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EDITORIAL NOTES

THE KING'S ILLNESS

VERY one of his subjects throughout the British Empire has been watching with the greatest anxiety the fight which His Majesty the King is waging against the illness which has attacked him. St. Dunstaners everywhere, proud in the knowledge of the deep personal interest His Majesty has always shown in their welfare, are fervently hoping that this time of anxiety will soon be over, and that the King will be restored to full vigour of health again.

Expression of these hopes is given in the following letter sent by our Chairman

to Lord Stamfordham :-

3rd December 1928.

Dear Lord Stamfordham, At a meeting yesterday afternoon of one hundred blinded soldiers in St. Dunstan's Seaside Home, Brighton, it was resolved that I should ask you to be good enough to convey the following message

The blinded soldiers there assembled, on their own behalf and on behalf of their two thousand comrades throughout the Empire, affirm their loyalty to His Majesty and ask him graciously to accept their best wishes for a speedy return to his accustomed health and strength.

Yours sincerely, (Sgd.) IAN FRASER,

Chairman.

Lt.-Col. the Rt. Hon. Lord Stamfordham, G.C.B., G.C.I.E., &c., Buckingham Palace, S.W.I.

The following reply was received from Colonel Clive Wigram:-

Buckingham Palace,

4th December 1928. Dear Captain Fraser, I write to thank you for your letter to Lord Stamfordham of the 3rd inst., and to assure you that the King will much appreciate the kind message of sympathy and good wishes which you have sent on behalf of the blinded soldiers of St. Dunstan's and their comrades.

I am thankful to say that His Majesty appears to be slightly better this morning.

(Sgd.) CLIVE WIGRAM.

Captain Ian Fraser, C.B.E., M.P., Chairman, St. Dunstan's.

The latest news, as we go to press, is that His Majesty's condition shows some slight improvement.

NEWS OF ST. DUNSTANERS

The Editor wishes his Readers everywhere A Happy Christmas and all

Prosperity and Content in the New Year

TOW many young St. Dunstaners of school-going age have contrived to turn themselves into salesmen for their fathers' wares? J. Peeling, of Ashton-under-Lyne, has a seven year old son who bids fair to become a veritable Captain of Industry in the years to come. He has just secured an order for three mats, to be made by his father, for the teachers at the school he attends. Our compliments to young James and may other capable young sons follow in his footsteps—there must be many teachers wanting mats both in the schools and at their homes. And is there not a crying need among them for other St. Dunstan's wares?

One of the latest fashions is tiny Japanese gardens for table ornaments to replace the flowers that are too expensive to buy at this season of the year. W. Coleman, of Islington, finds that he can make charming little specimens, and encouraged by his success in this line is contemplating making a larger one in his own garden.

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Friends of J. Martin, of Long Rock, Penzance, will sympathise with him in a

recent stroke of bad luck. He had a small field of corn which he had cut and saved for his own use—one night a neighbour's cattle broke through, ate a good deal and trampled the rest.

If hard work can make success, A. Tanner, of St. Ives, is sure of it. He is busily at work at present getting ready a supply of fishing baskets for the fishing fleet's winter season.

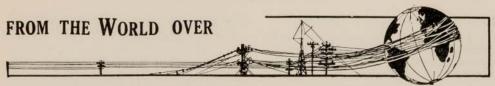
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"A1" says B. Pursglove, of Oswaldtwistle. Pursglove, by the way, is a man with hosts of friends.

An equally good report comes from J. Bates, of Salford, who says: "I feel as well as ever I did in my life.'

"All's well," too, with J. Selby, of Larkfield, who is kept employed by his poultry. He says he could sell many more eggs than he gets.

Trade is fair with H. Harris, of Loose, Nr. Maidstone. He put in a strenuous week or so in October clearing up the garden and doing an accumulation of "odd jobs."



B. Toole is so comfortably fixed up in his new rooms that he says he never wants to move again! We hear that he has improved the appearance of the living room considerably by making an exceedingly nice and useful dresser.

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Another young St. Dunstaner to whom congratulations should go is Barbara, eldest daughter of T. S. Cooper, of Hull. She has secured a free scholarship at the Newland High School and her parents are justly proud of her, as is her little sister Joyce, who firmly intends to follow in her sister's footsteps!

As usual J. Brockerton, of Coleraine, is full up with local orders. Evidently his fame as a mat maker is spreading, for one specimen of his handicraft is to go to Scotland.

Brockerton's little grandson had a nasty adventure a few weeks ago, being knocked down by a motor lorry; he had a miraculous escape from serious injury and only suffered concussion and shock.

Of our Belfast men, W. J. Berry has been playing a prominent part at the Orange Bazaar where he carried off a silver dish as prize for the best fancy costume. He was kept fully occupied, being put in charge of a Bran Tub and attracted a fine supply of custom owing to the liberal use of a large rattle! I. Boyce is very fit and reports that patients are coming along nicely. S. Holmes is well and has made a linen press which, we, hear is an excellent piece of work.

As for W. Dacey, of Waterford, well, he nearly lost that fine moustache and set of whiskers of which he is so proud, for having put a handkerchief over his head to keep off flies he decided on " a bit of a smoke," whereupon the handkerchief caught fire! The conflagration was subdued without

material damage being done, but Dacey says that at first he was all "for blaming the wife for bein' after burnin' the whiskers off him!'

Dacy is very much a grandfather, by the way, having no less than thirty grandchildren. He is exceedingly proud of the last, who is a remarkably fine specimen according to accounts.

Busy, too, is J. Murray, of Kilkenny. His first attempt at a motor mat was most successful and brought him in several direct orders.

As for T. McCann, he is now comfortably fixed up in his new house, which is replete with modern improvements, and Tommy is rejoicing over the fact that there will be no more water carrying for him!

