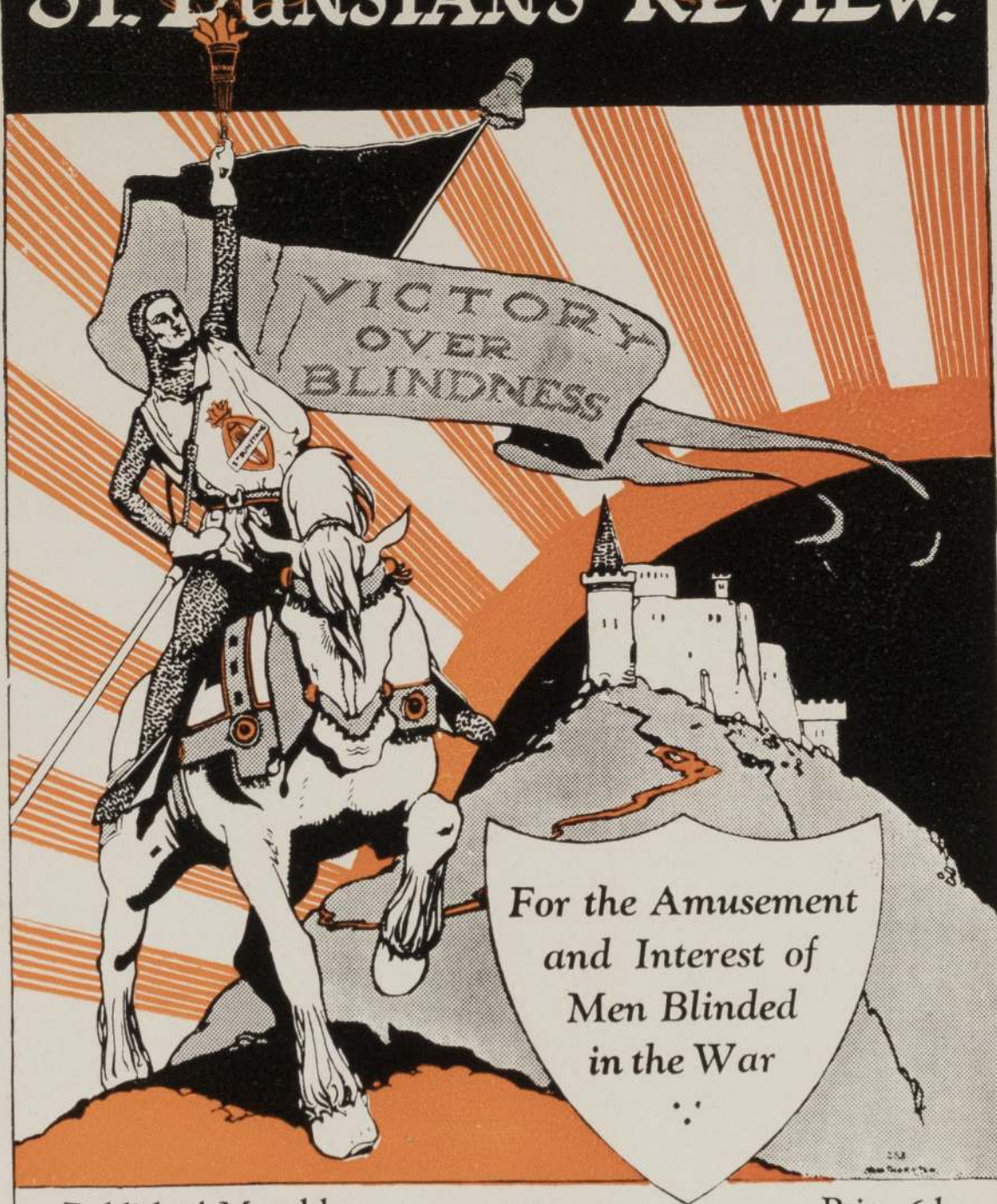


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EDITORIAL NOTES

A Memorable Conference

SINCE the last issue of the REVIEW appeared an important event in the history of St. Dunstan's, and one which is certain to have most beneficial effects on the work of our great Organisation, has taken place. This was the conference held at Headquarters of St. Dunstan's delegates representing the war-blinded men of the Empire. A fuller report of the outstanding features of this conference appears in another portion of this issue. We take this opportunity, however, of offering on behalf of our readers all over the world, St. Dunstan's heartiest welcome to the old country to their comrades from the great Dominions overseas, and of expressing the pride and pleasure which we are sure all will feel that they have been given the honour of representing the war-blinded comrades of their own great countries, of bringing first-hand news of the striking success which is attending the work in these countries, and of discussing under such favourable auspices the best means of still further cementing the bond which holds us all so closely together. We hope they will carry back with them the pleasantest of memories of their visit here, which we are confident will be productive of much good in future relationships and activities.

St. Dunstan's Sportsmen

JUNE and July see the holding of two of the most representative events in the sporting calendar of St. Dunstan's. We refer, of course, to the General Sports Day and the Annual Regatta at Putney. Full details of both these meetings are printed in this issue, and it will be seen that both scored record successes in the number of entries, the keenness of the sport, and the universal enjoyment given to all participating. A particularly gratifying point we note is that the entrants came from widely separated parts of the country, it is proof of the high spirit of sportsmanship of our men that they are willing and eager to travel very often hundreds of miles and to make considerable sacrifices each year to engage in friendly rivalry with their old comrades. It is significant of the abiding interest which St. Dunstaners take in the opportunities available for the following of sport, that very general and full-throated applause greeted the assurance given by Captain Fraser at the Regatta Dinner that the Council of St. Dunstan's believed in fostering the formation of Sports Clubs and the pursuit of all outdoor exercises within our men's capacity in every possible way. While, indeed, this has always been St. Dunstan's policy from the earliest days, we have, as the years have passed, had striking evidence in the athletic prowess and splendid physical fitness of so many of our St. Dunstan's sportsmen, of the wisdom of that policy. We extend to victors and vanquished alike our admiration of their efforts.



NEWS OF ST. DUNSTANERS

NOT long since we reported an unpleasant experience suffered by T. Waldin, of Winchester, when he was given a ten-shilling note by a woman who told him that the slip of paper she tendered was a pound note. The last issue of the REVIEW showed the interest that was aroused among St. Dunstaners by the incident, and now E. Willcocks, of Tottenham, has given practical evidence of his sympathy by constructing a small device that can be screwed on to a counter shelf, by means of which a suspicious note can be measured in a moment. Willcocks, by the way, shows remarkable initiative in the work he does in various lines; taking time by the forelock, he has made a very excellent low stool with rounded corners which is just the thing to sit on and dream in front of the fire.

Another of our joiners of whom we are particularly proud is T. Stratful, of Barnet. He has just finished a really beautiful wardrobe which might well have been made by any sighted expert. The drawers open with great smoothness and the whole finish is excellent.

F. C. Fleetwood, of Dulwich, is again busy with netting and is much better for his holiday. The garden looks very well, and Fleetwood is considering setting up a backyard outfit as a fresh source of interest.

Another man not far distant—H. Palmer, of Upper Norwood—is busy in the same line. Mrs. Palmer had an unpleasant accident a week or two ago when she knocked her foot badly when getting off an omnibus. We hope the swelling will have gone down and the lameness be a thing of the past before these lines appear in print.

