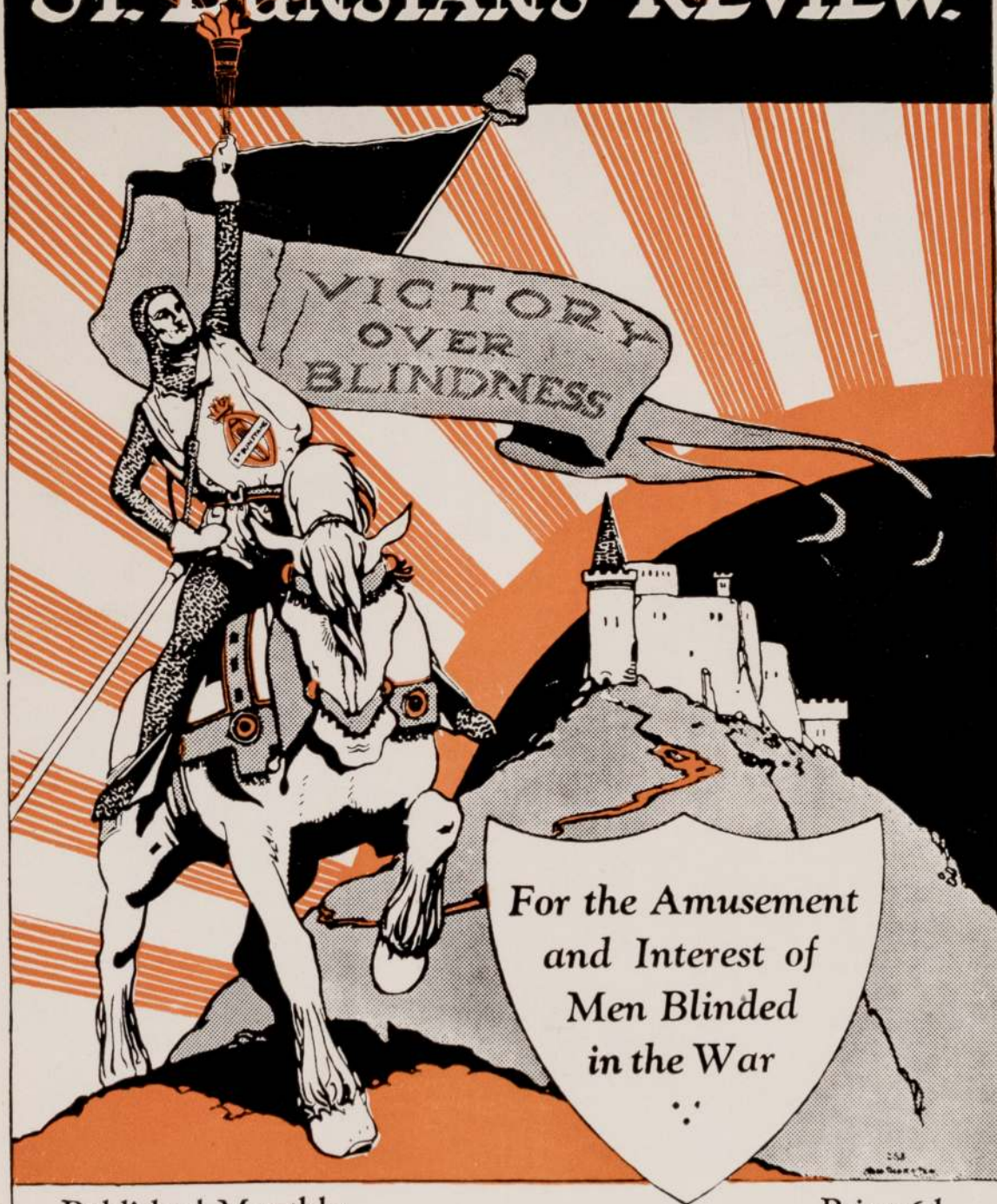


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A Very Merry Christmas
and Health and Prosperity in the New Year

EDITORIAL

Making Opportunities

WE would refer our readers, and particularly those who are craftsmen, to the paragraph under the heading of "Valuable Help," which appears on another page of this issue. Several times in these columns, in suggesting methods for the furtherance of local sales by our men, we have advised approach to fellow townsmen who may have the facilities for giving prominent space—a shop window, a corner of a show-room, a cafe, and so on—for a temporary display of the goods our men make. It will be found surprising how easy it is to secure such concessions as this if personal approach is made. The interest thus aroused certainly does good to the concessionaire and, of course, to the St. Dunstaner who secures it, while the increase in sales which results, and the publicity gained, are of real lasting value. We recall one particularly "live" joiner who obtained permission to display for a lengthy period at a well-known provincial hotel a single oak tray in the saloon lounge. Upon this tray was a neatly-written notice stating that all the trays used in the hotel were of a similar pattern to this, and were made by the St. Dunstaner concerned, whose name and address was appended. A large number of orders resulted from this simple means.

NEWS OF ST. DUNSTANERS



CONGRATULATIONS to F. Westaway, of Yeovil, Somerset, in that he has once again been elected to serve on the local committee of the British Legion. This makes his eighth year; he must have proved himself a valuable member indeed. Service on the local committee does not constitute Westaway's only contribution to the public weal, for both he and Mrs. Westaway are active members of the Relief Committee, so it is not surprising that Westaway was invited to the Mayor's banquet.

Friends will be glad to hear that S. Haylings, of Brighton, is quite settled. The garden is a great success and Haylings has grown such an excellent supply of vegetables that he has been able to supply other people as well as his own household.

Another man who has made a success of his garden is H. E. Hill, of Devizes; indeed, it has done so well that his ambition is fired and he is starting negotiations with the Ministry of Agriculture with a view to fruit growing since the Wiltshire soil is said to be particularly fertile.

A. W. Vaughan, of West Croydon, is looking much better, every one will be glad to hear, and is beginning to put on weight. Looking round for fresh worlds to conquer it has occurred to him that he might develop latent musical talent and is contemplating learning the banjo. If he does take it up we feel sure that it will give him a great deal of pleasure.

The little shop run by D. S. H. Wood, of Rugby, is looking very nice indeed, according to report. Its proprietor finds shop-keeping interesting and is full of plans for development; at the moment he is considering branching out into crockery.

When a man has two young children

playing round him like a couple of puppies he has few hours in which to feel lonely, according to G. Baylis, of Droitwich. His little ones never like their father to be long out of sight.

What with the cows and poultry, A. Wilkes, of Oswestry, keeps busy and cheerful. He had hoped to foregather among old friends at the Wolverhampton Meeting but had to miss it, which was a great disappointment.

