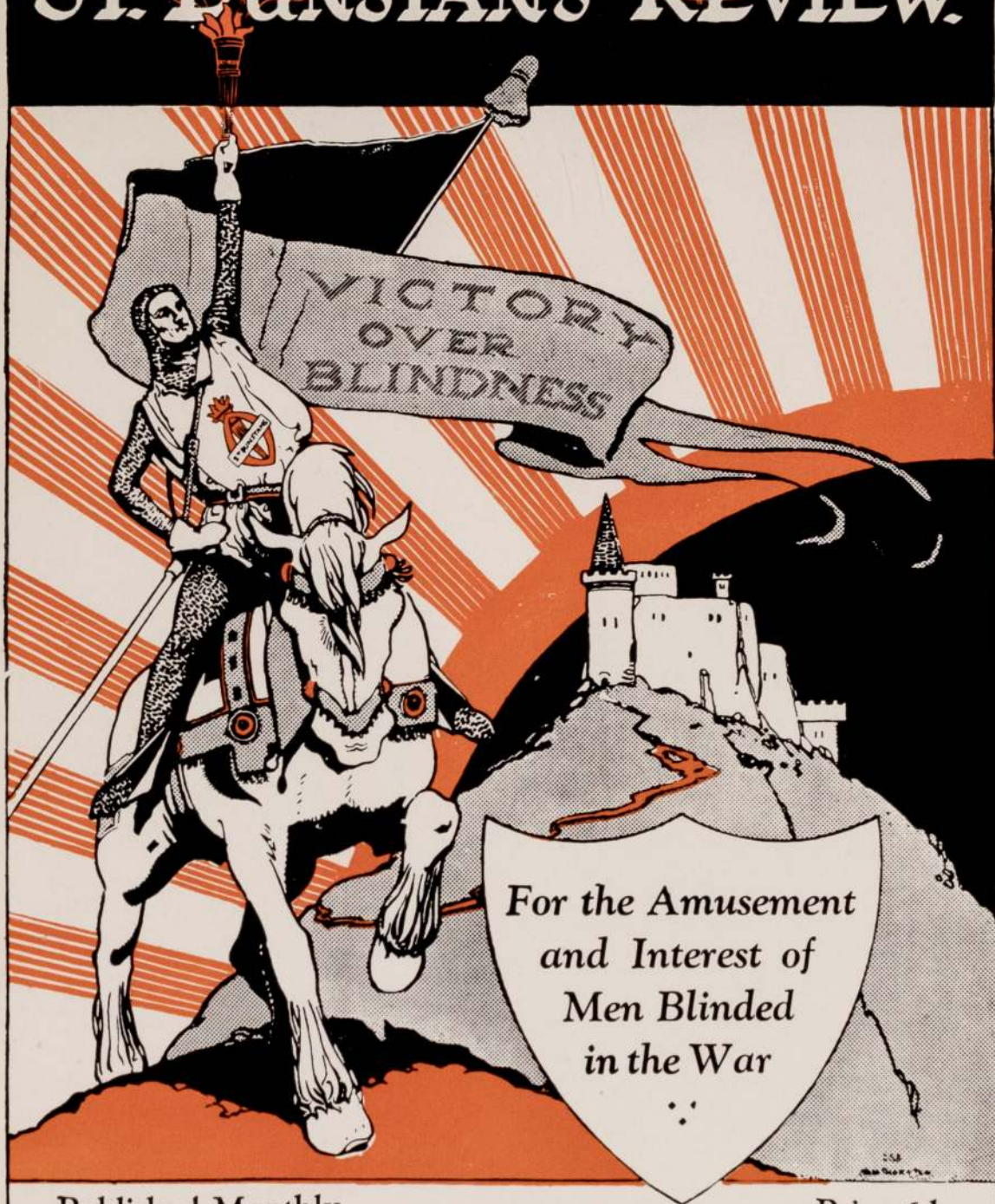


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EDITORIAL NOTES

Our Sports

ELSEWHERE in this issue appears a report of the meeting held at Headquarters to decide upon the programme of sports to be undertaken during this Spring and Summer season. Similar arrangements are being made at our various provincial sports clubs, and, in all cases, the "greatest good of the greatest number" is the aim of all those concerned in the organisation and running of this important part of the recreative activities of St. Dunstaners.

The wide field which these sports cover is testimony not only to the keenness and adaptability of the men who take part in them, but also to the unflagging energy, the self-sacrifice and enthusiasm of the sports sisters and their helpers: and the many good friends of St. Dunstan's who have so long given their services in this special direction.

While we are well aware of the pleasure and pride they all take in affording as many opportunities as possible for our men to keep physically fit, we think we may be permitted to emphasise how much this voluntary and admirably organised work means.

