctor suffering from bronchitis and asthma, but he died quite suddenly from heart failure on the 15th June.

The funeral took place on the 21st June at Chingford Mount. A wreath in the form of our Badge was sent "From Captain Fraser and his other Comrades at St. Dunstan's."

Lillie leaves a widow and two children to mourn his memory.

The Chairman's Notes

Southern Ireland

RECENTLY a copy of an appeal which I sent out happened to reach someone who was interested in ex-service men in Southern Ireland. He was very keen about the claims of Southern Irish loyalists, which he said had not been met by either the previous or the present British Government. In these circumstances he could not spare any money for St. Dunstan's. When I pointed out to him the fact that St. Dunstan's cares for the blinded men in Southern Ireland so far as circumstances will allow in just the same way as those in Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales, he changed his mind and sent me a donation. In his letter he told me that ex-service men in Southern Ireland were not at all well cared for, and that St. Dunstan's was about the only National Organisation which did anything material to meet the difficulties of Southern Irishmen who loyally stood by the Mother country during the war. This was a testimony of which I am sure readers of the REVIEW will like to hear.

General Blind Welfare

The objects of St. Dunstan's are limited to the care of soldiers, sailors and airmen blinded as a result of war service, and this means, of course, that the funds of St. Dunstan's are necessarily closed to any other blind people who have not this military qualification. Though our funds are thus limited—and quite properly so—St. Dunstan's can nevertheless take credit for having done a great deal to help civilian blind people in their difficulties. For example, there are dozens of occasions upon which I have heard of a St. Dunstan's man who has helped some friend he has met, by teaching him something which he learned at St. Dunstan's or by putting him in the way of getting some apparatus which he

required, or by advising him what to do in certain circumstances. Then again, in Canada and New Zealand to quote but two examples, the return of St. Dunstan's officers and men led to an entirely new interest being taken in the welfare of the civilian blind in those countries, and in much being done, by following the St. Dunstan's spirit and method, to help them. Captain Edwin Baker and Mr. Clutha Mackenzie in these two countries, with the assistance of many of their colleagues, have done a really great service for these Dominions by spreading knowledge of what ought to be done, and enthusiasm to do it. Yet another direction in which St. Dunstan's renders a service which costs us no money, but is of very great value, is in advising people who go blind from accidents in out of the way parts of the world how they had better face their difficulties, and overcome them. In the last month I have by a curious coincidence been asked to advise what should be done in two cases of young men who were blinded by accidents in Rhodesia. The cases were entirely separate, one being the result of a shooting accident, and the other of a boiler explosion on a tobacco estate. I wish that arrangements such as we are able to make at St. Dunstan's for men whose loss of sight was due to military service were available for young men like these two to whom I have referred, but though they are not I am glad to say that I have been able to put them in touch with the right people who can give them some measure of assistance. It is a good thing that at any rate the experience which we have accumulated at St. Dunstan's can be made available to those to whom it can be useful.

Ian Fraser



TWO INTERESTING PHOTOGRAPHS

We are sure many of our readers will be glad to possess copies of the two pictures we print on this page. The top one shows the interior of St. Dunstan's little Chapel at our Brighton establishment, and the lower one was taken on the occasion of the presentation of three invalid chairs to which reference was made in our May issue.



ST. DUNSTAN'S ANNUAL SPORTS DAY

A Successful Gathering

THE Regatta and the 25-Mile Walk—to say nothing of our other sporting events—will have to look to their laurels in the way of attendances and the number of entries if our Annual Sports Day continues to score such great success in both respects. Favoured by perfect weather, the afternoon of Saturday, 23rd June, saw the Sports enclosure in Regent's Park surrounded by interested spectators standing two and three deep from the first event to the last. St. Dunstaners, their families and friends, made a goodly crowd on the Sports Ground itself, and it was wonderful how the hard-working officials were able, in spite of the willingness of everyone to help, to get through the big programme with such commendable rapidity and smoothness. The running off of the heats for the Children's Races alone was an undertaking to make brave men quail, for Miss Five-years-old and Master Seven-years-old (particularly the former) had very definite views of their own as to getting off the mark and the direction in which they desired to run. But a combination of the persuasive powers of Instructor Tovell and the cajolings of the proud mothers resulted in a comparative unison of effort. There were tiny representatives in these events of many names famous in St. Dunstan's sporting annals. A little Ingram, two little Birches, two little Lowings, two little Lenderyous, a Boorman, a Fallowfield, a Northgreaves, a McFarlane and a Kerr, to say nothing of a John Henry (without his "Blossom" and not from 2LO!) were among the competitors, and in two cases at least "Daddy's" fame, or training, seemed to have counted for something in the result.