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It would be quite interesting if one could know how often friendly turns done by St. Dunstaners to "outsiders" have direct results and bring good to others. Friends may remember hearing J. T. Waldin mention a charming old lady aged ninety to whom he taught bag-making, she being blind. She was immensely interested in the craft saving that it helped her to while away many an hour that would otherwise have been empty and dull. Some time after, having learnt, she went to Australia, but she never lost her interest in St. Dunstan's and valued letters from Waldin in which he told her of the progress made by "the boys." Latterly he received a particularly nice letter from a niece telling him of the death of his old friend, but that even at the end she had not forgotten St. Dunstan's and had left a legacy to headquarters asking that the interest from it should be applied for the benefit of some blind person in Australia. Waldin should be very proud of what he did.

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From Hull comes news of three men: H. Chafer, who is comfortably settled in a

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nice Council house; W. J. Hopper, who is delighted with the skill he has acquired in carpentry; and G. J. Webster, who is keeping to his work very well and continues to like it.

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Both W. N. Williamson and his wife (of Denton) are in excellent health, and Williamson finds that travs and light baskets keep him a very busy man. His home is a very happy one.

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We had hoped to be able to report the success of C. Mollov at the Blackpool Festival Competition, but friends will be sorry to hear that shortly before the event he contracted a bad cold, and though he stopped at home and took all care for a day or so, he evidently went out too soon and was not in singing form when the Festival came on. We hope he will have better luck next time, when we are sure he will do well.

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All St. Dunstaners wives will be interested to know that Mrs. Fitton, wife of E. Fitton, of Ashton-under-Lyne, succeeded in winning the lady's handbag at the Manchester Reunion.

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W. B. Gill, of Ripon, seems to keep remarkably fit. He is a St. Dunstaner whose handiwork will go down to posterity, for some of his work is in Ripon Cathedral, and very beautiful it is. We wonder whether modelling has any attraction for him now?

New "digs" have been secured by S. Goodwin, of York, and he is so well cared for in them that he says he is settled for

All is going happily with W. G. Sewell, of Masham. The new baby is a wonderful infant and the pride of his parents.

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S. Bull, of Spilsby, is working away steadily and his little shop is always exceedingly well kept.

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A clean bill of health is also possessed by R. Ashwell and family, with whom "everything is going quite all right," and the son is doing remarkably well at school. 媽 蜗 縣

While dealing with the achievements of young St. Dunstaners mention must be made of the son of H. Edge, of Worsthorne, Burnley, who is also making good school progress and has just been selected as a chorister at the church, which has greatly pleased his family.

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Girls, too, are holding their own, and among them "Bessie" Dyson who is now sixth in her form at the secondary school she is attending.

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Among the busiest of our men is I Wood, of Grange-over-Sands, who in addition to making mats repairs both boots and clogs and often has as many as 15 or 16 pairs in in a week. Indeed, this summer he was hard put to it to escape from work for his summer holiday at Blackpool, though he felt that it was well earned. Yet despite his regular supply of repair work Wood has contrived to find time to make six mats, four gardening mats, three kneelers and nine sponge bags for the local "Handicraft Sale of Work "--- an exhibition that in-variably brings him "repeat" orders. A fine record indeed.

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Quite a number of "St. Dunstan's grandchildren" are finding their way overseas. One of the latest to go is the son of W. Capstick, of Lancaster. We wish him all success.

A few months ago the son of A. Aldridge, of Yeovil, started on the same great adventure and has made a splendid start. His letters home are happy as well as hopeful, for he has been lucky enough to get settled with a Scottish family in Ontario who are taking a real interest in him. Not only have they written to Aldridge about him, but the farmer's wife is herself knitting him warm things for the winter. Young Aldridge is only 14, so it cannot have been easy for Aldridge to let him start off alone to seek his fortune. We are doubly glad to know that he is on the fair way to find it.

55 56 55 Belated recruits are still joining our

wireless band, T. Flavin, of Rostellan, is one of the latest. His set arrived minus an aerial equipment, but as Rostellan is a fishing village this offered no impediment, and enough spars were soon fetched up to erect a dozen aerials.

What a show of medals and decorations St. Dunstaners and their families could make if they could all be shown together. Flavin has a fine collection of seventeen medals won in various campaigns by his immediate connections.

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Nenagh is one of the places where the housing problem is still acute apparently, for P. Maher says that there were 500 applicants for 28 cottages which were recently erected in the neighbourhood.

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Friends will be glad to know that J. E. Batty, of Killamarah, has made a fresh start with his basket work.

The local technical school has begun sending repair work to T. Thorpe, of Darwen; may it wear out many mats!

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I. Broadbent, of Rosyth, is another busy man, who, by the way, has a couple of sons doing well at the military school.

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In most excellent order is the little home of R. Gifford, in Linlithgow; it is quite a charming place and Gifford works really hard in the garden and with his poultry.

Another delightful little home is that possessed by L. Thomas, of Rawden, it is really as near perfection as can be and shows what ambition, backed by hard work, can do. 据 張 塘

E. J. Burley has settled into his new place in Perranwell, Cornwall. The house is very roomy and both Mr. and Mrs. Burley are putting all their energies into getting it shipshape. Some of the ground seems waterlogged, so until this can be cured Burley has decided to keep ducks!

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"Customers?" says F. W. Westaway, of Yeovil, Somerset, "Yes, but you have to go out and look for them, these days, and when you have found them make sure you satisfy them! Excellent advice, to be sure. No wonder Westaway is making a success of both his trades. By the way, Westaway was appointed a collector on Poppy Day and was in his element feeling that he was working for two such causes as St. Dunstan's and the British Legion.

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Old customers are returning to J. H. Plunkett, of St. Leonards, all will be glad to know, and his arm is practically well

The sale of thirteen travs in a single week is almost a record, we should think. This is the achievement of W. C. Ward, also of St. Leonards.