With the officers and men now scattered all over the British Isles, the number of meetings which could be arranged solely from Headquarters would be very few and would necessarily be available only to those men living within comparatively easy reach of London and Brighton. What would be the result? Our Manchester, Birmingham and Bristol men, for example, would find their opportunities for sporting contests limited to competition in those arranged for sighted athletes, when and where our men were allowed to enter.

These would provide neither the number nor the equality of test which most of our men desire. We are sure our sportsmen St. Dunstaners will agree that the recognition of these plain facts must lead to the desire to pay tribute of thanks in the way our kindly helpers would best like, and that is by competing in as many of these contests as is anyhow possible, and utilising to the full the generously offered services of trainers and escorts.



NEWS OF ST. DUNSTANERS

As usual, a number of St. Dunstaners have been in the public eye during the last few weeks and both H. McAteer and S. Holmes, of Belfast, have been photographed at work, for two of the leading Irish newspapers. Holmes is shown in the act of making a tea-tray and McAteer among his basketry; both seem excellent likenesses.

A beautiful cabinet made by Holmes has been attracting a good deal of attention. It was displayed among St. Dunstan's wares in a Belfast shop, the result of which was an "interview" in *The Evening Telegraph*. We hope that an influx of orders will soon arrive for both men. McAteer, by the way, has mastered the intricacies of trays and teapot stands in fine style.

Another man who has received quite a number of newspaper paragraphs is G. Foster, who is farming 800 acres of wheat near Earl Gray, Saskatchewan. He had taken up the holding before the war and decided to go back to farm life after his St. Dunstan's training.

There is good news, too, from H. Hurst, of Gt. Longstone, Derbyshire; he and his son won a gold medal and £2 10s. at the local horticultural show for vegetables and flowers last summer—we regret that this was not noted sooner, for it was a fine achievement.

As for E. Slaughter, of Harringay, he has been singing to the Italian circle at the Lyceum Club and won high praise for his excellent accent.

F. J. Shepherd, of Sheffield, has also been mentioned in print, but for a less pleasant, if more exciting reason—his shop was broken into and robbed by three youths, who were afterwards arrested by a

flying squad of Sheffield police. Some of the stolen property was found hidden away in a dovecote at the back of a house, so circumstantial evidence is strong against those arrested. They have been remanded, however, because other alleged offences had to be investigated.

There is, too, a paragraph in the *London Evening News* which must refer to a St. Dunstaner, though evidently one of great modesty: "A blind ex-soldier beat blind-folded woman in a potato-peeling competition at Holmbury St. Mary (Surrey)." Who is he?

Have we any enterprising poets among us? A letter from L. Marquis, of Quebec, makes a suggestion. He writes: "The REVIEW is welcome; it really revives in my ear the sound of St. Dunstan's gong, and I often wonder why some of the boys do not write a few lines in the REVIEW about that watchful old clock." Well, why not? (If a poem is received which we consider worthy of publication, we will pay a fee of half-a-guinea for it.—ED.)

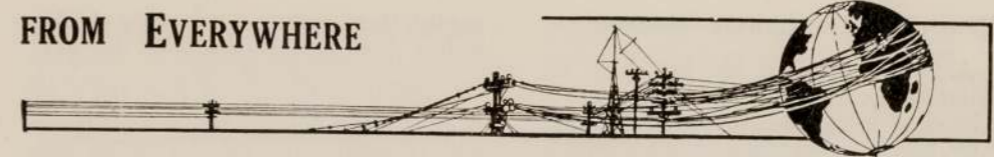
Those who are putting in time at skating rinks will envy F. Melligan, of Hamilton, Canada, in that even this mild winter he has been able to be on the natural ice a good deal, and as a result he is in the best of health.

F. S. Wardle, of Cudworth, Nr. Barnsley, is another who is getting along splendidly, we hear. His garden promises to be most attractive during the coming months.

W. Williamson, of Denton, near Manchester, is also making excellent progress. He has a charming house and plenty of work ahead.

R. Gifford, of Maryville, Linlithgow, is a most enthusiastic skater, but a purely

FROM EVERYWHERE



out-of-door one, we imagine. What with skating and walking he has contrived to get a fine amount of exercise this winter and is now looking forward to putting in strenuous hours in his garden.

The same employment is being anticipated by R. Meader, of Llangadock, Wales. He has found a cottage that should be delightful in the summer and is planning the whole place out to the greatest advantage.

Basketry is engrossing M. Deegan, of Treorchy, Glamorganshire. He has been weaving some little cake baskets of late with great success, and has also designed one or two new patterns himself—always an interesting thing to attempt. We are sorry to hear that he lost his dog a short time ago, for we know that in this case dog and man were devoted friends; such a loss is very great, as all dog-lovers will know.

