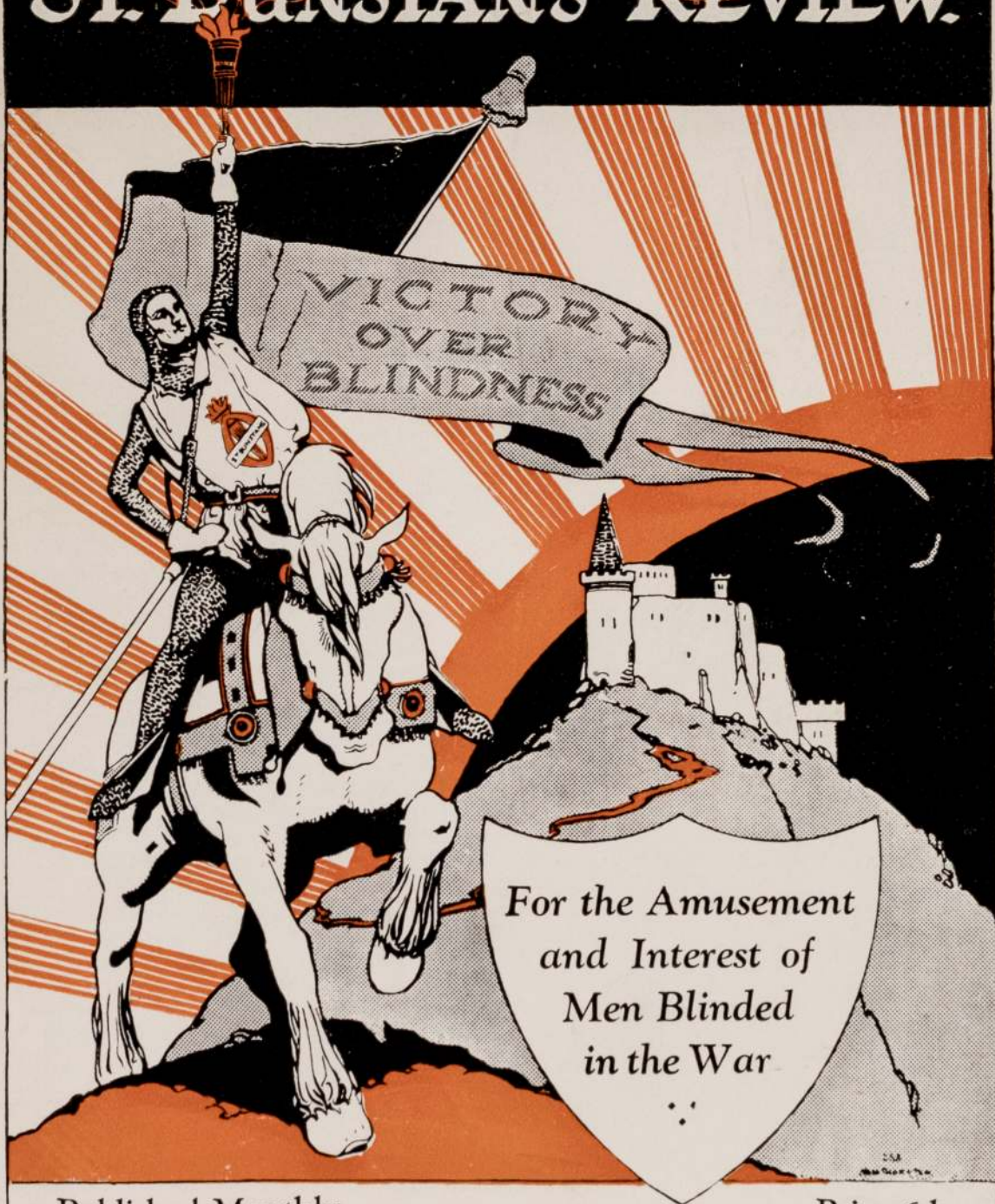


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EDITORIAL NOTES

Back to Work

ALTHOUGH there will be some who may be taking a late summer holiday, the great majority of us will now be back in the office or workshop. Settling down again after the care-free joys of the seaside and the country is not the easiest of jobs, but it is wonderful how soon, with the will to work and the incentive to build up business, we fit into harness again. Except, possibly, for agriculture, this summer has been a very wonderful one, and there can be no doubt the health of the nation, in spite of the long continued drought, has benefited immensely by the many weeks of sunshine. It was needed too, after the very severe winter.

The reports which we so regularly receive as to the progress of our men throughout the country, indicate that the weather has had its influence on trade generally, and our craftsmen particularly have been very busy. A particularly gratifying feature of this industrial increase has been the growth in the numbers of local customers whom our men are gaining. St. Dunstaners, whether they have a shop window for display, or a workshop only, are finding how profitable it is and incidentally, how interesting also, to bring the goods they make before the notice of local customers, as distinct from relying upon sending the bulk of their products to Headquarters for disposal. One of our basket-makers has been particularly successful in this respect—so much so, in fact, that he has not sent anything to Headquarters for sale for fifteen months. Possessing no shop window for display, he acts as his own commercial traveller, and makes a point of getting into touch with all possible sources of demand in his home town. He tells us he finds the devotion of an hour or two a day not only gives him much-needed and healthful exercise, but that the interest taken in his canvassing for orders and the many kindly folk he meets, provide a strong stimulant to increased effort. Here is an example which might very profitably be followed by all our craftsmen who can get about.

We have in mind also another St. Dunstaner who by persistent and untiring effort spread over some months, was at last able to secure a contract for making a special type of basket for the use of a large local brewery. That one contract now keeps him in remunerative work for four-fifths of the year. This is the sort of thing which is good for individual St. Dunstaners, and the best possible testimony to our organisation generally.



NEWS OF ST. DUNSTANERS

FOR the fifth year in succession, J. E. Parnell, of North Creake, Fakenham, has carried off prizes at the National Rose Show. On this occasion he has secured both a first and a second. All garden lovers will offer him their congratulations.

A very real talent for carpentry has been discovered in D. Murphy, of Glasgow. With an ordinary pocket-knife (it must have been one of extraordinarily good quality), and three egg boxes he has contrived to make a remarkable sideboard, and with the same implement and materials, a most useful cupboard. What a valuable man Murphy would have been as an aid to Robinson Crusoe!

All's well with B. Collins, of Barnes. His baskets look as attractive as does his garden. We hope to be able to report very shortly that Collins's daughter has done extremely well at her last examination.

"Up to the eyes in work," is the excellent news that comes from J. Boyce, of Belfast. His family will be considerably increased in the near future, as he is expecting a sister and his father to join forces with him since he has plenty of room in his house. The arrangement should be a happy one in every way.