Considerations of space do not permit us to review all the events in detail, and the results lists which follow these notes must be left to tell their own story. A word of special praise should, however, be given to the competitors in the 75-Yards Race, where, throughout both the heats and the finals, really splendid sprinting was seen.

Captain and Mrs. Fraser were present nearly the whole afternoon, and were able to welcome many old Dunstaners and their friends. Incidentally, our chairman was among the "also rans" in the Cigarette Race, which fact, considering the length of his stride, we think must be blamed to his good lady's tardy ignition of the aforesaid cigarette! Mrs. Fraser, however, made up for this shortcoming by the very charming way she presented the many fine prizes to the successful competitors after tea. That tea, by the way, deserves a word to itself. The way the strawberries and cream vanished must alone have told the kindly folk who worked so hard to satisfy the hunger and thirst of little ones and big ones that their efforts put the crowning touch to a most enjoyable afternoon. Thanks are also due to the ladies and gentlemen who acted as officials, time-keepers, judges, &c., and particularly to Miss Woolrych, on whose shoulders fell the main part of the burden of arranging the programme, and who also was the moving spirit in raising from friends and members of St. Dunstan's staff the generous fund which provided so many delightful prizes.

One of the happiest events imaginable was the gathering of the children on the lawn at Headquarters to run races for no less than 108 splendid toys of all descriptions most generously presented by our good friends the members of St. Mark's Lodge, Royal Ancient Order of Buffaloes. We hope some at least of the members were present to hear the gurgles of joy with which each small competitor in these races found that whether he or she was first or last, there was a prize waiting. It was a most happy thought to arrange the distribution in this form.

RESULTS

T.B.—75 Yards Sprint	S.S.—75 Yards Sprint
1. J. Greaves	1. H. Prior
2. H. Kerr	2. F. Matthewman
3. E. Alexander	3. P. Cashmore
4. H. Boorman	4. E. Marsden

T.B.—Single Jump

	Ft.
1. A. Birchall	9
2. T. Dickinson	8.6½
3. J. Meighan	8.3½
4. J. McFarlane	8.3

T.B. Treble Jump

	Ft.
1. A. Birchall	25.11
2. J. Deegan	24.9½
3. H. Northgreaves	24.8½
4. J. McFarlane	24.4

T.B. Putting the Weight

	Ft.
1. W. Nichols	25.4
2. W. Robinson	25.0
3. S. Webster	23.8
4. J. Greaves	23.7

T.B. Throwing Cricket Ball

	Yds.
1. J. Deegan	56½
2. T. Dickinson	55
3. J. Meighan	52½
4. P. Holmes	52½
5. A. Birchall	52½

S.S. Treble Jump

	Ft.
1. H. Birley	25.10
2. A. Crooke	25.8
3. F. Matthewman	24.7
4. W. Yarwood	24.1

S.S. Putting the Weight

	Ft.
1. T. Fleming	25.10
2. F. Matthewman	24.8
3. H. Cook	24.0
4. S. Jackson	23.0

S.S. Throwing Cricket Ball

	Yds.
1. A. Jones	59
2. P. Cashmore	57
3. H. Cook	56
4. A. Crooke	55½

SHIELD COMPETITION

	Yds.	Ft.
London		
Cricket Ball—J. Meighan	58	
Putting the Weight—T. Fleming	26	2
Single Jump	8	9½
Treble Jump—A. Crooke	26	2½
Birmingham		
Cricket Ball—P. Cashmore	61	
Putting the Weight—A. Benning	23	10
Single Jump—W. Trott	8	1
Treble Jump—P. Holmes	22	6
Manchester		
Cricket Ball—J. Worthington	49	
Putting the Weight—W. Robinson	26	1
Single Jump—H. Cook	8	7¾
Treble Jump—H. Birley	24	10½