A loss of forty head of poultry through foxes is pretty serious, but M. W. Brown is sure that this is his tally. He warns other St. Dunstaners that the Hunt will only pay for those birds whose dead carcases can be shown. Brown still has a couple of hundred birds which are laving well. He is interested to know which is the largest St. Dunstan's poultry-keeper.

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In Uckfield, E. E. Kenward is making a speciality of selling brushes and he has quite a number of local customers who know him well. In addition others come to him from the tea-shop which is near his workshop, so he is in a fortunate position. Other St. Dunstaners may see his sturdy young family next year, for Kenward hopes to bring them up for the Sports.

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R. J. Williams, of Southwick, is of much the same opinion as Westaway, that customers in these days have to be sought for, and intends to see what he can do by taking round a sample mat.

His garden keeps him busy when the weather permits outdoor work, and Williams has put in some 300 plants ready

for the spring blooming.

He found plenty of customers for his Airedale pups and is sorry the litter was not larger.

The recent move bids fair to be a success so far as improved comfort is concerned according to T. J. Eaton, of Southwick, and he has been hard at work fixing things up to please his wife. Among other things he has made a fine wireless cabinet, two mantlepieces and a really beautiful dinner wagon on castors. Eaton says the place suits him so well that he feels 10 years younger since his move.

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S. Usher, of Hastings, is yet another St. Dunstaner with a clever young daughter. She is particularly good at mathematics and the Ushers have hopes that she will ultimately succeed in winning a scholar-ship which will carry her to Oxford.

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Between six and seven hundredweight of potatoes, "the finest crop potatoes seen in the village," is the return A. H. Luker, of Boar's Hill, has had for his labours. His garden does him infinite credit.

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An order for a couple of dozen waste paper baskets reached P. Bolton, of Heaton Moor, not long since.

"A bit of work like that makes a man healthy and his pocket healthy too," says Bolton sagely.

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The latest addition to the household of A. Pink, of Bridgwater, Somerset, is a particularly fine boy who weighs almost a record number of pounds for his age, we hear. He is a fortunate youngster for he seems to have inherited the happy disposition with which both his parents are blessed.

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A rival infant is the new young Bennett of Bristol, another candidate for the first Baby Competition.

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A fine number of local orders have been coming to A. Wernham, of Bracknell, of late and he has been a very busy man. His daughter, Mabel, by the way, has done so well at school that her scholarship has been extended for another year.

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"All's well" with H. Buchanan, of Carshalton, Surrey. His son is working hard to matriculate; we send him good wishes for his success.

L. Ilsley, of Sutton, and his wife have had an anxious time. Their youngest girl was knocked down by a car a few weeks ago and badly bruised. We are glad that the disaster was not more serious than it was, but it was quite bad enough.

It is a long time since St. Dunstan's Troupe paid its visit to H.M. Prisons, but the venture has not been forgotten. F. Boorman, of Ropley, reports that a new vicar has just come to his district who was once a prison chaplain, and in that capacity happened to hear and see the St. Dunstaners. They impressed him so that he is very anxious fo have them visit his town.

J. Hastings, of Smethwick, is among those working hard to be ready for Christmas. May he find a record sale for his teapot stands.

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Both trades (boots and mats) seem going well with A. Sterno, of Bath. He had a pleasant surprise not long since, for his young stepson, who is a steward on a Cunard ship, came in to see him, looking remarkably smart and well, and brought news that he had been advanced to steward in the second class. Congratulations on his progress.

Brief Notes

The little shop run by F. Marshall, in Hull, is maintaining its fine standard both as regards trade and appearance.

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A. Urry, of the same district, is as fit and industrious as usual, poultry, basket-work and local activities leaving him few leisure hours.

"I'm champion," says S. Catlow, of Nelson, although he is compelled to admit to the catching of a cold, now and then.

A. G. Cole, of Ilkley, is looking remarkably well, and so does H. Hague, of Ashton-under-Lyne, who, by the way, is a most hard and steady worker.

In Penicuik, J. A. Dunlop is devoting

his time to the making of teapot-stands. F. Champniss continues his basket making in Willesden. J. Davies is doing fairly well with mats at Wembley. A. Ashley is making progress in the Borough. H. Hargreaves is mat-making in Clayton-le-Moors, where the eldest boy Hubert is doing splendidly at school; he is second in the division.

At Burton-on-Trent C. H. Brown keeps both fit and busy and says his poultry keep him so fully occupied that he has no time to think of himself.

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J. Boon, of Worcester, is pegging away steadily at basket-making. F. Reynolds, of West Cowes, is becoming a past-master in the making of "woollies." "All's well" with C. E. Gill, of Teddington—the baby has been christened Dennis Edwin. J. Thornton, of Camden Town, yet another of our basket makers, is busy preparing for a Christmas rush, and A. Rowe, of Burslem, is as cheery as ever.

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Some good orders for mats have come to H. Lea, of Hulland Ward, Derby. T. Marrison, of Ponders End is both busy and cheerful. G. Fallowfield finds trade for baskets in Levtonstone is fairly satisfactory. E. Swingler, of Tuxford, hashad an order for a couple of mats and started off on them in fine shape. J. Langham, now of Sutton-in-Ashfield, is contemplating a move to Skegness; W. J. Gilbert, of Barnstaple, Devon, has had a Sealyham given to him to replace his old dog and the two are already firm friends: L. Johns, of Exeter, whose shop is always noticeably well kept, is doing some most careful repair work, the kind that should turn "casual" customers into "regulars."

The following St. Dunstaners were present at the social meeting held at the Assembly Rooms, Southsea: W. Agate, S. Aves, F. Boorman, A. Chiverton, W. Collins, J. Collinson, W. Farmery, F. Green, R. Horsley, A. Knotwell, A. Jarvis, F. Matthews, G. Matthews, J. Patter, J. Stephens, I. H. Poole, J. Kirkham, W. Walker, A. Wilkins, T. J. Waldin, T. Wall, G. Yarrow and Mrs. Griffith and men from Sussex.