A number of local orders for mats and string bags have come the way of J. Haylock, of Ickleton (Cambs.). He is very well, we are glad to know.

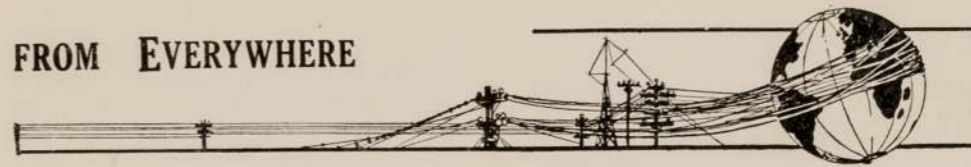
Have we many Christian Scientists among our St. Dunstaners? H. P. Till, of Thornton Heath, finds a great deal of interest and happiness in the meetings he attends.

E. W. Wakelin, of Godmanchester, Huntingdon, has been busy making a three valve wireless set; he is quite a practised hand in this branch.

Two volumes a week is C. Roach's usual supply of literature, anyway at this period of the year, and this is in addition to various Braille periodicals, so he is a real lover of reading. In addition he has his poultry to attend to and is striking out in another direction, having planted ten fruit trees. We trust the whole ten will bear bumper crops at the earliest possible date.

A number of St. Dunstaners were glad to lend their services on "Poppy Day" but surely J. Deegan of Brixton put in a record number of hours. He began selling at 3.30 a.m. and despite the weather stuck to his post gallantly till 11.30 when the deluge drove buyers off the streets and it seemed no good his remaining.

FROM EVERYWHERE



Another of our Brixton men is F. Polley who has been furbishing up his shop for Christmas and cleaning it out from floor to ceiling. May many customers come to admire the results of his efforts. Polley has a daughter of whom he has reason to be proud, for she has just come out first in a scholarship examination.

A. W. Ballard, of Sherwood (of whom mention is made in another paragraph), does not let public functions interfere with his work. He has just made a mat that is a veritable work of art; it is coloured and has the Old Contemptibles badge on it. Such a thing should find many admirers among the members of the Old Comrades Association of which Ballard is an active adherent.

One "sees life" on a newspaper pitch, according to C. Grattidge, of Birmingham. He is in his element when the factory hands come pouring out and has many regular customers among them—indeed, occasionally an extra hand is needed and Grattidge then calls on another St. Dunstaner to act as assistant.

The long summer was not the best of things for boot repairers and A. Kean, of Hayling Island, who had worked up a particularly good connection shared in the general slump; we have no doubt that there will be a rush of work now that the rains have come.

The tandem bicycle on which T. Parkinson, of Middleton, near Bognor, used to scour the country with Mrs. Parkinson on the front seat has been doing good service again of late and gives great pleasure to its owners. They went to Lancashire for a couple of weeks a little while ago and old friends each outvied the other in efforts to give the visitors a real good time.

Much improved health is being enjoyed by W. P. Nolan, of Pontefract, everyone will be glad to know. He is hoping to spend Christmas at Brighton where he will meet other basket-makers as enthusiastic as himself.

The new house into which A. Day has moved at St. Thomas' Exeter is proving a great success and is sufficiently large to have rooms to spare for lodgers. Day is busy in connection with the erection of his workshop which is to be put up in the back yard.

Quarry blasting is going on so near the home of R. A. Clarke, of Gunnislake, Cornwall, that when warning is given, the Clarkes have to take cover. One piece of rock actually came through the roof and a number of fragments have been hurled into the garden.

F. W. Thompson, of Tavistock, Devon, has passed a very busy summer and has plenty of work to show as the result of his efforts. Among other things, he has built a cement tank, some fine new hen houses, and the base of a greenhouse. He has every right to be proud of his achievements and we give him our hearty congratulations on all he has done.

F. Peacock, of Stokesley, is as keen as ever on pigs and revels in an outdoor life, scorning to be troubled by the weather. He is quite a champion domino player, by the way, and has been taking part in a tournament of late.

According to the newspapers a veritable war is raging between these members of the public who like "talkies" and those who prefer the genuine silent film. T. Stamper is a "talkie" fan and hopes they have come to stay. He is very well at present, thoroughly settled down, and enjoying his new house.

News of St. Dunstaners—continued.

One of our few bachelor St. Dunstaners is J. M. Branegan, of Stockton-on-Tees. So, far, at least he has turned a wary eye on matrimony—and finds life pleasant! He belongs to a satisfying club and trots round there nightly with a friend and fellow member.

Christmas will bring custom to J. McCombie, of Hornsey, for who will go short of confectionery at such a season? He is very busy making preparations for an influx of orders.

The making of wireless sets has helped T. Baker, of Holloway, in the development of his business. His shop looks most attractive and custom is increasing. Baker is yet another of the St. Dunstaners possessed of promising young sons; his boy came out second in a scholarship examination though the competitors came from nine schools.

I. H. Poole is comfortably settled in a new house at Cross Roads, Northwood, I. of W. It has a fine piece of ground attached to it and Poole has set about cultivating this with great energy; he is hoping to have a few head of poultry next year.

Moon-type has proved itself a blessing to F. T. Reynolds. He can now read it easily and says it has opened up a new world to him. It is a mercy that he has found a new interest for he wanted something to distract his mind from a tragedy—a nephew who has been staying with him was shot at Catterick Camp when doing duty as an escort to a prisoner, and the news of this came as a great shock to both Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds.

How many men have thought of installing their wireless sets in their workshops? C. Norman, of Finsbury Park, had this brilliant idea and now works away at his mat frame to the accompaniment of 2 L.O.'s best efforts.

A. Robinson's little shop in Dalston is

doing well, but Robinson's chief pride is his son who is a football enthusiast. The family hope that some day he will become a "Pro."

A third prize was carried off by T. Allen who entered a cockerel at the Hetton-le-Hole Bantam Show. We hope that this will be but a beginning and that Allen will soon become one of our leading prize winners.

"Busy, but hope to be busier before Christmas," is the news from H. J. Crane, of Croydon—and his hopes will doubtless be justified, for he keeps a tobacconist's shop.

Baskets keep H. White (another Croydon man) employed as usual. He has been receiving interesting letters from his adopted son who joined the navy and is doing well. Having achieved success with a boy, Mr. and Mrs. White are now looking out for a daughter—preferably the orphan child of a St. Dunstaner who needs love and a home.

Eleven little piglets are keeping C. R. Newell, of Cheltenham, very fully occupied. When they are not making demands upon him the poultry requires attention, and just to fill in idle moments he has his mat frame.