Boots and mats are keeping C. Matthews, of Maidenhead, decidedly busy—perhaps

the good weather has induced people to walk more; he has had a fine run of repairs.

In another part of the same town, T. S. Burrige is getting up quite a good connection for mats and wool rugs. He is well, and enjoying the garden.

A netting man who takes a great pride in all he does is J. McDonough, of Ore, Hastings, and as a result he turns out most excellent work.

Four o'clock in the morning is an early hour to begin work even in the summer, but D. Makin, of Wallsend-on-Tyne, is often at work in his garden at this time and says that even then he cannot keep pace with all he has to do.

Are the Scott twins (children of W. C. Scott, of Manchester) to be entered for the *Daily Mail* Contest, we wonder? They are certainly beautiful and attractive children. In any event we feel confident that a young St. Dunstaner of some family or another should be well up in this contest.

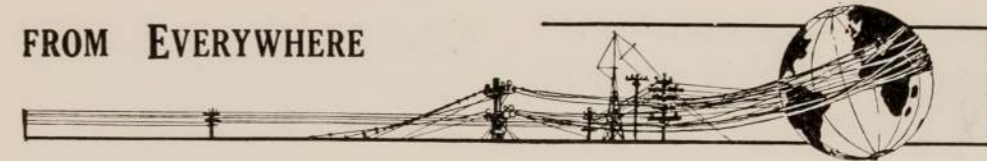
After a long spell "off colour," H. Chave of St. Neots, Hunts, is back at work again, and very pleased thereat. May he catch no more colds for a long time.

H. R. Potter, of Ore, Hastings, is developing a wood business. We offer him our good wishes for its progress.

The new house in Hove is proving very satisfactory according to J. Harker, who, by the way, is a famous pedestrian and enjoys walks over the downs. Up till quite recently he had a friend of similar tastes who lived near by, and together they covered many a mile.

Another who has made a satisfactory move is G. Burnett, of Wimbledon Park.

FROM EVERYWHERE



He hopes to start work again as soon as he can get his workshop fitted up.

A few local orders for mats have been coming the way of H. Abbey, of Camberley, of late, and in addition he has been doing repairing; both chickens and garden are doing well. Those who want to go to this district might note that Abbey will be letting in the season.

Pigs are paying, according to J. H. Lea, of Atherstone, who has had excellent luck of late. As a rule the price goes down when one wants to sell anything, but with Lea the luck went the other way and prices rose just as his pigs went to market.

Local orders invariably slack off at certain seasons, but wise men use these periods to "stock up." F. Stew, of Tewkesbury, is one of these and is arranging things so that he will be able to make a fine display at the flower show. Incidentally, he puts in a good deal of time in his garden, which no doubt contributes to his good health. His little daughter is of a delightfully happy disposition and a source of great pride to the family.

P. W. Powell, of Ross-on-Wye, has found a new interest and is conquering the intricacies of netting in fine style.

Another who is looking better and giving the credit to work is H. Smy, of Yoxford; we feel confident that he will make a success of his poultry.

All good wishes for a prosperous season to F. Ashworth, of Gorleston; he has been very busy getting things ship-shape and has made his shop look most attractive with a fine supply of stock.

Surely one of the busiest of all busy St. Dunstaners is W. Heushaw, of Finchley. Besides his regular hours' work in the office,

he finds time to do a considerable amount in the garden, and any odd jobs of carpentry or gas-fitting that need to be done at home or for the benefit of Toc H, of which he is an enthusiastic member.

All is going on well with G. Lamb, of Ikley; the farm is kept in excellent order and the chickens are noticeably healthy and active.

Another most capable farmer is W. Burgin, of Thurgoland, with whom all is prospering.

Poultry is flourishing under the management of G. B. Coles, of Beckenham; in addition, Coles grows quite a lot of potatoes.

F. Hemsworth, of Doncaster, is keeping well to his mat work, and is as cheerful as usual.

It is a very great thing to live near one's work, as F. C. Harris, of Charlton Kings, Cheltenham, is finding. Being next door enables him to catch the "early worm" customer, and in addition, means comfort for himself in the bad weather.

Walks before breakfast are very pleasant things these days, as H. White, of Croydon, has discovered; he rarely misses a morning. There is a brave show of flowers in his little garden, we hear.

Poultry is keeping T. Gregory, of Thetford, so busy that he is finding no time for baskets at present.

Trade continues good with A. Taylor, of Lye; he is much interested in his poultry, and does all the work himself.

H. N. Matthews, of Wolverhampton, is another who is well and cheerful. He has found a new occupation in the making of

News of St. Dunstaners—continued.

some trellis work for his sister's home. We feel sure it will be much appreciated.

In Wincanton (Somerset) G. Lovett has found a cottage most conveniently near the town and is working away steadily, and in his leisure hours makes useful things for his wife and toys for his little girl. Her delight was great when he produced a doll's pram.

J. Brockerton, of Coleraine, has had a fine run of orders for mats recently.

A regular circle of customers seems to have surrounded W. H. Agate, of Porchester, and, best of all, more are coming!

Another who is in a really excellent position for his trade (boots) is A. J. Head, of Plymouth. He is getting quite a nice quantity of work, although, unfortunately, a couple of rivals have set up business inconveniently near. We hope with Head that excellent workmanship and "St. Dunstan's leather" will win the day.

"Shop going strong," is the good news from J. H. Mason, of Bognor, which town, by the way, is now to be called Bognor Regis, in honour of the King's visit.

Both S. Holmes, of Belfast, and A. E. Clewlow, of Brighton, have been specialising in trays. The first is very happy in his garden, which contains a fine variety, and the latter contrives to get outdoors a good deal.

"So much work that I hardly know what to do first," so says E. Marsden, of Manchester.

So many young St. Dunstaners have to have mention this month that they deserve to appear under a sub-heading.

Ten-year-old Francis Ashall, son of T. Ashall, of Wigan, has secured a junior scholarship which provides him with free education until he is sixteen. Francis, by the way, began prize winning early, for

when he was under three he won first prize in the St. Dunstan's Baby Competition of 1921.

A boy who is doing splendidly—but in quite another line—is Arthur, son of J. R. Brown, of Nuneaton. He is a "Cub" and at the Scout Rally came first in the 100 yards. The victory is the more remarkable in that 10 troops were competing and Arthur was matched against boys of fourteen. Nor was this his only victory, for in the All England Scouts Scripture Reading his own troop topped the list, and Arthur himself scored 90 per cent. marks.

In alphabetical order, Lena, daughter of F. Cooper, of Fareham, comes next. Her teacher is prophesying great things of her and says there is no manner of doubt that she will secure a scholarship which will carry her to the Gosport Secondary school. Lena's ambition is to be a teacher.

A son to be proud of is young Glasspool, of Brixton. His conduct at school has been excellent and his ability marked, and as a result he has been granted free naval education at Rotherhithe. Mr. and Mrs. Glasspool must be very proud of him.

Space is limited, so we must conclude with a mention of the eldest son of W. Nash, of Lowestoft, who was selected recently to play a cornet solo on the pier. He belongs to the Lowestoft Railway Silver Band.