A Christmas Letter

My dear Boys,

A Merry Christmas and a very Happy

New Year to you.

If I could do what I should really like, it would be to give each one of you a hearty shake of the hand and wish you personally every possible good luck and happiness both at Christmas and throughout the coming New Year, but as this is impossible, I am asking, instead, the St. Dunstan's Review to bring to you on its pages my very best of good wishes. God bless you all.

Your affectionate friend,

ADELINE THELLUSSON,

Commandant Matron.

St. Dunstan's, Brighton.

A Window at Selfridges

The sympathetic generosity of Mr. Gordon Selfridge towards St. Dunstan's was shown in practical fashion by the allocation of a window in Somerset Street to work of distinctive merit by several of our men.

A fine pedestal desk made to a special order by F. Ralph, of Purley, is shown in the centre of the window, whilst on the right is an exceedingly clever piece of work in the form of a fancy table with a patterned top by G. Pell, of Surbiton. To the left is a set of oak trays by J. Hopper, of Hull, who has, as many readers know, only one arm. The display is backed by many other St. Dunstan's articles that are sold in the various departments of Selfridge's.

This window is causing a good deal of attention, and this can be well understood, for although so much is credited to the ability of our men it must come as a surprise to many people to know that it is possible for our craftsmen to produce work of such exceptional merit and perfection.

Our sincere and grateful thanks are offered to Mr. Willis for so generously presenting us with 48 records for the Lounge gramophone, a gift made through Miss Bamberger, and one which will add immensely to the enjoyment of all of us at our little Tuesday evening gatherings.

ST. DUNSTAN'S REVIEW

MEMORIAL SERVICE TO SIR ARTHUR PEARSON The Bishop of London's Tribute

THER official engagements of the Bishop of London made it necessary for this year's memorial service to our late Chief to be held an the 11th December, instead of on the actual anniversary of his death, namely, the 9th. Our President, Lady (Arthur) Pearson, and everyone of St. Dunstan's was deeply glad that this great and highly revered prelate was to voice in person at this year's service the depth of our affection for and memory of Sir Arthur. Apart from the fact that the Bishop has been one of St. Dunstan's Vice-Presidents for many years, he was, as he recalled in his address, a close friend of our Chief from the moment they first met.

Despite the inclement weather, a large congregation assembled at Holy Trinity Church, St. Marylebone. The service was conducted by the Reverend Prebendary E. N. Sharpe, assisted by the Reverend Harold Gibb.

The service opened on an unusual, and it may be hoped, unique note, when Prebendary Sharpe offered up a special prayer for the recovery from his illness of His Majesty the King, the plea being followed, after some moments of silent prayer, by the whole congregation joining in the singing of the National Anthem.

The order of the service proper was as follows:—Hymn 509, "Lead, Kindly Light," sentences from the Lesser Litany, the Lord's Prayer, St. Dunstan's Special Prayers, the 23rd Psalm "The Lord is my Shepherd," Lesson—Ecclesiastes 44, I-15, Hymn 474, "Ten thousand times ten thousand." Then the Bishop of London commenced his address. It was such a deeply sincere and yet simply phrased tribute to the great man to honour whose memory we had come together, that we feel every reader of these pages will wish to read for themselves his Lordship's own words. The Bishop, speaking in quiet and almost conversational tones, said:—

It is a great pleasure to see you, my dear friends, before me. I now will say a few words this evening in memory of my dear old friend, Arthur Pearson. I do not remember who introduced me to him first, but if I may say so we took to each other directly. I do not know why he took to me but I know why I took to him.

My recollection goes right back to the very beginning of things. I remember before I went down to the front in 1915 I came and told a little handful of men at Notting Hill (it was where we began) that I was going down the line, and they said "Well, do come and tell us all about it when you come back." There were a good many more of them when I came back and told them about the different places where I had been down the line in France. That was in the very early days of St. Dunstan's.

Then came, of course, that great adventure of faith which we call St. Dunstan's, the great institution which is known throughout the world, and it was at my suggestion, with Sir Arthur's very great willingness, that we put that little chapel there; I came and dedicated that little chapel, where you will remember Prebendary Sharpe did much good work, as vicar of this parish.

Then came the news of Sir Arthur's sudden death: I remember that time so well; I took the funeral service here in this church. It is a very great honour to me to come to pay my little tribute to one I admired and even loved so much. And when we think it over, what was it in Sir Arthur that one admired so much? I think that prayer of St. Dunstan's which I heard read just now gave all the very points which one admired in his character. First of all, his wonderful cheerfulness, his buoyancy of spirit. It was almost impossible to believe that he was blind, one did not seem to take it in; I did not realise it myself for some time when I first met him. And there was that great characteristic-the courage which conquered all difficulties. I wonder how many here he inspired with that courage. It was knowing Sir Arthur was blind himself that made so many men follow his example: " He bore it, he was brave, he conquered; I will." If a man has been through a thing and has conquered it, then we follow him; then we know when he has said a thing he means it. It was this courage that inspired not only people who are in this church but numbers and numbers outside

Then of course we admired the organising power he had. I did not know the full extent of his organising power as a great journalist; but I did see it all in this wonderful organisation called St. Dunstan's. Every detail he thought out, every idea he was interested in.

As well as his organising mind, we remember his sympathetic heart. He seemed to feel the sorrows of other people. Again and again I have seen that—sometimes I came down to dinner in Portland Place, where the blinded officers were, or visited St. Dunstan's itself, and always he was

the same; it was deep, true sympathy, sympathy that helps, that came straight from a tender, loving heart.

