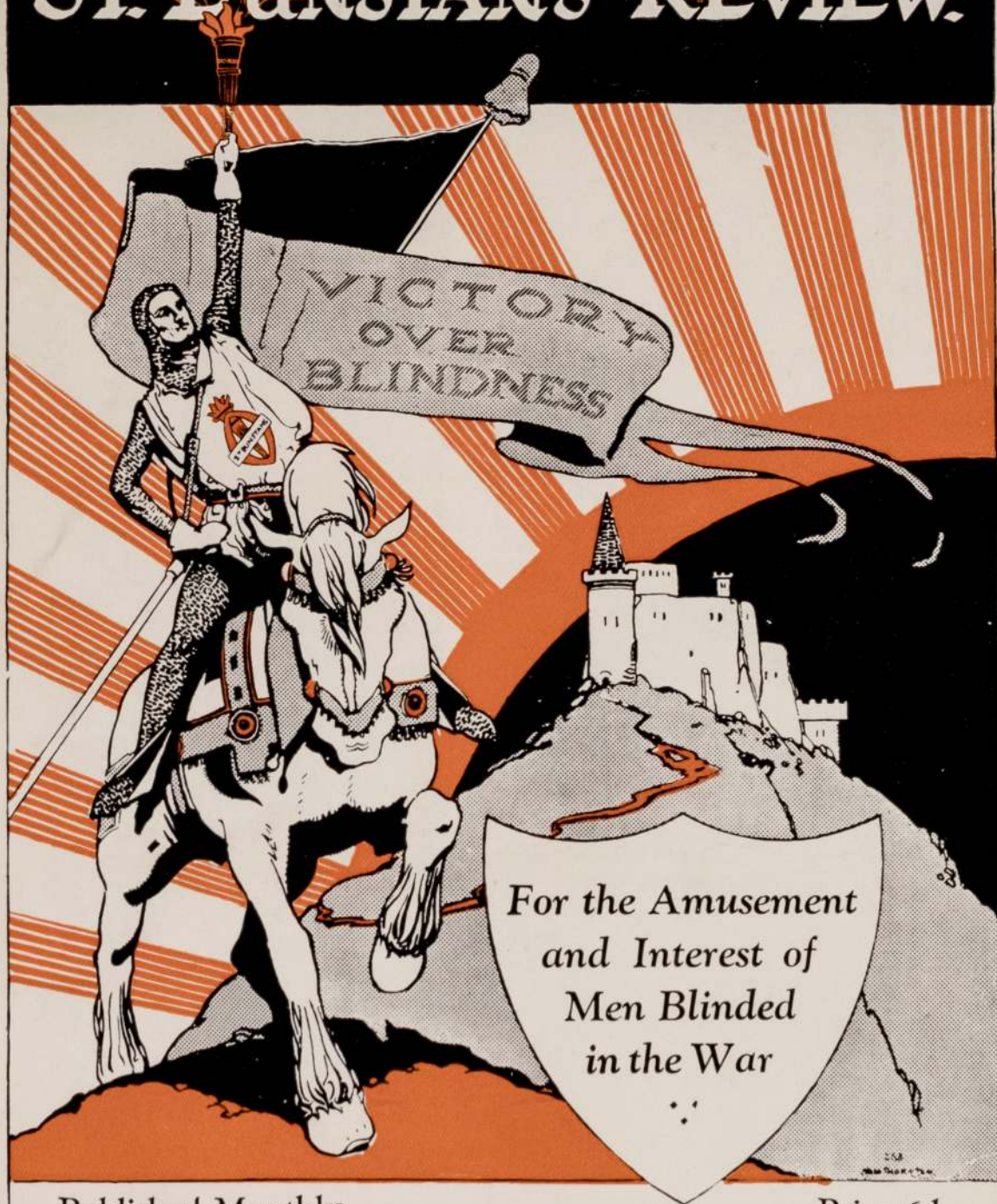


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EDITORIAL NOTES

WE have received the following letter from Czecho-Slovakia, and publish it in our columns for the information of those of our readers who may be interested and who might like to get into touch with Fr. Sneiberg. We may add that the letter was originally sent to Mr. W. Percy Merrick, of "Penso," Shepperton, whom most St. Dunstaners will know. The letter, which was written in Esperanto, has been translated by Mr. Merrick, and he has most kindly expressed his willingness to do further translations for any of our readers. We shall be interested to hear from any St. Dunstaner, and will do everything possible to facilitate correspondence.

We would add that we have written to Fr. Sneiberg through Mr. Merrick, expressing St. Dunstan's willingness to provide these facilities.

Hradec Kralove,
Czecho-Slovakia.

To Blinded Soldiers and Sailors
Hostel, Headquarters of St.
Dunstan's Work, Regents Park,
London, N.W. 1.

Dear Friends,

The Governors of the Organisation for those Blinded in the War in Czecho-Slovakia wish to get into friendly touch with similar organisations throughout the World.

The relationship which the Czecho-Slovakian blinded soldiers desire to promote would be by correspondence, and would deal only with problems relating to the blind, avoiding entirely other matters, and especially avoiding politics.

Reciprocal correspondence concerning the affairs of the blind would provide all who took

part in it with interesting and instructive information, which would certainly make for the progress of the care of the blind in different lands.

We are establishing a wide correspondence and promise to place at the disposal of all who participate in it the collected material suitably arranged.

Thus, all our correspondents will, in due time, be well informed as to the condition of their fellow-sufferers in all the diverse states of the world.

The inter-relationship which we are founding would be unattainable without a common international language, we therefore are making use of Esperanto, knowing that it has been used for this purpose for years by the civilian blind. We should very much like to know if you can correspond with us in this neutral auxiliary language.

This letter aims only at making the first step. In your reply, will you kindly give us the exact address of your organisation, and tell us if you approve of our plan or not. We shall naturally be delighted if you will propose some subjects for discussion.

With very great interest we await your reply, and greet you heartily,

FR. SNEIBERG,
Vice-President of "Druzina Osleplych Vojinu"
en R.C.S. Hradec Kralove.

We must again crave the indulgence of our readers for the temporary omission of much interesting news which has reached us during the month. The ever growing pressure on our space, however, although it necessitates sometimes a late insertion of news and general information, gives encouraging evidence of the close attention with which the columns of the REVIEW are read each month.



NEWS OF ST. DUNSTANERS

WE are glad to hear such pleasant tidings of G. H. Heeley, of Bradford, Yorkshire. His work is proving most congenial and everything seems to be going along smoothly with him. We trust his holiday this year on the Yorkshire coast was a very beneficial one.

J. Bennett's (of Cheltenham) last letter made good reading. He is feeling much better in health, probably as a result of his increased activities. His tandem seems to be covering a fair amount of ground and we hope he will be able to get exercise in this way all through the winter.

J. Vernon, of Rugeley, has added to boot repairing and gardening the trade of umbrella-mending and is making good progress. We wish him every success if this can be procured without too much wet weather!

Of an inventive turn of mind is J. Boyce, of Weymouth. He has recently brought out a very nice boot rack, light but strong and convenient for travelling, as it takes to pieces. This should surely secure new customers for him.