Everyone will be sorry to hear that the holiday to which S. Wright, of Wilsden, Yorks, was looking forward had to be cancelled at the last moment as he fell ill. He is to be congratulated, however, on having escaped pneumonia; it was a close shave. We hope that long before these lines appear he will have made an excellent recovery and be on a belated holiday with illness forgotten.

Some excellent notices concerning the singing of E. Slaughter, of Harringay, have been appearing recently. He was

fortunate, too, in meeting Ben Davies, who congratulated him on his diction and breathing.

A new souvenir has been acquired by A. Ackland, of Ladbroke Grove, or it might be more accurate to say that he now has it in a place where it is available for show purposes! The bullet which lodged in his shoulder during the battle of Loos in 1915 was extracted when he was last at Brighton.

A basket maker who contrives to get an unusual number of local orders for his wares is H. Bridgman, of Derby. He is as busy and happy as usual.

Another who is both fit and busy—but with netting instead of baskets—is C. Smith, of Walsall.

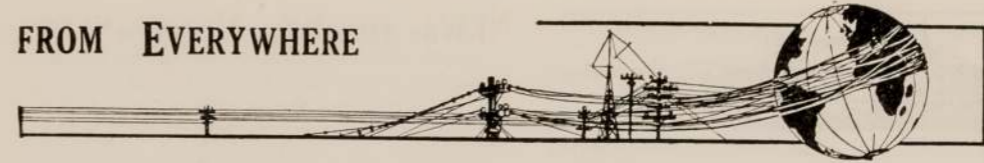
The garden is so much pleasure to E. Baron, of Bridlington, that he does not care to leave it to go on an early holiday, so no one should expect to see him even at Brighton until the autumn.

"Trade pretty steady," says P. G. Alvey, of Old Byfleet, who is thankful that the taste for sweets and tobacco is not seasonal.

Unlike Ackland, J. McVey, of Swanmore, has no wish to display his acquisition of war relics. He says if he let anyone start looking for shrapnel inside him they might "go on seeking"! Hence he laughs and goes ahead—working steadily at his rugs.

Another with the true St. Dunstan's spirit is J. T. Johnson, who invariably turns the bonny side to London, and is always willing to lend all possible aid when work is on hand. The garden is a great interest to the whole family and the whole is gradually being brought under cultivation. Johnson has a fine crop of potatoes.

FROM EVERYWHERE



Work, steady and regular work, has made a "new man" of T. Bowen, of Llanelly, S. Wales. He has almost forgotten that he was once troubled with nerves, and is now as cheery as they make 'em.

H. Bowen, of Pembrokeshire, is steadily recovering from his October-to-March illness. His son is looking forward to joining the Merchant Service, and thanks to his father's war record, one of the leading Cardiff shipowners has put the boy's name at the top of the list. We hope to hear very soon that he has an excellent ship.

The little farm run by J. E. Davies, of Llandyssul, Cardiganshire, takes every minute of his time and leaves him no leisure for netting at present. He has developed an excellent system of land drainage and now parts of his land hitherto unusable are bearing good crops; the whole place looks in most promising condition and Davies is certainly about to reap the reward of his splendid effort.

Wool-rug making is a boon and a blessing to A. C. Robbins, of Charfield, Glos.; he finds the work a perpetual interest. The baby is a remarkably fine child we hear, quite a "heavyweight" champion and both Mr. and Mrs. Robbins have every reason to be proud of her.

Another new baby who is having a triumphant success is that belonging to F. Mussell, also of Charfield. It is hard to say whether Mussell or his small son are the more pleased over the arrival of this "baby sister."

Everything is going on well with C. Stock, of Gorsley (Glos.), and his farm looks as promising as does the recent addition to his family.

An order for "especially strong baskets" for the Council has been keeping B. B.

Bowering, of Weston-super-Mare, unusually busy of late. Judging from looks they should never wear out. The season is in full swing at Weston-super-Mare at the time of writing, so Mrs. Bowering is as busy as her husband. Her rooms are getting well known and she rarely has a vacant one.

The new bungalow into which W. J. Berry has moved in Bangor looks most comfortable already and we hope that his workshop will be as satisfactory. Berry says that the last holiday at Brighton was the best holiday he ever had.

J. Brockerton, of Coleraine, is in as good form as usual with motor mats in hand and other orders awaiting him. Mrs. Brockerton, like Mrs. Bowering, has a "full house."

A wonderful crop of potatoes has been lifted by S. Durrant, of Wimborne, and the vegetables upon which Mrs. Durrant has expended pride and care must be a boon and a blessing to the family.

Springer Spaniels, as a side line, are being bred by F. R. Reason, of the Royal Oak Inn, Bothonhampton. They are valuable and attractive dogs and as Reason sells at a sensible price he has been able to find customers quickly, indeed the next litter is being booked in advance. The garden has been taking a good deal of time and Reason has just purchased some new pigs.

The wonderful spell of July weather has been a great pleasure to J. A. Godwin, of Weymouth, who contrived to get a goodly amount of bathing, which is a great pleasure to him. Incidentally he has been making a new loud speaker; it is a great success.

An order for an oak sideboard came to J. Boyce who is at Upwey, not far from Weymouth, and he carried it out in such a

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way as to give great satisfaction to his customer. He is a most useful man in the house according to what we hear and must be a blessing to his wife. It is not every man, St. Dunstaner or otherwise, who is equal to making a new overmantel when required, put up a stout shed to house the mangle, and erect trellis on which to erect rambler roses. Anyone wanting a late holiday this year, or a midsummer one next, might note that Mrs. Boyce has some nice rooms to let, and Upwey is "country"—address, 10, Shortlands Road.

Another man who believes in making things for household use is J. Kirkham, of Swanmore. In addition he has made within the last few months, a very nice wardrobe, some wireless cabinets and oak trays; orders have been coming in very comfortably ever since Christmas. The bungalow is a very great success, and the landlord thoroughly kind and considerate, which makes the life of his tenants the more pleasurable. A recent acquisition is an extended piece of garden which happens to have some excellent fruit trees in bearing condition, so the Kirkhams are in clover.

"Clover" has a rural sound which makes one's thoughts stray towards C. R. Newell, of Bamfurlong, Cheltenham (Glos.) who has been especially busy out of doors of late with such things as haymaking, in which the whole family engage, Newell's favourite position being on the top of the hayrick. His garden is in excellent order too, and the same may be said of the poultry. The whole place speaks eloquently of the hard and steady work Newell devotes to its upkeep; his success is well deserved.

Like Newell, F. Hesketh, in the same district, has had a fine crop of hay; he is fortunate in having a neighbour across the way who both gives and accepts help in the getting in of the crops.

All who know the value of friendly assistance will sympathise with R. Harding of Cirencester (Glos.), in that he has just

lost the young man who has been his devoted helper in his shop—he died from double pneumonia after 'flu and Harding feels both the shock and the loss very keenly. It is good to hear that his first assistant, an ex-St. Dunstan's scout, has stepped into the breach for the time being.

