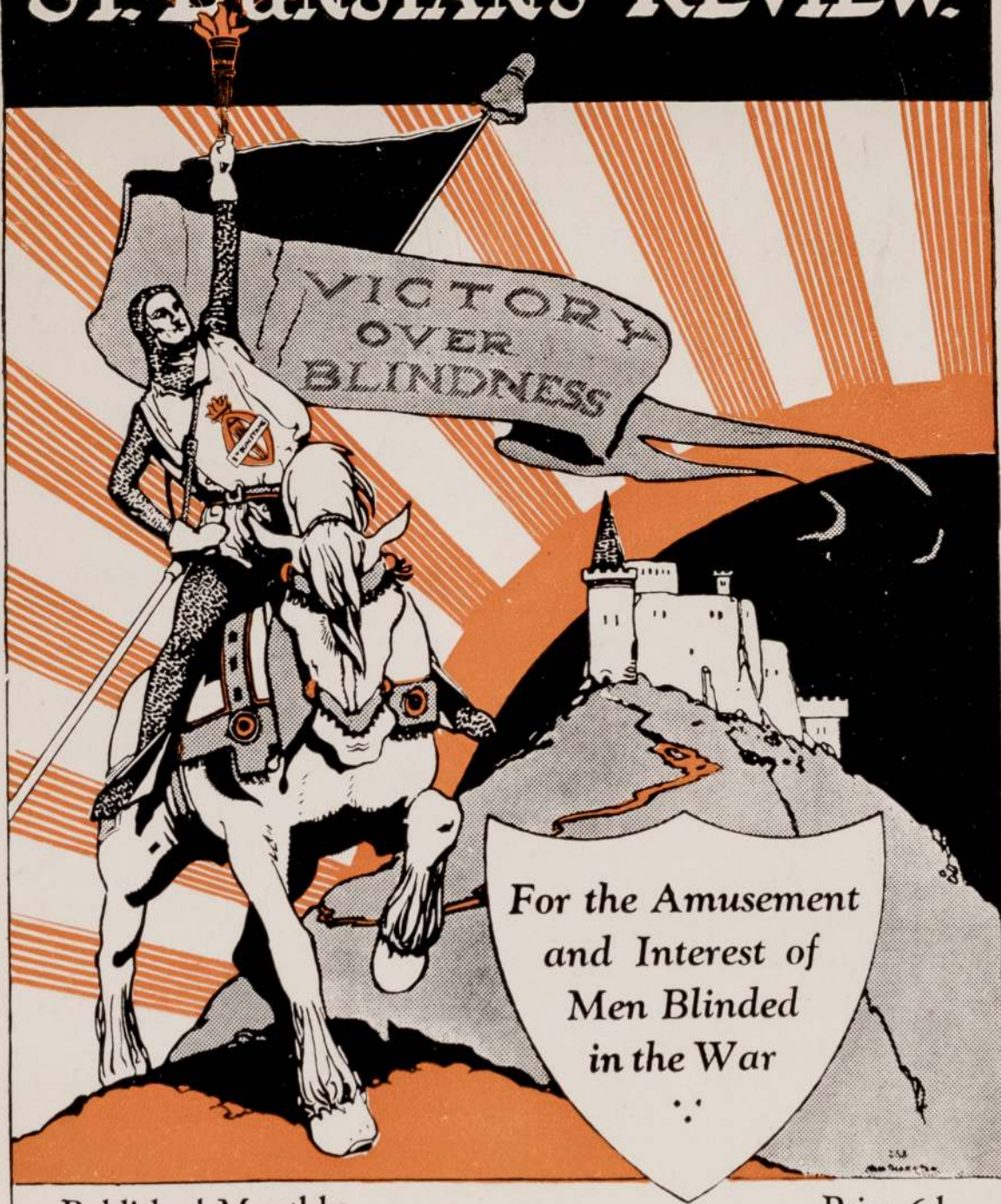


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EDITORIAL NOTES

Not Forgotten

ALL of us who served through the War have pleasant recollections of what heroic folk we were made to feel, even before we had left the Homeland for the battle-fields of France or the East. Those training route marches through the countryside, when but few of the "rookies" had yet been issued with the khaki we were to get to know so well—when we were cheered at every mansion and cottage gate—when "Fall Out" was called, how refreshments, solid and liquid, were thrust upon us. Even in Belgium and France we were heroes from the moment we had left the troopship. Patriotism and gratitude for its practical expression was at white heat and what manner of doubt can there be that the enthusiasm shown for those who went to the War was greatly responsible for the grim tenacity with which British troops everywhere held their own against tremendous odds? That spirit was carried on through the long years that followed, even when public appreciation of the boys in khaki had become subdued by the terrible stress and anxiety of the ever-growing and heavy toll the War was bringing in its train.

We are led to these reminiscences in conning the extraordinary amount of attention which St. Dunstan's and its work has received during the past month. Granted that this month has seen the issue of our Fourteenth Annual Report, and that there have also been a rather exceptional number of After-Care Reunions in the larger important provincial centres, yet a remarkable feature of these Press records is the unanimity with which they emphasise that because the War is over and done with, the Empire's debt of gratitude to those who fought and suffered in it must never be forgotten. St. Dunstan's, as an organisation and a community, can justly be proud, as it is grateful, of the practical way in which the public shows that it keeps ever-green in memory the sacrifices made by those who had no thought of self when King and Country called.



NEWS OF ST. DUNSTANERS

WE are accustomed to St. Dunstaners as prize-winners and accustomed, too, to St. Dunstaners' wives achieving similar successes, but surely the record has been broken by Mrs. and E. H. Carpenter, of King's Langley. At a recent show E. H. Carpenter having made five entries in the poultry section secured five first prizes and a medal for the best bird in the show, while Mrs. Carpenter having entered 17 exhibits in the flower classes was awarded sixteen prizes. Bravo—21 prizes all at once—just think of it!

Another noted prize-winner is the wife of D. McCarthy, of Breamore. This year she again took first prize at the district show for the best bunch of flowers (three varieties) and second prize for the best half-dozen eggs. Nor was her success limited to solitary prize-winning, for she was chosen to take part in the first act of "The Winter's Tale," presented by her branch of the Women's Institute, and the performance was awarded first prize in the district dramatic competition.

Quite a demand for dog baskets has been created by B. J. Day, of Tewkesbury. His work is excellent and he is indefatigable in his efforts to secure orders. One of his baskets has gone to America, it was made for a prize-winning dog which has been much in the limelight of late.

Another line to which Day has been devoting a good deal of attention is fishing baskets. The fishing fraternity is a close corporation, we know, and if Day's work is once well introduced among them orders would increase almost automatically.

Big mats have been taking the attention of F. T. Hill, of Redfield, Bristol; he is working away as steadily as ever.