We all sympathise with B. Murton, of Faversham, who a short time ago had the misfortune to lose his wallet containing a fairly substantial sum of money; the finder apparently has not thought fit to return it.

Another unfortunate person is W. Whiteside, of Ireland, who burnt himself rather badly. He has now quite recovered, as has also his mother, who hurt her head and sprained her foot by falling down-stairs. Another proof of the truth of the adage that "misfortunes never come singly."

Heartiest congratulations to D. McLean, of Brimpton, who has passed his third and

final examination for the Ministry. He is the first blind lay preacher to pass all three and his friends are delighted at his success. That he does not possess all the brains in the family is evidenced by the fact that his small daughter has passed her first Scripture Examination, despite the fact that she was the youngest candidate in the Sunday School. Perhaps, in due course, she will follow in father's footsteps!

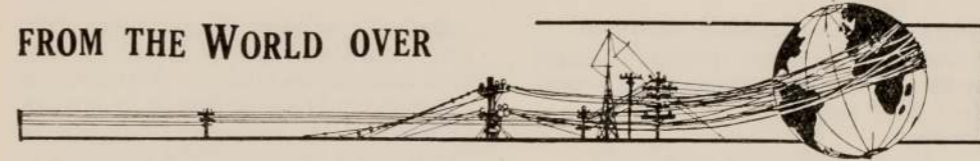
Among other clever young people, we must mention the son of F. Stratton, of Shirebrook. This boy, aged 10, has secured a scholarship which entitled him to free education (travelling expenses paid) until he is 16. No wonder his father and mother are so proud of him. We wish him all success and expect to hear still further good news of him.

Other proud parents are F. Nash, of Roehampton, and C. H. Smith, of Bury, St. Edmunds. The former's little girl, although only 6½ years, is always top of her form, much to the envy, we have no doubt, of her fellow students. Margaret Smith has deserved every ounce of her success, as she managed to pass her examination in English literature merely by studying at evening classes. Her perseverance is greatly to be admired.

Keith Hunter, of Bolton, has also been a successful candidate and his father and mother are expecting great things of him. We hope he has now completely recovered from his recent accident. Honourable mention must also be given to Ethel Pannifer, daughter of E. Pannifer, of Manchester, who has matriculated this year.

A. C. Robbins, of Charfield, harbours under his roof a coming sports champion in the person of his little daughter, Betty. This small girl, and she appears to have

FROM THE WORLD OVER



been the smallest entrant for the event, won at local sports the 120 yards race in record time and duly received a wristlet watch as her reward. We hope the watch keeps good time, no doubt, her father times it each night, when he listens in to "Big Ben." It is good to know that his wireless is still giving him such enjoyment.

Another father of sporting off-spring is J. Brockerton, of Ireland. He is very pleased with his son's feat in winning one of the events in the Ulster Grand Prix Motor Cycle Races. We gather however that his delight was preceded by great anxiety while the youth was negotiating hairpin bends. But "all's well that ends well." Brockerton still continues to supply most of the banks, schools and institutions in his district with beautifully made mats.

"His garden is a perfect picture." This is the report we have had about A. Hinton's, (of Malvern) delightful garden, which comes in for great admiration from all passers-by. Hinton devotes all his spare time to gardening and he could not have a more pleasant and satisfying hobby.

Another successful gardener is J. E. Parnell, of Fakenham, who once again carried away prizes at the National Rose Show; this has now become a habit with Parnell. Possibly by the time this appears in print, he will have succeeded in taking home a few more trophies, as he is showing vegetables at the Horticultural Show in Harrogate.

J. W. Macauley, of Manchester, has had happy results this year with his gladioli.

W. Millar, of Hook, is doing well with his poultry and has now recovered from his losses of a few months ago. A dog with marauding instincts removed in the course of one night 14 young ducks and 17 chickens. Other farms in the neighbour-

hood appear to have suffered in the same way but the culprit was never brought to book.

A very successful business-man is W. H. Wright, of Barlboro'; he knows how to buy and sell to the best advantage. He has now taken up pig-breeding and is doing remarkably well in this line. Over and above this, he does nearly all his own digging, planting and weeding, so there are no spare moments in which to get bored.

Another St. Dunstaner who goes in for pig-breeding is W. J. Keen, of Purton. He has now received permission to kill pigs occasionally on his premises, which will enable him to sell the pork and bacon on his rounds and thus have the profits which usually go to the butcher. We hope he will in due course extend in this direction.

We also wish success to D. McCarthy, of the same county in his new venture of duck-rearing.

I believe we have before mentioned the singing birds of F. Tait, of Bolton. He now tells us that one of these birds won 1st prize at Lees Open Contest this year and was awarded the Silver Cup. Tait is delighted. What an unfortunate experience he had on his summer holiday! He and his family went to Ireland and Tait himself was ill most of the time. Does he by any chance blame the Irish climate for this calamity?

Practically everybody in the town of Tewkesbury goes in for market gardening, not excluding F. Stew. His garden has been most productive this summer and he has been able to send large consignments of beans, peas and fruit to other towns. Stew always runs a basket stall at the local Flower Show and we trust he got rid of a fair number of his exhibits and re-

News of St. Dunstaners—continued.

ceived orders for more. He is ably assisted by his wife in all his undertakings, in fact, she is his "help mate" in every sense of the word.

H. Bennett, of Brislington, Bristol, is very happy in his new house and Mrs. Bennett has grown a collection of vegetables which would do credit to any gardener. Her brother has made his contribution in the form of arches and railings in fancy wood work, so that altogether the garden is a thing of beauty.

Another man who has settled down contentedly in his new home is D. J. Williams of Cardiff. He now finds himself in a very nice part of Llandaff and near to his parents' place. He is also within easy distance of the river and takes full advantage of this fact by getting in a good deal of rowing, Mrs. Williams acting as cox.

Still a third proud houseowner is D. O. Evans, of Llansamlet; he and his wife have improved their little home beyond description. In fact, "Picton House" is now a most desirable residence, with all sorts of convenience and labour saving devices and is a great credit to its owners.

Nearer home, we have H. Acton, of Brighton, rubbing his hands over his excellent prospects of business. Mrs. Acton is helping her husband by canvassing the neighbourhood and if things turn out as we hope, Acton will soon be needing assistants.

Talking of Brighton, who is responsible for the following hearty appreciation of the annexe: "Man! they could cure you of anything down there"? It would almost seem that he hails from the Emerald Isle!

H. E. Hill, of Devizes, is busy with orders which have come to hand as a result of his excellent work. He recently exhibited at a show in Trowbridge.

E. B. Parke (commonly known as

"Paddy"), of West Moors, is quite content with life—probably because he has good sales for his produce. This year has not been too lucky for him as he has lost so many of his fowls but he is looking forward to a more profitable season next year.

"Nothing to moan about and still quite happy," thus G. Chapman, of Scaldwell. He and his family keep in good health and thoroughly enjoyed their holiday with relatives. Chapman also paid a visit to his old shop, which is now occupied by W. Wells, of Finedon. We hear that their talk over old times was greatly enjoyed by both.