POINTS

	RESULT
London	11
Birmingham	6
Manchester	7

Cigarette Race

1. Mr. and Mrs. Treby
2. E. Marsden and Miss Morris
3. Stedman and Miss Mossman
4. H. Read and Miss Bax
5. E. Alexander and Mrs. Kerr

Ladies Race

1. Mrs. Ashton
2. Mrs. Ruddock
3. Mrs. Treby
4. Mrs. Roden

Girls under 5

1. Barbara Ingram
2. Barbara Boorman
3. Avis Peckham
4. Audrey Kerr
5. Monica Durkin
6. Joy Robbins

Boys under 5

1. Bobby Birch
2. John Henry
3. Peter Nichols
4. Roy Ridley
5. Tommy Hunt
6. Dunstan Champniss

Girls between 5-7

1. Joyce Peckham
2. Peggy McFarlane
3. Lillah Roden
4. Betty Knight
5. May Wood

Boys between 5-7

1. Ronald Knight
2. Colin Burran
3. Jack James
4. Harry Birch
5. Stanley Deegan

Girls between 7-14

1. Nancy Perry
2. Dorothy Champniss
3. Betty Lowings
4. Patricia Knight
5. Kathleen Fleming
6. Annie Baxter

Boys between 7-14

1. Talbot Knight
2. Terence Roden
3. Iven Burtenshaw
4. Ernest Alexander
5. Victor Champniss
6. Spencer Mitchell

GENERAL SPORTING NOTES

There is little to record this month as, owing to the bad weather we have been having on Tuesday evenings, sports have had to be held indoors, which is not at all the same thing during the summer months, and many of our supporters have felt more like playing dominoes and cards in the lounge. Rowing enthusiasts, however, have braved the stormy lake and the rough waters at Putney, and we hope their efforts will be rewarded at the Regatta. All competitors are looking forward with as much enthusiasm as in past years to this most popular event, and greater keenness will be added to the final of the Single Sculls in which Captain Fraser is racing the winners of the heats.

POINTS

3RD JULY, 1928			
1. Birchall	37	9. Martin	10
2. McSteel	28	10. Meighan	9
3. McFarlane	25	12. Prior	7
4. Crooke	24	.. Matthewman	7
5. Nichols	22	.. Fleming	7
6. Scott	16	14. Webster	6
7. Henry	11	15. Burran	5
.. Winter	11	16. Roden	2

SPORTS CONCERT

The Sportsmen expressed their very sincere thanks to their many kind helpers in the athletic world by giving a concert in the lounge at Headquarters on Tuesday, 12th June, at 8.15 p.m. The lounge was packed to overflowing, and the performers gave an excellent and varied programme which was much appreciated by all.

Programme

1. (a) "Rio Grande," (b) "Johnny come down to Hilo," St. Dunstan's Singers.
2. Song, "The Drum Major," J. Fleming.
3. Flute Solo, The Second Minuet, F. Rhodes.
4. Song, Selected, T. Roden.
5. Humorous Recitation, "The Green Tie of the little Yellow Dog," J. Hughes.
6. "Dinah Do," St. Dunstan's Singers.

7. Song, "I belong to Glasgow," J. McFarlane.
8. Song, "Harlequin, W. Robinson.
9. Recitation, "A Spring Song," G. Fallowfield.
10. Song, "Friend O' Mine," H. J. Boorman.
11. Trio, "The Three Schoolmasters," M. Burran, J. Henry, S. Webster.

At the end of the concert refreshments were served, during which time visitors and performers divided into little groups and chatted merrily over the various sporting events of the year. L. W.

We much regret that the result of the 1½ Mile Shield Run at Manchester did not reach us for last month's Review.—E.D.

