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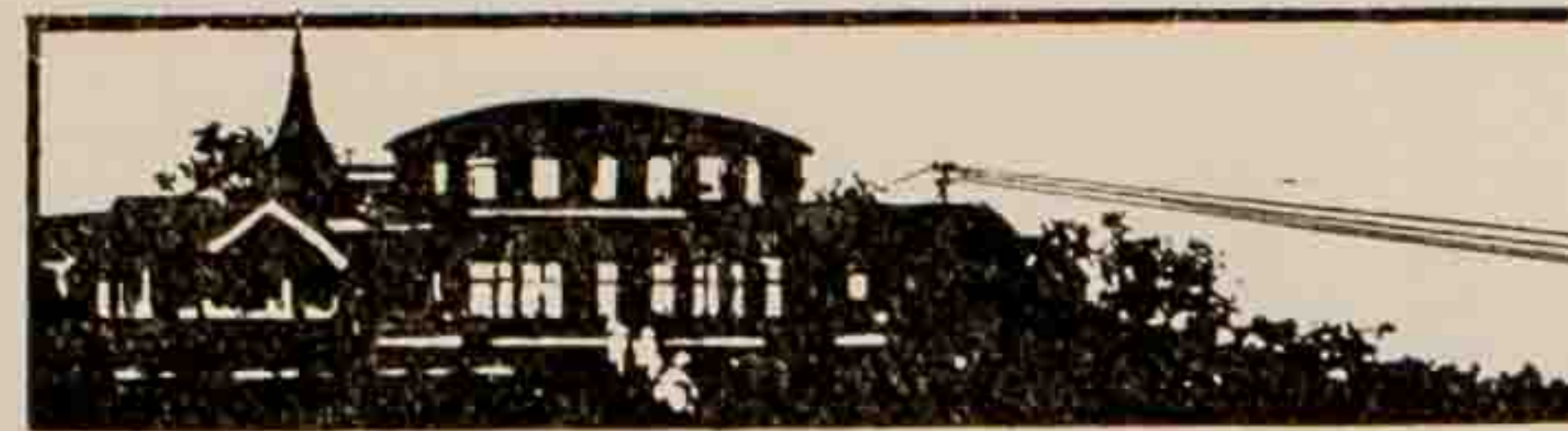
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## EDITORIAL NOTES

### Captain Fraser's Visit to South Africa: The Objects of the Tour

BY the time these lines appear in print our Chairman will be well on his way to South Africa. We are hoping that in future issues of the *Review* we shall be able to give our readers Captain Fraser's own impressions of his Tour and the many interesting experiences which he will undoubtedly have. One point is quite certain, and that is that although this Tour takes the place of our Chairman's annual vacation, and although, as we have said, it will, we are sure, afford him much of pleasure and deep interest, it will involve also a great amount of hard work. The public and civic engagements alone which have been arranged for will necessitate a large amount of travelling in such a vast country as South Africa, while the strain of so much public speaking and interviewing as Captain Fraser will have to do must be considerable. We may all be sure, however, that our Chairman will not spare himself in carrying out in the most thorough manner the objects of this Tour. Those are, primarily, for him to see at first-hand how our South African St. Dunstaners are progressing, and the means that are taken to ensure their present and future welfare. Closely allied with those inquiries, however, is the general interest of the South African people in the whole work of our great Organisation. For many years past they have given generous and practical proof of that interest, and indeed have made it clear that while, as is natural, they desire South African St. Dunstaners to be assured of all possible assistance, they wish, knowing the many other calls upon the Mother Country, to help also with the work that St. Dunstan's is doing in Great Britain and in the other Overseas Dominions. The splendidly successful and untiring labours on behalf of St. Dunstan's in South Africa of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Vintcent have, as is inevitable with philanthropic enterprise everywhere, not been without their worries. With all the goodwill in the world towards St. Dunstan's and its work, there are those who are inclined to question the need for continuing to raise funds for St. Dunstan's generally, and there are others who take the view that if such funds are raised they should be confined to benefiting South African St. Dunstaners only. Our Chairman will have the opportunity of putting forward St. Dunstan's views on this matter authoritatively and frankly, and we have no doubt that these friendly discussions will be of the greatest benefit to all concerned.

South Africa and South Africans have played so generous a part in making possible the Empire work of St. Dunstan's that it is only right that they should have the widest possible information as to how the resources they have provided are being expended, and St. Dunstan's aims and future needs clearly defined. As St. Dunstan's ambassador alone, Captain Fraser is, we are convinced, assured of a right royal welcome, which will be made the more personal and intimate in view of the fact that he is paying his first visit since childhood to the land of his birth.



## NEWS OF ST. DUNSTANERS

THERE is every prospect of a good season in the Blackburn district according to F. Marsden whose trade is boots. In addition a fair number of pullets keep him busy at this season of the year, and he grows tomatoes as a third string to his bow.

Another man in the same district is J. Stewart. No official intimation has reached us as yet, but we have heard it said that before long Stewart will be sending in a request for a silver tea-pot, as he is about to be married. We shall be glad to publish details of the wedding, and meanwhile offer good wishes to both Stewart and his bride.

"Everything going on well," says J. Mahony, of Torquay, who has had a very busy letting season, his rooms being full up all the time. Mahony took advantage of the gorgeous July weather to indulge in sea-bathing, and is very brown.

St. Dunstaners have been again specially honoured by Royal notice of late. A Bundy of Gloucester, has been honoured by the Duke of Gloucester who, when told by the Mayor that a St. Dunstan's man was present during his recent visit to the city of Gloucester, turned back from his inspection to single Bundy out and speak to him. The week should be a memorable one for Bundy, for, in addition to catching the Royal eye in this way, Bundy has been married. Of this ceremony further details will be found on another page.

Gardening has been a real joy to many of late, and S. C. Loram, of Brixham, has spent happy as well as profitable hours in his, and has worked wonders with his father's help. Everything has done well, and in addition to providing the family with an excellent supply of fruit and vegetables, Loram has contrived to make

a good many sales. He is much to be congratulated.

Like several other men Humphries (also of Brixham) is not keen on sleeping away from home, so instead of going on a regular holiday is planning all-day explorations of South Devon by motor bus. As the service is excellent, he should be able to cover a good part of the county and have a most enjoyable time.

J. A. Cobbell has made a satisfactory move, and is now at Shimpling, near Bury St. Edmunds.

Plenty of local orders, particularly for picture-framing, have been coming to A. Clover, of Long Melford. He is most fortunate in his clients and deserves to be congratulated on the way he retains their custom.