We are glad to be able to report that C. Marshall, of Southend, is now so much better in health; having seen him recently, we are not relying on second-hand news. He is jogging along with his mats and boots, with an occasional variation in the form of a visit to the theatre or cinema.

Brief Notes

Reports from our Irish St. Dunstaners show that they are getting along well. T. McCann is looking forward to removing shortly to Belfast while A. Herriott has already made the journey from South to North and so far does not regret the change. We understand that his garden has been looking wonderfully well and that he intends keeping poultry and a few Angora rabbits. "No complaints" is the news from D. Malcolmson, of Belfast, and what could be better? A. Gribben is most enthusiastic about the British Legion Pilgrimage to the Battlefields and seems to have thoroughly enjoyed the experience, as did all the other men who accompanied him. A disappointed St. Dunstaner was F. James, of Hove, who was unable to join the Pilgrimage but his wife went, which was the next best thing.

Holidays are now over for this year and all our men seem to have benefited by the change. J. Buckle, of King's Lynn, chose Yarmouth while J. R. Lynch, of Fulham, visited beautiful Torquay, as also did

H. A. Hammett, of Carterton. H. Gover, of Acton, seems to have wandered over most parts of Devon and Cornwall. F. Aubrey, of Bristol, also chose Devon and at Paignton he and his family indulged in swimming to their heart's content. F. Mussell spent his holiday near Salisbury where his small son thoroughly enjoyed riding the big farm horses. A. W. Blaker, of Lancing, seems to have covered a great deal of ground during his holiday, not remaining long in any one place. J. G. Holmes, of Kensington, spent an interesting week on the French Battlefields. A. G. Rogers, of Biggleswade, went North and on the return journey had the misfortune to meet with an accident. We are glad to hear that no serious injuries resulted to him and his wife, although their car was badly smashed.

G. H. Wright, of Norwich, is keeping well. His work for the civilian blind and the many resultant meetings make him a busy man. W. J. Hare of the same town has been getting more local orders lately for boots and mats and is, optimistically, hoping for more. We feel sure they will be forthcoming. A. G. Wise, of Fakenham, has spent a busy year and is hoping to take a holiday very shortly. E. A. West, of King's Lynn and his wife are in good health but have had an anxious time because of an outbreak of measles in the home; happily all the invalids made a good recovery.

"All's well" with W. Buckle, of Mortlake, I. H. Poole, F. T. Reynolds and W. T. E. Collins, of Cowes, G. Parrick, of Manor Park, J. Ridley and J. Dunks, of Finchley; the latter has recently had several private orders for joinery.

We are pleased to know from one of his daughters that I. Corns, late of Shepherds Bush, has landed safely in Australia.

C. A. Stracey, of Rochford, is happily settled in a council cottage and is spending much time in his garden. He and his wife are devotees of tandem cycling and cover an amazing amount of ground.

"Busy as usual" applies to C. F. Spiers, of Oxford, while J. W. Bullock, of Brierfield, is happy at wool rug making.

The Late Miss Sybil Bald

AN APPRECIATION BY A ST. DUNSTANER

All who knew Miss Bald at St. Dunstan's must have been greatly upset on hearing of her sudden death.

Although from the beginning music had played a prominent part in the life of St. Dunstan's, it was not till Miss Bald came that it was properly organised and the men received training in singing and playing instruments. It must have required a good deal of hard work and patience before it reached the success and popularity which it finally attained. Miss Bald used her great musical knowledge to the best advantage and with the aid of her capable and efficient staff enabled any man who so desired to take full advantage of developing any talent he might possess.

She must have realised that music would be a great consolation to us and a great inspiration and would be a means of assisting us in overcoming our many difficulties and dispelling any fits of depression which inevitably came from blindness.

Miss Bald had a host of friends, who, through her, were interested in St. Dunstan's and we all remember the very excellent concerts she used to provide with their help.

All through a long and painful illness, which lasted for three years, her interest and enthusiasm for the music never flagged and her chief regret was that she was no longer able to take an active part in the work.

Miss Bald will be remembered and revered by all as long as there is music at St. Dunstan's.

The concluding instalment of W. Lowings' description of the Battlefields Pilgrimage will appear next month.

"In Memory"

MANY St. Dunstaners will be grieved to read of the death of E. H. Armstrong, which took place on the 29th July, after an operation. "Armie," as he always was to his friends, came over with the 46th Canadians, and was wounded at Paschendale on the 26th October, 1917. He was trained at St. Dunstan's as a shorthand typist, and was employed for some years by Marshall & Snelgrove. Owing to ill-health he had to give up this post, and was unable to work for eighteen months. In May of last year he joined the British Petroleum Co., where he gave every satisfaction. Again, his health began to worry him, and this year it became apparent that he was really ill. As a result he was admitted to St. Thomas's Hospital, and there underwent a very serious operation, from which he never recovered.

Armstrong's funeral took place on 1st August, at St. Marylebone Cemetery, Finchley, and was attended by his mother and three brothers, Miss Hensley, and Sister Goodey, and also by that little band of devoted St. Dunstaner friends—Bob Young, R. C. O. Cowley, F. Winter, T. Milligan and M. Burran. Wreaths were sent from Captain Fraser and his fellow comrades at St. Dunstan's, from Miss Hensley, and other friends.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to his family, but they can rest assured that "Armie," with his goodwill and cheery personality, will never be forgotten by the friends he leaves behind.

DRIVER RICHARD GIBBONS
(Royal Engineers, 5th Pontoon)

A plucky and industrious St. Dunstaner has passed away in the person of Driver Gibbons, who while with us was taught the craft of mat-making. On leaving in 1919 he opened a little shop where he carried on this trade. He did very well with this, but, unfortunately, was considerably handicapped in his work by bad health. It was whilst he was on holiday in August of this year that Gibbons was taken ill. On returning to his home he became worse, and died on the 2nd of September.

The funeral took place on Friday afternoon, 7th September, at the Stockport Borough Cemetery, the Rev. Canon A. H. Barnes officiating. St. Dunstan's was represented by Mr. Fairclough (after-care visitor) and J. Worthington, of Stockport. There were numerous beautiful wreaths, including one in the form of our badge, "From Captain Fraser and his other comrades at St. Dunstan's."

We would express our sincere sympathy with Gibbon's widow and daughter in their bereavement.

PRIVATE W. S. FISHBURN
(Royal Army Medical Corps)

This month we have to record, with deep regret, the passing of Private W. S. Fishburn. This St. Dunstaner did not come to us until January of 1927, where he received instruction in wool rug-making. He stayed at Headquarters for six months, at the end of which time he left and carried on with this occupation at his home in Lancaster. He did not enjoy good health, and suffered from acute rheumatism. Growing gradually worse at the beginning of this year, he died on the 2nd of July from heart disease.

The funeral took place on the 5th of July at Halton Road Cemetery, Lancaster, numerous friends and relations being present. Amongst the many beautiful wreaths received was one from St. Dunstan's, in the form of our Badge.

Fishburn leaves a widow to mourn his memory.