Maidenhead people must have taken to doing extra walking, according to C. Matthews, of that district; he reports the best year's work since he went there, and really has as much work as he can undertake.

Quite a nice number of orders for wool rugs came to T. Burridge, of Heywood Park, near Maidenhead, for the Christmas season, and now a fresh order has been received from a lady in Oswestry, so Burridge is doing well. He had a splendid gift not long since in the shape of a fine golden retriever which can take him about, and also bids fair to be a splendid companion.

Are Croydon St. Dunstaners aware that free places are reserved for them for the National Sunday League Concerts at the Hippodrome, and also at the Grand Theatre, Croydon? H. Buchanan, of

Carshalton, Surrey, discovered it for himself, and thinks that possibly other men may not know of the privilege.

Poultry men will sympathise with J. Housdon, of Whitefield, Manchester, in that he had a fire a few weeks ago which completely burnt out one of his incubators and all the eggs.

H. Roberts, of Stalybridge, has gone in for pig-keeping instead of chickens.

Before this number of the REVIEW appears the daughter of C. F. Butler of Twickenham, will have been married. We send her St. Dunstan's good wishes through her father; oddly enough, she is to be married on his birthday.

Another who has been suffering from the effects of fire is W. R. Dunning, of Forest Hill. Now everything is in order again, with new things to replace the old, and a freshly decorated kitchen. Still, these adventures are not pleasant.

An honour has befallen C. Durkin, of Putney. He has been asked to represent his branch of the British Legion at the Conference which is to be held in Cardiff at Whitsuntide.

A good report of plenty of work in sight has been received from A. A. Hughes, of Charlton Kings, Cheltenham; his workshop is finished and looks extremely nice.

F. Griffee, of Bristol, is just about to move into a house which promises to be delightful; the baby is growing into a most engaging young personage, and Griffee has every reason to be proud of him.

The mat-frame has been keeping E. Brewer, of the same district, very busy. His Brighton holiday did him a deal of good, we hear.

News of St. Dunstaners—continued.

A. Sterno, of Bath, has just made an interesting journey to Hull to see a brother who came over from Norway for a day. Most people would find a couple of nights in the train a tiring experience, but Sterno seems to have enjoyed it all.

All "very fit," according to F. Marshall, of Hull. He has just fixed up his shop with some fine glass counters which have greatly improved its appearance.

A. Urry, of Dunswell, reports a large number of eggs in his incubators at present, and we hope he will have a record hatch. His poultry seem in excellent condition.

D. Hunt, of Highbury, has been busy on some capital bathroom stools with cupboard space under the seat.

It looks as though W. Higginson (Highbury) has at last got his desire—a workshop close to the home. We trust the matter will be satisfactorily arranged.

In Tideswell, near Buxton, R. E. Hill seems well and happy. His home is always in first-rate order, and he hopes to rear 100 pullets this season.

P. Austin, of Higham Ferrers, N'hants, is one of our basket makers who should have special mention because he takes such a continued and vivid interest in his craft. He shows plenty of initiative, too, and is never weary of working out new patterns.

Another man with a fine store of energy is W. H. Wright, of Verwood; he is keen on his garden and has worked very hard to get it into shape. Now he is turning his attention to spreading the news of all St. Dunstan's is and stands for among the natives of the district, who are a particularly friendly and kind set of people. Captain Fraser's article on dogs in a recent number of the REVIEW must have interested Wright, for he has trained three dogs to lead him about and reports that they were excellent. Despite this he dis-

carded them and now uses only a stick, feeling more independent with this aid.

A. Pink, of Semley, Dorset, has been making many improvements in his house, and personally did all the labour connected with the putting in of a new kitchen range—many congratulations on his prowess in undertaking such a piece of work.

Everything "O K," says A. Forster, of Warrington, who, by the way, is an enthusiastic football fan; he attended the cup-tie match, of course.

All who have poultry will understand G. F. Furniss's feelings—he was running poultry as an interesting hobby, and had acquired sixty birds; now the town council has taken his land over for building purposes.

A good order for waste-paper baskets has just come to P. Bolton, of Stockport, from a bank. These are particularly pleasant commissions, for they frequently lead to "repeats" and orders from other branches.

G. Thomas, of Aston, Birmingham, has a delightful new house and a good hut for working; he gets quite a nice amount of work.

Urgent orders for mats with coloured borders have been keeping A. Jordan, of Holloway, fully employed.