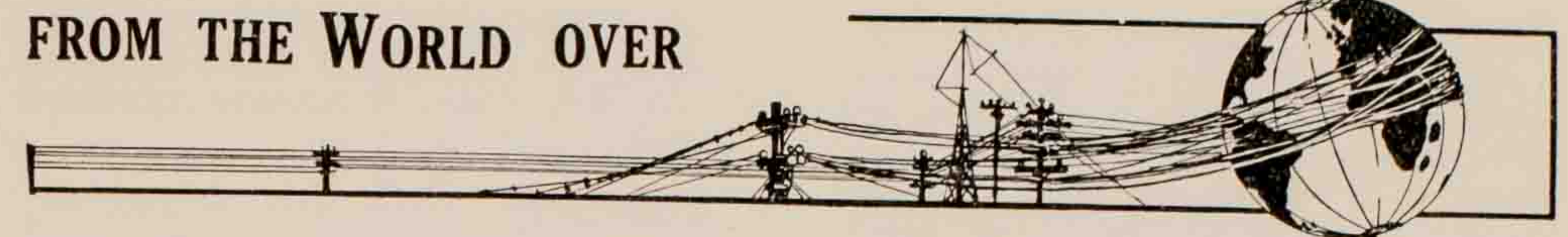
"Working away as hard as ever" is the news from A. G. Coman, of Dunswell. His poultry continue to thrive.

We feel sure that everyone will join us in offering congratulations to A. Urry, of Dunswell. He has been elected Chairman of the local branch of the British Legion—a well-deserved honour, for we know that Urry takes the keenest possible interest in local affairs.

"All's well," says P. Featherstone, of Ferriby, who is particularly busy at present with something like forty young pigs to look after. Even among St. Dunstaners Featherstone is noted for his enterprise and the number of irons he has in the fire, and is one of those blessed with a wife who is a genuine helpmeet, so life goes merrily on for him.

During the dog-days, at least J. Clemenson, of Wakefield, is a much-to-be-envied

## FROM THE WORLD OVER



man. He can work in a cellar guaranteed to be cool on the hottest of days.

To set to work to build a house seems a tall order, but T. Gibbins, of Kineton, Warwick, is making a very good job of such an undertaking, helped by his son. It ought to be a most comfortable place when it is finished, and will have a verandah down one side. Later, when the family has moved into the new abode, Gibbins intends to overhaul and repair the old one.

There is very little to say about D. Malcolmsen, of Belfast, except that he is very well—due in part, no doubt, to the steady exercise he takes; he goes for a long walk every night.

Pigeon men will doubtless have seen notices of the great pigeon race from Landerneau, in France, before these lines appear, but just in case McAteer does not get the luck for which he (and we) hope this year, we may say that he entered a pigeon for the event. His father won this race in 1911, by the way.

A recent article in a local paper described H. Bridgman, of Derby, as "The Singing Basketmaker." It gave such a good account of him and his work that quite a number of orders came in. Moral—make friends with reporters and journalists!

Despite troubles of various kinds, F. Handley, also of Derby, is well and cheery. His house and shop are both beautifully kept and most attractive.

Friends of J. Whittingslow, of Kidderminster, will be glad to know that he is much better, and dog lovers will envy him as the proud possessor of a splendid litter of pure bred Airedales.

Farming, according to C. Peach, of Copford, Essex, is an occupation that leaves little leisure for anything else. He finds practically no time for basket making, and is never idle.

Such a fine supply of potatoes, "as can't be beat," can be counted as one of M. O'Hara's, of Clara's, possessions. They are indeed a splendid lot, we hear.

An order for a standing workbasket came to F. A. Millen, of Birchington, a little while back. He had never made such a thing, but contrived to carry out the order to the customer's complete satisfaction. Congratulations!

Friends of W. Leonard, of Broadstairs, will be sorry to hear that the hot weather has been rather too much for him. He had a touch of sunstroke in the middle of July, but is better at the time of going to press and will, no doubt, be quite all right again before these lines appear. Young Leonard, who is only ten years old, has won a Kent County Scholarship to Chatham House School, Margate—a fine achievement for a small boy who has had to lose a good deal of time on account of the state of his health.

A very nasty accident befell Tommy, the little son of G. Moore, of Canterbury, a few weeks ago. He was knocked down by a charabanc, but has made an excellent recovery from the disaster.

How many men have tried the plan of A. Arnold (of Wimbledon) during the hot weather? Finding his hut uncomfortably warm in the afternoon, Arnold took to getting up very early in the morning and working before breakfast, then when the heat of the day came he felt free to rest.

**News of St. Dunstaners—continued.**

It is good to be able to report that A. Campbell, of Blackburn, is getting on, and now takes short walks. His young son Harry is a coming footballer, and did yeoman service in his school team, which has carried off several medals of late. Campbell's birds have been laying well. Since last November he has never had less than 102 eggs in a week from 23 hens—the record week was 119. In addition to poultry Campbell has 26 ducklings and 11 pigeons.

The new house into which F. J. Gibbins, of Rye, has moved is a great success. He is well and as busy as usual.

H. Lea, of Hulland Ward, is as cheery and happy as usual. He works hard at his mats and any repair work that comes in. Lea's workshop has been papered, painted, and creosoted, and looks most smart. A good deal of the handiwork was executed by Mrs. Lea, so Lea is another of our lucky men.

After a week in camp J. Dennick, of Evesham, returned fit and well to tackle his basket making with fresh energy.

Another man in the same district is W. Street, who contrives to get out on the river practically every morning.

W. C. Carnell, of Bampton, Devon, seems to be one of the most popular men in the village, and if ever he wants any help a dozen friends are eager to "lend a hand." He is as happy and prosperous as usual, and his "jazz band" is in great request. Carnell has a most useful bench which was made to his own idea by the village carpenter, and it enables him to sit at any height he likes while making his mats. It consists of a base with solid side pieces which project through slits in the seat which is kept at the desired height by strong pegs.

A fair amount of boot work has been coming the way of J. Rendell, of Tiverton, Devon. He is hoping to increase his poultry stock soon as he now has moreland.

An excellent show of British and foreign birds makes the shop of W. Higgins, of Lower Moss Lane, Manchester, quite an attractive place to visit.

Another shop said to be "quite the nicest in the district" is that run by F. Tait, of Bolton. He does particularly well at holiday time, as he sells both ices and sweets.

"Caravan Town," as started by T. Parrish, in Wellingborough, is on the increase; there are now ten caravans, all tenanted!

E. E. Deller, of Luton, will be a very busy man during the next few months, for he has moved into a particularly nice house with a long garden, in which there is a lot to do. The charm of the place is that there is only one road behind the house, and then a large private estate, so the district is fine and open. Deller is eager to get to his mat making again, and we hope he will be able to work up a good connection in the immediate neighbourhood.