MISS SYBIL BALD

Many St. Dunstaners will learn, with very deep regret, of the death of Miss Sybil Bald, which occurred in August last.

Miss Bald, who came to St. Dunstan's as a V.A.D. in 1916, was instrumental in inaugurating the Music Department, which has since grown to be such a valuable and important part of St. Dunstan's work, and which has afforded to hundreds of blinded soldiers the opportunity of developing their musical ability. Although for the past three years Miss Bald was unable, owing to her indifferent health, to carry on any active work, she never relinquished her keen interest in the welfare of St. Dunstan's, and her ever ready sympathy and help were sincerely appreciated. We offer, on behalf of St. Dunstaners and Staff, deep sympathy to the members of her family.

CAPTAIN FRASER'S TOUR

*His Wonderful Welcome to his Homeland—Military and Civic
Receptions—Crowded Audiences at his Lectures*

AS St. Dunstan's ambassador and as a striking and interesting personality, Capt. Fraser has been received in his Homeland with a welcome almost befitting royalty in its spontaneous enthusiasm and influential character. Indeed, so great has been the publicity given to Capt. Fraser's visit by the whole Press of South Africa, and so rapidly has event followed event in his tour, that it is impossible in the space available in THE REVIEW to attempt to do more than summarise some of the main features and incidents of our Chairman's most successful visit. By the time these notes appear in print Capt. Fraser will be starting on his return journey, and we hope that in future issues we may induce him to give us at first-hand some of his more outstanding impressions of what must have been, undoubtedly, a very wonderful and stimulating experience.

The liner R.M.S. "Arundel Castle," arrived in Cape Town on 20th August. Among those who welcomed Capt. and Mrs. Fraser on board were the Mayor and Mayoress (who presented a bouquet of flowers to Mrs. Fraser), the Town Clerk, Colonel Judd (representing the British Empire Service League), Mrs. Vincent, St. Dunstan's Honorary Secretary for our work in South Africa, and a number of our South African St. Dunstaners, including Advocate R. W. Bowen, M.P.C., who was one of the first to greet our Chairman. Scores of telegrams from St. Dunstaners, ex-service organisations, and others, were received on board.

We cull the following extract from one of the detailed and illustrated reports of Captain Fraser's reception on landing, which appeared in all the South African papers:—

"It was a stirring tribute which was paid at the War Memorial to a man who was not only himself a gallant soldier,

but is regarded as the patron saint, as it were, of blind ex-servicemen."

"At this point a demonstration had been arranged by the War Star Club and the M.O.T.H.S., members of which, together with Mr. T. D. H. Long (vice-chairman) and Capt. C. Wynne (organising secretary), and many members of the Capetown branch of the B.E.S.L., and a detachment of pipers from the Capetown Highlanders, were lined up in readiness."

"There was a burst of cheering when Capt. Fraser stepped from his car on his wife's arm, and the people stood bare-headed. His tall figure was led up the steps of the memorial for him to place wreaths provided by the two associations at the base."

"After shaking hands and chatting for a few minutes with some of the pipers and ex-servicemen, Capt. Fraser returned to his car. Then, headed by mounted police, with pipes bravely playing and flags and banners flying, the car was hauled by a score of stalwart ex-servicemen to the Mount Nelson Hotel."

"As the triumphal procession passed along Adderley Street and Long Street there were bursts of cheering at various points as the people realised that the car contained the sightless officer, whose name is honoured all over the world. 'Old Soldiers never die,' was sung by the marching soldiers, many of whom were Capt. Fraser's old comrades."

Later Capt. Fraser was entertained by the University Club at luncheon, presided over by Senator the Rt. Hon. F. S. Malan. Capt. Fraser gave an address on the work of St. Dunstan's and its present and future needs, and paid tribute to the splendidly generous help which South Africans have always afforded that work. "St. Dunstan's," he pointed out, "is a voluntary association. It has received no assistance

IMPORTANT NOTICE

St. Dunstan's Armistice Dance

Will all our readers please note that the date of the Dance has, under circumstances over which we have no control, had to be changed to **Tuesday the 20th November** instead of Tuesday the 13th of November, as stated in the columns of this issue.

from the State. It has not asked for it. The work which it has had to do has been of a kind which, in England, at any rate, having regard to nature and tradition, is work best done by private initiative and enterprise. St. Dunstan's has added to the formal financial benefit paid to the disabled soldier by the State something which probably no Government could have added, something which is probably almost as valuable in its effect upon the individual blinded soldier as the pension itself."

Concluding, Capt. Fraser said: "The testimony to the regard in which St. Dunstan's is held which has been placed before me in two or three hours makes me extremely proud of South Africa and of my countrymen."

The Mayoral reception took place in the Banqueting Hall in the afternoon, and was attended by a large and distinguished gathering. In welcoming Capt. and Mrs. Fraser, the Mayor paid high tribute to the work of St. Dunstan's, and welcomed also the presence in their midst of Advocate Bowen, a member of the Cape Provincial Council, and one whose active co-operation was always available in every movement for the advancement of South Africa; and Mr. Kirstein and Mr. Van Blerk, who had also, by the usefulness of their lives, justified the trust of St. Dunstan's.

Capt. Fraser received a great ovation when he rose to reply. One of the happiest things, he said, about his association with St. Dunstan's was that, wherever he went in the world, he was sure to find someone who had some connection with that institution. He went on to speak of the high regard in which the Council in London held the work which was being done by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Vincent for the blinded soldiers in South Africa. They were extremely grateful for the work of organisation which has been built up all over the Union. In Cape Town one of the most admirable committees which had done a great deal for the blinded soldiers was the League of Remembrance and Help, which had been presided over since its inception by Mrs. W. J. Thorne.

The men who were blinded in the War,

concluded Capt. Fraser, came from the ends of the earth, and they had gone back to their homes. The attitude of the public to them might be summed up in some words of Kipling:

"Far have they come, much have they braved. Give them their hour of play, While the hidden things their hands have saved work for them day by day."

Leaving Cape Town, Capt. Fraser's next visit was to George, where a luncheon party was arranged at the George Hotel, to which about thirty guests were invited. In the evening the Town Hall was filled to overflowing for Capt. Fraser's lecture, over which the Mayor, Mr. J. J. Stander, presided. Amusing incidents during his speech were when Capt. Fraser humourously remarked that it appeared to be the aim of everybody to be born in South Africa. "Well, he was there before he was born, and his father was living in the country." "And where was your mother?" called out somebody in the audience. "My mother," gravely replied Capt. Fraser, "was with me at the time"—a rejoinder which greatly pleased the large audience.

A little later Capt. Fraser, explaining the training of St. Dunstaners, mentioned that he could tell the time by feeling the hands of his watch. "What is the time now?" asked a gruff voice. "I don't know if you keep the same time in George," said Capt. Fraser, "but it is twenty minutes to nine by my watch."

Then Archdeacon Whaits thanked Capt. Fraser. South Africa, he said, had not been criticised. They had been patted on the back, and must do their bit in this merciful work.