RESULT

1. W. Castle
 2. F. Lenderyou
 3. W. C. Scott
- Time, 9.18½th mins.

Brighton Sports

We are still doing well with the sports, and as it is now getting towards the end of this term the competition is getting greater. The results of the Saturday morning general sports up to date are as follows:—

T.B. Section—	Pts.	
Dickinson, T.	630	1st
Duff, J.	555	2nd
Read, H. B.	490	3rd
S.S. Section—		
Marsden, E. T.	705	1st
Mathews, A. C.	615	2nd
Gidney, T. E.	455	3rd

FOOTBALL

	P.	W.	L.	D.
Marsden's team	16	9	5	2
Jackson's team	16	6	8	2
Gidney's team	16	6	8	2

Highest number of goals scored.

T.B.—Read, H. B., 12
S.S.—Marsden, E., 23

Rowing

We are finding the odds rather against us here. The only place we can get on is in the harbour at Portslade. The wind never seems to drop, and when we are on, blows us round in circles, which does not help anyone who is learning to row! However, it is the only bit we can get, so we have to make the most of it.

O. F. M.

Manchester Sports Club

We are asked to remind our readers of the following important announcements regarding the Manchester Sports Club:

Sister Hodgson has been able, through the generosity of the Manchester Y.M.C.A., to procure the loan of their Sports Ground at Alexandra Park on the following dates: 1st August and 5th September at 3 p.m. All are welcome at these gatherings.

Anyone wanting half-price passes for sculling at Plattfields, Boggart Hole Clough, or Heaton Park, please write to me. Boats are paid for by the Club on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Plattfields. Please note Sports Meetings and tea at Alexandra Park, Y.M.C.A. Ground, Wednesdays, 1st August and 4th September, 3 to 6 p.m. Please come punctually as we have to leave by 6 p.m.

Birmingham

25th August is the date fixed for the Walking Race. The start will be made at 2.30 sharp from the Farcroft Hotel, Rookery, Handworth, Birmingham. The distance is 14 miles, and entries must be in by 1st August.

We have received from J. Sheehy, of Dover, a most interesting account of the arrival of Marshal Foch at Dover.

"Marshal Foch arrived at Dover on a cross-channel boat at 5 p.m. on 25th May. Facing the landing stage was a guard of honour formed by the members of the local branch of the British Legion under the branch chairman, Brigadier-General Onslow, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O. After an address of welcome had been read to him by General Onslow, Marshal Foch proceeded to inspect the guard of honour, amongst whom was myself and A. Bennett, a brother St. Dunstaner. I myself had the honour of being right-hand man, and I did my utmost to do it as good as in the old days when I served in the Grenadier Guards and performed similar duties at St. James's Palace and Buckingham Palace. Marshal Foch shook hands with both Bennett and myself, and asked us questions through an interpreter. As he entered the train we all gave three very hearty cheers for one of the greatest soldiers the world has known."

News from the Workshops

BASKETS

J. Duff is developing good technical ability; he has done various work, and got on quickly with different strokes and types of baskets. His ability is really in advance of his memory. A. Kimber has been working on square baskets and dog beds, and has now started on soiled linens. He is persevering, and can see his own faults. Both of these things will be of value in securing advance when he gets full time on the trade. A. C. E. Matthews is making a dead set for soiled linens, and we hope soon to record that he has mastered them. W. Shaw has made a decidedly good start on willow-work, gaining experience already on barrels, waste papers, and pail baskets. If he progresses always as he has done in June, he should do well.

BOOTS

H. Acton has completed his course of training and has commenced his business in Brighton. We should like to congratulate him on the way in which he tackled his work under training; he was always extremely careful, and anxious to learn every detail of the work, which he handled in quite the right style, turning out some nice jobs in a consistent manner. We feel sure that he will give his customers satisfaction.

T. Dickinson is tackling his early difficulties well, and making satisfactory progress. E. Marsden is gaining experience and improving generally; his work lacks finish, and he will need more practise on lighter jobs. W. Smith has made a good start; he is quick in picking up details, and is turning out some very passable work. W. H. O.