Work comes to G. H. Matthews, of Haydock, in fits and starts, making him very busy for the time being. When drapery is quiet, he will get in a lot of repairs from the Asylum, which keeps him hard at it. Whenever there is an interval he makes up a few new clogs or entices in some local repair work. He has a fine new car, which helps him to get about the country.

Everyone will be sorry to hear that S. P. Fishwick, of Parr, St. Helen's, met with a nasty accident some few weeks ago. He was walking along the footpath and was misled because the railings near the river bridge were not in their usual place. The result was a fall, an injured leg, and an arm that had to be stitched.

Good wishes should go to T. W. Chamberlain, of Hull, whose shop is now finished and looks exceedingly well. He is a fine type of St. Dunstaner, and there is small doubt that he will do well. Chamberlain

is fortunate in having a splendid mother and a niece who can lend a helping hand in his shop when he is in the workshop.

According to H. Hurst, of Derbyshire, turkeys are depressing birds to rear; the chickens are much more satisfactory. Other St. Dunstaners may like to note!

Yet one more accident should be recorded, although we trust that before the news becomes public the patient will have forgotten all about the catastrophe, bad though it was. S. P. Peacey, of Forest Gate, was knocked down by a motor car a few weeks ago and sufficiently badly injured to have to be taken to hospital. No bones were broken, but both face and body were badly bruised and his head had to be stitched.

S. W. Wain, of Derby, is making good progress and in addition to selling baskets is increasing his circle of friends by lending aid in connection with "socials" that have been organised locally for the blind. He has found a good deal of amusement in surprising those with sight by showing them how thoroughly capable a blind man may be when he is a St. Dunstaner.

**Brief Notes**

How many St. Dunstaners would care to tackle bathing the baby? A. Taylor, of Lye, did not flinch from the duty of bathing two when need arose a short time ago—and one of them has a very pronounced objection to water used externally!

Some men have preferred to spend their holiday in a change of work, and among them H. R. Pratt, who utilised his leisure by getting his garden into most excellent order, as also did F. E. O'Kelly, of Putney.

An opposition boot repairer has set up barely twenty yards from G. Lawty, of Bridlington, but Lawty is out to show what a St. Dunstaner can do when "up against it."

W. Shurrock, of Barnsley, is in much better health since he has got to work, and is finding wool rug making a very interesting occupation.

Netting and baskets keep R. Horsley, of Purbrook, busy, and his health is good. H. Sida, of the same district, is continuing his light cane work. "All's well" with J. Patter, of Gosport, whose only daughter, by the way, is to be married about the time we go to press. G. Phillips, of Enfield, is in good health, and doing fairly well with his baskets. C. E. Porter, of Leyland, is very well and has plenty of work in hand.

With three heifers and his poultry to attend to H. T. Coates, of Preston, does not find time hang heavily. He had a stroke of bad luck of late, losing a calf.

W. Alston, of Preston, is looking much better, and is kept busy with the repairing of boots and clogs. T. Kinder, of St. Helen's, finds that he has little time for other matters after attending to his canaries and pigeons.

At High Wycombe R. Stanners is doing very well with his shop, and the same can be said of J. A. Morton, of West Wycombe.

A. J. Burtenshaw finds that Walthamstow people make fair demands upon him for both boots and mats.

In South Hayling, A. Kean has a nice new workshop. W. Brooks, of Bevois Hill, is working away at mats; the health of F. Boccock, of Woolston, is improving, as is that of A. Artingstall, of Ashton-under-Lyne. His son, by the way, is an enthusiastic confectioner and sometimes makes use of his knowledge in his home, to the pleasure of the family.

F. C. Vigar, of Exeter, is doing both netting and wool rug making, and is happy in his work. J. Woodhouse, of Derbyshire, is in good health, and contented enough though the season has not been ideal for poultry farmers.

"Going along all right," says W. R. French, of Weaste, Manchester, a very steady mat-maker. A. A. Hillier, of Brighton, is looking forward to starting work in good earnest. J. Brockerton, of Coleraine, still manages to get plenty of local orders for his mats. J. Kirkham, of Waltham Chase, contrives to sell quite a number of baskets in his neighbourhood, and W. Farmery is working away at boots and mats in the same district.

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All who know D. Lynch, of Cork, will be glad to know that he is in wonderfully good health and as patient and courageous as ever. His little den is a great joy to him.

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"Trade keeps pretty steady," says J. Crane, of Croydon. Smoking never seems to go out of fashion!

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All is well in regard to health and trade with F. Cooper, of Fareham, G. Anderson, of Portchester, and E. Brett, of Aldershot. The same can be said of J. F. Treby, of Fordham, near Colchester, C. H. Wheeler, of St. Albans, and D. Gray, of the same district. C. Temperton, of Dunswell, who is busy with his poultry, despite precautions, has lost several birds lately owing to a plague of rats.

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The gorgeous spell of hot weather in July was just the thing for J. W. Whitham, also of Dunswell, who gathered in his hay in record time.

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J. Yare, of Liverpool, is sticking to his basket work and finds weaving decidedly interesting. C. Davey, of Sawbridge-worth, is supplying the need for mats, and W. McCombie finds trade fairly good in Hornsey, while two of our Essex men, D. Melling, of Coggeshall, and J. D. Cockerill, of Laindon, report "all's well" as far as poultry is concerned.

### SPORTS MEETING

There will be a General Sports Meeting in the Lounge at Headquarters on *Tuesday, 2nd October, at 7 p.m.*, to discuss Winter Sports, Walks, &c., and it is hoped as many as possible will attend.

### Births

BRAY.—To the wife of E. Bray, of Newton Heath, Manchester, on the 24th July, a daughter (Eunice May).

CALDWELL.—To the wife of A. Caldwell, of Wallasey, a son (Frank Michael Kinson), on 8th June.

GRIFFITHS.—To the wife of J. Griffiths, of Coventry, a daughter (Olive Marjorie), on the 18th of July.

LLOYD.—On the 6th of July, to the wife of E. J. Lloyd, of Willow Lawn, Llanhorse Road, Llanishen, Cardiff, a son.

MCMAHON.—To the wife of F. McMahon, of Salford, a daughter, born on the 4th of July.

O'BRIEN.—On the 6th of July, to the wife of J. O'Brien, of Snode Hill, Beech Alton, Hants., a son.

TAYLOR.—To the wife of A. Taylor, of Lye, near Stourbridge a daughter, on the 21st of June.