The first thing in our minds is always to keep him in memory. Do not let us ever forget this brave, gallant man; I do not suppose we ever shall, but a memorial service like this helps to keep the memory of all his jokes, his smiles, his laughter and his courage. As I think of him they all come back to me.

We must never let his work go down. I do not suppose it ever will; it is in splendid hands, led by one who shares his affliction and who saw service in the war. We must never let his work go down. It is not enough that we have admired a man in the past, it is the present that tells, and to keep up St. Dunstan's is the best memorial we can give.

Our Lord was the supreme example of courage, conquering difficulties with indomitable spirit. Jesus Christ in pictures is sometimes rather an anæmic figure, but He was the bravest person that ever lived; He faced all His difficulties and conquered them. I know nothing of your religious beliefs, but I do believe that if you can get His courage, if you can have His hope and knowledge, and in your hearts faith in a loving Christ and the hope of everlasting life to come, you will have just the spirit which Sir Arthur would love you to have in your lives, the most fitting memorial you can give him.

After further hymns and special prayers had been offered up, another memorable service concluded with the blessing.

Besides Lady (Arthur) Pearson and Sir Neville Pearson, the congregation included Mr. and Mrs. Knowles, Miss Fraser, Miss Pearson, Captain and Mrs. Fraser, Miss Hamar Greenwood, Sir Arnold Lawson, Lieut.-Colonel Bartlett and Mr. Ben Purse (representing the National Institute for the Blind), Mrs. Mansell Moullin, Mr. and Mrs. Chadwick Bates, many officers and men of St. Dunstan's and members of the staff, and representatives of civilian organisations for the blind.

St. Dunstan's Tribute

On the morning of Monday, the 10th December, a delegation visited Sir Arthur's grave in Hampstead Cemetery, and placed thereon some beautiful floral offerings. The party consisted of the following:—Captain Ian Fraser, E. Varley and H. Thompson, representing Present-care men, and W. Allen and T. Thorpe, representing After-care men: Mrs. Fraser, Mrs. Bates, Mr. Kessell, Mr. Askew, and Instructor Toyell.

The tribute from St. Dunstan's officers and men, as usual, took the form of our

Badge, which was carried out in white chrysanthemums, with red flowers forming the words "St. Dunstan's" and red gladioli for the flames of the torch.

St. Dunstan's Telephonists and the Men and Staff at Brighton also sent beautiful

Photographs of the gathering at the graveside were taken, and copies can be supplied at moderate prices on application to the Editor.

Brighton Notes

The Lounge was filled to overflowing on Tuesday evening, the 11th, at the service at the Annexe in memory of Sir Arthur Pearson, which was both simple and impressive, the keynote being concern for the health of the King. The service was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Dixon, of St. George's Church, and was opened by the singing of "God Save the King" and a silent prayer for His Majesty. After the hymn "Oh God, our Help in ages past" and prayers, Mr. Dixon spoke to us of the brave moral strength of Sir Arthur and his determination to conquer the odds of life and to show us all how well it could be done. Not only in the wonderful organisation of St. Dunstan's was his genius shown, but thanks to him thousands of poor children yearly still enjoy a country holiday through his Fresh Air Fund. Many of the men gathered in the big lounge knew our late chief personally, but there were those who only know him by the wonderful heritage he has left them, which has lightened many a burden of St. Dunstaners.

The service terminated with the singing of "Abide with me" and a short prayer.

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Once again it is our pleasure to announce the success of another of our poultry farmers, G. C. Jackson, of Alfred Poultry Farm, Kingsnorth, Ashford, Kent. At the conclusion of the first month of the Wye College Laying Test, Jackson's pen of White Wyandottes has gained second place. In addition to this, Jackson has carried off at a local show three first prizes, four seconds, two thirds, and two specials. These two special prizes took the form of Silver Challenge Cups, and were presented for the best pullet and cockerel in the show. Well done!

THE ARMISTICE ANNIVERSARY DANCE

A Welcome to Captain and Mrs. Fraser-Sir Neville and Lady Pearson's Visit

THE tenth Armistice Anniversary Dance held on 20th November was an occasion of special interest this year. Firstly, it formed an opportunity for hundreds of St. Dunstaners and their wives and friends to welcome back, after their three months' South African tour, our Chairman and Mrs. Fraser. Secondly, we were all very pleased to receive a visit from Sir Neville and Lady Pearson (Miss Gladys Cooper). It was not to be wondered at, therefore, that we had a record in attendances, and very shortly after the time of opening, the gaily decorated and brightly lit hall at the Marylebone Baths was thronged with dancers.

Our President, Lady (Arthur) Pearson, sent a telegram regretting her inability to be present and sending all the guests her love and best wishes for a happy evening.

Captain Fraser received a real "Old Soldier's Welcome" when he arrived shortly before the interval. In a most happily phrased speech, H. Kerr, on behalf of all St. Dunstaners, expressed the great pleasure they all felt at having their Chairman and his lady amongst them again. Most of them present there that night knew how right royally Captain Fraser had been received everywhere during his extended tour. Humorously referring to the rival claims of South Africa and this country upon the citizenship of our Chairman, the speaker pointed out that although Captain Fraser had spent part of his boyhood in South Africa, he was born and had lived in England practically all his life. "Well, there is 6 ft. 2 ins. of Captain Fraser," said Kerr, "and we'll let South Africa have the two inches as long as we keep the rest!" (Laughter and applause.)

Captain Fraser's address in reply was followed with the greatest interest. He expressed the deep pleasure it gave Mrs. Fraser and himself to be back among their St. Dunstaner comrades again. They had had, as the previous speaker had remarked, a most splendidly successful tour, and an

extraordinarily warm welcome everywhere. He felt, however, that great as had been the personal kindness shown to him, it was shown as the representative of St. Dunstan's and its officers and men collectively, for he found the name of St. Dunstan's and its work honoured everywhere. "There is no more wonderful thing," Captain Fraser said, "than the goodwill which is extended to St. Dunstan's by British communities all over the world. I travelled seven thousand miles in South Africa and Rhodesia, visiting twenty-one towns, and everywhere I went I found somebody who knew and admired one of our blinded soldiers, or who had worked at or subscribed to, or raised money for St.