Brief Notes

F. W. Tarry has been busy making firescreens. We hope they will prove attractive to Hastings' summer visitors. In Braintree, W. Shute, another of our joiners, is doing fairly well. Despite very limited accommodation for customers, T. Tootell, of Upton Park, has been securing local orders for his well-made baskets. E. J. Blundell has returned to Eton as successor to F. J. Harlow, deceased. Blundell was the first St. Dunstaner to open these premises as a picture-framer's business.

"All's well" with F. Rhodes, of Kensal Rise, who is settling into his new home very comfortably. W. Nelson, of Newcastle, is finding his club a great interest.

In joinery, rugs and baskets, W. Brogan, of Cambridge, S. W. Smith, of Northwood, and G. Polly, of Elsenham, are all holding their own, and the same can be said of W. Rickaby, of Becontree.

Another of our Cambridgeshire men, G. F. Payne, of Arrington, is going on well with mats; W. J. Bowers, of Hounslow, one of our newsagents, is well and busy with both shop and garden. J. Pearson and family, of Salford, are in excellent health.

J. Whitelam, of Westcliffe, and H. Tomkinson, of Kilburn, are both quite well and interested in their respective occupations.

In Coventry, J. Davies is making good progress; he is looking forward to a holiday in Yarmouth which will probably be a joyful memory by the time these lines appear.

Other mat-makers who should have mention are F. Polley, of Brixton, who is in his usual excellent spirits and working hard; A. H. Osmond, of Walthamstow, G. T. Pinner, of Winsham, Near Chard, whose health, by the way, is much improved since he went to Somerset; and A. J. Burtenshaw, who combines the twin trades of boots and mats, and J. Lomas, another Walthamstow man.

"All's well" with W. J. Roberts, of Westcliff-on-Sea, and J. Batchelor, of Tooting Grove.

The family of F. W. Brooker is all well and happy; the three daughters are at work, but the boy is attending school; F. Gallagher, of Strabane, has got his garden well set out and all is flourishing; J. J. Knights, of Trimley St. Martin, has found an excellent firm for whom he can do carpentry repairs.

E. Barrett of Lower Edmonton, is well and in good spirits; A. Arnold, of Wimbledon, is hoping (and we hope with him) to get an order for mats for the Stadium at Wembley. A. I. Gwyn, of Lowestoft, is keeping well and is busy with poultry and garden; A. G. Cole, of Ilkley, looks particularly brown; J. McCarthy, of Nuneaton, is delighted with his new house; A. Jarvis, of Whitehill, Borden, is making good progress with poultry; and R. Stanners, of High Wycombe, gives a good report of his shop.

We much regret to learn that F. Meader, of Barnet, who lost his eye last year, has again had an accident, this time having broken his wrist. It is, however, making good progress, and we hope, with Meader, that he will be free from similar misfortunes for a long time to come.

St. Dunstan's Silver Weddings

Our list of silver wedding celebrants grows apace, and this month we have to add also a golden wedding anniversary—that of J. Smith, of Norwich, who was married in June 1872. On 1st June of this year G. H. Wiltshire passed the thirty-second milestone of happy married life. A. G. Blyde celebrated his silver wedding on 31st July 1923, and W. H. Jones, of Woodside Green, in October 1928.

Scholastic Successes

We have recently received from very justly proud St. Dunstaner parents several letters telling of their children's success at their school examinations. The two little daughters of T. Till, of Lancaster, have now passed their second Trinity College examination with honours, and obtained the highest marks in the Lancaster area. Miss Winnie Wright, of Wilsden, near Bradford, has passed an examination which qualifies her to attend Keighley Grammar School, while George, the small son of C. F. Butler, of Folkestone, has gained a free scholarship which entitles him to attendance at the grammar school there. We send our very hearty congratulations to both parents and children concerned, and our best wishes for "next term."

An Empire Conference

St. Dunstan's Delegates from Overseas Dominions Meet in London

A PROJECT which has been under consideration for some years past came to fruition this month, when delegates appointed by the branch organisations of St. Dunstan's, which are responsible for the care of the war-blinded men in our great Empire Dominions, met in conference. The delegates are:—Canada, Captain Edwin Baker, M.C., General Secretary of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind; Australia, Mr. P. J. Lynch, Vice-President and Publicity Officer of the Victorian Blinded Soldiers' Association; New Zealand, Mr. Clutha Mackenzie, Director of the Jubilee Institute for the Blind, Auckland; South Africa, Mr. C. H. Vintcent, Chairman and Honorary Treasurer and Mrs. C. H. Vintcent, O.B.E., Honorary Secretary of St. Dunstan's South African After-Care Fund. Captain Baker, Mr. Clutha Mackenzie, and Mr. Lynch are, of course, St. Dunstaners themselves, having come to St. Dunstan's for training after they were blinded. Mr. and Mrs. Vintcent are responsible for the after-care of South African St. Dunstaners, on whose behalf they have done noble work for many years. The Chairman of the Conference, which held its first sitting on the 1st July, is Captain Fraser.

INTERESTING DISCUSSIONS

Eleven days have been devoted to the fullest possible discussion of all matters affecting the work and welfare of St. Dunstan's men at home and overseas. Naturally, discussions covering such a wide field have involved much hard work, but the labours of the delegates, we know, have been of the deepest interest to them, while they have been lightened by a number of social visits, when the delegates have been the guests of members of the Executive Council and others.

ROYAL RECOGNITION

On the 3rd July His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales graciously received the delegates in audience at York House, St.

James's Palace. They were accompanied by Lady (Arthur) Pearson, our President, and Captain Fraser. The Prince talked for some time with each of the delegates, and showed the greatest interest in the accounts given him of the progress of St. Dunstan's men in the Dominions Overseas, many of whom he recalled having met in his travels.

Invitations have also been extended to the delegates to attend the Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace on the 25th July.

BUSINESS AND PLEASURE

Other occasions which have combined business with pleasure have been visits of inspection to St. Dunstan's Model Poultry Farm at King's Langley, to St. Dunstan's Stores and Showrooms at Raglan Street, Kentish Town, London, to our Convalescent and Holiday Annexe at Brighton, and to the National Institute for the Blind.

SOCIAL VISITS

Many social events have been arranged, and have included a dinner party at the Savoy Hotel to meet the Rt. Hon. F. O. Roberts, M.P., the Minister of Pensions, and hospitality by the Rt. Hon. L. C. S. Amery, M.P., and Mrs. Amery, Major J. Brunel Cohen, M.P., Lady (Arthur) Pearson, Sir Neville and Lady Pearson, and Captain and Mrs. Fraser.

The delegates were also present at the National Thanksgiving Service held at Westminster Abbey on Sunday, 7th July, and afterwards they visited the Cenotaph and deposited wreaths on behalf of the war-blinded men of the Dominions they represented.

FOR A GLORIOUS HOLIDAY come to St. Ives in August. Comfortable apartments, quarter-minute from sea; two bedrooms, one sitting room; overlooking harbour. Terms moderate.—Address: A. B. Tanner, 7 Bunkers Hill, St. Ives, Cornwall.