WEBSTER.—On the 23rd of June, to the wife of S. Webster, 10 Braybourne Avenue, Clapham, S.W., a son.

WINDLE.—To the wife of J. Windle, of Kentish Town, N.W., a son, on the 3rd of July.

### Deaths

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

DENNISON.—C. Dennison, of York, whose mother died on the 21st of August, after an illness of ten weeks.

DURRANT.—Mrs. Durrant, of Wimborne, Dorset, whose mother, aged 75, died on the 6th of July.

OLDROYD.—M. H. Oldroyd, of Dewsbury, who on the 29th June lost his mother, aged 65, after a lingering illness of over thirteen years' duration.

SHEPHERD.—Mrs. Shepherd, of Intake, Sheffield, whose father passed away on the 9th of July. He was 77 years of age.

TANNER.—A. Tanner, of St. Ives, who lost his mother on the 2nd of July. She had had a great deal of suffering.



## NEWS FROM THE WORKSHOPS AND STORES

### BASKETS

The new men who have commenced work this term have made quite a good start and apparently find basket making very interesting. We anticipate being able to give good news of their progress after the holidays.

A. C. E. Brignall has been making further progress with barrels, wastepapers, trays and teapot-stands and when he gains confidence should progress rapidly.

J. Duff is taking full advantage of his training and we should like to congratulate him on the wide range of work he has got through. A 24 in. hamper he made would certainly do credit to a man with twice the amount of training. He has the real craftsman's touch.

A. Kimber has tackled some soiled linens quite well. He is evidently anxious to master the work thoroughly and is to be commended on the advance he has made.

A. Kitson has continued with wastepapers, teapot-stands and barrels. He works steadily and readily tackles every job.

A. C. E. Matthews completes his course this term at his own desire. His intention is to concentrate rather on soiled linen baskets and for this purpose he has been giving them special attention. His intelligence and enthusiasm will, we feel sure, enable him to progress still further with this craft, in which he has taken such keen interest.

The keenness of H. B. Read has not only caused him to get on well with his willowwork in the shop, but also moved him to make quite a number of teapot-stands at home. He can now make these remarkably well.

W. C. Shaw has covered a good range of work during his period of instruction. He has shown keen interest and, if he develops in the way in which he has started, should make a really practical basket maker.

### BOOTS

W. Armstrong makes the most of his time and puts forth effort with the result that he is steadily improving.

T. Gidney does a nice straightforward job. He finds ladies' heels somewhat of a difficulty, but he is really doing very well indeed.

J. Jackson is tackling his difficulties better. These are principally with work which requires gentle handling. His finishing and edges have improved considerably.

E. Marsden continues to do very well and gets a very nice finish on some jobs.

G. Taylor evidently likes the work and knows that he is not very speedy. We are expecting to see further improvement in his work next term.

During the latter part of the term F. Williams made a very striking advance and we should like to congratulate him on this decided step forward.

Will all men who are sending in finished goods of any sort to the Stores in Raglan Street note the need of putting on the *front* of the label their own name, so that it may easily be seen from whom the goods come?

If the name is put on the back it frequently gets covered with carriage stamps. Almost every week delay in payment occurs because we cannot see from whom certain goods come. Printed green labels can always be had by inquiring at the Stores, and men are asked to note that on the front of these labels there is a space for their own names to be written and it would help very much if they would make use of this.

W. H. O.

### Typewriting Notes

Very many congratulations to G. W. Lamb, T. Dickinson, A. Kimber and A. Jones, on passing the Typewriting Test.

We heartily congratulate W. Smith and T. Gidney on passing the Braille Reading Test.

M. H. R.

### The Chairman's Notes

*On the eve of our going to press we received a letter from Captain Fraser with the following interesting notes on his voyage over. By the same mail also has reached us copies of the Cape Town papers describing Captain Fraser's arrival and reception in Cape Town. The principal papers devote bold headlines, and in some cases pages, to descriptions of the scenes on arrival. We hope to give extracts in the next number of the REVIEW.*

R.M.S. ARUNDEL CASTLE,  
18th August 1928.

We arrive in Cape Town on Monday morning at 6 a.m. This ship will have been sailing southward for seventeen days and will arrive in dock within a few minutes of her scheduled time. She will have travelled five or six thousand miles, and will berth as punctually and easily as if she was a train. This is a very wonderful thought, and shows how with modern ships and organisation even a very long ocean voyage can be carried through precisely according to plan and without incident. The run to South Africa is usually one of the fair-weather voyages of the world, and on this occasion it has lived up to its reputation. The weather has been almost perfect since we left Southampton; the ship has scarcely rolled or pitched, and we have had no rain. Even in the tropics we were spared the excessive heat usually expected. On the last lap of the journey to-day we are enjoying typical South African weather, bright sunshine and a cool gentle breeze. It is the end of winter in the southern hemisphere, and before I leave South Africa in the middle of October, we shall be well into the spring. Durban, which is on the Indian Ocean, and Rhodesia, which is well up in the South African continent, will be hot, but elsewhere we may expect this kind of weather, which is just as good as it can be for travelling.

It is just twenty-one years since as a boy I came to England from South Africa on a small ship, less than one-third the size of the "Arundel Castle." Apart from any other consideration therefore, I have been very interested to make a long voyage in a big modern ship. The "Arundel" is the largest steamship on the South African run; she is only rivalled by the latest motor vessel, the "Carnarvon Castle,"

which is a few tons larger, and, of course, more up-to-date. In the main part of the ship there are five decks, served by an electric lift, and life generally is very like life would be in a first-class hotel. The ship makes a steady sixteen or seventeen knots an hour, or between three hundred and seventy and four hundred miles a day. She carries a wireless installation which enables her to keep in direct touch with England for a fortnight, and she is never out of touch with England or South Africa. We receive a brief news bulletin every morning, rather like the broadcast wireless news bulletin, but rather more general and world wide. There is an entertainment, concert, dance or sports most afternoons and evenings, but it is possible nevertheless to get away in a quiet corner of the deck and read or work if necessary. I can find my way about certain parts of the ship without difficulty, and could go further afield alone if I chose. There is a swimming bath and a gymnasium on board in which I take some regular exercise. This is a very necessary, as even with spacious decks there is not much room for serious walking. In the gymnasium are a rowing machine and a punch ball, which provide me with a good deal of excellent exercise, and amusement. I have never used this latter form of apparatus before, but it is admirable, and we must see if we can introduce it at St. Dunstan's for the sportsmen to use on Tuesday evenings.