The wireless business is flourishing, according to T. Baker, of Holloway; he has just made a fine cabinet to take his wireless set, and a gramophone. Baker's eldest boy has just got into a secondary school, so his foot is now well placed on life's ladder. We send him good wishes for his future success.

J. Nolan, of Hinstock, Market Drayton, is as full of ideas as ever. He is very busy at present as he is taking a Speaker's Diploma Course under the local Conservative Association, which means attending regular classes.

J. R. Macpherson, of Paignton, Devon, seems to be making an excellent start; his house is in a most suitable locality.

Macpherson is another who has been unfortunate enough to lose a dog of late, but perhaps the engaging little puppy he has now secured will help to break the loss, though, of course, it will not oust the remembrance of the lost companion which died in quarantine.

Promises of work from various oil-tankers and fishing boats have been received by S. C. Loram (Brixham), so he will be taking a very keen interest in fishermen's affairs. Sea-boot work is quite an art with its needs for special leather and brass plugs, so Loram is finding it interesting. His workshop is well fixed up and he can keep the door wide open to the sea breeze, which should be good for his health.

Some day-old chicks have been interesting J. J. Hiscock, of Ross-on-Wye. He, with the help of his mother, contrived a most ingenious "incubator" from various boxes, flannel and a hot-water bottle; we hope the chicks will thrive.

Does anyone want a horn loud speaker, which cost 30s., and will be sold for half this—or else a bargain pair of headphones? W. J. Wood, of 27 Glendarvon Street, Lower Richmond Road, Putney, S.W., has these treasures for sale.

T. Clarke, of Carterton, Oxford, says he has had a better year with his poultry than he has had for some time past.

Boots and mats keep A. E. Tucker well occupied; he has had a good local order for some mats with coloured borders, which taxed all his ingenuity. Tucker, by the way, is one of the most enthusiastic members of the Bristol St. Dunstan's Sports Club, as all in that district will know.

The summer is too long in coming and too short when it does come, according to the ideas of G. Hadfield, of Newport

Pagnell—but then, in the hot days, he does a fine trade in ices!

Trade is not particularly bright in Wolverton, according to W. J. H. Clamp, but Clamp and his family are keeping well and his little daughter, Betty, is growing fast. She dances particularly well, we hear, and has been selected to take the part of a bride in some illustrated songs about which everyone is much excited.

P. Johns, of Newbold Moor, is happy and busy in his work—indeed, he is beginning to put on weight, always the sign of a contented mind.

Another who is looking decidedly better of late is J. Owens, of Ayr. He has been working on nets and has made a particularly good net bag, which is to be auctioned at the British Legion sale; we hope it will make a record price.

A nice joke against his wife is being told by F. Stratton, of Shirebrook. One night, a very dark one, the two started for a walk. After a while Stratton remarked that the path did not feel right, and suggested that his wife had taken a wrong turning. She scoffed at the idea, but he held to his guns and presently discovered that they were on the local racing track and walking round and round!

The people of Grange-over-Sands, Lancs., have a thoroughly good representative of St. Dunstan's in J. Wood. He is a native of the place, and was well known before the war, but the keen interest which he shows in every possible activity has no doubt made him much better known since. His workshop, in which he carries on boot and clog repairs and mat-making, makes clear what a capable craftsman he is, and the lively interest he takes in every topic of conversation enables one to realise the high esteem in which he is held in the district.

Almost in the shadow of the old Castle at Lancaster, one will find the comfortable little cottage of W. Capstick, in which his wife has lived since she was ten years old.

Her somewhat precarious health does not prevent her from keeping it spick and span. Capstick's mats show every sign of care, and it is easy to see how he can keep up his rule of selling one mat at least a week locally, when the quality of the work is considered. Capstick and his wife may be regarded as Empire builders, for they lost a son in the war, another is in Canada, and a third is serving with the Dragoons in India.

The people of Lancaster must be in a position to appreciate the abilities of St. Dunstan's men, because another representative, T. Till, is also well known there. His shop is situated on the main road, so that it is easy to observe the various articles which are the products of his workshop. Quite recently he was displaying a mahogany table, a trouser-press, a folding tray-stand, and a variety of other trays. His own home also contains many evidences of his workmanship, particularly an overmantel, which called for much skill in construction. Our readers know of Till's vocal abilities, but perhaps they are not quite aware that his eldest daughter aids him considerably by her skilful accompaniments.

A. H. Rodgers is very satisfied indeed with the little house he is purchasing in his home town of Barrow-in-Furness. "Gus" and his boys are well known by their attendance at and interest in the local football matches. His health is not always quite what he would desire, but when fit he frequently undertakes large orders for the casing of spirit jars. He makes these cases with wooden bottoms, shaping them in to the shape of the jar at the top.