"It is the loyalty to St. Dunstan's and the splendid personal example which every St. Dunstaner sets in his own home life and his work which is responsible for the way we are enabled to keep the banner of St. Dunstan's so proudly flying everywhere. Without that loyalty and without that wonderful esprit de corps St. Dunstan's could not carry on." (Cheers.)

'We must all stick together and help each other in every way possible," said Captain Fraser, "and in that connection I would remind you of a very well known slogan which you sometimes see in business houses—'if you do like what we sell, don't tell us, tell others. If you don't like what we sell, tell us and don't tell others.' That slogan they could apply to the work of St. Dunstan's. He (Captain Fraser) and the members of the staff who were concerned with their welfare, were always only too glad to see St. Dunstaners individually, collectively, or by deputation at any time when advice was wanted, or suggestions could be put forward." (Applause.)

Mr. Kessell welcomed the Chairman and his wife on behalf of the staff. He said he felt that Captain Fraser would regard it as high tribute to all the staff who worked under him that during a three months' absence the whole work of the organisation had gone on without hitch or hindrance, and that Captain Fraser had found on his return to take the reins of office again nothing to cause him any anxiety." (Applause.)

A charming incident followed, when Matron presented Mrs Fraser with a beautiful bouquet.

Dancing was then resumed, and went on merrily to a late hour, a special extension of time having been obtained.

Shortly before the end of the dance, Sir Neville and Lady Pearson arrived, and received a most enthusiastic reception, St. Dunstaners forming a great circle on the floor and toasting Lady Pearson's health with rounds of cheers. Lady Pearson, who was accompanied by her daughter, Miss Joan Buckmaster, joined in the dancing for a while. She expressed her delight at the sincerity of her welcome, and her wonder at the perfect skill of the sightless dancers.

Armistice Celebrations at Brighton

Our Armistice Dance was held on Thursday, the 15th November, and was as great a success as ever, the Lounge and Conservatory being crowded with happy dancers. The "Balloon" dance provided fun and excitement; after a rapid succession of revolver-like shots, L. Williams and his partner were left victors, their balloons being the only ones intact, thus winning the prize. A splendid supper was provided to which due justice was given.

Loud cheers greeted the announcement that Mrs. Bates was in the room, and the cheering was renewed when Matron read a letter of good wishes from Captain Fraser, in which he stated that his visit to South Africa had been a great success, financially and otherwise. About 11 p.m. Matron called for cheers for the Crangel Orchestra who had given their services quite voluntarily. C. Brignell, in his vote of thanks, echoed the sentiments of all the Boys when he referred to the Matron as "Mother" to us all.

Afterwards the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and the National Anthem brought a very happy evening to a close.

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Netting Notes

November has been a very busy month both at Raglan Street and at Brighton. The men have been busy trying to get through their Netting Course before Christmas—we have been busy trying to execute many Christmas orders.

We have had so many orders for bordered rugs that the men have become most expert in doing them and turn the work out well, which is splendid, as it makes a change of work.

We had a stall at the Soldiers' Exhibition at the Imperial Institute during Armistice Week which was a great success. The King and Queen came and greatly admired the men's work, the Queen buying several things. G. Phillips, F. C. Fleetwood and W. Walton were there to demonstrate basket work, netting and rug-making, and seemed to have a crowd always round them.

When at Brighton I saw several very nice rugs being made.

Congratulations are due to J. Illingworth, H. Wignall, A. King, J. Haylock, and J. Kenny for passing their string bag test

W. Armstrong, T. Dickinson, W. Markwick, A. J. Cole, B. Quigley are making good progress with netting, J. Kenny having finished and done well.

W. Stedman, J. Ball, C. White, and A. Parsons have finished their various courses and have left. K. H. W.

Braille Notes

Very many congratulations to T. Scotland, T. Dickinson and C. Roach, on passing the Braille Reading Test, and to C. Brignal on passing the Braille Writing Test.

Typewriting Notes

We heartily congratulate A. Cole on passing the Typewriting Test. M. H. R.

Telephony

Hearty congratulations to E. Walden, who has obtained a position at John Lines, Tottenham Court Road; also R. Coles, who has started at the Mutual Property Assurance, Charing Cross Road. We wish them both every success.

M. B. M.

The Chairman's Notes

T has always been one of St. Dunstan's strong points in its appeals to the pubic that we are an Empire organisation, and that we have trained and continue to care for, through our headquarters, through branches or by means of organisations which are affiliated to us, practically all the men of the Imperial Forces who were blinded in the war. Not only is St. Dunstan's an Empire-wide organisation in this sense but also because subscriptions and donations come to St. Dunstan's from almost every part of the Empire. St. Dunstan's accordingly bears a measure of responsibility, which differs according to local circumstances, for all St. Dunstaners no matter where they may dwell.

Because of these considerations Sir Arthur Pearson desired and had frequently declared his intention, when opportunity arose, of visiting the various Dominions. He went to Canada in 1919, but unfortunately died before he could even contemplate further visits. In the seven years that I have been chairman of St. Dunstan's I have found it quite impossible to leave headquarters for a long enough time to visit the Dominions, but I have always intended to undertake this very important work at some time or other, and this year I found I could get away for the necessary time. I chose to go to South Africa because it was a journey which could be fitted in in three months, and also because although there are only a few blinded soldiers there, and perhaps because of this, South Africa has found it possible to send very generous donations to St. Dunstan's towards our general work for very many years.