The other night at the request of some of the passengers in various parts of the ship I delivered a lecture on St. Dunstan's to a large audience which packed out one of the big saloons. They were extremely interested, welcomed me very cordially and, though I did not lecture with the intention of raising money, or even suggest a collection, one followed during the next two or three days and the substantial

sum of over £60 was presented to me last night. This I have sent to Mr. Kessell. I find everybody is extremely interested in St. Dunstan's and in my proposed tour in South Africa, and I have every hope that I shall be able later to report a successful mission. Although I have every day in South Africa fixed up with appointments, I have already received one or two additional invitations from people on board, or by wireless from Cape Town to address further meetings. My time in the Union will be very strenuous, but the voyage has been a most excellent rest; the first complete rest away from the anxieties which constantly arise in connection with St. Dunstan's and my Parliamentary duties, and has done me an enormous amount of good.

*Ian Fraser*

#### To St. Dunstan's Joiners

Perhaps it is unnecessary to dwell upon the interest and joy obtainable in all classes of woodwork, especially to those who have progressed beyond the elementary stage. Probably the greatest pleasure comes from the first success in framing together some panelled work; this being the most interesting part of the craft. Framing brings into practice all kinds of joints, principally those named "mortise and tenon," which call for great accuracy in every detail.

Wood is mainly supplied to the St. Dunstan's men, in what is known as "planed all round," and this is often mistaken for being quite ready for use. This is not the case, for unless a "true face side and face edge" is obtained before "setting out" the work, disappointment is inevitable.

To obtain the true face side—which should be the first—choose the best side of the "stuff" (the trade term applied to all material when under construction). Then, with a very fine set try plane having a keen edge, take a shaving out of the centre, and remove all that is necessary to produce a level surface. Having done this, turn the stuff over on to "winding

lathes" which have been previously screwed on to the far side of the bench, and see if the piece rocks, in which case take a little from the corners which touch, until the side is quite out of twist. This side must be kept quite level. Avoid reducing the thickness of the stuff more than is absolutely necessary.

When a true face side has been obtained, place the stuff in the vice with the face side toward you, and then true the edge square with this side.

It may be possible to plane an edge round with a try plane, but it is impossible to plane it hollow, therefore work continually in the centre until a shaving can only be taken by beginning at one end and going through to the other. This will assure a straight edge if the plane is true.

When the stuff is correctly "got out"—to use the trade term—it is then ready for setting out. To do this place the two face sides and face edges together in the vice. Wherever possible all squaring should be done from the face side or face edge. When gauging, ploughing, moulding, rabating, or beading, it should be done only from these sides and edges.

The above-mentioned winding lathes are of simple construction; for instance, take two pieces of 2" x 1", and on one side about 1/2" from the edge work a 1/4" plough groove 3/8" deep. Insert into this groove a piece of 1 1/4" wide oak, secure with glue, and, when set, plane the edge of the oak true, and it is then ready for use. These lathes are then screwed on to the bench at right-angles to the edge, and someone with a good eye should be asked to look across them to see that they are in perfect line with one another. E. H. A.

We regret to report that on the 8th of August two of our St. Dunstaners—"Paddy" Rock and R. A. Inskipp ("Sambo")—met with an unfortunate accident when out walking. While crossing The Broadway, Barking, they were knocked down by a motor car. They received attention from Dr. Jones, deputy divisional police surgeon, who was passing at the time, and Rock was admitted to the Romford Infirmary. "Sambo" was taken home in an ambulance and is now progressing favourably.

**ST. DUNSTAN'S ANNUAL REGATTA**  
*A Successful Gathering*

OUR regatta was in every way successful. We had a delightful day, an excellent gathering of competitors and friends, and some exciting racing. What more could we want? It was good to have the men from Birmingham, Manchester and Brighton, as well as competitors from many other places far afield, and it was very sporting of them to come along and join in our racing. It was unfortunate that our Manchester chums, owing to some misunderstanding, were a little late at Putney, and so missed the Shield events; but they did turn up very hungry and very cheery, and, like the good sportsmen they are, entered into the sport with good feelings. Considering the fact that the majority of the men have little opportunity for practice, the racing was excellent throughout. In the Single Sculls event, in which Capt. Fraser competed, a most exciting struggle was seen. Our Chairman rowed a fine race, ably coxed by Mrs. Fraser, and came in first  $1\frac{1}{4}$  lengths in front of our old friend McFarlane. The Brighton boys did splendidly, with Read and Jones excelling. The Veterans' Race proved admirable, although one missed Wiltshire very much, but Shakespeare rowed with great judgment to win from Crook by 2 lengths. The one-armed pairs gave us a surprise, for we found Downs and Meighan in the second place—a most unusual position for them—being beaten by Young and Stratfull by  $\frac{3}{4}$  length. There was a very close finish to the Single Sculls (S.S.) event, when R. Williams won by  $\frac{1}{2}$  length from Treby. In the Double Sculls Thompson and Scott rowed extremely well, and won by three lengths from Kerr and Ritchie, with Ingram and McSteel third. The Pair Oar event provided a great contest, and resulted in the Birmingham pair, Trott and New, bearing Robinson and Prior by one length.

The Open Fours as usual provided one of the best races of the day, and it was remarkable, considering the few times

the men had been out, how well they were together. A fine finish was seen with Scott's four winning by  $1\frac{3}{4}$  lengths from Prior's Four. The sound of hearty cheering coming over the water made one feel proud of the true sportsmanship displayed.

The racing being over, we all hurried to the Thames Club to partake of the excellent tea provided by the Steward, Mr. Martin, and then bustled into the 'buses to take us for a wash and brush up at Headquarters, and then on to the Connaught Rooms. Here Mr. Kessell had made the usual arrangements for the most delightful and informal little dinner, to which about one hundred sat down. Captain Fraser was in the chair and was supported by Lieut.-Col. Eric Ball and Miss Greenwood, while we had a number of welcome guests and old friends from the rowing clubs. As was befitting such a sporting gathering, there was not much speech-making, and what there was was in the real spirit of sportsmanship.

One cannot conclude this little account without expressing our very grateful thanks to all who helped to give us such a good time. We are most grateful to the Thames and Vesta Clubs for the use of their clubhouses, and all the kindness they showed to us; to the Port of London Authority and the Metropolitan Police for their care and goodness in keeping the course clear and safe; to the Judges who performed their difficult tasks to the satisfaction of all concerned; to the Sisters, including the ladies of Bedford College, who coxed so efficiently; to our Sports Secretary, Instructor, and Stewards who worked so hard; and to the boatmen, and particularly our old chum, Charlie Gibson, who once again acted as starter; and last, but not least, to Captain Fraser and the Council, and those who kindly gave prizes. We had a thoroughly enjoyable day, and we look forward to an equally good time next year, and so say all of us.