The meeting closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

From George the next engagement was at Oudtshoorn. Here our tourists were met at the station by the Mayor and Mayoress and welcomed at an informal tea on the lawn at the residence of Mr. D. J. Kleinschmidt. In the evening Capt. Fraser addressed another enthusiastic meeting.

The journey to Port Elizabeth followed, and here again a Mayoral reception was given in the City Hall. The guests, who numbered well on two hundred, included many prominent citizens. In introducing our chairman, the Mayor, Councillor A. H. Brookes, said: "I want to assure Capt. Fraser, as Mayor of the town, that I extend to him a most hearty welcome on behalf of the citizens of Port Elizabeth. We realise the holy work St. Dunstan's has done—holy work because it has never been done before—to enable those who have sustained that great calamity, blindness, through defending our lives and allowing us our liberty, to realise that life is still worth living. Through its work, men have become skilled in crafts and trades and professions, sometimes being even better than those who have the blessing of sight. May I assure you both that in this sunshine land of ours you may have received welcomes from various parts, but let me tell you that no community could have given you a more sincere and hearty welcome than we have given you to-day."

An address by our Chairman followed, and was listened to with the greatest interest.

Receptions, meetings and lectures at Grahamstown, King William's Town and East London followed.

A special word should be given to the visit paid to Queenstown, where a great audience assembled in Saint Columba's Hall, under the chairmanship of Lieut.-Col. Gripper, chairman of the local branch of the B.E.S.L. In reading the reports of these many addresses which have reached us, we are impressed with the versatility of treatment which Capt. Fraser has displayed. Although his subject, of course, is the same on each occasion—St. Dunstan's and its work—he has approached it from many different and most interesting angles. His touches of humour are always extremely apposite, as for example when at Queenstown he pointed out that a part of St. Dunstan's training was to make men always look on the bright side of things. He mentioned an actual experience of his own on the boat coming out to

South Africa. He had been sitting on deck with Mrs. Fraser at one side of him, while on the other was a man friend. He had not noticed the sudden quiet departure of his wife and friend, and went on talking, as he thought, to his wife. Then he laid a hand on a knee—"a knee very like my wife's." It was the knee of a newcomer! "It is a wonderful thing," said Capt. Fraser, "to be able to laugh at oneself."

Our chairman arrived at Bloemfontein by an early morning train on 5th September. He and his party were met at the station by the President of the Women's Auxiliary of the B.E.S.L., the secretary and other members, Commander Gilbert (Dominion Secretary of the B.E.S.L.), Mr. A. N. Cordiner and Major Lawrenson, the Town Clerk and others. At 10.30 Capt. Fraser met the members of the Women's Auxiliary, and at 11 o'clock he placed a wreath at the foot of the Cenotaph in the presence of a large gathering.

Later in the day the Women's Auxiliary entertained Capt. and Mrs. Fraser and Mrs. Vincent at an "At Home" in the Council Chamber. Mrs. Moses, the President of the Auxiliary, received the visitors, and on the arrival of the principal guests, presented Mrs. Fraser with a beautiful bouquet. Among those present were the Mayoress, the Bishop of Bloemfontein and Mrs. Carey, Dean Weekes and Mrs. Weekes, Archdeacon Hulme and Mrs. Hulme, and many other leading citizens.

In the evening at the Railway Institute Capt. Fraser addressed a large gathering, presided over by the Mayor, Mr. J. S. Franklin.

This meeting was the last of which we at present have full reports and the remainder of the Tour will be dealt with in future issues.

One might sum up in the words contained in a letter which the Editor has recently received from Capt. Fraser: "Visits of one day or two to nine different towns—the intervening nights being principally spent in long train journeys—ten civic receptions or rallies of ex-servicemen;

twenty-five different speeches; numerous interviews with newspaper men, and thousands of handshakes."

Capt. and Mrs. Fraser are both extremely well, the bright, cool, dry climate of the winter in South Africa being ideal for strenuous work of this kind. The interest in St. Dunstan's and the determination to continue to support its South African and Imperial work is very great. Here and there people have motored thirty or forty miles to attend a lecture or meet the visitors.

In addition, of course, Capt. Fraser has visited a number of our South African St. Dunstaners, who are settled in their own homes in or near the towns through which he has passed.

Our Pupil Instructors

One of the outstanding features of the training period of St. Dunstan's was the way in which the men themselves aided one another in acquiring a knowledge of their trades. It seemed to be the natural and spontaneous thing that directly a man attained a certain amount of efficiency and overcame a difficulty, he should immediately turn round to help the man next to him to follow in his steps. This was just the sort of thing that Sir Arthur Pearson would encourage, and he did so by selecting certain men to act as Pupil Instructors, and all St. Dunstan's men will remember what a successful plan this proved to be. In each of the shops there was a succession of men through the years, who held the position of Pupil Instructors.

Our memories of all of them have been revived, because the last of them, H. S. Thomson, has, during this month, settled in Warrington. He ceased to be a Pupil Instructor some years ago, and held the post of Instructor in the Joinery Department until training came to an end. Owing to the very sad illness of his wife, he was unable to make definite arrangements concerning his settlement, and so remained on the staff at the stores for awhile, and latterly has been working as a St. Dunstaner, making use of a bench in the stores. We regret very much to have to tell his numerous friends that as

there is no improvement in his wife's condition he has now decided to settle definitely in Warrington. We feel sure that our readers will desire to extend to him their very sincere sympathy, and also wish him every success in carrying on his joinery work near his old home. Mr. Spink, the Town Clerk of Warrington, who has been a generous and very practical friend to St. Dunstan's for some time, gave Thomson such valuable help that in a few days he had a house, with all necessary alterations made, and a workshop erected, and we can only hope that Thomson's future will be as satisfactory as his settlement arrangements have been.

Recent Poultry Awards

Among the many honours gained of late by G. C. Jackson, of Alfred Poultry Farm, Kingsnorth, Kent, have been a first prize (white Wyandotte pullet) and second prize (Ancona pullet) at the Ashford Fur and Feather Society's Show, where he was also awarded first prize for tinted eggs and third prize for white eggs. He also scored at the Kent County Agricultural Show by winning the "Reserve" Prize with an Ancona pullet, and exhibition eggs.

R. E. Hill, of Buxton, won second and third prizes with one cockerel and two pullets, and C. H. Stock, of Gorsley, obtained four first prizes, three specials, two seconds, one third, and one "Highly Commended," with four birds entered in two local shows.

We send our heartiest congratulations to all these poultry farmers, and our best wishes for further "spoils" in the future.

"Who fiddled while Rome burned?" asked the schoolmaster.

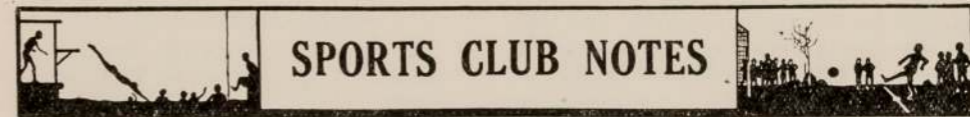
"Towser, sir."

"Towser! What do you mean? It was Nero."