Some baskets of a new pattern are occupying T. Vaughan, of Brecon. One of them would be particularly suitable for the use of motorists and is on view at an hotel in the district. We hope with Vaughan that orders will result.

Here too the garden has been having an unusual amount of attention. We trust that Vaughan will carry off all the prizes that are offered at the local shows—whether he does or not we feel sure he deserves to secure a goodly number.

A good trade in grocery, &c., is being done by E. A. West, of Syderstone, near King's Lynn, and as a consequence West is busy, happy and well.

Apropos of "the oldest St. Dunstaner," J. Smith, of Norwich, must be nearing the top of the list. He was 63 when he rejoined the army in April 1915 (he enlisted as 47) and went out to France in the following month in the Army Veterinary Corps. Among his treasures is a letter from the King. Smith by the way has two sons who went through the South African war enlisting as 18 when they were only 15.

A low (and comfortable) wooden chair is one of the recent efforts of J. Burley, another of our Norwich St. Dunstaners. He has every reason to be proud of it. Friends will be glad to know that he is very fit.

Yet a third Norwich man is A. G. Briggs, who has just moved into a new house in which they anticipate being most comfortable. Although it is some distance from the former home some customers have followed them and Briggs hopes to work up a fresh and enlarged connection in the new district.

St. Dunstan Juniors

Young St. Dunstaners have been covering themselves with glory to such a degree that they deserve separate notes.

The son of C. Butler, of Folkestone, is doing well in the Air Force and is daily expecting reports of his success in recent examinations; his "leave" has been a great pleasure to Butler.

Although a year younger than the rest of her class, the daughter of S. Usher, of Hastings, has been at the top of her form in mathematics and second in both Latin and French.

A stewardship on the "Acquitana" is held by the step-son of A. Sterno, of Bath, and he "gets bigger and bigger each time he comes home" and looks in splendid condition. He is doing exceedingly well and has been signed on at an increased wage, being a general favourite on the ship. It is no wonder Sterno is proud of him and feels rewarded for the help he managed to give towards the boy's launching.

As for W. H. Harding, of Finsbury Park, he has a little daughter who has just been awarded a "good progress prize" coming third out of 60 children.

Young John Law, son of A. Law, of Cheltenham, who will not be twelve years of age until September, has just passed for Cheltenham Grammar School having won a four-year scholarship with a possibility of others later on which would carry him to Oxford. It is hardly necessary to say that the boy must have worked very well and steadily to have achieved such a splendid success and we hope to hear of him someday as an Oxford "Don."

Peter Waldin, son of T. Waldin, of Winchester, is another boy who is doing exceedingly well, having "passed with honours" and secured a scholarship for a Secondary School with valuable money grants for books, &c., during his three years

"All's well" with A. T. Hazel (who is moving to Merton) and his bonny baby.

A "first prize for eggs" has been carried off by E. E. Kenward who exhibited at a local show in Uckfield and hopes to be as fortunate at the Buxted display. We shall look forward with interest to hearing the result of the second attempt.

Three mats sold locally after a move to a new district makes a man feel hopeful, and S. O'Connell now of Invicta Road, Folkestone is contemplating the future happily. It has been said that "three moves are as bad as a fire." O'Connell is prepared to say that *one* does almost as much damage. In his move he had a table completely ruined, two chests of drawers badly damaged, and a sideboard and bed delivered in such a state that they required "first aid."

The seasonal visitors to Folkestone are benefiting W. Barnes who finds that his newspaper business has increased considerably since the influx set in. May Folkestone's season be long.

Dogs, good as they are as a general thing, can do a might lot of damage on occasions. W. E. Carlton, reports that his four legged friend contrived to get into one of his pens and killed seventeen of his hens besides in juring others. It was a bad loss for any man. The same dog killed three hens belonging to a neighbour before it could be destroyed.

J. Goodison, of Sandymount, is at the top of his form. He is putting in arduous hours at his mat frame and has made a bold attack on the wholesale houses in Dublin. The defences of two went down before his onslaught and he has already delivered trial orders, and obtained repeats. Hearty congratulations to him in his fine effort.

"All well and as cheery as ever" is the news concerning C. E. Hill, of Teddington. The ten-months old boy is big, healthy and contented with life. He has evidently inherited his father's optimistic temperament.

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attendance. On the day he knew of his success he received his first certificate for swimming and a special word of praise from his head teacher which has made Waldin a proud father. May the other young Waldins make as gallant an attack on life!

Too young to vote the little son of A. Jordan, of Holloway, devoted himself to distributing circulars during the election and left nobody unawares that he was "for Labour"!

An unpleasant accident which might have had serious results recently befel the youngest son of F. T. Dance, of Bishops Stortford. The boy was playing in the yard when he slipped and in falling put his hand through the workshop window, smashing this to pieces and cutting a lump out of his wrist. He was rushed off to hospital and is now making good progress.

Another, and more serious accident happened with equal suddenness to the three-year old son of H. Bates, of Wilmott Road, Dawley. He was being carried by his 14 year old sister when some children playing near flung a stone which caught the little boy in the eye. The child was so seriously injured that an operation proved necessary and the eye had to be extracted.

Whooping cough has now attacked the same child and also a six year old brother so Bates has decided that, for the moment, his unlucky star is most certainly in the ascendant.

We are sorry to have to say that G. Moore, of Folkestone had a most unpleasant adventure some weeks ago being knocked down by an Austin "7."

He was on a narrow railway bridge with his eldest boy who delights in watching for trains. One came and the child dashed across to see it pass under the bridge calling to his father to follow him. Moore attempted to cross and was knocked down—the child saw his father's danger but his warning cry was lost in the rush of the train. The owners of the car took Moore

home and are full of admiration for his pluck. His thigh was grazed and his arm and shoulder injured.

Brief Notes

Among the holiday makers are T. W. Salter, of Pimlico, who went to Clacton in July, C. Durkin, of Putney, and W. T. Pratt, of Clapham, whom we hope will be well set up by a change.

One who took his holiday early was F. Nash, of Roehampton, who looked remarkably brown after his spell of sea air at Brighton, we hear.

Boots continue to keep F. Craddock, of Harlow, fairly well occupied. H. R. Exhall, of Peckham, is doing a satisfactory trade in his fish shop, and H. A. Russell also of Peckham, goes on steadily with baskets.

The June baby which arrived at the home of H. Millar, of Surbiton, is doing splendidly and is a bonny little girl. She spends sleepy hours among the roses which make the garden brilliant.

Another new arrival "doing nicely" is the baby of M. Burran, of Duke Street, W.

It takes two hours every day for S. Hill, now of Brixton, to get to his work, but he feels so much better in health for the change of locality that he thinks the effort worth while. The new home is a great success.