YET ANOTHER "RECORD"

From 23 birds since last November, A. Campbell, of Blackburn, has never had less than 102 eggs in one week. On one occasion he had 119 eggs from these birds within the seven days.

In addition to poultry Campbell goes in for ducklings and pigeons, so he has an interesting collection of livestock.

Netting Notes

June has been another very busy month in the Netting Department, but most of the fruit nets have now been dispatched, as the fruit seemed to ripen so quickly this year and everyone wanted nets at once.

We have a stall at the Rose Show, Chelsea, the British Legion Exhibition, Wanstead Flats, and at Aldershot Horse Show this month. Princess Louise of Argyle, who opened the British Legion Exhibition, recognised and spoke to F. Fleetwood, who had made her a stool in 1915, and who was demonstrating netting. G. Phillips gave an exhibition of rug-making.

At the Chelsea Show a very charming French Countess bought two bordered navy-blue rugs for her yacht, so the men will feel their work travels a good deal sometimes.

The men at Brighton are busy and cheery as usual. Congratulations are due to W. Armstrong and A. Jones for passing their string bag test.

Colonel Western, A. C. Brignall, J. Markwick, and W. Armstrong are getting on well with rug-making.

C. White, G. Lamb, R. Randall, and A. Kimber are doing good work on various kinds of netting.

A. J. Cole has nearly finished his first string bag. K. H. W.

Typewriting Notes

We congratulate W. Anderson on passing his typewriting test.

Braille Notes

Very many congratulations to A. C. Matthews on passing his Braille writing test.

ADVERTISEMENTS

BRIGHTON.—Comfortable apartments. Highly recommended. Ten minutes from St. Dunstan's Annexe. Moderate terms.—Address, A. A. Hillier, Laurel House, 25 Sutherland Road, Kemptown, Brighton.

PUPPIES FOR SALE

FOR SALE, four Airedale puppies (dogs). Apply R. J. Williams, 63 Mile Oak Road, Southwick.

A Brighton Outing

We have received most enthusiastic reports of the outing arranged by the generosity of the employees of Messrs. Tilling's and the Southdown Omnibus Company, and which took place on 3rd July. Our big party of St. Dunstaners assembled at 9.20 on the Marine Parade, where they found four luxurious Southdown coaches awaiting them. Messrs. Tilling's Band followed in a fifth coach. The Commandant Matron, Miss Thelluson, and the sisters and staff, gave the boys a hearty send-off in glorious sunshine.

It was a perfect ride along the coast to Lancing and Worthing, and then on to Fontwell, where two loads were dropped for refreshments. The remaining coaches proceeded to Crocker Hill for a similar purpose. Here was received a pleasant surprise, for the Bucks Grove and District ex-Service men and their friends made a collection which provided all the refreshments.

The journey was then continued to Midhurst, where the men were entertained to dinner at the New Inn, and during the meal a telegram from Captain Fraser was read, expressing his best wishes for the success of the day. A hearty vote of thanks to the organisers was moved, and musical honours were accorded Mr. Mark Richards when he rose to reply.

Permission had been obtained to conduct the party over Viscount Cowdray's estate, and here some time was spent, enlivened by music supplied by Tilling's Band. Cigarettes, fruit, and other refreshments were distributed.

The journey home was a very wet one, but the rain came too late to damp our spirits. A halt was made at the Frankland Arms, Washington, where an excellent concert had been arranged.

A number of helpers accompanied the party and proved themselves indispensable throughout the day. Mr. M. Richards, the Hon. Secretary, worked energetically, and great credit is due to him for his excellent arrangements. Our thanks are also offered to Mr. Bernhard Baron and Messrs. H. Baker & Co. for cigarettes, and to Mr. Hales Dancy for strawberries.

Brighton was reached at 10.30, and one and all voted the outing one of the most successful on record.

A St. Dunstaner Singer

We offer our congratulations to E. Slaughter, of Harringay, on the continued success he is gaining in the musical world. We give below some extracts from a recent issue of the *Yorkshire Evening News*.