"Well, sir, I knew it was somebody with a dog's name."

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SPORTS MEETING

2ND OCTOBER 1928

IT is most satisfactory to report that our meeting which was held in the Lounge on Tuesday, 2nd October, was in every way an excellent one. There was a splendid attendance of men, and throughout a splendid spirit prevailed. It was nice to have Mrs. Bates and Matron present with us, but of course we missed Captain and Mrs. Fraser, but we know that whilst they were unable to cheer us by their presence yet we knew that they were helping in the cause in South Africa. We took the opportunity however of expressing our gratitude to the chairman for all the excellent accommodation which he had provided for our sportsmen.

PROGRAMME. WINTER SPORTS

The first consideration was the winter sports when we agreed to carry on a programme very similar to previous years except that in the Skipping Competition it was decided to reduce the time limit to 6, 4 and 2 minutes and to give 3-2-1 points respectively. It was also decided that at each meeting a period of time should be reserved for physical training for which one point be awarded to those who attend. The points for each event were to remain the same, also the handicaps, whilst the winners of last winter's competition would start handicapped by 21, 14, 7, in the S.S., and 15, 10, 5, in the T.B.

SOCIALS

So as to make the evening still more interesting we have decided to hold socials of a varied nature commencing at 8 p.m. and extending to 11 p.m. On the 2nd Tuesday of every month, with the exception of November when the Armistice Dance will take its place, there will be a dance in the Lounge and a small orchestra will play for us. On the fourth Tuesday a Dominoe Tournament will be arranged. The other Tuesdays will be taken up with whist, music, and occasionally a lecture on some bright topic.

WALKS

It was decided to hold a similar programme to last year with the exception of the first walk, viz. one of six miles. Incorporated in this walk will be a three mile event for novices, i.e. one who has not won 1st, 2nd or 3rd prize in any walk organised by St. Dunstan's. Novices will further have the option of completing the six mile course if they so wish. It must be understood that the number of prizes awarded to novices will be governed by the entries. This works out that we will have a six mile with three miles novice's event—nine miles, 15 miles and a Maidenhead Walk.

Opportunity was taken of expressing our great gratitude to all those who have worked so hard to make our walks so successful. We refer to Miss Davies and her lady helpers who look after the refreshment department, to the handicapper, judges, and escorts, and to Mr. Roberts representing the Maidenhead Club for all their kindness to us.

SWIMMING

It was mentioned that the Swimming Gala had been arranged to take place at Marylebone Baths on 10th October; a report of this will appear in next month's REVIEW. We are really most grateful to Mr. Ellis the Bath Superintendent, and the Marylebone Baths Committee for their great goodness to us in continuing to grant us the free use of the Baths, and during the winter months Wednesday and Friday at 6 p.m. have been kindly allotted to us.

FOOTBALL

Chelsea, Arsenal, and Fulham Football Clubs still continue to extend to us free admission to their matches, and we trust that they will realise how very much we appreciate such sympathetic courtesy.

SHIELD

The results for the Shield were stated at the meeting. The meeting closed with expressions of thanks to Mrs. Bates, and

Matron for their goodness to us, and also to our Sports Secretary, and Instructor Tovell. They were also kind enough to include myself.

A kindly and sympathetic thought was extended to one of our old sportsmen, Jock Henry who unfortunately was in the Middlesex Hospital as a result of an accident, when the boys asked that their best wishes for a speedy recovery and their regret at his accident be sent to him.

J. E. W.

SWIMMING RESULTS

Our swimmers of late have been very much to the fore, and are becoming an annual feature at several galas promoted by the various clubs. They are what are known in the profession as "top of the bill." One frequently sees "St. Dunstan's men will swim at this gala" on the posters and handbills announcing these events.

At the Surrey Ladies' Gala held at Kingston a very good race was witnessed, and the boys received their usual splendid reception. Lady Harwood Jones presented the prizes, and was full of admiration for their qualities in general. Horace Kerr replied on our behalf with a really good straight-to-the-point vote of thanks to all concerned.

RESULT

1st H. Kerr
2nd J. Henry
3rd F. Jackson
4th M. Burran

Won by two feet, $\frac{1}{2}$ yard second and third.

At the Walthamstow Gala a new "stunt" was tried out. Billy Birchall gave a one-length T.B. exhibition swim, with every success, combining direction with great pace, and received a great ovation. In the Handicap Race which followed, Rhodes led until nearly the end, then to be headed by Thompson, they both in turn being beaten virtually on the post by Birchall, with Burran and McFarlane close up. Rhodes on this occasion acted as the "giver of thanks," and expressed our great indebtedness to Mr. George and Mr. Miller, the past and present secretaries of the Club, and all its members.

RESULT

1st W. Birchall
2nd H. V. Thompson
3rd F. Rhodes
4th M. Burran
5th J. McFarlane

Won by $\frac{1}{2}$ yard, 1 foot second and third.

A little nearer home now—Mr. Price, secretary of the St. Pancras Swimming Club, invited us to take part in their gala at the St. Pancras Baths. Lots of our swimmers will remember this venue, and have recollections of pleasant evenings with Walter Brickett, the world-renowned athlete and swimming coach (he was there again this year). On arrival we were welcomed by another great friend, Arthur Jones (Boniface) who again gave and also presented the prizes. Birchall gave his "turn" and only deviated about a couple of feet during the whole course. The race proper was most exciting—all five being practically together at the finish. The boys received tremendous applause from all present, and "Nobby" Clarke in tendering thanks proved that he had a very retentive memory regarding incidents of the past at these baths. We all think the time has arrived for a friendly "after-swimming speech-making competition" (no prizes!). Like the above race, I think it would result in "a near thing."

RESULT

1st W. Birchall
2nd H. V. Thompson
3rd T. E. Clarke
4th J. McFarlane
5th M. Burran

Won by 1 foot, 2 feet second and third, 1 foot fourth and fifth. W. A. T.

Six Mile Outer Circle Walk

1ST DECEMBER

There will be a Six Mile Handicap Walk in conjunction with a Three Mile Novices' Scratch Walk, Novices having the further option to complete the Six Mile Course if they so wish.

Will all entries kindly reach the Sports Office not later than 15th November?

SUMMER TERM SPORTS

RESULTS

WITH HANDICAPS

T.B.		S.S.	
1. Birchall ..	56 $\frac{3}{8}$	1. Crooke ..	42 $\frac{1}{2}$
2. Meighan ..	39	2. Scott ..	41 $\frac{1}{4}$
3. Nichols ..	31	3. McSteel ..	39

POINTS

25TH SEPTEMBER 1928

Birchall ..	56 $\frac{3}{8}$
McSteel ..	53
Crooke ..	42 $\frac{1}{2}$
Scott ..	41 $\frac{1}{4}$
Meighan ..	39
McFarlane ..	36 $\frac{1}{2}$
Nichols ..	31
Winter ..	29
Prior ..	19 $\frac{1}{2}$
Webster ..	17
Roden ..	16 $\frac{1}{2}$
Martin ..	12
Henry ..	11
Matthewman } ..	7
Fleming } ..	7
Burran ..	5

Birmingham Walk

The annual Road Walk of the Birmingham and District St. Dunstan's Sports Club took place on 25th August 1928. As usual, the starting and finishing point was at the Farcroft Hotel, Handsworth. The weather was splendid, and some fine walking was seen, which greatly impressed the President of the Walking Association, Mr. W. Golland, who acted as one of the judges. Twenty-nine competitors started, and twenty-five finished the course.