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Our Fourteenth Annual Regatta

BRILLIANT weather—perhaps almost too brilliant for some of the perspiring competitors!—favoured us on the 17th July, when St. Dunstan's Fourteenth Annual Regatta was held as usual at Putney. A very considerable crowd of enthusiastic spectators had gathered even before the competitors for the first race had taken their seats, and the numbers increased as the afternoon's excellent racing progressed. Some very close contests gave added interest to the proceedings, the single sculls (T.B.) and the open fours both being won by the very narrow margin of two feet. The arrangements throughout were excellently organised, and of course we again had the splendid help of our good friends Mr. Leighton Boyce, Mr. F. G. Long and Mr. Cruikshank, while Messrs. Frankeiss, Jones, Parsons, Kessell, and Gibson gave yeoman assistance as officials. We were glad to have with us again Captain Williams, while Instructor Tovell shouldered as cheerfully as ever the work of getting the programme through in excellent time.

Captain and Mrs. Fraser joined us during the afternoon, and many other old friends of St. Dunstan's were amongst those who were entertained to tea at the Vesta Rowing Club.

The usual dinner to competitors, coxes, officials and friends took place in the evening at the Prince's Room, Connaught Rooms, Kingsway. Captain Fraser was in the chair, and amongst others supporting him were Mrs. Fraser, Miss Hamar Greenwood, Mr. and Mrs. Leighton Boyce, Mr. Long, Mrs. Bates and Mr. Kessell. After the loyal toast had been drunk, the chairman gave the toast of "St. Dunstan's Sportsmen." He said the first thing he wished to do was to pay tribute to the splendid generosity of Mr. Samuel Samuels, D.L., M.P. for the Putney Division, who, although he was unfortunately unable to be present with them that night, was the host to whom they were indebted for this enjoyable gathering. As some of those present were aware, the Executive Council

had at one time feared that it would be necessary in the interests of economy to cease holding the Regatta and the dinner, as although St. Dunstan's believed in encouraging sport in every possible way, the business and family interests of its men must, they felt, come first. With a view to avoiding this, if possible, the idea had been mooted of raising, with the readily volunteered help of their good friends, Mr. Long and Mr. Leighton Boyce, a special fund among rowing men to finance the Regatta. However, as he had said, Mr. Samuels had given a donation to the Regatta funds and was defraying the cost of the dinner, while another kindly sportsman friend of theirs, Mr. Alf. Smith, had given £25 towards the Regatta expenses. (Cheers.)

The chairman went on to refer to the healthy state in which sport in connection with St. Dunstan's was in every part of the country. They had recently been able to open, with the enthusiastic aid of Miss Hodgson, a sports club at Bristol, in addition to the other big centres where such clubs had been running for some time. The Council would encourage the formation of similar clubs wherever the number of men and the support justified it. (Applause.) There was one thing, Captain Fraser added, amid laughter, that he could not understand—where were the Scotsmen? (Cries of "Here, here!" from a St. Dunstaner Scotsman whose name we will not mention, but whose voice was often heard throughout the evening). "It is time," said Captain Fraser, "that they sent some competitors to this Regatta. I am going to Scotland myself in a few minutes, to attend a Re-union of our Scottish St. Dunstaners, and I am sure it will be your wish that I give them all your heartiest greetings. (Applause.) Before leaving you to catch my train north, and asking Mr. Kessell to take my place in the chair," Captain Fraser continued, "I should like to make reference to a matter I am sure you have all been delighted to hear about—that is, the elevation to the peerage, for splendid

services rendered to his country, of the brother of a member of St. Dunstan's Executive Council, and our old friend—Miss Hamar Greenwood." (Applause.)

"Had time permitted I would have liked to have told you something more about an important and most interesting Conference which had been taking place during the past fortnight at St. Dunstan's, and which you will probably have read about in the papers. This Conference has been attended by St. Dunstan's delegates representing the war-blinded men of the Empire, including some old friends, namely, Captain Edwin Baker, M.C., from Canada, Mr. Clutha Mackenzie from New Zealand, Mr. P. J. Lynch from Australia, and Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Vincent, our good friends from South Africa. Many matters of moment to St. Dunstaners and their interests have been discussed at this Conference, and I am quite sure both the parent organisation and those delegates from the Dominions overseas, have exchanged much valuable information. While it is obviously impossible for me to make any promises now, most of you will be aware that certain Dominions have been able to give wider pensions advantages to their war-blinded men than obtain in the home country at present. The Council of St. Dunstan's have always in mind the hope of increasing pensions for British war-blinded men, and we shall not cease to press these claims as strongly as possible. (Applause.)

"Although in a sense it was asking them to drink their own health, he asked them to stand and raise their glasses to 'ST. DUNSTAN'S SPORTSMEN.'"

The toast was responded to in felicitous vein by our old friend, A. Craigie, who is on a visit to this country. He expressed the pleasure it gave him to meet so many old comrades again, and under such enjoyable circumstances.

Captain and Mrs. Fraser were given musical honours as they left. Mr. Kessell then took the chair and offered sincere thanks to our many helpers, particularly the Thames and Vesta Rowing Clubs, the prize givers, and the coxes and officials. Mr. Leighton Boyce, responding for the rowing clubs and helpers generally, said

that last year he had ventured to suggest that a fine round-up to the events in our Regatta would be a race for those hard-working and charming ladies, their coxes. (Applause.) He was delighted that it had been found possible to include that event this year, and he congratulated winners and losers alike on some beautiful rowing. (Cheers.) Referring to the information Captain Fraser had given them as to the generous help given them by Mr. Samuel Samuels and the fund which had been projected, Mr. Boyce said that he and his friends would do their level best to ensure that the Regatta should go on in future years. "So long as we can row," he said, amid loud applause, "we shall row."

Mr. F. G. Long, replying on behalf of the prize-givers, said that they all felt it a great privilege to help the sportsmen of St. Dunstan's in every way in their power. As one of the prizegivers, or rather the father of one, for his daughter had actually given the prize (laughter), he wanted to explain to them one little incident which had happened that afternoon in which the result of a race had been wrongly announced. In the Final of the Veteran Single Sculls the judges had no doubt whatever as to which boat had won, but unfortunately one lady cox was wearing a green scarf, while another was wearing an almost exactly similar coloured green blouse. The doubt actually was "whether the green was on the blouse or in it," but they would be glad to know that the losing cox had herself assured them, when the matter had been adjusted, that she was very fully aware that the boat she was in was well behind at the winning post, so that all was well that ended well. (Applause.)

The full results of the racing were then read out, and, in good time for home-bound trains, the gathering dispersed after the singing of the National Anthem.

REGATTA RESULTS, 12 JULY, 1929

SINGLE SCULLS, O.B.			
T.B.			
	Cox		Won by
1st	J. Ingram	Mrs. Bates	2 ft.
2nd	M. Costello	Miss Bolt	
3rd	J. McFarlane	Miss Marsh	
S.S.			
1st	R. Williams	Miss Wildie	¼ length
2nd	G. Fallowfield	Miss Stacey	
3rd	S. Edwards	Miss Gosling	

Masseurs Re-union

The Annual Re-union of St. Dunstan's Masseurs was held at Headquarters on Saturday, 13th July 1929, and proved a most enjoyable and successful function. A total of forty-four masseurs was present—three coming all the way from Scotland for the occasion. The two St. Dunstaners at present in training as masseurs came to make the acquaintance of their future colleagues, and the meeting was honoured to welcome as their principal guest Dr. J. Martin Littlejohn, the famous founder and director of the British School of Osteopathy.