## REGATTA RESULTS—17TH JULY 1928

Event	1st	2nd	3rd	
Single Sculls P.B. T.B.	H. Read M. Morris	W. Stedman M. Marsh	W. Lamb M. Wildie	easily
Single Sculls P.B. S.S.	A. Jones M. Morris	E. Marsden M. Winterbotham	W. Markwick M. Ll. Jones	3 lengths
Single Sculls O.B. T.B.	Capt. Fraser Mrs. Fraser	J. McFarlane M. Gosling	P. Nuyens M. Woolrych	J. Greaves M. Baker $1\frac{1}{4}$ lengths $\frac{1}{2}$ length
Single Sculls O.B. S.S.	R. Williams M. Gosling	J. Treby M. Winterbotham	G. Parrick M. Hargreaves	
Single Sculls Veterans	W. Shakespeare M. Gosling	G. E. Crook M. Drury	J. Bentley M. Ll. Jones	2 lengths
Double Sculls	H. Thompson W. Scott M. Hargreaves	H. Kerr W. Ritchie M. Woolrych	J. Ingram H. McSteel Mrs. Bates	3 lengths
Pair Oar	W. Trott J. New M. Norris	W. Robinson H. Prior M. Stacey	H. Kerr W. Ritchie M. Nelson	1 length
One Armed Pairs	T. Stratfull R. Young M. Nelson	J. Meighan D. Downs M. Woolrych		$\frac{3}{4}$ length
Open Fours	H. Thompson J. McFarlane A. Birchall W. Scott M. Morris	W. Robinson W. Bawden S. Webster H. Prior M. Stacey	W. Trott J. New J. Dennick P. Cashmore M. Hodgson	$1\frac{3}{4}$ length $\frac{3}{4}$ "

## SHIELD EVENT

Event	1st	2nd
Double Sculls	J. Dennick A. Ballard	H. Thompson W. Scott
Pair Oar	Cox M. Nelson J. McFarlane W. Bawden Cox M. Stacey	M. Woolrych J. New W. Trott M. Hodgson

## RESULTS FOR THE SHIELD COMPETITION 1927-28

POINTS			
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Birmingham	..	..	26
Manchester	..	..	15

## Brighton Sports

Our part in the Putney Regatta was most enjoyable. We left here by charabanc at 9 a.m., and arrived at Putney at 12 a.m. where we had lunch, after which we went to the Vesta Rowing Club and waited for the others to arrive. The racing started at 1.30 p.m., and, considering the short time we had for practising, the standard of rowing put up by the men from here was splendid. After a very enjoyable tea and dinner we arrived back here at 2.30 a.m., having stopped once on the way for a hot drink.

We are now trying to get in a little walking practice for the 14 mile walk at

Birmingham. As this will be the first time the "Present Care" have been represented in a "shield" event, we are very anxious to put up as good a fight as possible.

A. F. MORRIS.

## Swimming Gala

It is proposed to hold the annual Swimming Gala at St. Marylebone Baths, Marylebone Road, on Friday, 19th October.

## EVENTS

One Length (T.B.) Handicap.

" " (S.S.) "

Plunging Competition.

Will all competitors kindly send in their entries to the Sports Office by 6th October.

L. W.

## The British Legion Battlefield Pilgrimage

An account of our St. Dunstaners' Experiences by W. Lowings

YPRES, 1928.

"Well, if ever I get back to Blighty after this stunt is over, I'll take jolly good care I will never come back to this — — — mud bath again." Ah, well, that was in 1916, or thereabouts, and they were the sentiments more or less forcibly expressed by most of us who had the misfortune to be stumbling about in mud and trip wire, not knowing or caring very much when we should stop something hard and heavy. Now we find ourselves balloting for position in a party to go over there, and every one of us in his innermost thoughts hoping to get the chance. What would it be like? Should we find the same old estaminets, broken down barns, apologies for roads, "Pomme de terre et iaufs," and those funny little bowls of café? We all wondered and conjectured, and I feel sure prayed for fine weather. We found all these things, and more. Starting from Victoria, we made a somewhat tedious journey through the hop country down to Dover, our port of embarkation, but let me say at once that everything was done to ensure our comfort, and we enlivened the journey with all the old songs and sayings. Now, before we started it was agreed that we should each look to one or other of the orderlies who accompanied the party, and so we never lost touch with one another all through the tour, each orderly keeping his little party right through, and, in his turn, being responsible to Captain Swain, our O.C. (and a very good one too). Those who know Dover will remember that one goes straight to the boat from the train, and in due course we boarded "The Maid of Kent" (before we landed at Calais I thought she was made of rubber). The sea seemed very calm as we steamed out of Dover Harbour, and for the first quarter of an hour everybody was happy, but as we got out into the Channel it was apparent that we were all sick of "The Maid of Kent." Still, it did not last long,

and by the time Calais was reached we were mostly ready for supper. On landing, of course, everyone started to polish up their French, and I may say that it required it, too. We did not leave the precincts of the station, but were taken across countless railway lines to a large building which, I believe, is a customs warehouse. Here everything was ready for us, and within a short time we were doing our best with roast beef and French beans, washed down with bottles of (no, not what you think) Perrier water. We were given a time limit, as the train arrangements had been worked out to a nicety, and in due course we boarded the train for Amiens, that being the headquarters chosen for our section of the pilgrimage. By this time it was dark, and our escorts were not able to see much more than us boys could, but they managed to locate such well-known places as Abbeville and Corbie on the way up. I don't know if it was a delicate little compliment to St. Dunstan's or not, but every time the train stopped the lights went out, and our carriage had square wheels, just to remind one of the old days, when we travelled in carriages made for "40 Hommes."

It had been arranged that us boys should be billeted in the barracks, and when we arrived at Amiens Station we found quite an escort of French troops waiting for us, and the column having formed up, we set off on the first stage of the journey on French soil.