Braille lessons are interesting C. Norman, of Finsbury Park, at present, and he is making headway.

A. Welland, of Bramley, near Guildford, is busy with boots as usual. His boys are doing well at school and growing noticeably bigger month by month.

G. Rose, of Dartford, is continuing his craft of basket-making; W. Chamberlain's business is increasing steadily and his library is growing; A. E. Hicks, of Kenley, Surrey, has a fine showing of vegetables in his garden; F. Ralph spent part of July engrossed in the making of a wireless

cabinet and a garage for a friend; W. F. Cork, of Rhodes Minnis has quite a number of regular customers in Folkestone and his car has proved a "good buy." H. Green, of Muswell Hill, has been making a number of trays; W. Price, of Bayston Hill, Shrewsbury, is "very fit." H. C. Ollington, of Earlsfield, is so occupied with boots that he rarely allows himself a holiday; and J. W. Abbs, of Stibbard, keeps busy in the same line.

Births

BOWRING.—To the wife of W. A. Bowring, of Royston, Weymouth, a son on the 18th of July. He has been christened Roy.

BURRAN.—On the 3rd of July, to the wife of M. Burran, of Duke Street, W.I, a daughter.

COBBELL.—On Tuesday, July the 23rd, to the wife of J. A. Cobbell, of Bury St. Edmunds, a daughter.

DIMOND.—To the wife of W. Dimond, of Witney, Oxon, a son on the 6th of July.

FARMERY.—On the 10th of July, to the wife of W. Farmery, of Bishops Waltham, a daughter.

HUGHES.—To the wife of E. Hughes, of Cwmgrach, N. Wales, a daughter on the 3rd of July.

KERR.—On the 18th of July, to the wife of J. W. Kerr, of Widnes, a daughter.

MONAGHAN.—To the wife of W. T. Monaghan, of Wallasey, a son on the 25th of July.

POTTS.—On the 11th of July, to the wife of D. Potts, of Norton-on-Tees, a son.

STEELE.—To the wife of E. A. Steele, of Croydon, a son on the 3rd of July.

SPACKMAN.—The little daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Spackman, of Saffron Walden, on the 12th of June has been christened Lily June.

Deaths

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

BRIDE.—Mr. and Mrs. L. Bride, of Dublin, who lost their little daughter Ellin on the 13th of July.

DAVIDSON.—To J. Davidson, of Kilrea, whose brother was killed recently. He

was knocked down by an omnibus when cycling home from work.

HIGHET.—H. Highet, of Stewarton, Ayr, whose father, aged 85 years, died on the 30th of June.

LAVELL.—Mrs. J. Lavell, of 36 Glarmorgan Street., Brynmawr, Brecon, who recently lost her mother.

LINGARD.—To W. Lingard, of Writtle, who lost the brother with whom he has been living, very suddenly on Monday, 29th July.

WINDRIDGE.—To the wife of O. Windridge of Leicester, who lost her father, aged 78 on the 26th of June.

Netting Notes

August seems to be a holiday month, and yet in most Departments at St. Dunstan's it is a busy time because there are always a number of the staff on holiday and those left behind have to cope with other people's work and their own as well, which isn't always very easy. But we are nearing September, when most people will be back. It is always a pleasure to be together again and in full working order.

We have had a very nice order for tennis nets for South Africa and also a large one for golf nets for a London Golf School. A good many of the men working for the Netting Department have had S.O.S. orders for these and have responded splendidly.

We congratulate:—

G. E. Gale,
F. Martin,
H. Palmer,
H. Wilkins,

for having finished their netting course. They have all done very well indeed under Miss Morris' excellent tuition.

K. H. W.

Braille Notes

We heartily congratulate G. Lamb, F. Martin, R. Tooth, and W. R. Radley on passing the Braille Reading Test, and J. Dockery and Murray on passing the Braille Writing Test.

Typewriting

Very many congratulations to H. J. Brown, E. Butler, A. E. Strand, R. Tooth, F. Whitehouse, and H. Wilkins on passing the Typewriting Test. M. H. R.



League Football Matches

I trust our Sportsmen will quite understand that we attend these matches of the Arsenal, Chelsea and Fulham Clubs entirely on the kind invitation of these Clubs. They have been more than generous in the past, and we must see to it that we do not transgress upon their generosity and feel that we have a right to demand admission and create a scene if this is found impossible. Will men please note that admission in future will only be granted to properly organised parties, after invitation from the Club concerned, under the guidance of Instructor Tovell; and I will be glad if those who desire to attend any organised matches will get into touch with the Instructor early in the week. He will arrange things in accordance with the number invited. J. E. W.

SPORTS MEETING

1st October

The Summer Term Sports will end on 24th September, and there will be a General Sports Meeting on Tuesday, 1st October, at 7 p.m. to discuss Winter Sports, Walks, Socials, &c., and we hope that all interested will come.

RUNNING

It is proposed that a run should be held round the Inner Circle on Tuesday, 1st October at 6 p.m. before the Sports Meeting. Will all competitors kindly send in their names as soon as possible.

POINTS

3rd September

Bawden .. 65½	Webster .. 32½
Birchall .. 61	Prior .. 30
Meighan .. 50½	Winter .. 28
McSteel .. 47½	Taylor .. 17
Scott .. 40	Martin .. 15
McFarlane .. 38	Meredith .. 10
Roden .. 35	Craigie .. 5
Fleetwood .. 4	

Summer Camps

LITTLE GADDESSEN

Miss Talbot again invited St. Dunstaners to camp at Little Gaddesden House, and undertook the whole organisation of this

most successful week. A record number attended and the 'old hands' voted it the best camp they had known. The weather was lovely. Several expeditions were made, the longest being a trip by 'bus' to Frinton-on-Sea, where everyone was entertained by Lady Cooper, and had some delightful bathing in the sea, fishing and boating. The 9 mile walk to Halton Camp was won by Caldwell, of Liverpool, and the Air Force made us welcome as ever. A delightful afternoon was spent at Ashridge House where the campers were entertained by Gen. Sir Reginald Hoskinson, and after tea sports were arranged on the lawn. The hot weather made the swimming baths in Berkhamstead very popular. The evenings were spent in dancing and concerts.

CLIFFORD CHAMBERS
NR. STRATFORD-ON-AVON
Monday 24th to 29th June

THE staff in camp this year was almost entirely composed of old hands, which caused everything to run very smoothly; the two "recruits" were Miss Wilbraham and Mr. Ellice, who more than "pulled their weight." Other members of the Staff were the Rev. D. Foster, in charge, Miss Nelson, Mr. Birkenshaw, Mr. d'Abreu, and Mr. Parkes.

The Birmingham Club members were very glad that the Manchester boys were able to come for the week-end, when there were 21 troops in camp. One night 30 members of Toc. H. came over to act as escorts in a 7 mile walk, and afterwards give a rousing concert. P. Cashmore won the walk with a handicap of 14 m.