"With a Yorkshirewoman for his wife, the invaluable practical assistance of Baroness de Hulpert, and his own dogged perseverance and talent, a young singer who was blinded during the war bids fair to achieve a name for himself on the London concert halls and in Society's salons.

"He is Mr. Edward C. Slaughter. Already he has sung at the houses of Susan Countess of Malmesbury, Lady McIver, and Lady Lloyd, and I prophesy that soon he will have a long list of distinguished patrons."

We have also received at Headquarters a letter from Slaughter himself, giving us some interesting details of a further achievement. He writes:—

"You will be pleased to hear that I sung my first two songs in the German language at the Forum Club the other day before a large and distinguished audience. The songs were 'Preislied' from the Maistersingers, and 'Ich Liebe Dich,' and I was congratulated by many of the audience on my pronunciation and accent, and especially by my teacher, who was present, and said she was very proud of my performance.

"I was also one of those who were chosen to perform at the annual matinee held at the Victoria Palace in aid of the Dumb Friends' League. There also I received high praise for my singing."

We feel that such spontaneous tributes as the foregoing must be of the highest encouragement to Slaughter, and we would add an expression of our best wishes for his attainment of still greater honours in the future.

Hinton Charter House Sports

A very enjoyable afternoon was spent by the St. Dunstaners and escorts who were lucky enough to be able to avail themselves of the kind invitation of Major and the Misses Foxcroft to a St. Dunstan's Sports Meeting held at Hinton Charter House on Saturday, 12th May. The weather was perfect and the delightful drive over was a good start to the outing, the Bristol contingent being driven over by members of Bristol Toc H. and their friends, and the Bath contingent by friends of Miss Skrine.

Sports were soon in full swing, and, though some of the competitors weigh rather more than they did in their early days at St. Dunstan's, everyone took part and there were some most creditable performances—certainly there can never have been a more delightful spot for such a meeting. Tea, a positive feast of good things, was spread under the large cedar tree. At its conclusion, Major Foxcroft made a much appreciated speech of welcome and good wishes. A. C. Evans and F. Westaway ably responded for their fellow St. Dunstaners.

With some more sports, competitions for the ladies and a little visit to the beautiful old church, the afternoon all too soon drew to a close. We all left with a feeling of deep gratitude to Major and the Misses Foxcroft for a memorably happy time. Many thanks are due to Miss Skrine, the Rev. Spurway, and their many willing helpers who did so much to make the first West Country Sports Meeting so great a success.

SPORTS RESULTS

THROWING CRICKET BALL	
1st A. C. EVANS	2nd T. Batt
EGG AND SPOON RACE	
1st T. Batt	2nd B. B. Bowering
THROWING FOOTBALL	
1st H. Perrett	2nd E. Brewer
CIGARETTE RACE	
1st T. Batt	2nd R. Comley
LONG JUMP	
1st E. Bryer	2nd A. C. EVANS
WHEELBARROW RACE	
1st E. Brewer	2nd A. C. EVANS
WALKING BACKWARDS	
1st A. C. EVANS	A. C. Robins
WALKING RACE (About 2 miles)	
1st A. C. EVANS	2nd B. B. Bowering

A power finishing machine which A. Sterno, of Bath, has had running for the past six months, has been, he tells us in a recent letter, a great success. He turns out some excellent work, and indeed most of his orders are from good-class customers, who send him repairs from all over the country. We understand that Sterno's shop and its general arrangement are admirable in every way, and we congratulate him upon the energy and enthusiasm he puts into his business. Sterno ends with a tribute to the careful and thorough teaching the men get at Headquarters during their training, and the constant attention received from the after-care instructors.

An excellent report reaches us of the work exhibited at the Wiltshire Arts and Crafts Exhibition at Trowbridge by A. E. Hill, of Devizes. Particular interest was shown in his fibre mat exhibit, and we congratulate him on the tribute paid to his craftsmanship.

From the Editor's Press Cuttings

FROM *The Belfast Telegraph*

Soldier's Triumph over Blindness.—Vernon Mullin, an Australian, who lost his sight in the Great War, has triumphed over his deficiency in a remarkable manner. He earns his living as a telephone operator, and his hobbies include stamp collecting, the building of wireless sets, and gardening.