After a delightful lunch Captain Fraser, who presided, made a short speech saying how much pleasure it gave him to welcome the masseurs to a Re-union once again, and to note how successfully the majority were settling down and increasing their practices after the first few difficult years. He congratulated them all on the way they were forging ahead with their work, and said that he knew they would listen with the keenest interest to the talk on Osteopathy which their eminent visitor, Dr. Littlejohn, had kindly promised to give after lunch.

The masseurs expressed their deep appreciation of the very great interest which Captain Fraser took in their welfare, and of the way in which St. Dunstan's helped them and gave them facilities for this enjoyable and mutually helpful Re-union. Captain Fraser's health was drunk with musical honours.

Dr. Littlejohn gave a most interesting lecture, followed by demonstrations, and offered very generous facilities for masseurs from St. Dunstan's who might wish to pursue their studies further in the healing art by taking up osteopathy. Dr. Littlejohn's lecture continued till after four o'clock, when tea was served. Mr. Mace had arranged for a representative of Messrs. Watsons, a well-known electro-medical firm, to have new and interesting apparatus at the Re-union for demonstration. General discussion on the various problems which beset the massage profession followed, and the meeting continued till about 7.30 with the never-ending flow of conversation which always arises when old friends meet each other after a period of years and exchange merry reminiscences or talk over their experiences and news.

SINGLE SCULLS, P.B.			
	Cox		Won by
1st	F. Martin	Miss Alexander	1 lth. 3 ft.
2nd	J. Illingworth	Miss Tothill	
3rd	F. Cole	Miss Morris	
VETERANS			
1st	G. Crook	Miss Marsh	1 length
2nd	W. Shakespeare	Miss Bolt	
3rd	H. Wilkins	Miss Morris	
DOUBLE SCULLS			
1st	H. Thompson	Miss Nelson	1½ lengths
2nd	W. Scott	Miss Wildie	
3rd	M. Costello	Miss Wildie	
	A. Ballard		
3rd	J. Ingram	Miss Woolrych	
	T. Cashmore		
PAIR OAR			
1st	A. Craigie	Miss Stein	1½ lengths
2nd	W. Bawden	Miss Stein	
	J. New	Mrs. Fraser	
3rd	B. Quigley	Miss Stacey	
	F. Martin		
ONE-ARMED PAIRS			
1st	J. Meighan	Miss Woolrych	1½ lengths
2nd	N. Downs	Miss Nelson	
	T. Stratfull		
	R. Young	Miss Nelson	
OPEN FOURS			
1st	H. Thompson	Miss Morris	2 ft.
	J. McFarlane		
	W. Birchall		
	W. Scott		
2nd	W. Bawden	Miss Stein	
	A. Craigie		
	S. Webster		
	H. Prior		
3rd	W. Trott	Miss Hodgson	
	J. New		
	J. Dennick		
	A. Ballard		
COXES PAIR OAR RACE			
Winners—Miss Balaam, Miss Winterbotham.			
Cox—Mr. Tovell.			
SHIELD EVENT			
DOUBLE SCULLS			
	Cox		
1st	H. Thompson	Miss Stacey	
	W. Scott		
2nd	M. Costello	Miss Nelson	
	A. Ballard		
3rd	J. Worthington	Miss Gosling	
	J. Dennick		
4th	L. Williams	Miss Morris	
	A. Strand		
PAIR OAR			
1st	J. New	Miss Hodgson	
	W. Trott		
2nd	J. McFarlane	Miss Woolrych	
	W. Bawden		
3rd	J. Greaves	Miss Stein	
	J. Salt		
4th	B. Quigley	Miss Wildie	
	F. Martin		
SHIELD RESULTS			
POINTS FOR 1928-1929			
London ..	..	..	30
Birmingham ..	..	..	27
Manchester ..	..	..	8
Brighton ..	..	..	7

St. Dunstan's Sports Day

Saturday, 29th June, 1929

MOST of St. Dunstan's sporting events are very eagerly looked forward to both by competitors and prospective spectators alike—though perhaps the preparations of the former are the most strenuous. For some weeks past great activity has existed amongst all our athletes, whether representing Birmingham, Brighton, London, or Manchester, and even Instructor Tovell's usually cheery face has worn an unwontedly harassed expression once or twice of late.

At last the great day arrived, and we think we are voicing the opinion of all present when we say that it certainly came up to expectations in every way. Although the weather has been generally unsettled lately, on Sports Day the sun shone brilliantly, and a big gathering of enthusiastic relations and friends of St. Dunstaners joined the officials present for the start of the first race, the 75 yards sprint (T.B.) at 2.15.

Throughout the sports the general standard was high, and some very close finishes were seen in both the heats and the finals of the 75 yards event. London is to be congratulated upon winning four firsts in the Inter-Club Shield Competition.

We bow to St. Dunstan's kiddies! Whether they are profiting by experience, or whether "daddy" has been handing out some hints on "sports day tactics," we do not know, but the children's racing was really fine. Even the littlest ones in the "Under 5" race kept a remarkably straight course, and all did justice to their fathers' name and fame.

Our thanks are due to everyone, for all were ready and willing to help, but we are particularly indebted to the referee and the judges and officials, and to Miss Woolrych, our Sports Sister, who has worked so hard in arranging the programme. St. Dunstan's kind friends and the members of our staffs again provided us with many fine toys which delighted the hearts of the youngsters at the prize-giving. Mrs. Fraser very kindly consented

to present the prizes at headquarters after tea, and here we would add a word of thanks to Miss Davies and her band of helpers for her most admirable organising of this happy affair. Someone whispered "strawberries and cream"—and there they were indeed—although they weren't there long!

It is said that there is luck in odd numbers, but whether this is or is not so, our third annual sports gathering was "the best yet." May it prove the forerunner of many more such enjoyable meetings.

Here are the official results:—

RESULTS

75 Yards Sprint

T.B.	S.S.
1. W. Birchall.	1. H. McSteel.
2. J. Meighan.	2. H. Prior.
3. E. Alexander.	3. W. Scott.
4. H. Boorman.	4. W. Bawden.

Single Jump		Treble Jump	
T.B.	Ft.	S.S.	Ft.
1. W. Birchall ..	9.1½	1. M. Manning	24.4
2. J. Deegan ..	8.9½	2. H. McSteel	23.10½
3. E. Alexander	8.5	3. F. Matthewman	23.0½
4. P. Martin ..	8.3½	4. C. Thompson	22.10½

Putting the Weight

T.B.	Ft.	S.S.	Ft.
1. T. Dickinson	27.5	1. W. Bawden	28.6
2. E. Alexander	23.1	2. F. Matthewman	27.4
3. J. Greaves ..	22.7	3. R. Cook ..	23.4
4. A. Benning ..	22.6	4. C. Thompson	22.5

Throwing the Cricket Ball

T.B.	Yds.	S.S.	Yds.
1. J. Deegan ..	62½	1. T. Meredith	66½
2. J. Ingram ..	59½	2. F. Matthewman	66½
3. T. Dickinson	58½	3. T. Roden ..	65½
4. A. Benning ..	56½	4. T. Cashmore	65

INTER-CLUB SHIELD COMPETITION

London

Cricket Ball	T. Meredith ..	68½ yds.
Putting the Weight	W. Bawden ..	30.3 ft.
Single Jump	W. Birchall ..	8.6½ ..
Treble Jump	J. Meighan ..	25.8 ..