On arriving at the barracks we marched in, passing the guard which was turned out by the commandant to welcome us, and here let me say that during the whole of our stay the guard was turned out every time we entered or left the barracks, and we were treated with the utmost courtesy by all ranks. We of St. Dunstan's were allotted a barrack room to ourselves; it just held us nicely, and was pleasantly situated, with plenty of air and ventilation. Each man had the usual bed cot

with shelf at the head, very similar to our own English arrangements. We soon began to fraternise, and the arrival of two orderlies of the 51st battalion of infantry (our hosts), with tea and biscuits made us feel at home, and after disposing of our baggage, we retired some time in the early morning. Sunday was a free day, that is we could do just what we liked, and so we strolled about the town and made ourselves familiar with the topography of the place. Some of us had been there before (I remember coming through there in '16, on leave, during a most terrible air raid), but there seems little sign of the German bombardment left now; some buildings have not yet been rebuilt, and the cathedral is a most wonderful place, which must have suffered from shrapnel on the side nearest to the line of defence, which was so obstinately defended in 1918. Some of the havoc wrought is still plainly visible, and in one part the roof and windows are shorn up—I presume awaiting repair. There are several memorials to our gallant dead in this cathedral, as in every town in the war area, very finely executed, and well cared for. In the afternoon of Sunday a very impressive little ceremony took place, when the British Legion presented a wreath to the town through the mayor, to be placed on the town's memorial now in course of construction, and we had the honour of occupying a very prominent position on the steps of the Hotel de Ville. The British Legion, who treated us with the greatest kindness throughout, gave us the privilege of making the presentation. This was done in the presence of a very distinguished company, and one could not help a feeling of warm friendship for these gallant "comrades in arms" of ours who had welcomed us in the name of France, and showed such heartfelt gratitude for our comradeship during the years of war.

In the evening we were entertained to a concert by the Ancient Combatants (the equivalent of the British Legion in France) in a fine Hall built on the Boulevard. A feature of this concert was the splendid rendering by the orchestra of our National Anthem. We arrived as this was being

played at the opening, and it did one's heart good to find even the people in the street outside standing with hats off—another sign of the never-failing French courtesy.

Monday morning found us up and doing early, parading under our company leaders and marching down to the station to entrain for Vimy. Before describing that visit perhaps I might explain that we went through the same routine each day, that is a good breakfast in barracks, as much as one could eat; then train to our jumping off place, and the issue of a box containing a very dainty meal—nicely cut ham and beef, a small loaf, an egg, a triangle of cheese, a tomato, a little salt in sprinkler, a banana, one papier mache plate, one ditto cup, a knife and fork, and last but not least, a bottle of beer. (This was usually partaken of at some time during the middle of the day.) Then on getting back to barracks, and having time for a wash and rest, we went down to dine about seven, being provided with a splendid meal each day. Now to get back to Vimy. Those who remember the little town would be astonished to see it now. I am told that all the houses are well built brick buildings, and I know by walking through them that the streets have been widened to perhaps double their former width. Passing through the town of Vimy, and being greeted by the inhabitants on all sides in a most cheery manner, we made our way up and ever up towards the Ridge which has become famous in history. Reaching the wooded slopes commanded by the Ridge, we were able to trace the old trench lines and passed over many a dugout, which had been a haven of refuge in the old days; the ground here is pitted with shell holes, but the havoc of war is being mercifully covered by nature with a thick undergrowth, which has grown remarkably and one is only sure of the way by advancing over trench after trench, and the imagination goes back to the dogged struggle made by our gallant troops, and the gradual squeezing out of "Jerry."

[The concluding part of this report will appear in our next issue.—ED.]



### Poultry Notes

Before these notes appear particulars of our 1928-29 Laying Test will have been sent to all St. Dunstan's poultry farmers.

Should anyone have been overlooked will they please send a post card to Kings Langley when a copy of the particulars with entry form will be posted immediately.

For the information of St. Dunstaners who are not on the poultry farmers' list, it may be as well to repeat here the rule governing the eligibility to compete in the test. This reads as follows:—"The Competition will be open to any St. Dunstan's trained poultry farmer and to any other St. Dunstaner who carries not less than 50 head of laying stock. All pullets entered must be owned and have been reared by the competitor."

Accommodation is being provided for 54 pens of 4 pullets.

There will be two sections, one for light breeds and one for heavy breeds.

St. Dunstan's Laying Test is officially recognised by the National Poultry Council, which is a guarantee of efficient and disinterested management. Recognition by the N.P. Council makes it possible to enter all qualifying birds in the Register of Laying Trials Records, which is compiled by the Council.

Mr. Clem Watson, who will be remembered by many of St. Dunstan's poultry farmers, has very kindly consented to joint the Test Committee. His expert knowledge and long experience in poultry matters cannot fail to be of considerable help in the running of our Test.

Through Mr. Watson the Hertfordshire branch of the Poultry Club have kindly offered a special prize of a gold medal for the best pen of four pullets, the qualification being that the birds must conform to the standard of breed characteristics as laid down by the Poultry Club.

In addition to cash prizes to the value of £35, gold, silver and bronze medals and a number of special prizes are offered.

The Competition commences on 15th October, and entries close 20th September.

### Headquarters Re-union of Masseurs

This annual gathering took place on Saturday, the 28th July, and was one of the most interesting and successful of any held. St. Dunstan's masseurs from London and many parts of the country accepted the invitation to be present. Before luncheon, which was admirably served in the lounge, many old friendships were renewed—indeed, so interested were the guests in recounting the year's experiences, and in meeting old and new friends, that it was some time past the appointed time when Captain Fraser in the chair asked grace in the time-honoured phrase.

After full justice had been done to the repast, the chairman in a short address welcomed all, and expressed on behalf of St. Dunstan's masseurs the particular pleasure they found in having with them that day Doctor Mennell, who had very kindly promised to deliver during the afternoon what he felt sure would prove to be a most interesting and valuable lecture on "Manipulation of the joints of the foot." Captain Fraser went on to explain in some detail the present work of the Organisation, and gave the assurance that with the continued loyalty which he was confident would be forthcoming in the future as in the past, St. Dunstan's flag would be kept flying, and its officers and men could rely upon the advice and practical help of all concerned with their welfare.

The chairman's address was punctuated with frequent applause, and especially his tribute to the untiring work on behalf of the masseurs which has been rendered during the past year by Mr. Mace and Miss Goole. A vote of thanks in cordial terms was proposed and accorded to the accompaniment of musical honours by Colley.

Tea followed the termination of Dr. Mennell's lecture, after which a meeting of the Massage Advisory Committee was held. The gathering then dispersed, to carry, we are sure, pleasant memories of a most enjoyable re-union.

### Marriage

The marriage took place at All Saints' Church, Gloucester, on the 16th July, of a St. Dunstaner, Alfred W. Bundy, to Miss Ethel Holder, daughter of Mr. George Holder, of Monmouth. The ceremony was performed by the Reverend C. W. Janvrin (Vicar).

The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. Arthur Holder, was attired in an ivory crepe-de-chine dress, ornamented with diamante, and carried a bouquet of carnations and lilies. The bridesmaids—Miss Ethel Holder, niece of the bride, and Miss Grace Bundy, sister of the bridegroom—wore powder blue crepe-de-chine dresses and Dutch net caps trimmed with rosebuds, and carried bouquets of sweet peas. The duties of "best man" were carried out by Mr. H. Bundy (brother of the bridegroom).