Friends will be glad to know that H. Bennett has improved in health in a

noticeable way since he moved into his present home in Wick Road, Brislington. The neighbourhood evidently agrees with him, and his workshop is in a very healthy spot. The youngest Bennett is a particularly fine boy, we hear; one who should "win a prize in any competition" and he is as happy as he is healthy and bonny.

In Glasgow, P. Yuile and family are all well. His garden interests him as much as ever.

Another St. Dunstaner in the same district (Maryhill) is J. Irvine, who is busy with rugs. Those who were with him at Brighton in July last will remember how very much he enjoyed that visit—his first there, by the way, but "not his last," according to Irvine.

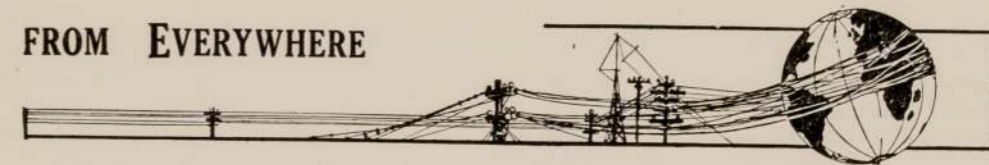
W. Horsnell, of Somerton, Somerset, is wonderfully better, although still more of an invalid than he likes. He is now able to take quite long walks, however, and is full of hope that the lengthy summer will have set him up well for the winter.

The dry weather has not been good for gardens, especially those in sunny spots, but J. Vernon, of Rugeley, has contrived to keep his in flourishing order despite the lack of rain, and deserves hearty congratulation on its excellent condition.

Another, who is very fit is G. H. Hawkins, of Cannock (he enjoyed his Brighton holiday as much as Irvine, by the way). Five pigs are keeping him occupied and giving him hopes of pecuniary reward. He is also making progress with his poultry.

A nice mat order came to J. Barley, of Scunthorpe, Lincs, from Sir Berkeley Sheffield, of Normandy Hall, not so very long ago. The little family is carrying on gallantly and the elder daughter who has had to step into her mother's place is

FROM EVERYWHERE



keeping everything in excellent running order.

Mats keep busy E. A. Alexander, of Leighton Buzzard, which is fortunate, for in his district he finds comparatively little demand for his skill as a boot repairer. Alexander had a most enjoyable time in camp at Gaddesden in July, and returned very brown and fit after his holiday.

A record crop of fruit has been gathered in by W. G. Sewell, of Masham, Yorks, and as a result Mrs. Sewell has been busy with jam-making and now has a full store cupboard to show for her exertions.

There is not an inch of ground to spare in the most excellently cultivated garden belonging to A. Williams, of Gwehlog, Usk, and the vegetables have made a fine show all the year. Williams is fortunate in having a son who is as keen on gardening as is his father and while one plants the other digs and makes paths.

Very fit after his holiday is F. Nash, of Roehampton. His chair tipped over a while ago, so he had some bruises to nurse; but the trouble was forgotten in the pride of his little daughter's achievements. She (Margaret) has been moved into the big school, having come out top of her form although she is a year younger than any of the other children in the class.

A man who is both cheerful and full of ideas is R. Horner, of Chesterfield. We should not be in the least surprised if he hit upon some exceedingly useful invention some day, he is so keen on experimenting.

Later we hope to give further news concerning G. Jackson, of Kingsnorth, Ashford; towards the middle of August he was holding third place in the Wye College Egg Laying Test.

Tomatoes and poultry have been occupying T. Clarke, of Clanfield, Oxford; he is able to report a very good season.

Things have been a bit quiet of late in Newtown, Malvern, according to A. Hinton, but this has only given him a little more free time for his garden which is, as usual, a picture. Hinton has no love for idleness, and is willing to turn his hand to anything, from whitewashing upwards, so is a blessing about a home.

All is well with T. W. North, of Rye-croft, Walsall, the possessor, by the way, of a most daintily kept home; from the front door to the back, and from the garden to the fowlhouse all has a noticeably "well-kept" appearance, and North himself is never idle.

Poultry, mats and pigs keep W. J. Keen, of Battlewell, Purton, as busy as ever; the latter are doing remarkably well.

Some nice orders have been coming the way of A. A. Hillier, of Brighton, of late, but whatever leisure moments there are he devotes to the house, to which he is always adding some little improvement. (Now it is window-boxes.) Up to the end of August, at all events, he was far too busy to contemplate a holiday.

The building of some new chicken-houses has been occupying W. Heritage, of Banbury, who is very keen on his poultry.

A glass shelter is proving the joy of W. G. Johnson's heart—he is at Ham-brook, Emsworth—and it enables him to sit out of doors practically all and every day.

"Quite well," is the news from F. J. Wareham, of Portsmouth; those who remember their own struggles with a mat

News of St. Dunstaners—continued.

frame will share his pleasure in the fact that his working is improving every day. We feel sure that he will make an excellent craftsman. His next ambition is to pass the typing test.

C. Knight, of North Evrington, Leicester, is another with the true St. Dunstan spirit; he works with a will and makes a jolly good show of life, even when it is none too easy.

Carnation growing is quite a hobby with A. Urry, of Dunswell (or should we say of Mr. Urry, Senior?), and he has had a fine show of scarlet blooms in his garden this season. These have been much admired by his many visitors, we hear.

Several of our best joiners have made wireless cabinets, and quite recently W. J. Higginson has turned out a combined gramophone and wireless cabinet, which also holds the records. Mrs. Higginson has taken almost as much interest in this most excellent piece of work as has her husband, and has surpassed herself in the polishing of it, to Higginson's gratification. It is a very great help indeed, when a St. Dunstaner can rely upon his wife to carry out this part of the job, and several of them, we are glad to say, have become veritable artists in polish. Mrs. Higginson is certainly near the top!

A local flower-show in Southwick called for the best efforts of R. J. Williams, of that district, and he made some particularly good mats with designs on them for the occasion. We hope he did as well with them as he deserved.

Another made busy by the same kind of a show is T. Jarman, of Felpham, but, unfortunately, he was not given as long notice of the event as he would have liked. Having plenty of initiative he took down his mat-making frame and gave a demonstration of his craft, which interested many people, and as a result he sold all the work he had with him and booked some nice orders. As usual, the British Legion

lent generous aid and both removed and replaced his mat-frame for him.

We hear that E. B. Parke, of West Moors, has succeeded in securing such a number of local orders for his excellent baskets, that he is afraid all the natives are now fully equipped for some time to come! The worst of doing good work with good materials is that things *last*! Parke, by the way, has been the recipient of an honour that will interest many. He has been raised to the degree of Prime in the Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes. The Lodge of which Parke is a member meets every Thursday evening at Grave Lodge, West Moors.