Another of our mat makers is A. E. Aldridge, of South Cadbury, near Yeovil. His son went out to Canada not so very long ago and is sending home excellent reports of his prospects. He has begun to save money already and we hope to hear that he succeeds so well at this that he will be able to take the Government's offer of land and £500 loan later on.

In the same line as Aldridge is R. Chaplin, of Hardington, Yeovil, but he has boots as a second string; his garden has done well this year and the house looks as attractive and comfortable as ever, thanks to the care Chaplin gives it.

A third St. Dunstaner in the Yeovil district is G. Cocker, one of our most

ingenious men. He has an active mind as his friends know, and feels sure that he will hit upon a really good invention some day. Perhaps the official list of "Inventions Needed" would put him on the right line.

Quite a number of patients have been coming to W. C. Taplin, of Bristol, and as each one well treated serves as a potential advertisement, his practice should increase steadily. The flat is proving a great success, as it is in a central and accessible locality.

A very nasty accident befel one of the children of W. Girling, of Kemp Town—she was run over and a pot of paint was spilt over her head. It was feared that the child would lose her sight, but Mrs. Girling was indefatigable and, thanks in the main to her splendid perseverance, the child is now fully recovered.

Baskets continue to be a source of real interest to W. Murray, of Hawick, who is as cheery and as steady a worker as ever. He has won himself a distinct place in the neighbourhood and we share his pride in the fact that a few years ago the Constitutional Club did him the honour of making him a life-member. His little daughter Betty is following in her father's footsteps and making many friends; she is particularly bright and gained first prize in her class at the summer term.

Recently, J. Attrell, of Polegate, made a mat for the benefit of the British Legion. It was the usual 8s. 3d. size but sold for 15s.—and then Attrell had a brain wave and offered a trophy to the one who guessed the number of rows in the mat, so altogether his effort brought the Legion 28s., so Attrell has every reason to be proud of himself. The Fates must have approved, for almost immediately afterwards Mrs. Attrell won two cwts. of coal!

A. J. Radford, of Somerset, is looking in much better health than he did a while ago. He finds a good deal of interest in his mat making and has been doing some new designs of late which should gain him high praise.

Another good mat-maker is J. Dixon, of Watford. Among the orders that have come to him of late are "repeats" from the customers for whom he made mats when he first settled in Watford—a sure proof that his good work is appreciated.

Those who met C. T. Otway, of the Star and Garter Home, Richmond, when he was at Brighton, will be pleased to know that he feels a different man as the result of his holiday among other St. Dunstaners. He hopes to meet all his friends again—and make new ones—next year.

L. Sheridan is settling down well in Smethwick. He received some beautiful wedding presents and Mrs. Sheridan is making a delightful little home for him.

A most encouraging start has been made by F. Matthewman in Goole. We hope that he will soon have as many patients as he can deal with—his hospital work, if not directly remunerative, will serve to bring him into the public eye.

It is a far cry from Kirkintulloch to Paris, but, undaunted by distance, W. H. Conlon went to France for his holiday and enjoyed every moment of his time. Since he is a chess player we wonder if he found the Paris café where chess players congregate? If not it is a pleasure to look forward to "next time."

A "19 in. line" switchboard must mean a deal of work, but F. Griffie, of Bristol, has proved himself capable of handling it. Since the advent of the new evening paper in Bristol, there is a very keen race to be "first with the news" and intensive and accurate telephony is essential. Griffie is on duty from 5 p.m. till after midnight, when he is fortunate enough to get a nightly lift home on the pillion of a friend's motor-cycle, since it is long after the hour when the trams stop running.

As usual there is a batch of news from our Irish St. Dunstaners:—

J. Goodison, of Sandymount, is delighted with his hut, which has just been lined.

News of St. Dunstaners—continued.

T. McCann has a comfortable supply of local orders ahead of him; S. Holmes, of Belfast, is fit, and busy with the making of an oak cupboard. We hear that he made the frames for a double cone loud-speaker in a way that won admiration; in addition to various smaller pieces of work, he has undertaken to make a wardrobe for his own home.

While other St. Dunstaners have been talking to such English Royalties as the Prince of Wales, W. J. Berry, of Bangor, has met His Grace the Duke of Abercorn, Governor of Northern Ireland, as he attended the welcome given to the Royal Ulster Rifles on their return to Belfast; His Grace chatted with Berry for quite a while. Another action that brought Berry into the limelight was the presentation by him of a decorated horseshoe to the Rifles football team.

As for A. Gribben, of Belfast, he took an active part at the unveiling of the War Memorial which has been put up for the district, and his son—young Gribben—was chosen to sound the "Last Post."

J. Boyce, of Belfast, is well and happy; his practice is keeping up well. J. Brockerton is fit, and busy with local orders, and B. Martin, of Bray, is working away at baskets, and getting wonderful results from his new wireless set in his leisure hours.

There is no need to say that D. J. McLoughlin, of Dublin, is well, for those who listened-in to the Dublin station on 14th November will have heard him broadcast.

And, to end with Ireland, here is an Irish tip from—readers may guess whom! "All shopkeepers should put a broken clock in the window with a big sign on it, "NO TICK HERE!" It attracts attention and saves trouble, or so says the author of the idea.

Young St. Dunstaners

George, the son of P. J. Sparkes, of Grimsby, has passed his school examination with Honours and is therefore exempted from London Matriculation. We congratulate him on his splendid success and wish him well in the profession he has chosen—a very interesting one. He is to take up accountancy, and begins work under a chartered accountant in the New Year. Mr. and Mrs. Sparkes must be very proud of their son.

The seven-year-old little daughter of E. Tomlinson is so far advanced in music that she is quite a star performer at "socials" and is equal to appearing as a reciter when necessary.

The son of S. Sephton, of St. Helen's, although the youngest in his form, is at the top of his class.

Mabel, daughter of A. Wernham, of Bracknell, has carried off a needlework prize and will be leaving school next year.

Brief Notes

"Well and cheery" is the news from J. R. Brown, of Nuneaton, and likewise from H. Lea, of Mancetter, Warwick.

W. Holmes, of Witton Park, Durham, is one of the keenest of our basket makers and takes a very real pleasure in all he does; J. Marriott, yet another basket-maker, is continuing with his craft in Soham, and W. A. Simmons, of Northampton, is finding centre-cane work interesting.

The news from most of our telephonists is scant but satisfactory. J. B. Dixon, of Burnt Oak, W. Hallam, of Edgware, and S. Varley, of Tottenham, are all well and busy.

J. A. Garbutt, of Stockton-on-Tees, who, by the way, is always interested in hearing of the doings of other St. Dunstaners, is devoting his week-ends to preaching.

G. H. Orrow, of Chingford, and J. Triggs, of Leaden Roding, Essex, are in good health, as is J. Taylor, of Idle, who is still employed in Bradford.