Birmingham

Cricket Ball	T. Cashmore ..	65½ yds.
Putting the Weight	A. Benning ..	22.3½ ft.
Single Jump	W. Castle ..	8.0½ ..
Treble Jump	W. Trott ..	22.0½ ..

<i>Brighton</i>			
Cricket Ball	J. Illingworth ..	64 yds.	
Putting the Weight	T. Dickinson ..	26.5 ft.	
Single Jump	W. Shaw ..	7.5½ ..	
Treble Jump	M. Manning ..	24.7 ..	
<i>Manchester</i>			
Cricket Ball	E. Marsden ..	59 yds.	
Putting the Weight	J. Greaves ..	22.4 ft.	
Single Jump	J. Worthington	7.10½ ..	
Treble Jump	W. Yarwood ..	21.11 ..	
<i>Points</i>			
London ..	..	12	Manchester .. 2
Birmingham } ..	..	5	Brighton ..

Girls under 5

1. Audrey Kerr.
2. Elaine Martin
3. Joan Fallowfield.
4. Jean Rhodes.
5. Barbara Boorman.
6. Vera Gill.
7. Monica Durkin.

Girls between 5-7

1. Florrie Barratt.
2. Rosie Alexander.
3. Rosie Saintry.
4. Peggy Sullivan.
5. Barbara Ingram.
6. Betty Knight.
7. Peggy Lane.

Girls between 7-14

1. Betty Lowings.
2. Peggy Otway.
3. Muriel Jones.
4. Dorothy Champniss.
5. Lillah Roden
6. Patricia Knight
7. Eileen Smith.

Consolation—

Winnie Bates.

Boys under 5

1. John Henry.
2. Kenneth Northgreaves.
3. Derek Ingram.
4. John Treby.
5. Eric Burran.
6. Tony McQuirk.
7. Denis Coles.

Boys between 5-7

1. Roy Ridley.
2. Stan Clarke.
3. Rob Porter.
4. Colin Burran.
5. Charles Durkin.
6. John James.
7. Stanley Deegan.

Boys between 7-14

1. Herbert Saintry.
2. Walter Clarke.
3. Talbot Knight.
4. Terence Roden.
5. Ronald Knight.
6. Cyril Clarke.
7. Victor Champniss.

Consolation—

Robert McMullen.

Ladies Race

1. Mrs. Ashton.
2. " Taylor.
3. " Treby.
4. " Fallowfield.
5. " Read (Special Prize).
6. " Martin.
7. " Webster.

Consolidation, Mrs. Clarke.

Relay Race

1. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor.
2. Mr. Quigley and Miss Potman.
3. Mr. and Mrs. Treby.
4. " Fallowfield.
5. " Read.
6. " Webster.
7. Mrs. Kerr and Mr. Prier.

Sports Concert

The sportsmen gave a concert in the Lounge on 11th June as an expression of sincere thanks to their very many kind helpers. The performers gave an excellent programme which was greatly appreciated by a very enthusiastic audience. After the

refreshments, chairs were pushed back and dancing finished up a very happy evening.

PROGRAMME

1. The Choir.
2. Song, "Over the Mountain," by G. Davies.
3. Duet, "It was A Lover and His Lass," by J. Lynch and A. Peckham.
4. Flute Solo, "Rondino," by F. Rhodes.
5. Song, "Mary of Allendale" (Lane Wilson), by C. E. Thomas.
6. Trio, "Three Married Martyrs," by J. Henry, M. Burran and S. Webster.
7. Song, Selected, by T. Roden.
8. Duet, "Chanson," by P. Nuyens and A. Loveridge.
9. Song, Selected, by A. Peckham.
10. Song, "O Lovely Night" (Landon Ronald), by C. E. Thomas.
11. Recitation, by E. Brownfoot.
12. Song, "The Gentle Maiden," by J. Lynch.
13. Song, "Sea Haven," by J. Fleming.
14. Song, "What! No Milk?" by J. Pearce.

The following table gives the latest positions in General Sports:—

SPORTS POINTS

2nd July

Bawden	42
Birchall	38
McSteel	34½
Meighan	26
Winter	26
Roden	23½
Scott	22
McFarlane	21½
Webster	21
Prior	21
Martin	9
Craigie	5
Taylor	5
Fleetwood	4

Birmingham St. Dunstan's Sports Club

The May meeting of the Club took place at the Birchfield Harriers Ground, Perry Barr, Birmingham. In addition to the usual sport and tea, trials for the run at Manchester were held. We were specially glad to welcome a sportsman from the Bristol Section, with his trainer. Tucker put up a very good race against Benning in the three-quarter mile, and we hope he will do even better next year.

St. Dunstan's Legionnaires

In response to Capt. Fraser's inquiry in a recent issue of the REVIEW with regard to St. Dunstan members of the British Legion, we are informed that he has received many post cards and letters from blinded soldier Legionnaires including the following interesting letter.

Dear Capt. Fraser,

I have read with pleasure your article in last month's issue of THE REVIEW. Please accept my hearty congratulations on your election to represent your Council on the British Legion and United Services Fund Benevolent Committee.

I have myself taken a very keen interest in ex-Service affairs, like Capt. Appleby I was a very early member of the Comrades of the Great War, and served on the Executive Committee of the Dover branch. When the Legion was instituted in 1921, I was elected as a member of its first Executive Committee here; and have been re-elected at every annual general meeting since. I served as Vice-Chairman of the branch for two years, served on the local committees of the Soldiers and Sailors Families' Association, and Sailors and Soldiers Aid Society, and at the present time I am a member of the local British Legion and U. S. F. Benevolent Committee.

For the past six years I have been a representative of disabled men on the 40 Area War Pensions Committee. This appointment is made by the Minister of Pensions and is for a period of three years. This committee I have found to be very interesting. It meets every month and is composed of 25 members. I find it all the more interesting when any personal reference is made to the Minister; it reminds me when I served under Major Tyron in the Grenadier Guards. I was wounded in the early days of the South African War and was lying in Wynberg Hospital when Major Tyron came down from the front himself, suffering from a bad attack of dysentery, and he visited our hospital several times to see us all. Let me impress upon you that irrespective of politics or pensions, Capt. Tyron as he then was, was a kind and sympathetic officer, and I am of the opinion that he is the same now. In advising St. Dunstaners to take an interest in the British Legion, I would urge in particular that they never express their political opinions at branch meetings, as I am sorry to say that politics has ruined the Dover branch. Although I have taken part in some very heated debates in the Legion I have nevertheless found it a pleasure to be able to help others. The Legion has been the means of me having the honour of meeting such distinguished soldiers as His Excellency the late Marshall Foch, also General Gourraud and H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

Yours very sincerely,
(Sgd.) J. SHEEY.