A very successful honey year is reported by S. K. Jerome, of Hurn, Christchurch; he is hoping to have an out-apiary next season, so that he can get the earlier honey as well. Is Jerome in a locality where he could take bees to board, we wonder? In the Highlands many small-holders in the heather district make quite a good thing out of the hives which are sent to them for six weeks or so every year.

Bournemouth seems to have had a record amount of sunshine this sunny year, and B. Chalk has enjoyed every hour of it. He and Mrs. Chalk say that they spend most of their time on Boscombe beach, and their hut is in constant use. The pier concerts have been a great pleasure to him also.

Quite a nice amount of boot-repairing is now coming to H. J. Glendennan, of Coalisland, and as his eldest boy is now of an age to give any necessary assistance, he is in a fair way to work up a permanent business. "All well and happy," is the news of the family as a whole.

R. Gifford, of Maryville, Linlithgow, has been on a walking tour in the south of Scotland. REVIEW readers would welcome an account of his experiences, we feel sure.

Hot weather is NOT good for the fried-fish trade, according to W. Trott, of

Handsworth, Birmingham, and yet he reports that all is going well. It should go even better soon, for a fine big picture palace has just been opened quite near to Trott's business premises, and this can hardly fail to bring trade.

Another active man is T. Parrish, of Wellingborough, Northants. He is as full of enterprise as ever, and has just bought a couple more fields, with which he intends to do great things—good luck to him.

If everyone included something "made by a St. Dunstaner" among their wedding gifts, how busy St. Dunstaners would be! E. G. Willcocks, of Tottenham, has just received a wedding order for some trays and a firescreen, all of which he turned out in great style—hence the thought.

G. Rhees, of Belgravia, has been making some most attractive new teapot stands, we hear. He finds his craft of real interest, and is unwearied in his efforts to make a real success of life.

"Busy and well," is the news that comes from J. Foreman, of Beckenham, yet another of our mat-makers. All dog-lovers will sympathise with them in that they have had to submit to the loss of two of their pets quite recently.

As ever, W. Tout, of Exeter, is turning out some excellent pieces of joinery, and taking immense pride and pleasure in his first-rate handiwork; he looks remarkably fit after his holiday. He has produced a fine specimen of wireless loud speaker and cabinet, and is exceptionally good as a trousers-press maker.

The little farm belonging to A. Lane is doing well, the dairy is in full working order, and the poultry are in excellent trim. It has meant a great deal of hard work for the Lanes, but we feel sure they are well on the road to success, with the chief difficulties far behind them.

If W. J. New, of Wolverhampton, does

not get quite all the work he would like, at least he always seems to have a few repairs on hand. He has been actively participating in all possible sports with the object of keeping his weight down, as well as for the pleasure that such things afford him, and has succeeded in losing a few pounds of avoirdupois. Let us remark that it is usually the contented men who grow heavier with the passing years; one who worries never has this trouble!

G. E. Crook, of Herne Bay, has a genius for securing local orders, perhaps because he has a particularly enterprising spirit. He is preparing some most attractive novelties for a local show which is to be held in the spring.

Maybe, before the next number of the REVIEW is put in hand, C. E. Bolton will let us hear something of his achievements at the November Show in Tonbridge; we know that he is full of ideas which should serve to make his stall a success.

The news from our Irish St. Dunstaners is as satisfactory as usual. Bangor grows better daily, to the mind of W. J. Berry, and he has enjoyed his houseful of summer visitors. The Brighton visit was a great success, as those who were there with him will know. Among the treasures he brought back with him were two plants; one has been christened "The Matron" and the other "Sister Boyd-Rochfort." Both are said to be "growing well."

Local opposition has been growing in intensity, according to A. Gribben, of Belfast, and although he is gallantly holding his own in the boot-repairing line he has opened up a small general store, and is now doing a capital trade, since he has stocked it with just the goods that seem to be in most demand.

As for S. Holmes, the new house has left him little leisure for anything else, it needed no end of small attentions, and Holmes has been making an excellent job of sand-papering doors, &c., in addition to fixing up a splendidly solid work-bench.

Young St. Dunstaners

Once again the rising generation requires special space :

A boy with a proud father is the eleven-year-old son of C. Butler, of Folkestone, who has just won a scholarship which will take him to the Folkestone Grammar School; he is the youngest boy who has succeeded in scoring this particular success.

A second scholarship winner is the eldest son of S. Loram, of Brixham. He is now to go to the Torquay Grammar School. We offer the pair sincere congratulations. Girls seem to have played a less prominent part than usual the last few weeks, but mention must be made of two "Bettys."

Betty Bull, daughter of S. Bull, of Spilsby, at nine years of age, is the youngest child in her standard (the 5th) at her school, and this term's report shows her name at the head of the list. She is "top," and the schoolmaster has given special praise to her work.

The other "Betty" is the little daughter of W. J. H. Clamp, of New Bradwell, Wolverton, and she has taken part three times lately in a play, besides winning hearty applause for her step-dancing. Her parents are very proud of her performance.

A third little girl, who has been in the public eye, is the daughter of J. Cason, of Somerton, Somerset. She was in the British Legion Fete, very prettily dressed as a flower girl.

Next issue we hope to be able to report that good prospects are opening before J. Hastings' youngest daughter (Hastings of Smethwick), for she has been sitting for a Post Office Examination.

One of those lucky in the Derby draw was F. Johnson, of Derby, who, fortunately for himself, was staying at Brighton at the time; it was a fine round off to his holiday he says, and still has much to tell of the day's adventures. S. C.

Smith, also of Derby, is as cheerful and fit as usual. All's well with S. R. Dyer, of Dollis Hill, who carries on with telephony. C. H. Cook and J. M. P. Kenny, of Walthamstow, are going on well in their respective lines. Both A. Taylor and C. Peach, the one of Stanway, near Colchester, and the other of Colne Road, Copford, are doing fairly well with poultry, though the former is in a locality where the scarcity of water has been giving much trouble.

In Saffron Walden H. T. Mummery is working steadily at mats, and the same must be said of F. T. Dance, of Bishops Stortford. A. Pink, of Semley, has given up his coal round—at least for the present—but has been kept very busy with his poultry; W. Edmonds, of West Barn, Dunbar, is as full of spirits and seems to be provided with as fine a flow of anecdotes as ever; he has been revelling in his garden this sunny summer.

Friends will be glad to know that A. Oldfield, of Sheffield, has been in much better health of late; his business shows every sign of prospering. C. Gibson, of Hull, is much the same, and is still facing the world cheerily. T. W. Chamberlain, another Hull St. Dunstaner, always contrives to have some work in prospect. Mats and nets together keep H. Myford, of Burnham-on-Crouch, almost as busy as he wishes to be. At Leigh-on-Sea, G. C. Shields has been hard at it fixing up his new shop. Poultry and mats keep a man fairly well occupied, according to W. H. Collins, of Chalkmans Knoll, Bygrave; he and his family are all well.