The genial host of the Farcroft Hotel entertained the men and their wives to tea after the Walk, and we cannot be too grateful to Mr. Murphy for the many things he always does for the Club. We must also thank Mr. Cooling very much indeed for a double share of work, as his joint honorary secretary, Miss Hodgson, was away, and Mr. Cooling very nobly and efficiently filled the breach.

RESULTS

Pos.	Name	Team	Time		
			H	M	S
1	Brown ..	L	2	9	58
2	Trott ..	BM	2	12	4
3	Jones ..	BR	2	20	10
4	Castle ..	BM	2	26	44
5	Gidney ..	BR	2	26	40
6	Holmes ..	BM	2	27	17
7	Giles ..	BM	2	27	44

Pos.	Name	Team	Time		
			H	M	S
8	Benning ..	BM	2	28	14
9	Ingram ..	L	2	28	54
10	Comley ..	BM	2	30	32
11	Thompson ..	L	2	31	14
12	Lowings ..	L	2	33	5
13	Stedman ..	BR	2	40	59
14	Read ..	BR	2	44	4
15	Cole ..	BR	2	46	42
16	Dickinson ..	BR	2	48	10
17	Cashmore ..	—	2	49	26
18	Scott ..	M	2	50	19
19	Yarwood ..	M	2	52	15
20	North ..	—	2	54	28
21	Shakespeare ..	—	2	56	34
22	Worthington ..	M	2	59	24
23	Whitten ..	—	3	1	29
24	New ..	—	3	18	25
25	Perry ..	—	3	22	35

BM—Birmingham, 19 points; L—London, 33 points; BR—Brighton, 35 points; M—Manchester team did not finish.

AWARDS

TEAM RACE—BIRMINGHAM

Trott .. Giles
Castle .. Holmes

SCRATCH RACE

S.S.

1st Brown (London)
2nd Trott (Birmingham)
3rd Giles (Birmingham)

T.B.

1st Castle (Birmingham)
2nd Holmes (Birmingham)
3rd Benning (Birmingham)

Handicap.

1st Jones (Brighton)
2nd Gidney (Brighton)
3rd Thompson (London)

Special Novice.

Stedman (Brighton)

P. N.

The Manchester Walk

In brilliant sunshine, twenty competitors started in the fifth annual St. Dunstan's Manchester Walk on Saturday, 22nd September—and all finished the course. The distance was five and a half miles, travelling by circular route. After the first mile W. Trott (Birmingham) was in the lead, and the positions at the Gardener's Arms were:—1st, Trott, 2nd, Giles (Birmingham), third, Yarwood (Manchester), fourth, Birley (Manchester), fifth, Castle (Birmingham), 6th, Worthington (Manchester). Even at this early stage it was fairly obvious that whoever beat Trott had a stiff task before him. Walking in excellent style, Trott was well in the lead at the junction of Nuthurst Road and

Lightbowne Road, when the first five positions were unchanged, but Scott (Manchester) had moved up to sixth place. The racing throughout was in splendid style, and Trott scored a well-earned victory.

After the Walk, competitors, wives, friends and escorts enjoyed tea together at the Red Lion Hotel, the North Manchester Club's Headquarters, after which Mrs. Alberti presented the prizes, with Mr. Alberti in the chair. During the course of a brief address, Mr. Alberti said that they would all agree that this, the fifth annual walk, had been as successful as any previous one, and fortunately they had been blessed with fine weather.

Mrs. Alberti presented a handsome clock to Trott, and to the cheers and shouts of "Good Old Brum," he modestly received his prize.

After the presentation Mr. Moorhouse proposed a vote of thanks to the officials, and this was seconded by Miss Nelson, Mr. W. Wynne responding on behalf of the officials. W. C. Scott proposed and W. Trott seconded a vote of thanks to the escorts.

The rest of the evening was spent in dancing to the strains of music provided by the "Famosa" Dance Band, whilst C. Davies (tenor), C. Duffy (character artist), F. Nibbs (elocutionist) and T. Speed (baritone) entertained.

We would add a special word of thanks to Miss Coverdale, Mr. W. Slack, and our lady V.A.D. helpers for all the untiring work they put into that day.

RESULTS

Pos.	Name	Sports Club	Time	
			M.	S.
1	W. Trott	Birmingham	50	04
2	W. Giles	"	51	06
3	W. S. Castle	"	53	26
4	J. W. Yarwood	Manchester	53	40
5	H. Birley	"	54	10
6	W. C. Scott	"	54	17
7	J. Worthington	"	55	28
8	E. Varley	Birmingham	56	24
9	J. Salt	Manchester	57	55
10	T. North	Birmingham	58	40
11	W. Duxbury	Manchester	59	08
12	W. Shakespeare	Birmingham	60	45
13	G. Taylor	Brighton	61	30
14	J. Lever	Manchester	61	55
15	J. H. Whitten	Birmingham	62	24
16	F. McMahon	Manchester	62	48

Pos.	Name	Sports Club	Time	
			M.	S.
17	T. Borthman	Manchester	65	54
18	J. New	Birmingham	66	07
19	J. H. Greaves	Manchester	66	16
20	J. Perry	Birmingham	68	31

(20 Started; 20 Finished)

FOUR PRIZES—HANDICAP (Manchester)

	Name	Sports Club	Time		H'cap	
			Allowance		Time	
			M	S	M	S
1st	J. Lever	"	10	30	51	25
2nd	J. Salt	"	4	15	53	40
3rd	W. Duxbury	"	5	15	53	53
4th	J. Greaves	"	12	00	54	12

TWO PRIZES—HANDICAP (Birmingham)

	Name	Sports Club	Time		H'cap	
			M	S	M	S
1st	W. Shakespeare	"	10	30	50	15
2nd	T. North	"	8	00	50	40
3rd	E. Varley	"	5	30	50	54

First unplaced Novice, J. New, Birmingham.

Style Prize was won by W. Trott.

Prize given by one of the escorts for the last man to finish was won by J. Perry, Birmingham.

We are exceedingly sorry to learn that J. R. Treby, of Colchester, has recently lost his silver cigarette case, which he values greatly as it was a present from his wife.

It has occurred to him that he may have lost it at the Putney Regatta, but is not sure about this as he may have lost it at the dinner which followed the regatta, or possibly at Headquarters. The initials on the case are J. R. F. T. In the event of any St. Dunstaners having found this case, Treby would be extremely grateful for its return, or for information which might lead to its recovery.

Important Notice

Armistice Dance

The Armistice Dance will be held on Tuesday, 13th November, from 8 to 11 p.m., at the Marylebone Hall, Marylebone Baths, Marylebone Road, N.W.1, admission from 7.30 onwards. St. Dunstaners wishing to attend should apply, in the usual way, to Matron, Miss Power, for tickets (one escort for each man). It is regretted that children of any age cannot be admitted.