Everyone greatly enjoyed their trip to London for the sports. London is to be heartily congratulated on winning all four events, a record which has never before been achieved in a shield event. The Camp Regatta on the Avon went with a great swing, and there were some very close finishes; after the races everyone had tea at Clopton followed by the usual winding up dance.

The troops were kind enough to say it was the best camp they have had, not one drop of rain all the week!

BIRMINGHAM ST. DUNSTAN'S SPORTS CLUB
Summer Sports Competition up to August

W. Shakespeare .. 232½	W. Giles .. 72½
W. S. Castle .. 215	T. North .. 70
P. Cashmore .. 202½	J. New .. 65
A. Taylor .. 180	G. Cole .. 62
A. Benning .. 175	E. Read .. 30
W. Trott .. 132½	T. Shriden .. 30
W. Hines .. 130	J. Wheeler .. 20
G. Thomas .. 72½	H. Cooke .. 10
J. Whitten .. 5	

7 MILE WALK IN BIRMINGHAM

The walk was entirely arranged by Mr. Mould, of Toc. H., who gave the competitors a splendid tea and concert after the event.

RESULTS OPEN HANDICAP 7 MILE WALK

	Actual Time			H. Allow'ce
	h.	m.	s.	
W. Giles ..	1	3	15	8
J. New ..	1	20	10	23
W. Trott ..	5	8	10	Scr.
P. Cashmore ..	1	9	0	10
H. G. Cooke ..	1	15	3	16
A. Benning ..	1	11	40	11
J. H. Witten ..	1	19	2	18
W. Shakespeare ..	1	21	30	18

Special Notice

Annual Meeting Birmingham, St. Dunstan's Club, Queens College, Paradise Street, Birmingham, 6.30 p.m., Wednesday 30th October.

NOTTINGHAM TO BIRMINGHAM WALK— 55 MILES

I am sure all readers of the REVIEW will be interested to hear that Trott and Giles, of Birmingham, both entered for this open event against walkers from all over England. The race was won by J. H. Ludlow, Derby Walking Club, time 8.57.55. Trott who was walking as a member of the Birchfield Harriers finished 5th, time 9.44.42. a very good performance, Giles finished 28th, time 11.10.34.; he had a very bad time at Lichfield and covered the last 10 miles very slowly. Forty-two competitors completed the course.

W. S. Castle, of Birmingham, has been doing well with his pigeons, he won two races in the same day and also the pool.

News from Brighton

An Appreciation

(BY A ST. DUNSTANER)

It is strange, but nevertheless true, that most people when asked to read aloud will become embarrassed and pass the task on to someone else, upon the plea of nervousness, but our Brighton Annexe is fortunate in having a reader who for the past four years has never failed them, morning or evening, no matter if there be only two boys or as many as 100, Mr. Poole is there, hail, rain or snow. Everyone who has stayed at our Annexe will, I am sure, join with us in an expression of gratitude to Mr. Poole for his loyal and valuable services. We should like to take this opportunity of wishing Mrs. Poole a speedy and complete recovery from the serious accident which befell her early in the year.

Music at Brighton

On Wednesday, 12th August, a Band gave us a promenade concert on the Annexe lawn, when we were regaled with some very bright selections, including modern dance music, which very soon lured the men and their friends to dance in the open air. An interesting feature was the conducting of the band by one of our boys, D. McLoughlin, who displayed his talent for keeping the orchestra well balanced, both in time and interpretation. OBSERVER.

Telling Treasury Notes

The means suggested by Mr. Black and by Captain Crowe as to the best way to distinguish between 10s. and £1 Treasury Notes have evidently been of considerable service to St. Dunstaners, a number of whom have written in appreciation of the advice given. T. Waldin, of Winchester, who it will be remembered had this trick tried upon him writes, "I quite forgot to ask if you would, through the medium of the REVIEW, thank Mr. Black and Captain Crowe. E. Willcocks, of Vicarage Lane, Tottenham, made a pattern tester and sent it to me and now there is no fear of my mistaking a 10s. note for a £1." We gave a description of this tester in our last issue.

News from Overseas

A LETTER reaches us from our old friend J. Chisholm, New Zealand. It is as usual full of cheery news and a record of real work. Chisholm tells us that the earthquake is not the cause of his not having written for so long, as they did not even feel it in the Northern latitudes, being about 700 miles north of the disturbance. "I have been," says our correspondent, "in two earthquakes in other parts of New Zealand, and have slept through one and was awakened by another. I am never short of work," he adds, "and I am sometimes pushed for time to do all I would like to. I recently dug a good crop of potatoes while my brother was planting another crop in a different part. I have got the grapes pruned, and am now on the peaches and nectarines; plums and apples are yet to do. Oranges and lemons have cropped very finely this year." With three cows, two calves, his fruit and poultry, Chisholm must indeed have his hands full. We send to him, and as we are sure, do all his friends, our best wishes.

A Card-Playing Tray

From Captain Gilbert Nobbs, a St. Dunstan's officer of Sydney, Australia, the following letter has been received:

"A friend of mine here recently designed a card tray for placing on one's knees when playing cards. This so simplifies the method of play by enabling one to sort the cards out quickly and keeping them under cover by placing the tray on the knees, that he has had another one made for me which I am sending over to you by parcels post. Those who are very expert in playing cards may not need such a device, but there may be a large number of men who, like myself, find it difficult to hold the cards in one hand and sort them out quickly, and for these reasons did not attempt to play at all, or were disinclined to practise. It is possible that you may have something of the kind already in use amongst the blinded soldiers, but if you have not, I would like you to try out this tray from the point of view of the inexperienced or slow card players. If you feel it has the advantages which I have found, these trays could be made at St. Dunstan's at a very small cost. Home recreations are one of our most difficult problems, and we are some-

times prevented from sharing other people's recreations on an equal footing, and any hints or devices which will increase the scope of our home time recreations are an advantage to all of us. I would like, therefore, for you to show the board to the delegates from other parts of the Dominions, so that they also may have it copied if they think it of any use."

The tray, of which Capt. Nobbs sends a specimen, measures eleven inches square and is divided by rounded beaded moulding into four equal compartments on a baize-covered base. We would add that one or two copies of this tray are being made in St. Dunstan's workshops, and a specimen will be sent to any man who may be interested to try its possibilities.

What Blind Men See

I heard Advocate Bowen, Cape Town's blind M.L.A., describing the sensations of blindness last night," says a writer in the *Cape Argus*. He gave an informal talk to some of the members of the University Education Society, and, sitting on the corner of a table, he told his hearers that blindness was "not a terrible, ghastly affliction, but only a handicap."