Brief Notes

In Worthing J. Levett has been doing very well with local orders, &c. In addition, he is finding great interest in fitting up the wireless sets for the civilian blind as they get them.

R. Horner, of Chesterfield, is looking much better and working hard; he has

had quite a number of repair jobs in of late. E. J. Thompson, of Letchworth, is in splendid health. Poultry and mats keep busy W. H. Collins, of Bygrave, Baldock.

The little social club for St. Dunstaners which has been started in Cheltenham is proving a great success. Those who remember J. Fay will find him a frequent attendant at these gatherings.

Doing fairly well is the report from various men—amongst them A. T. Toomey, of Westbourne Park, A. J. F. Jolly, of West Ham, G. Newman, of Poplar, and E. Greenwood, of Enfield Chase.

D. Marshall, of Market Drayton, is cheery, hard-working, and as independent in spirit as ever. A. Sutton finds that he can make a success of his poultry and do everything for the birds single-handed. F. James, of Hove, keeps busy and gets through his orders with excellent promptitude. In Oldham, J. Greaves has a charming little house and is keeping very well.

S. W. Wain has been keeping in much better health this winter and certainly contrives to make the best of life, come what may. A. Abram, of Stockport, is getting on well with trays. G. Davey is doing fairly well with mats, as is F. Champniss (Willesden) with baskets.

"O K," says W. C. Scott, of Manchester, referring to his family as well as himself—likewise to his work! H. Price, of Harrow Road, is keeping much better, friends will be glad to know.

Joinery is still occupying J. W. Spink, of Boxmoor, Hants; G. Fallowfield, who returned from Brighton in mid-March is busy with baskets again, as also is J. Billington, of Chelmsford, and R. Barber, of Plumstead Common.

"All's well" with A. Coulson, of Witherwick.

"St. Dunstan's Review" Derby Sweepstake

St. Dunstan's Sweepstake looks like being a big success. Already many hundreds of tickets have been applied for and issued, but it would be a convenience from the administrative point of view if our readers would make as early application as possible for the number they require. In response to many inquiries, it may be stated that there is no limit (within reason, of course!) to the number of tickets which can be taken by any St. Dunstaner.

The rules for the sweepstake are set out clearly below, and entrants must conform exactly with them. It must be understood that this competition is solely confined to St. Dunstan's men and their wives, and members of the executive and administrative staff. The draw will be made in the Lounge at St. Dunstan's Headquarters by two T.B. St. Dunstaners, under the supervision of responsible officials of the Headquarters staff, on the afternoon of Wednesday, 28th May.

RULES

1. The price of tickets is 2s. 6d. each.
2. The total amount subscribed will, with the exception of the actual cost of printing and postage involved, be distributed in the following manner:—
50 per cent. to the holder of the ticket which has drawn the winning horse.
20 per cent. to the holder of the ticket which has drawn the second horse.
10 per cent. to the holder of the ticket which has drawn the third horse.
The remaining 20 per cent. will be equally divided among all whose tickets have drawn a horse which actually starts in the race.
3. Applications for tickets can be made at once and will be received up to the first post on Monday, 26th May. All applications must be accompanied by a remittance to the value of the number of tickets required and must be addressed as follows:—
Derby Competition,
c/o "St. Dunstan's Review,"
Inner Circle, Regent's Park, London, N.W.1.
Tickets will be despatched in rotation and must be produced before payment of prize money is made.

After Fourteen Years

A curious happening is reported by F. J. W. Westaway, of Yeovil. About a week or so ago his face began to swell, and he decided that he had caught cold. The swollen side pained him a good deal, and the doctor decided on lancing it; in the early hours next morning Westaway awoke to find a piece of shrapnel in his mouth! This, he says, is one of the souvenirs he brought away from Ypres 14 years ago. We are very glad to hear that it has come away safely, and trust that the remaining swelling will go down speedily; the actual happening must have been very unpleasant. Despite this trouble, Westaway is keeping as busy and happy as usual, we hear.

For the Sixth Time

The second prize for potatoes, which was offered at the Lowestoft Rose Show, was carried off by J. E. Parnell, of Kessingland, near Lowestoft, for the sixth time in

succession. Heartiest congratulations to the grower.

A Four-Legged St. Dunstaner

Any racing St. Dunstaners should look out for the trotting pony belonging to Mrs. Bingham, who won the Metropolitan Handicap at Greenford Park recently. He came by his name owing to the fact that he was born on St. Dunstan's Day, for which reason his generous owner never forgets St. Dunstan's when the pony is first past the winning post.