He was struck by a broomstick bomb at the action of Mouquet Farm twelve years ago, and since then he has not allowed his blindness to tie him down in any way. He has charge of a large switchboard at Melbourne and he claims that in many years of service he has never made a mistake, and is an extremely rapid worker. Braille numerals are fitted to the board, but ten years of practice there, following a course of instruction at St. Dunstan's, in London, has made him so perfect that he plugs accurately and swiftly without even feeling the numbers. His memory is unusually retentive.

In the last year he has adopted stamp collecting as a hobby, and he now has more than twelve thousand stamps. Air mail stamps have a particular attraction for

him, and he has a fine selection of two hundred of these which cover all the air mail services in the world. Mrs. Mullins helps him in this, describing the water marks to him, while he values them and counts the perforations himself.

He has made all types of wireless sets, from crystal to four valve, and in this work he is entirely unassisted. He keeps the table well stocked with flowers and vegetables from the garden over which he has sole control. With his time thus fully occupied, he declares himself perfectly content.

FROM *The Yorkshire Evening News*.

Deafness or Blindness.—Deafness is a distressing disease, but Mr. Imber (a well-known newspaper manager) is hopeful, and his physician, too, that a cruise in sea-sunshine will bring relief. To the late Sir Arthur Pearson, compassionate creator of St. Dunstan's, Mr. Imber once said: "Which would you rather have, deafness or blindness?" "Blindness," came the instant reply, "a thousand times rather."

FROM *The Ashton Standard*

Ivor Novello's Double.—Gladys Cooper was such a very famous bride that we heard but little about her groom, Sir Neville Pearson. I must rectify this, because he is a most charming and accomplished young man—and so handsome that he has several times been mistaken for Ivor Novello?

He and Miss Cooper were associated in business even before their engagement was rumoured, for some time ago I noticed a series of articles by Gladys Cooper in one of the papers Sir Neville owns.

As well as being tremendously energetic in business, Sir Neville devotes a good deal of his time to working for the blinded soldiers at St. Dunstan's, of which he is vice-president. He is also president of the Fresh Air Fund, in which his actress bride has been interested for a long time.

FROM "LONDON CALLING"

Captain Lowry boxes at the Bath Club, runs at Stamford Bridge, has just started

riding in the Row and also on the downs at Brighton, dances at the Berkeley, and is the most versatile blind man of my acquaintance—with possibly one exception.

This is Captain Ian Fraser, the blind M.P., who actually skates unaided at the Ice Club. Moreover, by concentration Captain Fraser has learnt the voices of nearly a quarter of the Members of the whole House of Commons, as well as of the Lobby correspondents. The other day a friend of mine was walking with him along one of the corridors when Captain Fraser stopped and said: "I want to introduce you to Mr. —, the Lobby correspondent of the — newspaper." He had recognised the journalist's shuffling walk instantly, and did not even wait for his greeting to effect the introduction.

FROM *The Yorkshire Telegraph*

"*Low-down Game.*"—"It is a low-down and dastardly game to play—to steal from a blind man," said the Chairman of the Worksop Bench to George Wright, caravan dweller, William Potts, Fred Moore, and William C. Pritchard, who were fined £1 for stealing four fowls.

Mr. H. A. Knopp, a blind ex-Service man and owner of the fowls, said they were worth at least £1 each. They were the result of seven years' pedigree breeding and were from the best pen on the farm.

What are the views of our readers generally on smoking? From our own knowledge we think most of them who have a taste for the fragrant weed have not found their loss of sight affect it, but it would be interesting to have opinions on the subject. The following is a statement from the *Dublin Evening Herald*:—

"The statement that smoking cannot be enjoyed in the dark," writes an old reader, "is flatly contradicted by my own experience. I am quite blind, and yet I can thoroughly enjoy a pipe. I may explain that I smoke the strongest shag of the kind that Sherlock Holmes used to elucidate his most knotty problems, and even before I lost my sight I never smoked in the day time, but always at night."

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