M. A. Hutchinson, of Wood Green, is settling into his new home very comfortably, and in the few weeks since the move the family has much improved in health. P. Austin, of Higham Ferrers, N'Hants, keeps busy with his baskets; as does J. Tweedie, of S. Wimbledon. "All's well," is the only news from C. F. Spiers, of Oxford.

Trade in Chelmsford was rather quiet

in the joinery way during the summer according to T. Kent, but he is looking forward to a spurt at Christmas.

T. Eaton, of Southwick, is turning his attention to trouser-presses; perhaps Mrs. Eaton will find that she, like several other wives of St. Dunstaners, has a genius for polishing.

Not many of our brotherhood have found a home in the Isle of Man, but of the few W. Christian is one; his infant daughter is growing into a most attractive little maid we hear.

Surely the son of D. Woodrow, of Ebbesbourne Wake, near Salisbury, must be the tallest of twelve-year-old St. Dunstaners—he is nearly five feet ten inches!

Those who know the pleasure of gardening will wish luck to A. H. Patston, of Littlehampton; he is on the look out for a house with sufficient ground attached to permit of his growing the family supply of vegetables.

J. Fay, of Cheltenham, has just become the proud possessor of a fine new wheelchair, in which he can get himself about the house with a minimum of trouble; it is proving a great blessing.

D. Livingstone (Ayrshire) is well and flourishing, as is the family in general; F. Scott, of Langley, Bucks., and E. Bartlett are as cheery as ever. P. Saintry, of Sydenham, is better, but finds that he cannot work long at a time as yet; his music is a great resource. C. A. Biggs, of Alvechurch, is keeping up his tale of mats, as is G. W. Rickard, of Wingrave, near Aylesbury.

Wireless is proving a joy to W. J. Patter, of Gosport, and he is fortunate in the possession of a nephew who is as keen as himself.

H. Stroudley, of Oxford, is looking well, but has not yet decided what trade he means to follow.

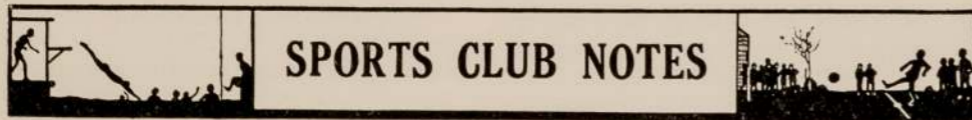
Haymaking has been making demands upon the energy of J. Witham, of Duns-well. J. Whittingslow, of Kidderminster, says that his poultry have done particularly well this year. G. Cole, of Aston, Birmingham, has a capital new hut, and can hardly be torn from his mat frame; G. Strutt, of Sheffield, is another keen mat-maker, who has a right to be proud of his achievements.

In the Borough, A. Ashley is finding that a good number of boot repairs need doing, and in Forest Gate the citizens are being well served with baskets by C. Singleton.

To end once more with the juveniles—WHY did not the baby of J. H. Smith, of Bolsover, carry off the *Daily Mail* prize? Was it that her parents failed to enter her?—and congratulations to the young son of F. James, of Hove, in that while not actually taking part in the Jamboree, he contrived to go there with the Liverpool Scouts and so saw it all. He is now out of the cubs and is a tenderfoot in the Scouts.

We have received from J. Hughes, of Devonport, a copy of some moving verses entitled, "The Blind Soldier's Prayer," and we regret that consideration of space prevents our printing them.

An interesting coincidence, which reveals once again how very small this world is, is recorded in the *Newcastle Daily Journal*. Captain W. Appleby, of Newcastle, who is a member of St. Dunstan's Executive Council, and who has just returned home after attending the Inter-Allied Conference of ex-Service Men at Belgrade, received a pleasant surprise when he arrived at the capital of Jugoslavia. Recognised by his voice, he was almost immediately greeted by Captain Loverich, a blind Serbian officer. Captain Appleby was blinded in the war, and the two officers became acquainted fourteen years ago, when they shared the same room at St. Dunstan's.



SPORTS CLUB NOTES

Sports Meeting

An excellent meeting was held on Tuesday, 1st October, at Headquarters, when Captain Fraser took the chair for the opening of the meeting. There was a fine attendance of sportsmen, and great enthusiasm was shown throughout. The Chairman spoke most kindly about our Sports and his interest in them. He then proceeded to tell the meeting of his profound regret at a serious incident that occurred at one of our big London football grounds, when five of our men presented themselves for free admission and, when refused because the ground was full, were most insolent. The secretary of the club had written us complaining of their conduct and said that he must refuse free admission to these men in the future. The Chairman rightly pointed out how unfortunate this was, especially when the previous generosity of this club to our men was considered. He felt that these men should write to him and explain matters. The meeting entirely agreed and passed a resolution of regret to the club concerned, and trusted that the breach of conduct of a few men would not spoil the privilege so long enjoyed of free admission to properly constituted parties. Captain Fraser then asked Captain Williams to take the chair, and the details of the following sports were considered:—

- (a) Winter Sports,
- (b) Walking Programme.
- (c) Swimming.

(a) WINTER SPORTS

The Chairman pointed out that the Sports generally started well, but the numbers began to seriously decrease as the term advanced. Could anything be done to maintain the interest, for, after all, such sports were most essential to our health and well-being. It was decided to encourage physical jerks by awarding three points to everyone who attended and took part. Then the Basket Ball Competition was added, provided, of

course, that due care is taken of the lights and windows of the lounge! The usual other items will be included, and as the Sports each Tuesday will be lengthy, we will make a point of starting as punctually to 6.45 p.m. as possible. Prizes will be awarded at the end of the session to those who have secured the highest points, and in proportion to the number taking part. The points would remain as last year, but an alteration was decided upon as regards the handicapping, which would be more in accordance with the capability of the competitors and would give more chance to those who were not so good as others. The working out of this new scheme was left entirely in the hands of Inst. Tovell.

It was decided to maintain the Socials at the close of Sports. One dance is being arranged monthly—and on other nights whist, dominoes, and a debate if possible.

Captain Fraser, upon request, promised that a punch ball would be supplied, and he hoped it would be well used.

(b) WALKING PROGRAMME

After discussion it was decided to hold four main walks during the season: (1) 3 miles on 23rd November; (2) 9 miles at end of January; (3) 15 miles middle of March, and (4) 25 miles at Maidenhead later on. The Birmingham Shield Walk of 10 miles will most probably be held in April. Mr. Roberts, of the Maidenhead Club, who has been so kind to us in the past, attended, and stated that the Club will be delighted if we will hold our 25 mile walk again with them, and asked that as many as possible should enter. The meeting passed a resolution of gratitude to the Club for their most kind invitation, and also to Mr. Roberts for his continued help to us.