I am particularly glad that I went when I did, for just as in England we have had to fight against the feeling that St. Dunstan's has enough money and does not need to collect any more, so in South Africa I found this same idea abroad. It is only natural that other organisations which collect money from the public should wish to emulate St. Dunstan's and put themselves in a strong financial position, and it

is only natural that the public, when the difference between ourselves and some others is pointed out, should exaggerate the position and assume that because we have some funds we necessarily have enough. One or two journals with inadequate information, or by deliberately ignoring information which was available, have set forth incorrect facts and wrong deductions about St. Dunstan's position. I found in South Africa two feelings, one that St. Dunstan's had enough money, and secondly that whatever collections are made for ex-service men should be kept in South Africa and not be sent over to England. We all remember the old saving "Charity begins at home," and there is a good deal of truth in it, but if charity were to begin at home in every Dominion, Colony, or even city, town and village in the Empire, there would be no money subscribed for any national or Imperial organisation whatever. I engaged in a most active and vigorous campaign in South Africa, covering all the important centres in the Union and Rhodesia, as has been reported in previous numbers of the Review. I addressed about a hundred different kinds of meetings, conferences, &c., and secured most gratifying reports, some two or three columns long, in practically all the leading papers, and many of the smaller ones in the South African continent. The result of this was to correct many wrong impressions about St. Dunstan's and to bring back to our cause a good deal of practical sympathy which had been or was being alienated by the impressions about St. Dunstan's to which I have referred. I am hopeful that the collections for our work in South Africa, and the share that is sent over to us in London, will be maintained at considerable strength for many years to come. I was amazed at the good will which was shown towards us during our tour and at the immense interest which was taken in the story of St. Dunstan's wherever I went.

We are singularly fortunate in South

Africa in having the most devoted services of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. H. Vincent, Chairman and Honorary Secretary of St. Dunstan's South African Committee. For over ten years Mr. and Mrs. Vincent have given practically the whole of their time to this work, and St. Dunstan's generally, and in particular the men in South Africa, should be extremely grateful to them.

I found the men in South Africa deeply interested to hear all about St. Dunstan's, and very proud to belong to our Empire Brotherhood. They are well settled, contented and happy, and make the best of the hard road which we all have to travel, and, according to their various circumstances, they have made good progress with their professions, handicrafts and occupations. Our comrades in South Africa, individually and collectively, wished

me to convey to St. Dunstaners in Great

Britain their greetings and best wishes.

Ian Frans

Armistice Week Exhibition Imperial Institute, S. Kensington

This is the second year in what is hoped will be the long life of this exhibition. It consists of a united display by all the War Disabled Men's Organisations and gives the opportunity to thousands of the public of seeing not only what these men are doing but also what is being done for them.

It was originated and organised by the Board of the Imperial Institute, to whom we are deeply indebted for a very considerable measure of generosity and thoughtfulness. It is held at a time when people are thinking of purchasing Christmas presents, which is a very valuable asset in ensuring its success. A walk through the avenues cannot but prove to be of the greatest interest as the goods made by the men of the various organisations cover a wide range, and everyone must be impressed by the quality and perfection of the work.

St. Dunstan's stand this year had an

area of roughly 700 square feet, so that we were able to display to the best advantage the full range of our men's work, and benefiting by the experience of last year we were able to considerably improve upon, not only the display itself but the methods of conducting our business there, with the happy result that our sales were increased by roughly 60 per cent. over those of last year.

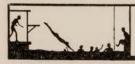
Three of our men gave demonstrations of our work: G. Phillips, of Enfield, was showing basket making; T. Walton, of S. Ealing, was rug making; and F. Fleetwood, of W. Dulwich, was netting. They were, of course, popular figures and created a good deal of interest, not only by their demonstrations but by their usual cheeriness, which is always the admiration of the onlookers.

The informal opening ceremony, on Tuesday, 6th November, was performed by Admiral of the Fleet, Earl Jellicoe, G.C.B., G.C.V.O., O.M. Captain and Mrs. Fraser, although they had returned only the previous day from their South African tour were present, accompanied by Miss Hamar Greenwood. We were very generously visited by members of the Royal Family: H.R.H. Princess Mary visited the Exhibition on Wednesday, which was the first day it was opened to the public, and made a purchase of one of our motor foot muffs and two oak travs. Our stand had a visit from their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of York, whose purchase consisted of decorated wastepaper baskets. Their Royal Highnesses Prince and Princess Arthur of Connaught, and H.R.H. Princess Louise, were also attracted by our decorated waste-paper baskets, one of which formed their purchase. Their Majesties the King and Queen were present on Saturday, and we were fortunate in having with us again Captain and Mrs. Fraser. Her Majesty the Queen purchased two decorated waste-paper baskets and two decorated work baskets.

It is perhaps noteworthy that most of the Royal Family made purchases of decorated articles, and this was perhaps due to the special display we had of this type of work. We firmly believe in catering for the popular demand, and being able to show new and attractive designs and colours.

Most of our readers will be familiar with the ladies whose names are so well known in connection with the voluntary work of St. Dunstan's and we owe much of the success achieved at the Exhibition to the indefatigable labours of these ladies; we certainly could not have done without their services, as for three or four hours during the day it was very difficult to cope with the volume of customers.

The Armistice Week Exhibition is looked forward to annually now as one of the important sales activities of St. Dunstan's which not only assists very materially in the sale of our goods but gives us an opportunity of bringing to the notice of thousands of the public the fine quality, value and perfection of our work.