A South African Legislator

Our readers will join with us in sending very hearty congratulations to Advocate R. W. Bowen on his recent election to the South African Parliament. Bowen stood in the South African Party interest for the Cape Town Central constituency, and was returned with a thousand majority. As, of course, electorates are small in Cape Province compared with our high numbers in most English Divisions, such a majority means a proportionately greater victory. Moreover, under existing regulations, proposed candidates for the South African Parliament have to fight a preliminary contest for nomination only. This in itself may mean a fairly stiff tussle, quite apart from the real campaign which follows.

The following details of Bowen's brilliant and romantic career will be of interest to all our readers, and particularly to those who knew him in his training days at St. Dunstan's. Enlisting in August 1915 in the 2nd South African Infantry, he was wounded in the battle of Ypres in September 1917. He came to St. Dunstan's in the following February, and was with us just under eighteen months, when he left to study Law at Cambridge. His progress here was splendidly successful, and he secured the honorary degrees of B.A. and LL.B.

In July 1922, Bowen returned to South Africa, where he commenced practice at the Bar, and he has since taken a prominent part in public and civic life.

Many St. Dunstaners will remember Mrs. Bowen as Miss Gillies, an indefatigable worker at St. Mark's Hospital in the early days of St. Dunstan's. Mrs. Bowen's interest and help is a constant encouragement to her husband, and he is, in fact, the first to pay her the tribute she so well deserves.

We should like to conclude this brief note of the career of this very able son of St. Dunstan's by wishing him the best of good fortune in the future, and success in his Parliamentary activities.

After-Care Meetings

IRISH RE-UNIONS DUBLIN

THE Dublin Re-union took place on Thursday, 6th June, in Jury's Hotel. This meeting was much the largest that we have yet had in Ireland, and was a most enthusiastic one.

After lunch Mr. Swain spoke to the men and gave them a message from Captain Fraser, and dealt with many matters directly affecting the men. Our guest, Major J. J. Tynan, D.S.O., the genial Secretary of the British Legion, Southern Ireland Area, also spoke and promised every assistance in the power of the Legion to our men in the South. The Major later on entertained us with songs and some clever stories.

In proposing a vote of thanks, Murray, of Kilkenny, asked the men to pass a vote of confidence in Captain Fraser and the Council of St. Dunstan's for the way in which the recent proposals to alter the conducting of St. Dunstan's had been dealt with, pointing out what a terrible thing it would be for him and the majority of Irish men if after-care work were abolished. He also asked the men to express their sympathy with Captain Fraser on the result of the Election, but said that this was only a passing setback and was certain that Captain Fraser would soon be representing their interests again in Parliament. It would turn out to be a case of what the whale said when it saw Jonah strolling away up the beach again: "It's very hard to keep a good man down." D. J. McLoughlin, of Dublin, seconded these proposals which the men passed enthusiastically.

Miss Muriel Loughridge had arranged for a number of local artistes to entertain the men during the time that Mr. Swain was giving interviews, and a most enjoyable musical programme was appreciated during the afternoon. D. J. McLoughlin also entertained with song, story and instrumental items.

A handsome clock was won by Martin, of Bray, as the result of the bean-guessing

competition, O'Neill, of Newport, Tipperary, gaining second prize. The lady's handbag went to Mrs. Joyce, of Swords, and the second prize to Miss O'Neill.

After tea had been served, Mr. Swain thanked the artistes for their kindness, and the proceedings ended with the singing of the National Anthem. N. S. M.

BELFAST

Thompson's Restaurant saw a cheery crowd of the Northern men assembled on Friday, the 7th June. Lady Turner, Miss Ellie Turner, and Mr. and Mrs. James Allen were the guests of honour. McCann, of Belfast, presented Lady Turner with a sheaf of flowers to recognise our debt to her for her splendid help in the past.

After luncheon, Mr. Swain addressed the men and gave them a message of good wishes and appreciation of their work from Captain Fraser, together with some excellent advice. Lady Turner then said how much she appreciated being with the boys again, and told them that she would still remember them and do everything she could to help on the work of St. Dunstan's.

Mr. James Allen said that it was a pity more people could not see gatherings like the present one, where it was possible to see what the money collected for St. Dunstan's had produced in the way of happiness for the blinded men, and that he and his wife, who has been working for St. Dunstan's for many years now, would still do everything they could to help on the work financially.

Votes of thanks for the entertainment were proposed by Gribben and seconded by Berry—both of Belfast.

Mr. Swain then proceeded to interviews, and the men were entertained by a number of local artistes to an enjoyable concert. The bean-guessing competition resulted in the first prize—a clock—going to Reid, of Belfast, McCann being second. The lady's handbag was won by Mrs. McCann, and the second ladies' prize by Mrs. Herriot.

After tea had been served, Gribben asked the Belfast men to express their thanks to Mr. Macauley for his trouble in

arranging the monthly social gatherings in Belfast and for arranging free passes to local theatres. This was heartily passed.

Just before the proceedings terminated, Mr. Macauley announced to the men the sudden death that morning of Mrs. Boyce, Senr., and the men stood to express their sympathy with Boyce and the members of his family in their sad bereavement.

The National Anthem was then sung and the meeting terminated.

News from the Workshops

BOOTS

F. Williams continues to improve. His bench work is excellently done and he fits quarter rubbers fairly well. However, there are points in finishing to which he needs to give attention. J. T. Illingworth is rather heavy with his tools, but he is certainly doing better particularly with regard to the shape of heels. His marking and rivetting has also shown improvement. T. Dickinson is doing better work; extra care is producing a cleaner job. W. Armstrong has improved considerably with regard to the use of his rasp and finishing, so that he is getting better edges. Quarter rubbers and rivetting are also distinctly good.

BASKETS

We are very glad to welcome A. Kimber back in the workshops, though at present he is not able to undertake such heavy work as he did before. This must be a great disappointment to him, as he had covered quite a good range of willow work. E. A. Strand has made a good start. He has grasped technical points quite quickly and has already got going on some wastepapers with plaited borders. Another new man is R. Tooth; he has been confining his attention to barrel baskets. F. A. Cole had some experience with square work and has recently been revising his barrels, showing improvement in all parts of the work. W. J. Markwick has been getting on top of the work much better. After doing some square arms he has been having some experience with repairs which

should be very valuable in helping him to trace the strokes. R. McClusky is continuing with barrels, wastepapers, and has recently started dog beds. He needs to master some technical points. His best work has been on the dog beds. J. Murray is a steady worker and is picking up his strokes quite well. B. Quigley also had some useful experience on repairs, and in addition has received instruction in luteon baskets and willow skein work baskets. H. Wignell has worked on hampers, three corner linens, and a picnic basket. The fruit basket that he made pleased the customer so much that another was ordered. W. Shaw continues to tackle very varied work: three-cornered linens, picnics, hampers, plate baskets, dog beds, &c. A special half-bushel basket received very special commendation from the customer.
W. H. O.

Departmental Notes

NETTING

The Netting Department has been busy as usual during June, and we have had many fruit orders and also quite a number for rugs, which is satisfactory. There have been a good many shows where we have exhibited and done quite fairly well, the rose show being a great success. We have had more orders than usual for boundary nets—all small towns have tennis clubs these days; we wish we could supply them all with nets.