After the Hull Meeting

Those who attended the meeting at Hull will be interested to hear that through it the attention of the Lord Mayor was attracted to St. Dunstan's and St. Dunstaners, with the result that he called on G. J. Webster at the office and asked him a number of questions as to St. Dunstan's and the training given there.



Sports Meeting

A VERY successful and interesting sports meeting was held at Headquarters on Tuesday, 8th April. There were not too many present at the commencement of the meeting, but numbers came in later until there was an excellent attendance. Captain Williams was in the chair, and it was exceedingly kind of Captain and Mrs. Fraser to come in and see us. Captain Fraser spoke a few words of encouragement and thanks to the sports staff and helpers, and gave his blessing to the meeting. The meeting very cordially expressed its deep appreciation to Captain Fraser and all he has done to assist us in our sports. The various departments of sport were dealt with as follows:—

(a) *Summer Sports*.—It was decided to adhere to the general programme which had been so successful in recent years, and also to accept the general handicap scheme and operations during last summer's sports. This should give any fresh members who would come and try out their skill every chance of doing well, as it is hoped that some who have not already appeared at the greatly enjoyed sports meetings in Regent's Park will put in an appearance. The time we start is 7 p.m., as near the time as possible, for much has to be got through. The outdoor sports will commence on 29th April, and we shall be delighted to see as many as possible.

(b) *Sports Day*.—Our sports day this year will be held on Saturday, 28th June, and it will be similar in programme to that of last year. The Shield Events will be cricket ball, weight, and jumps, and we have only to fix up a really fine day to have a thoroughly good time. Notice will be duly given in the REVIEW and the arrangements stated.

(c) *Rowing*.—The Regatta will be held at Putney on Wednesday, 16th July, commencing at 1.30 sharp. Again the usual well-tryed programme will be

attempted, and the Shield Events will be pair oars and doubles. Opportunities of practice are arranged and the sports sister will be glad to do anything in her power to fix up coxes. Programme and details will also be given later—in the meantime get on with the training.

(d) *Running*.—The Races in Manchester are due to take place on 24th May—S.S. have one-quarter and one-half mile, and T.B. three-quarters and one mile. Entries for these races are asked for and trial races will be run off to select the teams to represent London.

It was also decided to hold preliminary races round the Inner Circle and three-quarters and also a one-quarter mile race on Tuesday, 13th May. It was sportingly and unanimously resolved that *no prizes* should be awarded for these events. The sports section will be pleased to receive entries immediately.

(e) *Sports Concert*.—Our concert to thank the escorts who have helped us so magnificently during the past year will take place on Tuesday, 3rd June, at 8 p.m. We hope there will be a big attendance to show our appreciation.

(f) *Swimming*.—Instructor Jones reported that his classes during April will be on Wednesday and Friday, and from May onwards Tuesday and Thursday at 8 a.m. and on Friday evenings from 6 p.m. We do trust that many will back up these classes, and Mr. Jones is particularly anxious that non-swimmers should turn up and get lessons from a branch of sport that is of such splendid use.

We have received a challenge from the R.A.F. to send a team to Halton Camp on a date to be decided. A Gala would be duly arranged towards the end of the year.

The meeting took the opportunity to express to Miss Hodgson, an esteemed sports sister and friend, their sincere sympathy upon her recent great loss and the passing on of her father. J. E. W.

General Sports Day

We are all looking forward to the General Sports Day in Regent's Park which will be held on Saturday, 28th June, and the full programme of which will appear in next month's Review.

Fifteen-Mile Open Handicap Walk

THE above annual event was held on 15th March from Headquarters. The weather was far from ideal; some of our Midland competitors could not get through owing to snow, and Captain Williams wired from Lincolnshire to say that he was snowed up. All we got in London was rain and a very cold wind.

There was an entry of twenty-three—and an unusual entry these days in a fifteen mile event—a beginner in Captain Lowry. His Worship the Mayor of St. Marylebone, Councillor Joseph, accompanied by Captain Fraser, came along to start the race, and before doing so, had a few cheery remarks for the various competitors, and wished them all the best of luck. Both sections were started together, and Brown drew clear of the field, followed by Trott and Gover. In the T.B. Section, Kerr was leading (making the pace a real corker), followed by Birch, who was showing good style after a very long absence from racing. Then came Castle, Benning, Thompson, Holmes, Lenderyou, Boorman, Moeller, Rhodes and Captain Lowry. As the afternoon wore on, it became very cold, and great credit is due to the escorts for the way in which they fostered their charges. Walking splendidly, Brown won in 2-8-50 from Trott, with Gover third, followed by Quigley, Coupland and Roberts. Ashton had to retire owing to his ankle giving out. In the T.B. section, Benning took the lead from Birch at thirteen miles and won in 2-26-40, with Birch second, Thompson third, followed by Holmes and Lenderyou, with Capt. Lowry and Rhodes having a rare tussle for the last two miles. Castle and Moeller retired, and Horace Kerr, when he conked out, no doubt remembering his early pace, must have thought he was an express letter, for the last we saw of him was being conveyed