Mr. Bowen recalled a description by an adventure story writer of how a native beater was blinded by the explosion of an elephant gun. The beater was beset by an impenetrable blackness, a wall of darkness almost physical. He tried to climb over it, crawl under it, batter a way through it.

"My blindness is never that type of darkness," said Mr. Bowen. "It is a chocolaty brown. And against this background—it is never a foreground—is depicted whatever my friends describe. I picture this hall, with an aisle running down the centre. My imagination may be wrong, but this is no matter.

"If I walk in the street," said Mr. Bowen, "I picture it just as an ordinary person does. I picture the people walking by, and the motor cars. I can tell the difference between a Rolls Royce and a Ford by its hoot.

"I picture the people in the street, perhaps just fancifully. If I hear a masculine voice talking about horses and the July Handicap, I perhaps imagine a man in a check suit, with a cap and a cigar!"

Mr. Bowen told me afterwards that his sense of touch is so developed as to balance the loss of sight. He can read Braille through two pairs of cotton gloves and a handkerchief folded three times.

(Advocate Bowen, is, of course, an old St. Dunstanian.—Ed.)

In an interesting letter from Victoria, Australia, E. Glew, after telling us how much he enjoys reading the REVIEW, desires us to add his name to our Roll of St. Dunstan's Freemasons. He has been a member for the past two years of Combermere Lodge, 752, English Constitution, this being the only Lodge in Victoria working under the English constitution. He adds that should any St. Dunstanian belonging to the Craft care to communicate with him, he would be glad. His address is St. Dunstan's, Centre Road West, Bentleigh, S.E.14, Victoria, Australia.

An Ingenious Name Skit

THE following amusing and clever play upon the names of about one hundred Australian blinded soldiers, nearly all ex-St. Dunstanians, reaches us from E. Glew, Victoria. It must have called for a good deal of thought, and many of the names quoted will be familiar to our readers.

This is not a JEROME novel, but with the CURTISY of St. Dunstan's Review Editor, we would state that LITTLE WILLIAM'S GREEN BALL was lost at HAMILTON, and was found by BUCKLEY, the wild WHITE man, in the CLIFTON HILLS; at which place, Bull Dog DRUMMOND met his old friend FANKHAUSER, who had apprenticed BARFIELD and STUBBINGS to GOSEWINCKEL the JOYNER, who used FLATT boards and GLEWED them to make bows for ARCHERS, being of HARDY material from the HUDSON Bay country.

MULLIN rang to say that the yoKEL LOG chop took place at FARINGDON Street, LONDON; at which BLACK ETT the cakes the BAKER made and drank WATSON's No. 10 at the PEKIN cafe, where the STAFFORD COATES of arms had been brought from FARRELL CASTLE; and SCRIMINGER from this address, COLLARED the MAT HESON made. It is said that the police intervened, FOR DYCE were used; and they also saw under a tree of BURCH, ELLA, who was to MARRI OTTO, was sitting with RENNIE, and being thus found, broke her BOND and wed JAMES McCONNELL, of CRAIGIEburn, near MELBOURNE.

Capt. Fraser MARSHALLED his troops, to find that THOM TREGENT, the GUNNER's ARM so STRONG that he had pulled up the RED MAYNE, which WALSHE had laid for camp purposes at BARNETT GREEN—and he issued a BANN ON BARS, WICKS, WOOLLEN and WOODEN articles, also FRY's cocoa. KELLEY REVELLED when telling TWO MY of his joy ride in a MORRIS car, also that the adVANSE sLOWed down, on account of HARRINGTON, HARRISON, FRENCHAM, MALCOLM and MORRISON all contracting PAYNEful CORNS, said through not wearing GIBSONIA socks.

A LOCKET was found at MURRAY DOWNES by Nick CARTER and proved to be the property of Dick SKEWES, who had given to it his LOVE ELLA SMITH, who had visited there with FISHERman CLARKE's son of ROSStown; then Sherrif NOWLAN proved this, and the latter was LYNCHED by the famous CO(w)RBOY of COCKERton, where, in LOVELOCK's WARD, PIETRO and MATRINI were notable figures; FOLLAND, however, placed a BARR TO BRANIGAN's to keep out BURGESS and HYDE, who were fond of ARMANDS, which had been bought in BILLINGTON Road, Bernie.

The eldest daughter of T. Till, of Lancaster, has been chosen to fly with Sir Alan Cobham when he visits that town. Dorothy is now head girl of her school.

News from the Workshops

BOOTS

T DICKINSON has been having good general experience; he now turns out a very sound job, and has made considerable improvement in finishing. W. Armstrong completed his course at the end of the term and we wish him every success with his future activities. F. Williams has also finished training; he did good work throughout the term, having varied experience with children's, ladies' and men's boots and shoes, tackling various kinds of jobs quite well. We look forward to his future success with confidence. J. T. Illingworth has been making steady progress; he is always ready to tackle any sort of job, and so gains valuable experience. M. Manning has shown considerable aptitude for the work, and we feel that he should develop into quite a capable man. He has made very good progress all round, his weak point, naturally, being that of finishing.

BASKETS

E. A. Strand had a good spell on square work, showing steady improvement in making a bottom, staking, and siding. He needs to memorise his strokes a little better and also to remember that attention to details affects the general appearance very much.

J. Murray has also done some square arms, in addition to waste papers, barrels, and a luncheon basket; this latter could be classed as fairly good. F. A. Cole has also been giving a good deal of time to square work, with quite satisfactory results. W. J. Markwick passed on from square work to some three-corner linens; he is mastering the work quite well and is evidently keenly interested in the making of soiled linen baskets. H. Wignell also had experience with these, making improvements in each one. In addition, he made some hampers, luncheon baskets, barrels, and a picnic; this latter basket had a very good appearance when finished. He is making steady progress, and gaining confidence. After a spell of sickness, in May and June, L. Williams was able to resume, and refreshed his memory with waste

papers and barrels. We should like to congratulate B. Quigley on the making of a 13" skein luncheon basket; this basket was good throughout, and looked remarkably nice on completion. He had a very good run through on soiled linen baskets, and also made a dog-bed. In addition to doing his share of conversation, McClusky keeps up his end quite well with regard to work. In July, he was busy with dog-beds and his first attempt on soiled linens, and during August, he did, in addition, some centre cane trays and teapots tands, with which he was very successful. A. Kimber has done extremely well with his centre cane work; he has, of course, to go steadily at it, but he has tackled barrels, pail baskets, waste papers, and also some trays and teapot stands. In saying goodbye, we wish him much better health than he has had recently. Our "leading hand," W. Shaw, finished his course just before the end of the term. Our previous remarks have indicated that he has run a good course. From the commencement, it was evident that he meant to master the job, and the intelligent application he gave to everything, means that he has achieved his purpose. His wife entered fully into the life of St. Dunstan's, and we wish them both much prosperity and happiness.