It was decided that in our walks only one medal be awarded for the fastest time, and that a competitor can win both the prize and the medal.

It was also decided to request the judges

at our events to judge our walkers as they would sighted competitors.

We trust that with such a varied programme that our entries will be larger than ever. There will be a special race for Novices included in the first November walk, *provided* sufficient entries are received. A novice is one who has not won a first, second or third in any of our walks.

(c) SWIMMING

Instructor Jones stated that his classes at the Marylebone Baths would be held on Wednesday and Friday evenings from 6-7, and he would be glad to welcome any beginners. We hope to hold a Swimming Gala towards the end of October or the beginning of November.

The Chairman expressed the great appreciation of all St. Dunstan's Sportsmen to Captain Fraser for his attendance that night, and for all the kindly interest and help he has given to sports. It was also encouraging to see Mrs. Fraser, Miss Greenwood, Mrs. Bates, and Matron present amongst our friends at the meeting.

J. E. W.

Running

A ONE-LAP Inner Circle run was run on Tuesday evening 1st October, prior to the Sports Meeting. There were 8 T.B. and 4 S.S. starters. The races were well started by Miss Greenwood, and the racing generally was excellent. It was most kind of certain members of the staff and other runners not only to help train our men, but also to act as escorts during the race. The T.B. event was won by W. Riley by 10 sec. from F. Lenderyou, whilst W. Birchall was a good third. In the S.S. event W. Scott won a great race from H. McSteel by only 4 seconds in the fine time of 3.8 mins. Miss Greenwood most kindly presented the prizes at the end of the Sports Meeting.

INNER CIRCLE—1st October 1929

T.B.		S.S.	
	Escort	m.	s.
1. W. Riley	.. Mr. Davis	3	22
2. F. Lenderyou Williams (Poly)	3	32
3. W. Birchall W. Williams	3	35
4. H. Kerr Marsh	3	45
5. H. Northgreaves Horrigan	3	52
6. M. Burran Berry	4	5
7. J. Mellor Harvey	4	45
8. F. Rhodes Belchamber	4	47

S.S.			
1. W. Scott	..	3	8
2. H. McSteel	..	3	12
3. H. Gover	.. Mr. Williams	3	30
4. G. Fallowfield Horrigan	3	34

23rd November

There will be a Three Mile Walk combined with a Three Mile Novice Walk on Saturday, 23rd November, starting at 2.30 p.m. All entries must reach the Sports Office not later than 8th November.

Summer Sports

All our congratulations go to the winners of the Summer Sports, and all the others who have worked so hard. We have had a most successful term and full enthusiasm even up to the end. The winners with the Handicaps are:—

T.B.		S.S.	
W. Birchall	.. 58	W. Bawden	.. 80½
J. McFarlane	.. 50	H. McSteel	.. 49½
S. Webster	.. 48½	T. Roden	.. 35

POINTS—24th September

Bawden	.. 80½	Prior	.. 34
Birchall	.. 73	Winter	.. 33
McSteel	.. 56½	Martin	.. 25
Meighan	.. 50½	Taylor	.. 21
McFarlane	.. 50	Meredith	.. 10
Webster	.. 48½	Dyer	.. 9
Scott	.. 48	Craigie	.. 5
Roden	.. 35	Fleetwood	.. 4

Medal Winners

Kindly presented by Mr. Winter for the best performance in each event in the Summer Sports.

Sprint.—H. McSteel.

Throwing the Cricket Ball.—F. Winter.

Putting the Weight.—W. Bawden.

Football.—W. Bawden.

Single Jump.—W. Birchall.

Treble Jump.—W. Birchall.

Swimming

Our swimmers have been excelling themselves of late at various galas. At the Surrey Ladies' Gala held at Kingston on 11th September, in a one-length handicap, a most exciting race was witnessed, in fact, the best seen during the last nine annual visits. Both Sir William and Lady Yarworth Jones, who presented the prizes, congratulated the boys on their performance. F. Jackson (Jacko) expressed thanks to the Surrey Ladies' Club and Lady Jones, and mentioned that the enthusiasm of the men was shown in the fact that one came from Beckenham, and one each from Croydon, Kensal Rise and Malden. Continuing,

he said the men liked to come and swim at Kingston firstly because they were always sure of a kind and enthusiastic welcome, and also because they felt it let the public see that they were not absolutely helpless.

The following evening a different team competed at Walthamstow and were given a splendid reception by many very old friends. Replying, Nobby Clarke (I always thought he had more than two strings to his bow), after thanking everybody responsible, made some very humorous references, and there seemed to be some mix-up regarding "these geniuses" and "three Guinnesses."

On Monday, 25th September, we were again invited to the St. Pancras Gala at Kentish Town. I am sure many of our swimmers who read this will hark back to some of the splendid evenings we have had in connection with this event. This is a venue where our men always seem to shine, and this was no exception. And now, dear reader, for the tale of the Jones's (not Jonahs, mark you!) Mr. Arthur Jones (Boniface), the President, as usual, gave the prizes. Billy Jones escorted the prize-winners to the Rev. Vaughan Jones, who presented them. Horace Kerr, in a very well-chosen vote of thanks to all the above, referred to that well-known swimming expert and friend of St. Dunstan's, Walter Brickett, who was as usual busy, but not too much so to stop him having a few words with all our party. W. A. T.

Surrey Ladies. RESULTS

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| 1. H. Northgreaves | 3. F. Jackson |
| 2. J. McFarlane | 4. H. Kerr. |
- Won by $\frac{1}{2}$ yard; $\frac{1}{2}$ yard second and third; 1 foot, third and fourth.

Walthamstow Club.

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| 1. W. Birchall | 3. N. Clarke |
| 2. S. Taylor | 4. F. Rhodes. |
- Won by 1 yard; $\frac{1}{2}$ yard, second and third; $\frac{1}{2}$ yard, third and fourth.

St. Pancras.

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| 1. W. Birchall | 3. H. Burran |
| 2. H. Northgreaves | 4. H. Kerr |
- Won by $\frac{1}{2}$ yard; $\frac{1}{2}$ yard, second and third; 1 foot, third and fourth.

SPECIAL NOTICE

London District Swimming

A Swimming Gala will be held at 6.30 p.m. on Friday, 8th November, at St. Marylebone Baths. Events to be decided: One Length Handicap, T.B. and S.S., and a Plunging Competition. Entries must reach the Sports Office by 1st November.

Special Notice Armistice Dance

The Armistice Dance will be held on Tuesday, 12th November, from 8-11 p.m., at the St. Marylebone Hall, Marylebone Baths, Marylebone Road, N.W.1—admission from 7.30 onwards. St. Dunstaners wishing to attend should apply in the usual way to Matron, Miss Power, for tickets (one escort for each man). It is regretted that children under 14 years of age cannot be admitted.