S. Brazier, of Airedale, looks very fit and cheerful, we hear; W. Tout is busy with his joinery; "All's well," with W. T. E. Collins, of E. Cowes, who has been asked to exhibit his mats at a local show; W. Mitchell, of Poplar, is working on boots, and C. Hainsworth on trays; F. Guisley is happily settled into his new bungalow in Harden, Yorks; H. Harris, of Loose, went hopping in the summer and much enjoyed it, since the weather was perfect.

A very busy season was experienced by W. Gannaway, of Kingston-on-Sea, who, by the way, had a short but most enjoyable holiday at Cowes with the Collinses.

Everyone will be glad to hear that G. Wiltshire, who was recently in the Royal Northern Hospital, Holloway, is looking much better and has gained in weight; J. Davies, of Wembley, A. Smith, of Harlesden, and A. W. Pimm, of Wickford, are all well.

Boots and mats keep H. A. Dakin, of Herne Hill, busy and cheery—but perhaps his cheeriness is partly due to the fascination of the baby, who, although not yet a year old, can almost walk and is a particularly healthy, happy child.

What with mats and his Braille books, T. H. Dennison, of Stoke-on-Trent, keeps contentedly occupied; C. Marshall is doing fairly well with his mats in Southend; A. E. Parsons, of Sutton Courtney, reports a very successful year with his poultry, and D. McCarthy, of Kinsale, might have had the same tale to report but he lost a number of chickens through rats.

D. Power is fit and settling down well in Coalisland, where he hopes to make friends soon; J. O'Neill, of Newport, has laid in a fine store of potatoes as a result of his efforts—he has three pits of them in his garden; "great stuff, too," he tells us proudly.

Belfast Social Meeting

The Belfast men held their Social Meeting on Saturday, 16th November. Thompson's Restaurant—where it was formerly held—has been acquired by a shipping company for offices, and the venue was transferred to the Shaftesbury Restaurant.

There was a good turn out of the men and they had a very jolly afternoon just sitting around chaffing one another. Berry came in for a lot of chaff over a lucky horse-shoe that he presented to the football team of his old Regiment, the R.U.R., which are now stationed in Belfast. The team lost the match by a few goals, and the boys think Berry must have held the shoe upside down and let the luck run out.

Tea was enjoyed during the afternoon, and the ladies, who gathered together at one end of the table, seemed to have quite a lot to talk about. We hoped they were not going carefully over all our bad points!

N. S. M.

Debates

The debate on Trade Within the Empire, which took place on the 3rd December, was well attended, and it is worthy of note that many points of view expressed at this debate are shared by eminent people.

Trade within the Empire is a subject which requires a great deal of time and consideration; many important points had to be omitted as our time was limited to an hour and a half.

The general opinion favoured freer trading within the Empire as a stimulus to British trade.

The next debate has been arranged for the 7th of January, and the subject chosen is: "Are Women a Success in Business?" The ladies present will be invited to speak, but as I have already mentioned time is limited, the ladies will, for once at any rate, have to be brief.

H. Kerr will give his views on women in business life, and Mr. P. Organ, who had once again kindly consented to take the chair, will, after making a few comments, refer the subject to open discussion.



SPORTS CLUB NOTES

SPORTS

MAY we take this opportunity of sending all our sportsmen our best wishes for the Xmas and the New Year?

We are looking forward with great keenness to the various events arranged in our Sports Calendar, and we feel sure that the men will back us up with their usual enthusiasm.

We appreciate very much the excellent way in which our walkers have joined in with their training in spite of the weather which has not been too good, and we shall look forward to great records being broken at Maidenhead next year.

Tuesday evening Sports will start again on the 7th January, and the Socials for the month will be as follows:—

7th January ..	Debate	8 p.m.
14th ..	Dance	"
21st ..	Dominoes	"
28th ..	Whist Drive	"

SPORTS POINTS

4TH DECEMBER

Northgreaves ..	67	Prior	..	48
Brown ..	65	Scott	..	48
Birchall ..	54	Martin	..	30
Taylor ..	52	Burran	..	26
Nichols } ..	51	Craigie	..	15
Dyer }		Roden	..	7

9 Mile Outer Circle Walk

The 9 Mile Sealed Handicap Walk will be on Saturday 25th January, starting at 2.30 p.m. I should be glad if all entries would reach the Sports Office not later than 10th January.

3 Mile Outer Circle Walk

Our Walking Season commenced on Saturday, 23rd November, with a 3 mile handicap and Novices' Race. Out of an entry of 35 we were able to start 26, this including contingents from Birmingham and Brighton. After a deluge of rain all the morning it turned out fine for Captain Fraser to have a few words with all the competitors before giving the word "go." The T.B. and Novices were

despatched first and at halfway, Billy Riley was leading and looked a prospective winner, when he had to retire, much to the disappointment of his escort. This let in Castle, Boorman, Kerr and Lenderyou, who finished in that order.

In the S.S. Event, Archie Brown led from the "Together Boys" Ashton and Gover, with Giles very close up. A glance at the times will show that this was a very good race.

The Novices put up a very good show, A. Strand winning in 30-43, R. J. Williams 31-1 second, G. Taylor 32-18 third, while J. Mellor was awarded the *News of the World* Novices medal, presented by Joe Binks. This competitor should have had a special "cheeriness" prize, for his face was wreathed in smiles from start to finish.

The Handicap winners were T.B., F. Lenderyou first, H. Kerr second, H. Boorman third. S.S., J. Whitten first, W. Giles second, P. Cashmore third. (All three from Brum!) Tommy Thompson was awarded the special prize presented by Mr. Sidney Parsons. After the race one of Miss Davies's special teas was partaken of in the lounge, where Mrs. Fraser presented the prizes with a cheery word and congratulations to each of the winners. Captain Fraser, after thanking all the officials, escorts and helpers, congratulated the walkers on their very excellent show. He then drew attention to the very fine handicapping of Mr. Donoghue.

"Don" has framed some good handicaps during his years of association with us as Handicapper, but he certainly excelled in this one.

Our next race takes place on 25th January, distance 9 miles, and we hope to have the pleasure of a visit from the Edmonton Prize Band. This should be an inducement to enter. Imagine yourselves strutting in to the tune of "See the Conquering Hero Comes." Should the winner be Scotch we might be able to provide bagpipes!