W. H. O.

Our Joiners

Mr. E. Hope Atkinson sends us some items of news with regard to some of our joiners:

Gill, of Ripon, is finding a sale for table stands upon which a wringer can be fastened and then put away when out of use. It has a cupboard underneath for laundry cloths and so keeps the house in a tidy condition. They are well made and strong.

Wright, of Wilsden, is succeeding as a trousers press maker and his wife is doing well with polishing them.

Swanston, of Lockerbie, is to be congratulated upon the dinner waggon which has commanded many customers. It is light, neat in design and strongly framed together.

Till, of Lancaster, is busy making a double cone loud-speaker. We wish him every success in this new enterprise.

"In Memory"

ABLE SEAMAN D. ALISON

(Trawler Section)

WE regret to have to announce the death on 12th August last of Able Seaman Alison, who became a St. Dunstaner in April 1917, but as he was not anxious to undergo training of any description, did not come to Headquarters. Although he was 62 years of age, his health was always fairly good, and his death came as a great shock to everyone. Whilst on holiday, he was taken ill and died within two days from cerebral hæmorrhage.

The funeral took place on the 14th August at Glebe Cemetery (where he always expressed a wish to be buried) and Alison was laid to rest in the graveyard overlooking Loch Ryan, his native place and where he spent his boyhood days. Many friends and relatives attended the funeral.

Alison leaves a wife and son to mourn his loss.

PRIVATE JOHN MCKEE

(Labour Corps)

Private McKee did not come to Headquarters for training on account of his indifferent health. He had a long and honourable service with the Colours, and went through the South African War and the Great War, most of his service being with the Royal Artillery. A little over two months ago his wife died, and her loss proved a hard trial for him. He will not be known to many St. Dunstaners since he has only been admitted to benefits recently, but he upheld the best traditions of St. Dunstan's for a courageous outlook on life. He died very suddenly on the morning of 2nd July 1929.

The funeral took place on 3rd July at Hill Hall Churchyard, and among the floral tributes was a large spray of flowers from Captain Fraser and his comrades of St. Dunstan's.

McKee leaves two sons.

PRIVATE THOMAS GEORGE SIBLEY

(2/5th Royal Warwickshire Regiment)

It is with deep regret that we have to record the passing of this St. Dunstaner. When Sibley came to St. Dunstan's in 1918, he was trained as a mat-maker, and took a keen interest in the work. He did very well at this trade for three or four years, but then had to give up on account of neuritis in his hands and arms. He afterwards took up a little netting. Although Sibley's health had been poor for some little time, his death came very unexpectedly on the 29th August, after only a week's illness.

The funeral took place on the 2nd September at 2 p.m. at St. James' Church Cemetery, Stratford-on-Avon, and was attended by many relatives and friends. The coffin was draped with the Union Jack, and there were numerous wreaths, including one from the British Legion, and one in the form of our badge from Captain Fraser and his many comrades at St. Dunstan's.

Sibley leaves a wife to mourn him.

Warnings

St. Dunstaners are warned against entering into dealings for the purchase of stock offered through advertisements and the post, without first ascertaining the bona fides of the offer made, and the firm offering them. R. Harding has been fortunate, through St. Dunstan's Enquiry Department, in regaining the sum of over £14, which he paid in respect of two cases of safety matches which were offered at 5s. 2d. per gross, less 5 per cent. provided two cases of thirty gross each were purchased. Before delivery was made, Harding was asked for £13 in addition, as duty, and if this amount is added to the original price quoted, the matches work out at 9½d. a dozen, which show, of course, little or no margin on re-sale.

A man named Jock Nesbitt has, we are informed, been calling to see various St. Dunstaners and introducing himself as an old friend and an ex-St. Dunstaner. He has obtained hospitality and has borrowed money in several instances. We advise our readers to be very sparing of their hospitality and loans to this man.

St. Dunstan's Dramatic Society

J. Hughes, of 134 Moyser Road, Streatham, tells us that considerable progress is being made with the formation of an Amateur Dramatic Society, for which he asked for recruits in a letter published in the June issue. There is room, however, for more members, and those who would like to take up this interesting form of recreation during the winter months are advised to get into touch with Hughes as soon as possible. Incidentally, we hear that Hughes has just gained the Bronze Medal for Elocution at the London Academy. Congratulations to him!

Mrs. Edith Boon, of Whitbourne, Worcestershire, the wife of a St. Dunstaner, was the winner of one of the £5 prizes offered in connection with Plus Two Cigarettes. The competition was for the best answer to the question "What could you do with £5?"

More Silver Weddings

J. Bennett, of Cheltenham, in claiming the St. Dunstan's silver wedding gift, refers to the late Sailor Nutwell whom he says he knew personally, as he was in No. 4 Ward with him at the Bungalow in 1921. Regarding Nutwell's age and his years of married life, Bennett says he thinks he can run very close, as he was born in 1866 and was married in 1889.

W. A. Biggs, of Leicester is another claimant for the silver wedding gift. He was married on the 4th June 1900, at St. Mary's Church, Leicester.

Mrs. Carlin's Party

The third party given by Mrs. Carlin, of Nottingham, to St. Dunstaners and their wives in Nottingham and Derby was, we understand, a great success, the weather being delightful. Sixteen men, with their wives and children, attended. Members of the Red Cross, organised by Miss Bright and Mrs. Forman, took the visitors in cars from Nottingham, and then fetched the Derby contingent. After tea, games were played, ices were eaten, and a tour of the lovely gardens made, each visitor taking home a large bunch of flowers. All were loud in praise of the kindly thought of their hostess.

A Prize winner

At a show recently held at Southwick, R. J. Williams, of that town entered some design mats, and also some rugs. His exhibit was spoken of very highly in the Press, and he was awarded the Royal Horticultural Society's Diploma and Gold Medal, the highest award. Considering this is Williams' first show entry, he is to be very heartily congratulated.

ADVERTISEMENTS

FOR SALE.—Player piano, price £100. (One hundred pounds) original cost, £200. Carriage paid to any railway station in Great Britain.—Apply by letter to Frank A. Rhodes, 128 Harvist Road, London, N.W.6.

IHAVE a few selected 1929 Rhode Island Red and White Leghorn stock cockerels which I could supply to St. Dunstaners at 12s. 6d. each, carriage paid, crate free. My birds have been amongst the prizewinners for three years in success in the St. Dunstan's Laying Test, so this speaks for itself.—Ben Hamilton, The Croft, Brookville, Nr. Brandon, Norfolk.