Births

BENNETT.—On the 2nd September, to the wife of H. Bennett, Brislington, Bristol, a son.

BISHOP.—To the wife of G. E. Bishop, of New Romney, on the 11th August, a daughter.

BRELSFORD.—On the 29th May, to the wife of P. Brelsford, of Hucknall, a son (Robert Neville).

CLAMP.—On the 6th September, to the wife of W. Clamp, of New Bradwell, a son.

CRADDOCK.—To the wife of F. Craddock, of Harlow, on the 28th August, a son.

GILL.—On the 30th August, to the wife of C. E. Gill, of Teddington, a son.

HAZEL.—On the 28th August, to the wife of A. T. Hazel, of Earlsfield, a daughter (Mavis Eileen).

HURST.—To the wife of H. Hurst, of Gt. Longstone, on the 20th August, a daughter.

LATH.—On the 23rd August, to the wife of J. T. Lath, of Sheffield, a son.

MOORE.—On the 7th August, to the wife of G. Moore, of Canterbury, a son.

NASH.—On the 3rd August, to the wife of W. Nash, of Lowestoft, a son.

POWELL.—To the wife of P. W. Powell, of Yatton, Nr. Ross, twins, boy and girl, on the 1st August.

SCOTT PEAREY.—To the wife of W. Scott Pearey, of Newcastle, on the 12th of June, a daughter (Rhona Herriet Strelsa).

SMITH.—To the wife of J. H. Smith, of Bolsover, on the 24th August, a daughter

Deaths

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

ASH.—To S. Ash, Exeter, who lost his father on the 25th July.

ATTRELL.—To Mrs. Attrell, of Polegate, who lost her father on the 13th August.

CHARMAN.—To Mrs. Charman, of Hever, who lost her brother on 24th August as the result of an operation.

EDEN.—To Mr. and Mrs. Eden, of Darnall, Sheffield, who lost their little daughter Edith on the 9th August. Aged 7 years.

FOXON.—To W. H. Foxon, of Acton Vale, whose father died very suddenly on the 18th July.

HAZEL.—To Hazel, of Earlsfield, whose father and mother died this summer within a few weeks of each other.

HUGHES.—To Mr. and Mrs. Hughes, of Cwmngwrach, whose little daughter, Doreen Anne, succumbed to an attack of diphtheria on the 3rd August.

PRIOR.—To H. R. Prior, Chelsea, who lost his mother very suddenly on Sunday, 28th July.

ROBERTS.—To Roberts, of Stalybridge, whose father died on the 28th August.

SMITH.—To W. C. Smith, of Melbourne, Derbyshire, whose mother, after a period of ill-health, died on the 26th July.

THOMPSON.—To J. Thompson, of Bolton, whose wife died on the 30th August after an operation.

WHEELER.—To Wheeler, of Newbury, whose mother passed away on the 10th August.

YARROW.—To G. J. Yarrow, of Portsmouth, whose wife passed away on the 26th July after a long illness.

Marriages

TRIGG-OSBORN.—On Wednesday, the 29th August, at Brighton Registry Office, A. E. Trigg, late of Belvedere, to Mrs. N. M. A. Osborn, of Brighton.

Congratulations also to W. G. Johnson, of Crimple, Harrogate, who was recently married to Mrs. Griffiths, of Forest Side, Nr. Emsworth.

A. ST. DUNSTAN'S WEDDING

The marriage took place on Wednesday, 12th September, at the church of St. John the Baptist, Bristol Road, Kemp Town, of J. McCarthy, of Poplar, to Mrs. Moriarty, of Brighton. The bridesmaid was Miss M. Moriarty, and the bride was also attended by Mrs. Martindale and Miss Webster. Mr. J. Jackman acted as best man.

After the ceremony, which was conducted by the rector, the Reverend Father Newton, the happy couple were given a rousing send-off from St. Dunstaners and friends as they entered the car for their honeymoon in London.

All St. Dunstaners will join with us in wishing them every happiness in their future lives together.

Notes and News

J. Burley, of Norwich, is very busy making trousers presses, his workmanship and polishing being exceedingly good and attractive. He has made great improvements to the house, especially the front room, where a very handsome oak mantelpiece has been introduced, all his own workmanship. The design is very well balanced and the workmanship of first-class quality. An umbrella stand he has produced is also a very fine specimen of craftsmanship.

R. J. Vine, of Ewhurst, has been developing his local trade recently to such an extent that during the summer he found it difficult to contend with all his orders. He has secured a local order for show or grape baskets, which will, when finished this month, reach a total of £25 in value.

A. W. Pimm, of Wickford, and his wife are doing their very utmost to get together a good circle of customers, and we should like to congratulate them on the success they have had hitherto, in spite of the fact that they have not a very populous district around them. His orders are very varied, and he is making good use of the coloured effects in his centre cane work.

J. Marriott, of Soham, is always ready to tackle any job that comes along; the more difficult it is the better he likes it. He makes quite a number of a very nice skeined willow work basket and we have still to find the man who can equal him at it. He is always keen to learn something fresh in his craft as well as being a handy man in many ways. Much of his spare time during the past two years has been taken up in energetically pushing forward a fund for the provision of a modern ambulance for patients going from Soham to Cambridge Hospital. He was Chairman of the Organising Committee. A good supply of flowers and vegetables are always coming from his garden and his

tomatoes this year have been a very fine crop.

"Dick" Fuller rejoices in the number of friends he has in Bedford. He knows the two very well, and so can get about unaided, but it is, of course, a great pleasure to him to meet so many people who are friendly and interested. He sells the *Evening News* opposite Bunyan's Statue, and one of his jokes is to the effect that although he has stood opposite to John Bunyan for some years he has never spoken to him yet.

The display of baskets which F. Ashworth, of Gorleston-on-Sea, has been putting before the summer visitors has received the best kind of recognition, in that a very large number have been taken away, after suitable payment has been made. Ashworth and his wife have had to keep going early and late, and, even then, have had to arrange to send goods to customers at their home address.

This advance in trade must be due to the variety of work which Ashworth has introduced, and to his careful attention to the needs of his customers. We should like to offer him our sincere congratulations.

D. J. McLoughlin, of Dublin, will be again broadcasting from the Dublin Station on 23rd October, and St. Dunstaners will be interested to learn that he will sing "A Message," by Miss L. Cadiz, a former V.A.D. who was totally disabled in the Great War and is now confined to a spinal carriage.

We are sorry to hear that Mrs. McLoughlin has sustained an accident to her left eye, and for the past fortnight has been in the Royal Victoria Hospital at Dublin. We send our sympathy, and hope that she will make a speedy and thorough recovery.

A recent addition to the list of St. Dunstaner aspirants for literary honours is G. Fallowfield, of Leytonstone, who sends us a humorous sketch on village life for criticism. Fallowfield mentions in his letter that he and his wife spent a very enjoyable evening reading old copies of THE REVIEW they had saved from December 1923.

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