RESULTS
THREE MILE OUTER CIRCLE WALK
23RD NOVEMBER 1929
T.B. SECTION

Name	Escort	Scratch Race	Actual Time	Start	Hand. Time	Position in Hand
			m. s.	m. s.	m. s.	
W. Castle	Mr. Chalk	1	29 39	15	29 24	4
H. Boorman	" Steer	2	29 52	30	29 22	3
H. Kerr	" Dodkins	3	30 10	1 0	29 10	2
F. Lenderyou	" Matthews	4	30 48	1 45	29 3	1
H. Thompson	" Hall	5	31 7	45	30 22	9
T. North	" D. Hall	6	32 28	3 0	29 28	5
J. Moeller	" W. Hall	7	32 52	3 15	29 37	7
F. Rhodes	" Belchamber	8	34 5	4 30	29 35	6
W. Shakespeare	" Webster Smith	9	35 40	5 45	29 55	8
W. Riley	" Hind					

S.S. SECTION

A. Brown	Mr. Winter	1	26 33	Scratch	26 33	7
P. Ashton	"	2	26 37	15	26 22	5
H. Gover	" Harris	3	27 2	30	26 32	6
W. Giles	" Fear	4	27 11	1 30	25 41	2
G. Fallowfield	" Richardson	5	28 53	2 45	26 13	4
P. Cashmore	"	6	29 38	3 30	26 8	3
T. Gidney	" Simpson	7	33 15	4 0	29 15	8
J. Whitten	" Meadows	8	33 37	8 15	25 22	1
W. Trott	"					
B. Quigley	" Shore					

NOVICES' THREE MILES SCRATCH WALK

	Name	Escort	Time
1.	A. Strand	Mr. McSweeney	30.43
2.	R. J. Williams	" Last	31.1
3.	G. Taylor	" Rye	32.18
4.	J. Mellor	" Willing	38.4
5.	W. Anderson	" Hillary	38.34
6.	R. McCluskey	" Hake	

PRIZES IN THREE MILE HANDICAP

T.B.	S.S.
1. F. Lenderyou	1. J. Whitten
2. H. Kerr	2. W. Giles
3. H. Boorman	3. P. Cashmore
4. H. Thompson (Special Prize presented by Mr. S. Parsons).	

MEDALS FOR FASTEST TIME

T.B.	S.S.
1. W. Castle	1. A. Brown

PRIZES FOR THREE MILE NOVICES

1. A. Strand.
2. R. J. Williams.
3. G. Taylor.

We hear that the pen of five White Wyandotte pullets which G. C. Jackson, of Ashford, entered in the Wye College Test, finished third, and he has gained the Pen Certificate. Five birds laid 1,071 eggs in 48 weeks, a very excellent record indeed.

Brighton Sports

A 5 mile walk will be held on 18th January, starting at 3 p.m. from the Brighton Annexe. St. Dunstaners living in Brighton or within a radius of 12 miles may enter; also any trainee or man staying not less than two weeks at the Annexe. All entries to be sent to Sister Morris by the 6th January.

Valuable Help

By the courtesy of Mr. Wilson, of the well-known Café at 7 North End, Croydon, F. C. Fleetwood has had the opportunity not long since of demonstrating his work, and displaying articles made by his fellow St. Dunstaners, for eight days, with the result that Fleetwood disposed of goods to the value of nearly £70. His customers made many kind inquiries about St. Dunstan's and expressed the hope that they would have the pleasure of seeing him there next year.

We would like to thank Mr. Wilson very much for his interest in a St. Dunstaner, and to congratulate Fleetwood on his success.

In Memory of Sir Arthur

Memorial Services and Tributes to our Late Chief in London and the Provinces

EVERY year since his lamented death in 1921, the legion of those who hold Sir Arthur Pearson's noble work in such high admiration and reverence pay special tribute to his memory on the anniversary of his passing. Not all of us find it possible to attend the special memorial services held, but it is certain that practically every St. Dunstaner and, indeed, many thousands of others who knew and loved him, recall on this day all that his life and work meant to them.

In London this year a visit was paid in the afternoon to Sir Arthur's grave in Hampstead Cemetery where, in the presence of Captain Fraser and a delegation of four St. Dunstaners, namely, Jordan, Bocking, Mellor and Martin, Mrs. Fraser, Mrs. Bates, Mr. Kessell, and other officers of St. Dunstan's, the Rev. J. E. Williams conducted a short service. Afterwards there was laid on the grave a magnificent wreath of white and red chrysanthemums, nearly six feet high, in the form of St. Dunstan's badge, to which St. Dunstaners all over the country had contributed. A beautiful wreath from Brighton was also placed, and a lovely tribute from our telephonists.

A memorial service was held in the evening in the lounge at Headquarters. In the unavoidable absence through illness of the Rev. Prebendary Sharpe, the Rev. J. E. Williams again officiated. There was a large gathering present, including our President, Lady (Arthur) Pearson, and Sir Neville Pearson, Mrs. and Mr. Charles Knowles (Sir Arthur's daughter and son-in-law), Captain and Mrs. Fraser, Colonel J. E. Bickerton, Sir Arnold Lawson, Mr. P. W. Everett, Matron, and many members of the administrative staff and a large number of St. Dunstaners and their wives, besides representatives of the National Institute for the Blind and other organisations.

The service opened with the singing of the hymn, "Lead Kindly Light," and afterwards sentences from the lesser

Litany, the Lord's Prayer, and St. Dunstan's special prayers were read. Sir Neville Pearson read the lesson from Ecclesiastes 44, 1-15.

The address was given by Captain Fraser. He took as the keynote the words from the lesson which had just been read "There are those who have left no memorial." "If ever a man had lived, at least in their time," said Captain Fraser, "to whom those words did not apply, it was Arthur Pearson. He had left a truly wonderful memorial in the hearts and homes and happiness of thousands of his sightless fellow beings. Although his name would always be most deeply associated with St. Dunstan's and the vast work it had accomplished, yet his deep insight, his vital driving power, and his wonderful capacity for organisation, had almost revolutionised the work done on behalf of blind people everywhere. He had made them look at their disability from a new angle—an angle of hope as against resignation, of achievement as against helplessness. By his own inspiration and example he had proved to the most despondent among them that so far from loss of sight being the end of all happiness and usefulness in this world, it could be turned into an opportunity and could fire new ambitions and new powers. But it was as their own personal friend and leader that they liked to think of him tonight—the man to whom they could turn in all their troubles and be sure of renewed inspiration and a firm and wise guidance. To know that there were so many of them who owed all this and more to Arthur Pearson must, he felt, be a solace to his widow and son who were with them tonight. Personally, although he (Captain Fraser) felt himself entirely inadequate for voicing their tribute to Sir Arthur's memory, yet as one who owed so much to him, he felt very proud indeed of the duty which had devolved upon him that evening. Their comrades in Manchester and Birmingham and at Brighton were also

holding Sir Arthur in memory that day and they all felt that could he (and none could say he could not) look down now upon the way in which the work of which he had laid the foundation stone was progressing, he would be proud and pleased. The best way they could all keep his memory green was to keep ever bright and burning the torch of Victory over Blindness which he had lighted for them."