Christmas Calendars

St. Dunstan's men have found that these form a very useful means of expressing the Compliments of the Season to their customers, and also getting into touch with new people. Arrangements have, consequently, been made for a supply of these to be available, in a similar way to former years, and samples have been sent to all men who ordered calendars last year. If any one who reads this notice has not received particulars, and would like to do so, will they kindly communicate with Mr. Ottaway, St. Dunstan's Stores, Raglan Street, Kentish Town, London, N.W.5.

The shop of F. R. Creasey, at White Horse Road, West Croydon, is quite one of the smartest boot repairing shops we have seen anywhere. When you go in and see how spotlessly clean and tidy it is, it is rather difficult to believe that not only is the boot repairing carried on there, but there is also a finishing machine carefully hidden out of sight by the show cases, advertisements and other goods on display. For nine years Creasey has steadily been developing his business, keeping in personal touch with his customers, improving the appearance of his premises, and both he and his wife may well be proud of the result. They have recently added a Lucent day-and-night sign, which is really attractive, and when having his shutters repainted Creasey took the opportunity of displaying prominently that he was a St. Dunstan's man. We are proud to have such a capable representative of St. Dunstan's boot repairers in this part of London.

After-Care Re-unions

SCOTTISH MEETING

THERE was a very large gathering at the Scottish Reunion in Edinburgh on Thursday, 18th July, at which Capt. and Mrs. Fraser were present.

In his speech, Captain Fraser outlined his plans for the future of St. Dunstan's and gave a warm welcome on behalf of himself and all those present to Miss Wood whose first Reunion it was. At the conclusion of the speech, Sergeant Watt proposed a vote of confidence in Captain Fraser. His speech was greatly enjoyed by everyone, and was warmly cheered. J. McAvoy seconded the motion.

After tea a cheerful jazz band lured many to their feet, and the Scotch humorous songs created much amusement. During the dancing there was a competition to guess the number of beads on a string. The prizewinners were:—Ladies—(1) Mrs. Alexander; (2) Mrs. Broadbent. Men—(1) G. B. Swanston; (2) W. Waddell.

The prizes were presented by Mrs. Fraser.

A most enjoyable meeting came to a close with many regrets that the afternoon had gone so quickly.

M. W.

STOCKTON MEETING

The North of England Reunion was held in the Brunswick Schoolrooms, Stockton-on-Tees, on the 19th September. A feature of this year's gathering was the brilliant speeches. Mr. Swain was the first speaker, and gave a resume of the work of St. Dunstan's. He also read a letter from Captain Fraser, who regretted that owing to illness he was unable to be present. F. Mowtell then rose and proposed a vote of confidence in Captain Fraser and his Staff. In a witty speech he said that what you put into a thing you got out of it, and that was his attitude to St. Dunstan's. J. A. Garbutt, obviously an experienced speaker, seconded the motion.

He said that as long as Captain Fraser was Chairman of St. Dunstan's he could count on the loyalty, co-operation and support of the men of the North of England. The entertainment was provided by Mr. Hepper—well known to the audience. While this was in progress Mrs. McLaren conducted the guessing competitions. One was to guess when a watch was stopped, the other to guess a hidden number for a cake. This cake was presented by Mr. Spooner, the caterer.

Mrs. McLaren afterwards distributed the prizes. The successful competitors were:—Men—(1) W. Paul; (2) F. Warin. Ladies—(1) Mrs. March; (2) Mrs. Oswald. C. Roach, who has just begun house-keeping, was lucky in getting the Christmas cake. M. W.

Automatic Telephone

DEVICE FOR THE BLIND

Although, doubtless, many of our readers will have already seen in the Press the information given below, we publish it for the benefit of those who may have missed it:—

The Post Office has solved the problem which arose with the introduction of the automatic telephone, of making it possible for the dial system to be used by blind persons.

The authorities have hit upon the plan of making two small cuts opposite the figures 4 and 7 on the dial. "By calculating these two figures, a blind person will be able to find any figure he wants," an official of the Post Office said. "The figure 1 he can find with ease, because it is the first, and the 0 because it is the last. By having the 4 and 7 marked, he can easily find the 3 and 5 and the 6 and 8 which are on either side of them. Our men are already calling on blind subscribers, who have the automatic system, to file these cuts, and on all new blind subscribers' telephones they will be made."

Death of Mr. Charles Angliss

THE many St. Dunstaners to whom Mr. Charles Angliss was such a hearty and generous friend will learn with deep regret that he died on 4th October, after a short illness, at his home, "The Chestnuts," Roehampton Lane, Putney. Mr. Angliss had for many years past taken a deep personal interest in St. Dunstan's and its work, and particularly the sporting side of our activities. When the London to Brighton Walk was a regular sporting event, Mr. Angliss always presented a handsome Silver Cup for the second man home, and on many occasions our prize list for sporting events has owed much to his help. One of his most recent gifts was that of a handsome half-hunter gold watch as the first prize for the Maidenhead Walk, which was won by J. Ingram. But it was not only in the provision of prizes that Mr. Angliss gave practical expression to his appreciation of St. Dunstan's and its men. Whenever his health permitted—and for some years past it had not been of the best—he would attend our sports gatherings personally and would loan his car for road walks. For a man of his age and not very strong constitution, it says much for his keenness in such events that we have known him to be at Westminster at six in the morning for the start of the London to Brighton Walk, keep on the road during the whole day, and finish up with our boys at the County Club at Brighton at a late hour. We shall miss this loyal friend of St. Dunstan's very much, and we extend, on behalf of the Executive Council, the officers and men, and administrative staff, our sincere sympathy to his widow and family in their great bereavement.

The funeral took place at Putney Cemetery on the 9th inst., and was attended by a large gathering, including representatives of several ex-Service men's organisations in which Mr. Angliss had always shown so much interest.

St. Dunstan's was represented by Instructor Tovell, and C. Durkin, and a wreath of white chrysanthemums was sent from Headquarters. There were nearly two hundred other splendid floral tributes.

Reading by Touch—Not Braille

IN the course of a letter from G. Fallowfield, of Leytonstone, he asks if St. Dunstaners have ever realised how much a blind man can read which he was never meant to read. "I began," he writes, "this reading when I started to deal in bicycles, and it will be found that if one has a keen touch, it will save asking a lot of questions from sighted folk. I can, for instance, read what is stamped on a cycle saddle, and the maker's name on a cycle tyre. I always push open my packet of cigarettes from the correct end because I can feel 'Player's Navy Cut' embossed at the bottom. I can read the stamped letters on any tin lid, and you could not give me, say, a tin of Fry's Cocoa if I wanted Cadbury's. One could be told where to find almost any house in a street after once being told that a certain house has a brass plate of a certain height, or the name embossed on the gate. That may not necessarily be the house you are wanting, but you will learn that it is, say, four or five houses before it. A good many shops have the name or trade on a brass or copper plate or fascia. It may not be necessary to walk all along the shop window to read the whole word, but you can identify it again by feeling one or two letters. I was in a post office at Brighton once when another St. Dunstaner came in. He heard my voice and came up and said, 'Come up this end. They don't sell stamps there.' Had the notices telling the people where to go for different things—postal orders, stamps, etc.—been near enough for blind folk to touch, and indeed, if all such general notices were embossed as well as printed, how much labour and trouble would be saved blind people."