SPORTS CLUB NOTES



SPORTS

We have had a most successful and eventful term and Tuesday evenings have never lagged—all have been cheery, working hard at sports first and then entering into the social side with great zest and keenness. It is difficult to say which social is the more popular. Perhaps a more serious atmosphere pervades on dominoe nights, but then there is often much at stake, and there are a few Scotsmen present! On sing-song evenings we have had some excellent entertainers whom we have all thoroughly enjoyed, and only hope that after Xmas we shall have the pleasure of hearing all those who have not yet done their bit. We all look forward to our monthly dances and the lounge grows more crowded each time. but now we have the gramophone and loud speaker we are able to dance more often. The next big dance will be on 15th January at 8 p.m.

We should like to conclude by wishing you all a very happy Xmas, and a bright and prosperous New Year.

L.W.

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Scott	2.0	21	Taylor		5
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The Six Mile Outer Circle Walk

The first of this season's walking races was held on 1st December. The distance 6 miles (handicap) was divided into two classes, T.B. and S.S. In conjunction with the above a three miles novices' race was decided. We were favoured by the Clerk of the Weather, and there was an entry of 44. Brighton supplied a goodly quota, but Birmingham were not quite so strong as usual (waiting for the longer distance events perhaps). As they say in racing parlance, Captain Ian Fraser despatched the field to an excellent start, in the presence of a large crown of spectators. Archie Brown immediately took the lead, followed by Gover, Ashton, Trott and Jones in that order for the S.S. In the T.B. Section, Riley led at the half distance from Boorman, Thompson, Lenderyou, Kerr, Bates, McFarlane, Rhodes, North, Northgreaves and Shakespeare. Meanwhile Brown had increased his lead and won in 50 minutes 10 seconds. Trott put in a great spurt near home to overhaul Ashton and Gover. Triggs and Gidney both showed improved form to finish first and second in the handicap with Whitton third. The T.B.'s were having a fine set-to, Riley leading with Boorman and Thompson close up, followed by Lenderyou, Kerr, Bates and McFarlane. This order was maintained until the finish, then came North, Rhodes, Shakespeare, Northgreaves, and Dickinson. The Novices' Race brought several promising recruits,

who are bound to improve with more training and experience. In the T.B. event Williams finished first, Read second and Moellar third, and the S.S. Baxter first, Quigley second and Cole third. The excellent tea which followed in the Lounge was prepared and served by Miss Davies and her ever willing band of helpers. Mrs. Fraser, whilst presenting the prizes, had a kindly smile and a few words of congratulation and encouragement to the lucky recipients. Captain

Fraser thanked Mr. Donoghue (not Steve but our Don) and congratulated him on his excellent handicapping, also the judges and time-keepers, and paid special tribute to our good friends the escorts, to Matron, Miss Davies and the sports staff. At the conclusion, Captain Fraser was thanked for all his interest, especially in these sporting events, and given three hearty cheers, such as only the jolly old sportsmen of St. Dunstan's can give.

W. A. T.

SIX MILE SEALED HANDICAP OUTER CIRCLE WALK

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2. H. B. Read 2. B. Quigley
3. J. Moellar

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Brighton Sports FOOTBALL

After a very strenuous term of football The Rovers won the Cups by one goal. It was in the balance until the last match, when I. Duff kicked the deciding goal; this made it all the more exciting. The Diehards are the runners up. The captain of this team has been ill part of this term, but J. Ball, who acted in his absence, worked hard and helped a great deal to bring the team so near to victory. We owe many thanks to our splendid little goalkeeper, who every day stops almost impossible shots, and to Hawketts and Carson for being at their post every day to referee. It has been such a help to us all, and especially to me.

LEAGUE TABLE TO DATE

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HIGHEST INDIVIDUAL SCORES

T.B.

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CUP WINNERS

Rovers.—A. Kimber (Cpt.), J. Illingworth, L. Coussins, J. Duff, W. Smith, W. Armstrong. RUNNERS UP

Diehards.—W. Markwick (Cpt.), H. Wignal, J. Ball, J. Haylock, W. Shaw, G. Taylor. GENERAL SPORTS

The Saturday morning sports finished up on the 8th December. Owing to bad weather we have only been able to hold them four times this term. Our congratulations go to T. Dickinson, H. B. Read, and J. Duff, in the T.B. Section, and to E. Marsden, T. Gidney and J. Illingworth in the S.S. Section. The table of positions are as follows:—

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W. Stedman		200	J. Jackson	2	
W. Shaw		135	J. Markwick	2	IC

T.B.	S.S.
W. Armstrong 40	L. Coussins 110
	H. Wignell 80
	J. Ball 60
	A. Cole 60
	A. F. M.

Greetings from Canada

We have received from Captain Edwin Baker the terms of a resolution passed at a Reunion of Canadian Blinded Soldiers held at Pearson Hall, Toronto, in September. The message addressed to our chairman, Captain Fraser, reads: "We desire to convey to you, and through you to the blinded soldiers of Great Britain, hearty greetings and sincere best wishes."

We are sure that all readers of the REVIEW will wish heartily to reciprocate these greetings from their Canadian comrades, and in turn wish them the best of luck.

Special Notice

9-MILE OUTER CIRCLE WALK 26TH JANUARY

There will be a 9-Mile Handicap Walk starting from Headquarters at 2.30 p.m. All entries for this walk must reach the Sports Office not later than 10th January.

A St. Dunstaner's Loss

We regret to learn that by the death of the Reverend I. Boseley, W. J. Dimond, of East Grinstead, has lost a great friend. The Rev. Boseley was Chaplain to His Majesty's Forces from 1914 to 1918. He was the author of many books, and also of the revised version of the well-known hymn, "Thy Will Be Done."

The sum of fil has been forwarded to the "Daily Mail" in connection with the Fund for Distressed Miners from the Men and Staff at Brighton. Headquarters and Raglan Street Staff also contributed fil to this Fund.

The Editor much regrets that owing to extreme pressure on space this month it has been necessary to hold over a number of articles which were already in type, including "Workshop Notes," several After-Care Re-union reports, Obituary notices, and other items. All these will, however, appear in the next issue of the "Review."

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