The hymn, "For all the Saints," was then sung and after a special prayer, the service closed with "Abide with Me," and the blessing.

AT MANCHESTER

A service in memory of Sir Arthur was held on Sunday afternoon, 8th December, in St. Ann's Church, Manchester. The Rev. F. Paton-Williams, Rector of St. Ann's, conducted the service, which was very simple and which was as follows:—Hymn, "Lead Kindly Light"; Prayers (those which were used in the chapel at St. Dunstan's); 123rd Psalm; Lesson, Isaiah 61 (read by Mr. Irvine); Hymn, "For all the Saints." In his address the Rev. Paton-Williams pointed out that the great lesson to be drawn from Sir Arthur's life was his determination to regard his blindness not as a handicap but as an opportunity for further achievement. The Service, which was arranged by Mrs. Irvine, who was present with her husband, was attended by many St. Dunstaners and their relations in and around Manchester. Amongst others present in the congregation was Councillor Matthewson Watson.

AT BRIGHTON

It was a large and representative assembly which filled the lounge and conservatory of our annexe for the memorial service to our late revered chief. It was good to see such a large number of After-Care men assisting with Present-Care men to keep fresh the memory of him who had worked so hard in their interests. Nothing in the way of physical comfort or good mental exercise was ever missed by Sir Arthur in perfecting the care of the men who were to receive their training at St. Dunstan's.

J. Bocking and S. Jordan were chosen to represent our annexe at the graveside service and to lay our floral tribute on the tomb of Sir Arthur.

The Rev. S. Dixon, Vicar of St. George's, Kempton, led the service in the evening, which opened with the singing of the hymn "O God our Help in Ages Past," after which he gave us an address mentioning the qualities which were possessed by Sir Arthur Pearson. After the address we had prayers and the service concluded with the hymn, "Abide with Me."

"OBSERVER."

AT BIRMINGHAM

On the Sunday preceding the anniversary of Sir Arthur's death, a Memorial Service was held in Birmingham Cathedral. A large number of St. Dunstaners and their wives and relations, resident in Birmingham and the Midlands, attended. The Service was conducted by the Rev. Harold Gibb, who, as most of our readers are aware, was blinded in the war. After the Service, a Re-union of those associated with St. Dunstan's was held at Lyons' Tea Rooms, and many were the stories brought to memory of our late Chief and the wonders he had wrought in the lives of most of those present.

The Music Staff "At Home"

The Music Staff gave their annual tea and entertainment on Wednesday, 11th December. Lady (Arthur) Pearson, Captain and Mrs. Fraser, many of the staff and a large number of men connected with the music department, with their wives and families, were present. An excellent concert, arranged by Miss McCall, opened with a good performance by the St. Dunstan's singers. Amongst the other artists we were particularly glad to welcome Miss Carrie Tubb, who was ably supported by Mr. Rolands, Mr. Brett Hayden and Miss Stockbridge. The concert was followed by a dramatic sketch, produced by Miss Crowdy, and played with great success by Messrs. S. Webster, J. Hughes and O'Kelly. Special thanks are due to Mr. Dale for his untiring and invaluable help in the staging arrangements.

"In Memory"

LIEUTENANT HARRY IRISH, M.C.
(1/5th West Yorkshire Regiment)

A VERY wide circle of friends will hear with deepest regret of the death of the above officer. Mr. Irish joined the Yorkshire Hussars (T.A.) early in 1914, and on the outbreak of War was mobilised, going to France in February 1915 with a mounted detachment. He was granted a commission in 1916 and joined the 1/5th West Yorkshire Regiment. On 9th October 1917, during an attack on Paschendale Ridge, he was badly wounded in the face, causing injuries which rendered him almost totally blind. For bravery during the attack he was awarded the M.C. He afterwards came to St. Dunstan's and was trained as a poultry farmer and eventually settled in Goathland, on the moors above Whitby, where, in addition to his poultry farm, Mr. Irish built three greenhouses and carried on business as a nurseryman. During the last two or three years his wounds had given him a great deal of trouble, and he underwent a number of operations for the removal of shrapnel from his head. He always appeared likely to make a good recovery, but died in a Leeds nursing home on Friday, 25th October, after undergoing his third operation this year. Mr. Irish bore his afflictions lightly, and despite his many operations, he maintained a cheery outlook and took an active interest in his fellow ex-Servicemen. He was a Vice-President of the Mirfield branch of the British Legion, and job master of the Mirfield group of Toc H. The funeral took place at Liversedge Cemetery on 28th October, and a large number of mourners were present at the graveside. Among the many beautiful floral tributes were wreaths from the officers, N.C.O.'s and men of St. Dunstan's and from Captain and Mrs. Fraser.

PRIVATE C. G. JEFFRIES
(2nd Oxford and Bucks. Light Infantry)

IT is with deep regret that we have to record the death of this St. Dunstaner. Jeffries was trained as a telephonist, and when he left St. Dunstan's in 1929, he took up a post with Messrs. Brown & Forth, Ltd., of Farringdon Street. He left there in 1925 to take a position with Messrs. Rootes Ltd., Lodge Place, N.W.8, and then in May 1926 he obtained another job with the Municipal Mutual Insurance Corporation, of Finsbury Square, E.C.

In September 1927 Jeffries was suddenly taken ill and admitted to hospital for a short time. His health did not improve and much against his will he was compelled to give up his work. Gradually he became worse, and he suffered considerable pain, although he was always bright and cheery. On 22nd August he was admitted to the Middlesex Hospital, where he passed away on 29th August.

The funeral took place on 3rd September at Bishops Stortford Cemetery, a short service being held in the Old Parish Church. The Rev. Ling officiated. Among those who attended the funeral were several relatives and friends, and a fellow St. Dunstaner—C. E. Beck, of Bishops Stortford. Mrs. C. Davey, of Sawbridgeworth, the wife of another St. Dunstaner, was also present. Altogether there were about thirty wreaths, including one in the form of our badge from Captain Fraser and his many comrades at St. Dunstan's.

Jeffries leaves a wife and three young children.

Deaths

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

BRIGGS.—A. G. Briggs, of Norwich, who lost his sister on Sunday, the 27th October, after twenty-four hours' illness.

DONNELLY.—J. Donnelly, of Forest Hall, Northumberland, whose mother died on the 20th November. She had been in hospital for eleven weeks.

LYNCH.—Mrs. J. R. Lynch, of North Wembley, who lost her mother on the 24th November.