The men are getting on well at Brighton, A. E. Strand, A. Brown, F. Whitehouse, M. Manning working on rugs, and F. A. Cole, S. Hayling, C. Williams, and H. Palmer busy with fruit nets. H. Wilkins is on boundary netting, while J. Dockery is doing his first hammock and F. Martin a child's swing.

BRaille

We heartily congratulate W. Armstrong on passing the Braille writing test, and W. J. Markwick and L. Williams on passing the reading test.

TYPEWRITING

Very many congratulations to S. S. McLeod, G. E. Gale, R. Tooth, F. A. Whitehouse, on passing the typewriting test.
M. H. R.

In Memory"

PRIVATE J. GIBBONS
(2-4th Yorkshire Regiment)

With deep regret we have to announce the death of this St. Dunstaner. Gibbons enlisted in July 1915, and received his discharge in February 1919. He came to St. Dunstan's in the following year, and whilst with us was trained as a basket maker, but unfortunately his progress at this craft was greatly interfered with by the necessity of his having to receive massage treatment for his hands. Shortly after leaving Headquarters, he gave up basket making, and took up a little netting and wool rug work. His health, however, was indifferent, and at the beginning of June of this year he was taken suddenly ill with pneumonia. He was admitted on the 12th June to S.S. John and Elizabeth's Hospital, Hampstead, where he died the next day.

At Gibbons' own request, the body was removed to Brompton Oratory, on the 17th June, where it remained until the following morning. After a short service there at 10 a.m. Gibbons was interred at Kensal Green Catholic Cemetery. The funeral was attended by many relatives and friends, St. Dunstan's being represented by Miss Bamberger, and there were a large number of beautiful wreaths, including one in the form of our Badge "From Captain Fraser and his Comrades at St. Dunstan's."

Births

BACHELOR.—To the wife of J. Batchelor, of Tooting, a daughter (Joyce Elizabeth), on the 21st of May.

BURLEY.—To the wife of E. J. Burley, of Stithians, Cornwall, a son, on 10th March.

HAMMETT.—On the 28th of May, to the wife of H. A. Hammett, of Carterton, Oxford, a daughter.

LORAM.—To the wife of S. C. Loram, of Brixham, Devon, a daughter (Margaret), on the 21st of May.

MORTIMER.—On the 17th of June, to the wife of H. Mortimer, of Hull, a son (Terrence).

MUSSELL.—To the wife of A. Mussell, of Charfield, a little daughter.

PETERS.—On the 30th of May, to the wife of W. Peters, of Liverpool, a son (Ramsay).

ROBBINS.—To the wife of A. C. Robbins, of Charfield, a daughter (Joan), on the 17th of February.

SIM.—On the 26th of May, to the wife of W. J. Sim, of Aberdeen, a daughter (Agnes).

SPACKMAN.—On the 12th of June, to the wife of F. Spackman, of Debden, Saffron Walden, Essex, a daughter.

SPENCE.—To the wife of A. R. Spence, of Croydon, on the 2nd of June, a son.

STOCK.—On the 2nd of June, to the wife of C. Stock, of Gorsley, Newent, Gloucester, a son.

Deaths

(In last month's REVIEW an error was made in the announcement concerning the loss suffered by W. T. Baugham, of Cirencester. On 14th April he was bereaved of his mother.)

In addition we have to offer our sympathy to A. Bennett, of Dover, whose father died in Park Royal Hospital, Willesden, on the 31st of May. He was 79 years old.

And to Mrs. C. A. Biggs, of Alvechurch, near Birmingham, who lost her mother, aged 69, on the 18th of May.

And to Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Kay, of Blackburn, who have each lost a father recently.

And to F. Kirkbright, of South Yardley, whose mother died on the 29th of May.

And to S. C. Loram, of Brixham, South Devon, whose sister, aged twenty-seven, was knocked down by a Devon General Omnibus a few days ago, and killed. Such a loss is doubly tragic in its suddenness.

And to H. Price, of Harrow Road, Paddington, whose wife died in hospital on 24th June.

And to W. Thorpe, of Ipswich, who lost his father very suddenly on the 10th of June.

Press Tribute

The *Wigan Examiner*, under a bold heading of "Local Celebrities," has a splendidly appreciative article upon the work done by J. S. Harrison, a St. Dunstan's masseur, illustrated by a striking cartoon. We have not space to quote the article in full, which details the whole life of the subject, but the following extracts will be read with interest:—

"No introduction is, or should be, necessary to the subject of our sketch this week. Mr. John S. Harris, an outstanding figure of any company, and a particularly familiar figure in the athletic circles of the Borough, whilst still in the prime of manhood, has embraced in his career a brilliant record as a scholar and athlete; a glorious and tragic interlude as a soldier (ended by losing the priceless gift of sight), and a physical and spiritual victory over his terrible disability as to constitute him a most valued and scientific member of one of the newer professions. Mr. Harrison was educated at the Southport College, Manchester, and was articled in 1904 and passed as an Architect and Surveyor in 1909."

After recording Harrison's war experiences to the date of his being blinded in 1918, the article continues:—

"Back in England again, but one of many hundreds of heroes whose lives must be lived in darkness, he went in 1919 to St. Dunstan's, where he was taught Braille, &c.

"Debarred by reason of his affliction from indulging in most of the pastimes to which he had hitherto been devoted, he still found consolation and comradeship in rowing, and on Whit Monday, 1920, he won five races out of five at the Wigan R.C. Regatta. In August of the same year he stroked the club's four in the Senior Fours event at Lancaster, all making a very good show. In 1922, in a similar event at Chester, he was declared the only blind senior stroke in Great Britain. Incidentally he has rowed in all Whit Monday races at Wigan since. In 1924, and until 1926, he again attended St. Dunstan's, this time to be trained as a masseur, and he successfully passed the examination of the Chartered Society of

Massage and Medical Gymnastics, rather creditably, gaining also the certificates for Medical Electricity and Swedish Remedial Exercises.

"In 1927, with these qualifications, he commenced practice as a Chartered Masseur and Electro-Therapist at 104 Cambridge Road, Southport, where his establishment is equipped with the latest electro-medical appliances—equipment equal to that of most sighted masseurs in the country.

"A special feature of Mr. Harrison's professional work is that in connection with the treatment of athletes and footballers. Recently he was selected to treat the injuries of International players of the Rugby code just prior to the England v. Other Nationalities game (one of his patients scoring two tries).

"Mr. John S. Harrison still keeps in touch with Wigan and its sporting activities, and is at present the President of the Wigan Hockey Club, Vice-President of the Wigan Old Boys, and of the Wigan Rowing Club.

"Altogether a glorious record of one of Wigan's most notable 'boys'."

If anyone wants a really nice smooth-haired fox-terrier with prick ears, house-trained, two years old, they should apply to R. K. Lowrie, of Craig View, St. Richard's Road, Portslade. Fifteen shillings is being asked, but the dog will only be allowed to go to a good home. Lowrie has no wish to part with him but is short of room and therefore has to sell one of his dogs.

All St. Dunstaners will feel sympathy for Mrs. Carpenter, of King's Langley, when they hear that she was knocked down by a bicycle while accompanying her husband on his morning round delivering eggs. She escaped serious injury, but at the time of going to press is suffering from shock and severe bruises.

We are sure that everyone will join with us in hoping that she may soon be about again.

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