A reception was afterwards held in St. James's Parish Room. The honeymoon is being spent at Paignton, and the bride's travelling dress was a fawn costume, with hat and shoes to match. The future address of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Bundy will be 232 Barton Street, Gloucester.

### A Gift to the Brighton Annexe

A most pleasing little ceremony took place at our Brighton Annexe on the 25th July, when Mr. H. E. Stephens, a member and London representative of the New Zealand Fruit Board, presented to Miss Thellusson, on behalf of New Zealand fruit growers, twenty-five cases of the best New Zealand apples.

This gift was made at the special request of the fruit growers of New Zealand to mark the successful consignment to Great Britain of the millionth case of apples this season, and also because so many who are engaged in the industry in the Dominion are ex-service men—many of them men and their families who have emigrated from Great Britain.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephens were welcomed by the Matron, Miss Thellusson, and Mr. Stephens spoke of the pleasure it gave himself and his fellow fruit growers to make this gift to St. Dunstan. New Zealand, he said, had had a very successful apple export season. The fact that the

millionth case had just arrived here—the identical case having been accepted by the Prince of Wales—meant that last year's export figures had been doubled.

Miss Thellusson thanked Mr. Stephens, and asked him to convey St. Dunstan's deep appreciation to his New Zealand colleagues; this sentiment, we need hardly add, was endorsed by hearty cheers from the St. Dunstaners present.

### Netting Notes

The Netting Room at Brighton is called the Palace of Varieties, locally known as the Cow Park! I think the first name suits it admirably, as it always seems full of varieties of string bags, rugs, hammocks, &c., in the making, to say nothing of a few gobstoppers occasionally for a change.

But one always notices a great deal of solid work going on, and much happiness in doing it.

W. Armstrong, O. Cole, and T. Dickenson are busy with turkey rugs. G. Lamb, A. M. Kenny, W. J. Markwick and W. Smith are all doing well on Netting.

Colonel Western has now gone home, having finished his two rugs. A. Brignall has also finished his rug course, and will devote his time to baskets.

A. Kimber has left the Netting Room for a time to concentrate on baskets.

In the After Care work we have had a good many orders lately for bordered rugs and find most of the men are able now to do them splendidly. K. H. W.

### After-Care Meeting

#### TRURO

The first Cornish After-Care Meeting was held in Truro on Friday, 22nd June. The British Legion very kindly lent us splendid rooms in their Headquarters near the Cathedral, and we could not have had a better place. "Little but good" describes the meeting.

There are not many St. Dunstaners in Cornwall, but with a contingent of Devonians from Plymouth we made a very cheery little gathering. A good talk was, as usual at all After-Care Meetings, the first item on the programme, and competitions were soon in full swing. A very

good gramophone, with a splendid selection of records, was kindly lent us by the caretaker of the hall and was a great addition to the enjoyment of the afternoon.

After tea Mr. Swain read a much appreciated message from Captain Fraser and spoke himself. G. Nancarrow, of St. Columb Road, and R. A. Clarke, of Gunnislake, responded for their fellow St. Dunstaners in speeches which were both interesting and amusing.

The announcing of the results of the competitions gave some exciting moments. G. Brewer had, through his deafness, been cut off from so much of the enjoyment of the afternoon that everyone was glad to hear he had won the cake. As he followed up this victory by getting equal with Nancarrow in the Bean Bag competition, and winning the draw for the prize, he took home two prizes as mementoes of the afternoon. The ladies' Bean Bag competition was won by Mrs. Curnow, and the box of chocolates by Miss Walters and Miss Allen, who decided to divide the prize.  
D. I. M. A.

### Manchester Sports

It is very pleasing to chronicle that the Lancashire lads are showing increasing keenness at these meetings held on the Y.M.C.A. Ground, Alexandra Park. At the last gathering on 1st August our party, including wives, children and helpers, numbered about sixty. The usual club events were decided for points, also a two miles walk for both classes (T.B. and S.S.). In conjunction with the above, a very sporting match was decided between representatives of Liverpool (captained by Cook) and Manchester (captained by Robinson) which ended in a draw—10 all—and was eventually decided by an aggregate team throwing the football, with Manchester the ultimate winners. Then followed tea, which the "Toc Emmas" excel at providing, and the dispensation of prizes which Sister Hodgson has a most wonderful way of producing. To be present on these occasions makes one glad to be alive.

For these lads "playing away from home" produces no qualms, for when the

Grangethorpe Hospital for Wounded Soldiers invited them to their outing, tea and sports on the 11th July, our good friend Miss Coverdale informed us that our boys won three prizes, had as good an appetite, made as much noise—and enjoyed themselves as much as anybody. The outcome of this was that they were again on 18th August invited by Captain Frankenburg, of the League of Memory, to Upton Priory, Macclesfield. Thirteen availed themselves of this opportunity, and again a wonderful outing was enjoyed. Doctor Walmsley, of the Grangethorpe Hospital, has issued an invitation to St. Dunstaners to attend a series of Smoking Concerts and Whist Drives held in the canteen (what an opportunity!) at the hospital during the coming winter. So now, my jolly sportsmen, all you have to do is to get in touch with Miss Coverdale, 7 Skirton Road, Old Trafford, Manchester, and take advantage of this wonderful hospitality. Our sincerest thanks are tendered to all who make these splendid gatherings possible.

### RESULTS

#### Two Mile Walk.—

- T.B.—1st .. J. Worthington.  
2nd .. W. Robinson.  
3rd .. J. W. Boothman.  
S.S.—1st .. H. Birley.  
2nd .. J. Salt  
3rd .. F. McMahon.

#### Liverpool v. Manchester

*Putting the Weight.*—1st, W. Robinson 22 ft. 3½ ins. (Manchester); 2nd, W. S. Weedall, 15 ft. 11 ins. (Liverpool).

*Single Jump.*—1st, H. Cook, 7 ft. 7½ ins. (Liverpool); 2nd, C. Greaves, 7 ft. 1½ ins. (Manchester).

*Treble Jump.*—1st, H. Birley, 23 ft. 5 ins. (Manchester); 2nd, E. R. Wood, 22 ft. 5 ins. (Liverpool).

*Cricket Ball.*—1st, A. Caldwell, 50 yards (Liverpool); 2nd, J. W. Boothman, 45 yards (Manchester).

*Points*—10 all.

*Decider*—Throwing the football (aggregate):

Manchester 97¼ yds.; Liverpool 87 yds.  
Manchester 1st; Liverpool 2nd.

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