PHILLIPS.—Mrs. G. Phillips, of Enfield, who lost her sister on the 25th November.

TAYLOR.—S. W. Taylor, of Shepshed, Loughborough, Leicester, who lost his father recently.

WEEKES.—Mr. and Mrs. H. Weekes, of Bristol, whose little son, aged 8½ years, passed away on the 3rd November.

Silver Wedding

E. D. Martin, of Wolverhampton, is this month's claimant for the silver wedding guinea. His anniversary was celebrated on 7th December.

Telephonists' and Shorthand Writers' Reunion and Dinner

THIS annual event took place in the Lounge at Headquarters on 6th December and was attended by about 70 guests resident in and around London. After full justice had been done to the excellent dinner provided, Captain Fraser who presided said he was very glad indeed to welcome the business men who were their guests that night, and he would like to talk with them on one or two matters of interest. He explained the arrangement which was arrived at some eighteen months ago with the British Legion, for he thought it well for the men to know about it because questions were very often asked. Captain Fraser went on: "We gave up our Flag Days for one thing because people were tired of them, and agreed to take 5 per cent. of net "Poppy Day" receipts. That amounted to something like the revenue we used to get from our own efforts. For practical purposes, that is what happened, so that without the expenditure of staff to which we were previously put, we now get that revenue. Another point is that it is not a bad idea for the two Organisations to act together in some respects, but it would be bad for St. Dunstan's to be merged with any other Organisation—there is no question whatever of our subordinating ourselves. It is merely a question of finance, and a friendly alliance or association with the Legion. It will be a good thing if we are able to build up a friendly feeling between St. Dunstan's and other Ex-service Organisations.

Recently, there was a delegation to the Minister of Pensions, the outcome of a Conference of Delegates from Canada, New Zealand, Australia and South Africa. The Conference was the first which had taken place since they went to the Colonies, ten or twelve years ago, and it is one of our wider achievements. One went to Canada and another went to New Zealand. Those two were the inspiration. They started Organisations which are now spread over the Dominions. It is some satisfaction to us to appreciate that it was out of St. Dunstan's that the new Organisations were erected out there. One of the

things discussed at the Conference was the discrepancy of pensions here and in the Dominions. Ours are not so great, but there is an explanation, because the standard of living in the Dominions is higher than here. Secondly, the Dominions have not suffered anything like the financial strain that the Mother Country has.

"You probably hear from time to time that St. Dunstan's has plenty of money, and that because of our collections other Societies suffer. That, however, is not the case, for other Societies are much better off now than they were previously, because of St. Dunstan's activities. Their claims about St. Dunstan's taking all the money are not fair. The position is quite the reverse. We feel that collections for St. Dunstan's are likely to decrease as the older generations pass away—ten millions have passed away since the beginning of the war. Our policy is to collect whilst the people who remember the war remain. We have to put by a surplus in order to take care of the future. As time goes on we shall have to deal with the men who are past work through age or some other reason and we are looking into the matter now. When the time comes I hope we shall have some plan which will be fair and which will be appreciated by the men just at the very time when they want it." (Applause.)

Captain Fraser then said a word of appreciation of the way the men present stick to their jobs, and he congratulated them.

McFarlane proposed a vote of thanks, and this was seconded by Webster.

Captain Fraser's health was drunk with musical honours.

A resolution was passed that a message of sympathy from those present should be sent to the widows of three of their number, who had passed away during the year, namely, Flett, Williams and Jeffries.

Afterwards the company enjoyed a concert contributed to by many of the men present.

BED AND BREAKFAST, 3s. 6d. Comfortable rooms and good attendance.—A. Taylor, 76 Richmond Grove, off High Street, Chorlton-on-Medlock, Manchester.

On Armistice Day

Cenotaph Service

ON Armistice morning St. Dunstan's deputation, headed by Captain Fraser, marched behind the band of the Grenadier Guards from Wellington Barracks to the Cenotaph for the service, and to deposit the St. Dunstan's wreath. This ceremony having been performed, we returned to barracks behind the V.C. company, and for the first time since the unveiling of the Cenotaph, we heard cheers from the vast assembly. They started for the V.C.'s and were then carried on to our men. It is very interesting to hear the remarks of the spectators along the line of route on these occasions.

Arriving at Wellington Barracks, we were welcomed to the Sergeants' Mess and while we toasted Captain Fraser's health several of the V.C.'s came and had a chat with our boys, including Sgt. Godley, the first V.C. of the Great War.

In the evening a party of 25 attended the Remembrance Service at the Royal Albert Hall. This is undoubtedly one of the most stirring events of the year, and new features are added each year. During the evening, the chairman and Mrs. Fraser came up (I mention "up" because we could not get any higher—there are no seats on the roof) to see and chat with the party.

Owing to the fact that we were only allowed one escort, I had to see the boys to their various homes. For this a char-a-banc was provided. Somewhere about midnight, an American gentleman tried to drive his car through our char-a-banc but came off second best—and Jimmy Walne slept through it all, although he lost his hat! But I'm glad we had a nice quiet time.

W. T.

MANCHESTER

A small party represented the Club at the Armistice Day Ceremonies in Manchester, and placed a wreath on the Cenotaph "In Remembrance from Manchester St. Dunstaners."

St. Dunstaners Honoured

As in London, Captain Fraser led a little band of St. Dunstaners to lay a poppy wreath at the Cenotaph on Armistice Day, so this act of remembrance was performed by St. Dunstaners in various other cities. At Nottingham, A. W. Ballard (formerly of the Sherwood Foresters) was chosen for the task, and representing the Old Contemptibles of the city, laid down his token immediately after the Mayor had placed his wreath in position. A. H. Wernham was chosen to represent blinded soldiers and laid a wreath on their behalf on the Bracknell War Memorial.

W. Murphy, and Mrs. Murphy of Liverpool, paid their usual visit to the Cenotaph, St. George's Hall, Liverpool, just before the silence, and there laid a wreath on behalf of St. Dunstan's. Afterwards Murphy was presented to Lady Haig by the local secretary of the British Legion. He asked her acceptance of a teapot-stand made by him which her Ladyship accepted, saying she appreciated the gift more than she could say. She showed it with evident pleasure to the Lord Mayor, the Bishop of Liverpool, and the Chief Constable.