back towards Headquarters in a postal delivery van! Mrs. Fraser presented the prizes in the Lounge after the tea, which is always so ably dispensed by Miss Davis and her ever willing band of helpers. Captain Fraser expressed gratitude and thanks to all the officials and gave a special word to that splendid band of sportsmen, our escorts, and finally congratulated all the competitors, who, in return, expressed their appreciation of the very cordial interest displayed in all their sporting events by Captain and Mrs. Fraser, and finished by giving three hearty cheers. W. A. T.

HANDICAP PRIZES

T.B.	S.S.
1. A. Benning.	1. A. Brown.
2. H. Thompson.	2. W. Trott.
3. W. Birch.	3. B. Quigley.

PRIZES FOR FASTEST TIME

1. A. Benning.	1. A. Brown.
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A special prize of one guinea, which was offered by the *Bystander* to the "starred" competitor in the picture taken of the start was won by W. Castle.

Full results on next page.

Brighton Sports

The general sports for this term finished last Saturday, 5th April, and the points are as follows:—

POINTS			
J. Coupland ..	101	A. Belcher ..	34
J. Illingworth ..	92	H. Farling ..	33
R. McCluskey ..	88	F. Coates ..	29
M. Manning ..	84	S. Thompson ..	28
T. Dickinson ..	49	H. Wordsworth ..	22
L. Williams ..	43	F. Hunt ..	18
W. McCarthy }	40	R. Robinson ..	10
D. Driscoll }		H. Foxwell ..	8
F. A. Cole ..	35	H. Griffiths ..	5

9-Mile Walk

Our 9-mile sealed handicap walk which was run in conjunction with a 5-mile for novices, took place last Saturday, 5th April. The Mayor of Brighton, Councillor H. W. Aldrich, J.P., who was accompanied by the Mayoress, started the T.B. Section at 3 p.m. and Mr. Harry Preston started the S.S. Section a few minutes later. We were very delighted to have Capt. and Mrs. Fraser with us, although they had to

leave early, however, we hope to have them all the afternoon when we have another race.

The handicapping was wonderfully worked out by Mr. J. Tree, S.C.A.A.A., who, assisted by Mr. H. R. Dyer, S.C.A.A.A., also did the time keeping. The following are the prize winners, actual times being given in the case of the novices, and handicap times in the case of the others.

NINE MILES. T.B.			
		h.	m. s.
First	R. Wass	1	43 43
NINE MILES. S.S.			
First	F. Coates	1	34 52
Second	J. Coupland	1	35 25
NOVICES. T.B.			
First	L. Howell		52 22
NOVICES. S.S.			
First	G. W. Killingbeck	54	44
VETERANS' (FIVE MILES)			
First	R. McCluskey	51	37
Second	R. H. Wilson	51	39
Third	H. Tarling	51	43

F. Coates won the prize for the fastest time in his section, and J. Coupland a medal for the best style in the race. In the T.B. 9-mile Wass and Read put up a wonderful fight, keeping to within a few yards of each other most of the race. Read actually won by a few yards, but

on the handicap time the first prize went to Wass.

After tea the Mayoress kindly presented the prizes, these being as follows:—

Mrs. E. Strand, a cushion; Mrs. Bates, a suit case; Miss Thellusson, gold cuff links; Mr. Harry Preston, two cups; Mr. A. Palmer, a silver medal; Miss Hodgson, silver salad servers; Mr. Grana-dos, a biscuit barrel.

The Mayoress presented the escort who brought in the winner in each section with a packet of cigarettes and the sports Sister with a purse.

Manchester Sports Day

The Manchester Sports Day will be held on 24th May at 2 p.m. on the M.A.C. Ground, Fallowfield.

St. Dunstan's Sports Club

The St. Dunstan's Sports Camp will be held at Little Gaddesden House on Monday, 21st to 28th July. St. Dunstaners are asked to send in their names and addresses to Miss B. Talbot, Little Gaddesden House, Berkhamstead, by 1st May. Unless twenty St. Dunstaners send in their names by that date, the Camp will not be held.

15-MILE OUTER CIRCLE WALK 15TH MARCH 1930 T.B.