While this subject specially interests Fallowfield because he is unfortunately very deaf also, it opens out an avenue of interest for most blind people, quite apart from its practical usefulness on occasions. We are glad to hear that Fallowfield, as indeed his letter indicates, is in the very best of health and spirits.

"In Memory"

PRIVATE H. MILLER
(Middlesex Regiment)

IT is with regret that we have to announce the death on 5th September last of Private H. Miller. On account of poor health, Miller did not come to Headquarters for training, and he spent a good deal of time, after his admittance to St. Dunstan's, at our various Annexes. In 1920, he took up flower-selling and was assisted by his step-son. His health gradually became worse, and in June of this year he was admitted to St. Mary Abbot's Hospital for a couple of weeks. He afterwards went down to our Brighton Annex for convalescence, and returned home a little better. However, last month he was suddenly taken seriously ill and died within a few days.

The funeral took place on 11th September at Hanwell Cemetery and was attended by many relatives and friends. There were many beautiful wreaths, including several from the Ancient Order of Buffaloes and one in the form of our badge from Captain Fraser and his many comrades at St. Dunstan's.

Miller leaves a wife and four children, also three step-children.

PRIVATE H. E. SORRELL
(151st Labour Corps)

This month we have to record, with deep regret, the passing of Private H. E. Sorrell. This St. Dunstaner was trained in boot-repairing and mat-making, and after leaving Headquarters, he took a shop at Ponders End. Both he and his wife worked very hard and their takings gradually increased; in 1924, he commenced selling groceries, domestic goods, &c., and after a time gave up his trades of boot-repairing and mat-making. In 1927, a similar shop was opened opposite Sorrell's place and this had an adverse effect on his business, so with our assistance, he obtained another grocery shop at Littlebury in June 1928. Sorrell, with the help of his wife, did everything to make a success of this, and he became very popular with his customers. When the technical visitor called on Sorrell in August, he reported that Sorrell was looking the picture of health; therefore, his death on 4th September came as a great shock to everyone. He was taken ill on 2nd September and was removed immediately to Saffron Walden Infirmary, where he died two days afterwards from cerebral haemorrhage.

The funeral took place on 9th September at the Littlebury Churchyard, the Rev. E. E. Edgerley officiating. The coffin was draped with the Union Jack, and there were several relatives and friends in attendance, including H. T. Mummery (St. Dunstaner). Among the numerous wreaths, there was one from the Village Ex-Servicemen, and another from Captain Fraser and his comrades at St. Dunstan's, in the form of our badge.

Sorrell leaves a wife and adopted daughter to mourn his loss.

SAPPER J. WATSON
(Royal Engineers)

We deeply regret to have to announce the death of Sapper J. Watson. Owing to poor health, Watson did not come to St. Dunstan's, and he took up a little poultry farming, in which he was very interested. He was always very grateful for the help and comforts he received from St. Dunstan's.

We were very grieved to learn of his death on the 17th September 1929. He was greatly respected in the district and the sympathy of everyone in the neighbourhood goes out to his wife and daughter.

The funeral took place on the 20th September, and was attended by several relatives and friends, including a fellow St. Dunstaner, R. Usher, of Sunderland. St. Dunstan's was represented by Mr. Edwards, poultry visitor. Watson was buried in Newbottle Churchyard.

Births—Marriages—Deaths

Births

- BRIGGS.—To the wife of A. G. Briggs, of Norwich, a son on the 4th of August.
- BUNDY.—On the 1st of September, to the wife of A. Bundy, of Gloucester, a daughter.
- DAVIES.—On August the 23rd, to the wife of A. Davies, of South Bank, Near Middlesbrough, Yorkshire, a daughter.
- DONLAN.—To the wife of H. Donlan, of 13 Edward Street, Cheltenham, a son on the 27th of August.
- DUNWOODIE.—On the 8th of August, to the wife of G. Dunwoodie, of Newcastle, a son (George Leonard).
- EDWARDS.—To the wife of D. T. Edwards, of Sandy, Beds. on the 31st of July, a daughter (Muriel Elizabeth).
- EDWARDS.—To the wife of H. J. Edwards, of Norwich, a daughter on Sunday the 25th of July.
- GRIFFEE.—On the 24th of August, to the wife of F. Griffiee, of 22 Belton Road, Easton, Bristol, a son.
- HALL.—To the wife of E. W. Hall, of Steventon, a son on the 7th of August.
- MILLAR.—On the 22nd of June last, to the wife of W. Millar, of Surbiton, a daughter.
- SHERIDAN.—On 18th September, to the wife of P. Sheridan, of Rosyth, a son (Dominic).

Marriages

- DOCKERY - CALAHANE. — On the 16th September at Brighton, J. Dockery to Miss Calahane.
- GALE-GEAKE.—On the 30th September at South Street Chapel, Yeovil, G. E. Gale to Miss Gertrude Violet Geake.
- OXBOROUGH-PURT.—In September at Bury St. Edmund's, S. S. Oxborough to Miss E. M. Purt.
- SHERIDAN-DRUIETT.—On 5th October at St. Dominic's Roman Catholic Church, Southampton Road, London, N.W., L. Sheridan, of Smethwick, to Miss Druiett.
- G. JOHNSON, of Manchester, was married on June 26th last.

Deaths

- This month we offer sympathy to the following:—
- BEDFORD.—To W. H. Bedford, of 358 Sharrow Vale Road, Hunter's Bar, who lost his father on the 23rd of September.
- GARDINER.—To H. A. Gardiner, of Leytonstone whose mother died very suddenly on the 30th of August.
- SMITH.—To J. Smith, of St. Helen's, Lancs., whose mother died early in the morning of the 16th of September after an illness and much suffering which she bore very patiently.

A Golden Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. J. Gilbert, of Barnstaple, have just celebrated their golden wedding and, as a consequence, there have been several interesting notices in the local papers concerning the event. Among the wedding presents was St. Dunstan's memento, or rather two, for Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert, having omitted proper celebration of the silver anniversary, now celebrated the silver and golden weddings together so far as St. Dunstan's was concerned.

A family re-union to celebrate the event was held at which a bride cake was presented to Mrs. Gilbert by her eldest son on behalf of the family. It may be noted that there are six sons living, all of whom served in the Army during the Great War, a record of which, no doubt, Gilbert is even more proud than the one which was celebrated by this re-union.