Learning to See

Although, of course, St. Dunstaners do not come under the category dealt with in an article in the *Brooklyn Daily Eagle*, which is printed below, many will be interested in the statements made therein which, however, seem to us to be a little sweeping in character. The article is as follows:—

When a person who was born blind is operated on in his 10th or 20th year a new world of visible phenomena appears to his eyes, a world of which he was able to feel only a small part with his fingers. Once the bandage is taken from his eyes the patient does not leap with joy; he does not raise his arms toward the light in adoration; he does not immediately go out on an enthusiastic walk to admire his new world with its motor cars, its airplanes, its movies and its theatres. . . . He sees, everything is bright, he is too overwhelmed with all the light, but he does not recognise anything. He recognises nothing, he can't make a single step and seems as blind as before.

MUST LEARN TO SEE

He is unable to see a knife with his eyes; he doesn't recognise it. But when he puts his slowly feeling hand over the object he recognises it instantly. In his mind the knife is a cold, hard instrument. To this conception he adds now the shining aspect of the metal. But in the beginning his mind seems almost too small for the flood of new impressions that come upon him by way of his eyes.

For, if you show him a new object, for example a fork, he is impressed only by the main characteristic, that is, the shining aspect of the metal; and he is unable to imagine the entire object with its form and weight; he'll call the fork now a "knife," as long as he does not touch it. From this experiment it is obvious that the sense of sight allied to the comprehension of seen things is not innate but is acquired by men. The eye must first learn to see just like the tongue must learn to speak.

Nothing seems more extraordinary to a person who was born blind, but acquires eyesight than the movements of things. He gets frightened the first time he sees a cat running through a room, for in his world of slow feeling of animals he never could feel them running and hardly moving. He does not even recognise the animal with his eyes, except after he has felt it again. In his world of ideas two pictures now have to be allied—the picture of the seen cat and the picture of the cat he felt. And that rather tires him. If a couple of days later a chicken is shown to him instead of a cat, he is greatly surprised to be told that it is not a cat, for in his memory he allied the cat with the characteristics of movement, and anything that moves would, logically, mean to him a cat.

To recognise objects is very hard for a person who recovered eyesight; with the aid of his eyes

alone he cannot distinguish a ball from a thimble; he must "see" the object first with his fingers before identifying it quite exactly.

BEFORE A MIRROR

The education of the eyes lasts through weeks and sometimes it takes months before the "seeing" blind man recognises his own image in a mirror.

At first this image seems absolutely strange and incomprehensible to him, and he needs some time before he is able to assimilate the notion of space and of the third dimension. He does not understand at first why the pencil in front of him has other dimensions than the high smoke-stack he sees at the horizon. The estimate of dimension of a depth which is even difficult for a normal man when he sees only with one eye, is the last faculty the former blind man acquires.

Father and Son

At the annual inspection of the Queen Victoria School, Dunblane, on 18th July, the primus of the School was Boy Sergeant J. Broadbent, son of J. W. Broadbent, of Rosyth, who served in the Highland Light Infantry. Prizes were presented by General Sir W. E. Peyton, K.C.B., K.C.V.O., D.S.O. J. W. Broadbent formed part of the Guard of Honour to His Majesty King Edward VII at the opening of the School in 1908, and in view, of this, is very pleased at his son's success.

Accident

Ian, the nine-year-old son of W. Thorpe, of Chelmsford, met with a serious accident under unusual circumstances, recently. Young Thorpe apparently suffers from somnambulism, and during the night a member of the household heard groans and informed the boy's father. On going to his bedroom at the back of the house, Thorpe discovered that the boy was not there, but had fallen from the window on to the concrete in the yard below. He had sustained a fracture of the base of the skull and was taken to the Chelmsford Hospital in a serious condition. It is believed that the boy walked to the window in his sleep and fell out. The bedroom is on the third storey and the window is about 40 ft. from the ground.

In reply to occasional inquiries we get, our readers are informed that single copies of back numbers of the Review can usually be provided, if urgently wanted.

From the World's Press

We call the following from the *Birmingham Evening Dispatch*:—
Blind Whist Players.

"Hearts are trumps," shouted the M.C., and there was something in the tone of his voice that compelled me to take a closer scrutiny of him (writes a correspondent).

He moved about the tables gingerly but steadily nevertheless, and in the masterly precise way of the usual well-conducted M.C. of whist. When players scored double figures his were the hands that handled the little instrument which "sealed" the double figure entry on the player's cards.

Yet he never seemed to look down; his head was always in the air except when he spoke to a player, and it was whilst he was speaking to one of the men wearing a silver badge (so well known after the war) that I realised the truth.

The Master of Ceremonies was blind.
Braille Cards.

So were most of the players. The cards resembled the ordinary pack except that they had tiny raised spots at the corners. They were Braille cards. And most of the men were blinded ex-Servicemen who had gathered on a certain lawn in the Midlands, at the invitation of the owner, who assembled most of them in his own car.

The score cards were also rather different, but the time in which it took the players to complete a game was not much longer than it takes players at any other whist drive. But the way in which the men enjoyed the experience was something to delight the eye and heart.

No doubt the idea will be copied by others who have not forgotten the services of our war-blinded heroes.

Miss Christine Jope-Slade, in an article in *The Evening News* (London), on what constitutes happiness, includes the two following paragraphs:—

"Either in a state of active happiness or unhappiness you are locked up within yourself. Some of the serene, most courteous people I have ever met were St. Dunstan's men. They did not plan tomorrow, they accepted it. They did not

arrange that it should bring them certain things out of the world, and so it brought them the world as a more comprehensive whole than it does to most people."

"The Pollyannas go frisking through the world squeaking 'I am so happy,' and people say 'Isn't it too sweet!' and the weeping-willow brigade go dripping along in a black frieze, dramatising themselves, and people say 'Isn't it too tragic!'"

Giving and Taking

The following amusing letter was received by C. Durkin some time after his name had appeared in the columns of a London newspaper:—

Dear Unknown Friend,

I was just represented a certain newspaper from one of my best friends. And when I was reading it I came across many names and addresses. But when I reached yours' I was immediately charmed by your name and address, and I got a great confidence to write a regular correspondence with you from time to time. I was about to send you Tiger-nuts and Ostrich-feathers. But because of your address I took fear of it that it will be lost of your incorrect address I will be kind enough if you will be pleased to send me one electric torch light and Handkerchiefs. When you are going to let me know your correct address and I can easily send to you what I proposed to send them to you. Hoping this will find you in great joy.

Please Sir, I want your photo and some postcards.

I remain,

Your unknown Friend,
William Quayson.

In the course of a recent letter to the Editor, G. Fallowfield, of Leytonstone, discusses the relative merits of present-day means of locomotion. He plumps uncompromisingly for the coupled bicycles, which he says are superior to the tandem inasmuch as they are easier to ride, his wife guides, and each is at liberty to pedal when and how they may wish, while only recently it has been proved that cycling by means of coupled bicycles enables two people to get a better mileage than with the fixed gear. Another advantage is that the machines can be coupled or uncoupled within a few minutes, which means that a sighted person can always bring one or either of the machines into service.

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