Brighton News

The anniversary of Armistice Day brought many invitations for our boys to the different celebrations. On Sunday, 10th November, about thirty of our men were allotted special places at a Memorial Service held by the British Legion in the Dome. On Armistice Day Matron conducted a little service in the Big Lounge, and at 11 o'clock the wireless was switched on to enable us to observe the two minutes' silence in company with those at the Cenotaph. After listening to the service broadcast from Whitehall, we all formed up outside the Annexe, and with an escort of police, kindly sent by the Chief Constable of Brighton, we marched to the War

Memorial, where T. Dickenson and T. Boteler had the honour of placing our floral tribute to the fallen. At dinner we had the usual glass of port for toasting purposes, in which we were joined by Sir Cooper Rawson, M.P., who kept the company in roars of laughter with his humorous stories. After dinner an impromptu concert was soon in full swing. In the evening a party accompanied Matron to St. George's Church, whilst another attended the Hove Town Hall for community singing. When our men entered the Hall the large audience rose and cheered them to the echo. It was wonderful to hear the old marching songs being sung so lustily under the leadership of Mr. Cager, D.C.M. (and bar). At the end, everybody remained seated until our men were conducted to their char-à-banc.

Our Armistice dance on 14th November was one of the most successful we have had. At 8 o'clock Mr. McFadden and his band set nearly 100 couples dancing. In the course of the evening Mrs. Bates, who was given a warm welcome, read a letter from Captain Fraser, expressing his regret at his inability to be with us, but promising to visit us during Christmas. Mrs. Bates was then presented with a bouquet of chrysanthemums. At about 9 o'clock the Mayor and Mayoress of Brighton arrived. The Mayor gave us a short speech, causing much laughter with his story of the Cockney who, after having been "over the top" eleven times, jibbed at the twelfth, and ran away in the opposite direction. After running for half-an-hour, he bumped into something, whence came a booming voice: "Who are you?" "Private Atkins of the London Regiment," he replied. "Do you know I am your Brigadier?" came from the voice. "Lor', am I so far from the front line already!" ejaculated the Cockney. G. Eames responded to the Mayor's speech in a very admirable manner.

An excellent supper was provided at about half-past nine, after which we had an innovation in the shape of a "Spot March," in which everybody could take part, whether one could dance or not. We all formed in couples and continued to

march round the lounge and conservatory until the band stopped. The lucky couple were W. Broadbent and Sister Mason, who won the prize, consisting of a pound note and a box of chocolates.

At 11 o'clock cheers were given for Matron and the Staff, and then "God Save the King" sent us in our different directions, tired but happy.

We hear that W. A. Biggs, of Leicester, has presented to the Chapel at the Brighton Annexe a set of red vestments. These were badly needed and the Annexe is, of course, deeply grateful to Biggs for his very kind gift.

A Christmas Message

MY DEAR BOYS,

A very Merry Christmas to you, your wives and little ones, and a hearty shake of the hand, which I send you through the medium of the ST. DUNSTAN'S REVIEW, with my Christmas message "God Bless You." I hope 1930 will bring you all the best of good luck, health and much happiness.

Your affectionate friend,

ADELINE THELLUSSON,
Commandant Matron.

St. Dunstan's Annexe,
Brighton.

Pensions for War-Blinded

A striking tribute of sympathy with the cause he was championing and to his own personality was paid our chairman, Captain Fraser, during the Conservative Conference which took place towards the end of last month. At that Conference he moved a resolution urging His Majesty's Government to give sympathetic consideration to the question of improving the pensions of blinded soldiers, sailors and airmen, and referred to the St. Dunstan's deputation which recently waited on the Ministry of Pensions. His speech was received with enthusiasm and the resolution was passed unanimously.

Dr. Bridges' Wedding Gift

MY DEAR BOYS,

You will, I am sure, be glad to hear that the response to my suggestion of a wedding gift from you to Dr. Bridges has been most enthusiastic, and I hope next month to tell you in the *Review* what form the gift has taken.

I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and Good Luck in 1930.

M. POWER,
Matron.

Births

BARBOUR.—To the wife of R. Barbour, of Brighton, a daughter in the beginning of November.

COOKE.—On Wednesday, the 30th October, to the wife of H. G. Cooke, of Billesley, Birmingham, a son.

FRANCIS.—To the wife of G. Francis, of Morley, near Leeds, a son on the 25th October—a fine baby weighing 9 lbs. Mother and son both doing well.

IRVINE.—On the 16th November, to the wife of J. Irvine, of Glasgow, a son.

LOVETT.—On the 19th November, a son (William Edgar), to the wife of G. W. Lovett, of Wincanton, Somerset.

MOELLER.—To the wife of J. Moeller, of Dagenham, a daughter on the 9th November.

MOORE.—On the 10th November, a son to the wife of W. Moore, of Hollingworth, near Manchester.

PETO.—On the 21st September, to the wife of A. G. Peto, of Exeter, a daughter (Eileen Marguerite Pamela).

SHAW.—On the 25th October, to the wife of R. Shaw, of Burnley, a son (Dennis).

SMITH.—To the wife of C. Smith, of Walsall, a daughter on the 29th of October.

TEMPERTON.—On the 13th November, twin daughters to the wife of C. Temperton, of Dunsell, near Hull. Mother and children are doing well.

Sir Arthur's Birthplace

Springfield Rectory near Chelmsford, the birthplace of Sir Arthur Pearson, has been purchased by a private syndicate.

Mistaken for a V.C.

An amusing little adventure befell J. W. Broadbent, of Rosyth, who travelled down from the north when London was in its first flush of enthusiasm over the three hundred odd V.C.'s who had been invited to dine at the House of Lords with the Prince of Wales. When Broadbent arrived at Euston en route for Brighton he was seized and bundled into a waiting car before he could explain that he was not one of the heroes owning the little bronze cross! Luckily he grasped the situation and persuaded his host to run him up to headquarters instead of thrusting him in among the newly arrived V.C.'s.

By the way, St. Dunstaners will be interested to know that our own V.C., Captain Angus Buchanan, who won also the Military Cross and the Order of St. Vladimir, was present at the memorable Dinner.

Royal Attention

Private Fleming was specially honoured by the Prince of Wales when his Royal Highness went to make some purchases at St. Dunstan's stand at the Imperial Institute, and the same man's nimble fingers caught the attention of the Duke and Duchess of York when they paid their visit. As a result, Fleming has had his portrait in many of the leading newspapers.

Netting Notes

Since writing last, the Armistice Exhibition is very successfully over and everyone is in full working trim for Xmas orders.

The Rug and String work makers have simply been plied with work which we know they enjoy doing, nearly every order being an S.O.S. one, as everybody wants everything at once.

At Brighton the men are all looking forward to the Xmas holidays.

We congratulate:—A. Belcher, S. Thompson, A. Wilson, E. Driscoll and H. Griffiths for passing their bag tests and being put on to rug making, while:—A. Griffiths, A. Strand and Luker are getting on well with netting.

The Editor regrets that he has had to hold over till next month several contributions.

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