Silver Weddings

F. Gallagher, of Strabane, Ireland, is the latest recipient of St. Dunstan's gift of one guinea on the anniversary of his silver wedding on the 10th October.

Another claimant for the silver wedding gift is B. Chalk, of Bournemouth, who celebrated his anniversary on the 10th April last.

A correspondent, who we believe was married last year (!), asks if there are any awards for wood or tin weddings. The answer is in the negative!—Ed.

Departmental Notes

Netting Notes

The men arrived back from their holidays the first week in October, but are not all settled down to work yet. Brighton will be a busy centre again soon and the Netting Room as cheery as usual.

The Netting Department is hoping it will be cold for the Motor Show as we have a great many footmuffs to dispose of and nobody feels like buying them unless it is cold. The men have responded splendidly in making them quickly so that they should be ready "on time."

I would like to congratulate the men, too, in being so careful with their wool these days. It makes all the difference in the cost of production, if they are careful, or not, and I am sure they take a pride now-a-days in making it go as far as possible, which has helped enormously during the last year and saved pounds and pounds of wool.

We are busy preparing for the Soldiers Armistice Exhibition in November. This is always one of our best shows, and we hope to do better even than last year.

The British Legion has sent word that Her Majesty the Queen was very pleased indeed with the white rugs made for her by our men. She expressed the opinion that they were one of the best purchases she had made, which is splendid. We have written to congratulate the men who made them.

Braille Notes

We heartily congratulate C. Norman on passing the Braille Reading Test, and W. Markwick on passing the Braille Writing Test.

ADVERTISEMENTS

JAMES TANDEM CYCLE, perfect running condition, fitted with new Dunlop Magnum tyres and tubes, tools and lamps. A bargain, £7 15s.—R. Popple, Mount View, Margaret Road, Llandebie.

FOR SALE.—Pedigree Chinchilla Rabbits. Guaranteed Prize Stock and also for Show. Reasonable prices 10s. and upwards.—Apply, H. R. Potter, 13 School Road, Ore, Hastings.

To Those interested in Debates

134, Moyser Road,
Streatham, S.W.16.

The Editor,
9th Oct. 1929.
"St. Dunstan's Review."

A new feature is being introduced into our Tuesday evening after-sports programme.

It was decided at the last General Sports Meeting that one evening in each month be allotted for the purpose of debates.

The first of these debates will take place on the 29th of this month at approximately 8 p.m., and the subject will be:—

"Which is most suitable to blind people, Town or Country?"

This subject should open up a wide field for discussion, and it will be most interesting to hear the men's views.

J. HUGHES.

We learn that Councillor Thomas Till has accepted a unanimous invitation to be nominated as Mayor of the Borough of Lancaster for the next municipal year. Councillor Till's only son is our St. Dunstaner friend, also Thomas Till, of Lancaster. We congratulate him and his father upon the honour which has come to the family.

In the *Sunday Graphic* of September 15th, there appeared a large picture of W. Coleman, of Islington, at work in the extraordinarily ingenious and attractive Japanese garden he has built at the back of his house. The garden has been the source of great interest and pleasure to Coleman for a long time past, and he is naturally proud of the attention it has received.

We learn with much interest that success attended the efforts of D. Munro, of Woodside, Aberdeen, at the Turrieff Exhibition. This exhibition is a two-day event, and the entries totalled 1,500. Munro was awarded four first prizes, four seconds, and two thirds. These included a first for wool rugs, the others being for various baskets and trays, and Munro's ten exhibits were all sold. We send our congratulations to this clever craftsman.

The Collected Correspondence of

Private PERCIVAL HODSOX, V.C. [St. Dunstaner, A.D. 1978]

[Edited by W. V. CLAMPETT]

St. Dunstan's Lunar Annexe,
The Marble Hall,
Alabaster Avenue,
British Celestial Colony,
The Moon.

"I dreamt that I dwelt in marble halls
With vassals and serfs at my call,
Ching, ching!"

DEAR OLD UNCLE,

Excuse me for not having written before, but life at St. Dunstan's is so engrossing, and things have moved with such rapidity that I really couldn't find the time to drop you a line. You will no doubt be surprised to learn that I am now, in company with other St. Dunstaners, busy enjoying life on the surface of the moon. But I shall have to go back a bit and tell you the tale from the beginning.

The strike, of which I told you in a previous letter, soon collapsed in our favour, and it was decided to allow half a dozen of the boys, with an orderly and a V.A.D., to go up in a rocket airplane and study the pretty creatures for ourselves, who, you will recall, are totally blind and reported to have a civilisation superior to ours, and far ahead of us in matters that directly concern the welfare of the blind.

Hence the quotation at the head of this letter, which aptly describes our present happy state, and I must admit that St. Dunstan's have never provided a better holiday annexe—and it's a doubtful matter if they can ever go one better!

Of course, the Council of St. Dunstan's had a great deal more information respecting the race on the moon than they were willing to impart, but we were given to understand that it was not desired to tell us anything more than necessary, so that we should not be unduly prejudiced, and that they were anxious we should gather our own unbiased impressions. We were to ballot for our chances of a trip, each party of six remaining a fortnight on the moon, to be followed by others in relays.

As luck had it, Corporal Knutt, Sister

Caroline, myself, and four other boys, whom I will introduce to you in the course of time, were first in the ballot, and to our surprise we learned that the Hon. Aloysius Piffle-Beshe was to accompany us, to gather material for further poetic spasms? and collect scientific data in regard to the flora and fauna.

My word, Uncle, didn't we have a rousing send off from Croydon Air Port! All the boys and staff turned up (nearly 18,000), and all the elite of the land to wish us good luck! As the old classic saying has it, "Not once or twice in St. Dunstan's story, the path of pleasure proved the way to glory," and glorious it has been right from the start.

It was a job to get to our places in the mighty rocket airplane waiting for us, owing to the dense crowds that blocked our path and kept up a never ending volley of cheers. And when we reached it at last, it was to discover that our seats were lost under piles of packets of gaspers, cigars, and bottles of firewater, kindly put there by generous members of the public for our benefit en route!

Then, just as Sister Caroline was being assisted into her place by an official, St. Dunstan's Band, with all the boys and staff in unison, broke out into a ditty that was very popular I believe round about the time you were a baby, Uncle. You know the one. . . .

"Come, little girl for a sail with me, round
and round the moon.
Come little girl for a sail with me, up in my
bonny balloon.
No one to see us behind a cloud, oh! what a
place to spoon!
Up in the sky, ever so high, sailing in my
balloon."

And by George, didn't they let it rip! I could almost feel the blushes stealing over Sister Caroline's cheeks!

I will tell you in my next what we saw in the moon but the Editor is very hard up for space this month. (Perhaps!—ED.)

Yours cheerily,

PERCIVAL.

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