Name	Escort	Scratch Race	Actual Time	Start	Hand. Time	Position in hand
			h. m. s.	h. m. s.	h. m. s.	
A. Benning	Mr. Boyce	1	2 26 40	Scratch	2 26 40	1
W. Birch	A. G. Jarvis and Clarke	2	2 28 50	Scratch	2 28 50	3
H. Thompson	Webster Smith and Hall	3	2 34 16	6 15	2 28 1	2
P. Holmes	Nichol	4	2 38 3	8 30	2 29 33	4
H. Boorman	Rivers and B. Martin	5	2 39 9	8 30	2 30 39	5
F. Lenderyou	Matthews and Johnson	6	2 40 48	10 0	2 30 48	6
Capt. G. Lowry	Chapman and A. E. Jarvis	7	2 54 0	12 0	2 42 0	8
F. Rhodes	Belchamber	8	2 54 32	23 0	2 31 32	7
H. Kerr	Dodkins					
W. Castle	Chalk					
J. Moeller						
S.S.						
A. Brown	Mr. Webb	1	2 8 50	Scratch	2 8 50	1
W. Trott	Hake	2	2 19 45	5 0	2 14 45	2
H. Gover	Harris	3	2 23 27	6 30	2 16 57	5
B. Quigley	Cox and Weaver	4	2 36 40	20 0	2 16 40	3
J. Coupland	Marlow	5	2 38 41	22 0	2 16 41	4
W. Roberts	Leary and Fielder	6	2 44 20	26 0	2 15 0	6
P. Ashton	Eborall					

"In Memory"

PRIVATE S. AITKEN
(7th South Lancers)

WE deeply regret to have to announce the death of this St. Dunstaner. Aitken came to Headquarters in 1925 and he was trained as a mat maker, but had to give up this trade last year owing to his poor health. At the beginning of this year, his health became worse, and he died on the 7th March.

Before the war, Aitken was a prominent player in the Ayr Football Club and also in the Middlesbrough Football Club, and was very well known in his district. At the Scottish League football match at Somerset Park, Ayr (between Ayr United and Airdrieonians) on the Saturday following Aitken's death, the flag was flown at half mast and the Ayr players wore black bands as a token of respect to him.

The funeral took place at Ayr Cemetery on the 11th March, and a simple service was conducted at Aitken's home, and also at the graveside by the Rev. John Murdoch. The cortege was joined by a contingent of the British Legion. Among the relatives and friends who attended the funeral were several of Aitken's old football chums. Numerous wreaths were received, including one from the British Legion, one from Ye Old Ayr Club, and another in the form of our badge from Captain Fraser and his many comrades at St. Dunstan's.

We extend our sympathy to Aitken's wife and two children.

COMPANY SERGEANT-MAJOR R. COLVILLE
(Army Service Corps)

It is with deep regret that we record the passing of Sergeant-Major Colville. This St. Dunstaner was in the Regular Army when the war broke out and went to France with the Expeditionary Force. In December 1914 he was wounded; as a result his sight became affected and he gradually went blind.

He came to St. Dunstan's in 1919 for two years, and was trained as a mat-maker. He took a keen interest in this occupation and set up a nice little business in Swinton, where he lived all his life and was very well known. In 1923, however, Colville was compelled to give up work on account of his poor health. Lately he became worse, and he passed away on the 3rd March last.

The funeral took place on the 6th March, and a short service was held in the Parish Church. In accordance with Colville's last wish the coffin was draped with the Union Jack. Among the numerous wreaths received was one in the form of our badge from Captain Fraser and his comrades at St. Dunstan's.

Colville leaves a wife and one son to mourn him.

SAPPER T. E. MARDON
(Royal Engineers)

We regret to announce the death of T. E. Mardon on the 23rd February last. He was trained at St. Dunstan's as a mat-maker in 1918, but was unable to make much headway at this trade on account of his ill-health. He was obliged to give up work entirely about two years ago, and afterwards his health gradually became worse. In January of this year, Mardon was admitted to the New Torbay Hospital and then transferred to Whitecliff Sanatorium. He returned to his home in February and died within a few days.

A few relatives and friends attended the funeral on the 27th February at Torquay Cemetery, and there were several beautiful wreaths received, including one in the form of our badge from Captain Fraser and other comrades at St. Dunstan's.

We extend our sympathy to his wife and two small daughters. A sad feature of the case is that the younger child was born to Mrs. Mardon about two weeks after her husband's death.

Deaths

We offer sympathy to the following St. Dunstaners who have suffered loss during the last few weeks:—

BARNARD.—To Mr. and Mrs. H. Barnard, of Dalston, who have just lost their baby from an attack of jaundice.

COLE.—To Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Cole, of Southampton, whose baby daughter, Violet, died on the 5th of March.

COX.—To W. G. Cox, of Woodstock, who lost his mother on the 21st of March.

DAVIDSON.—To J. Davidson, of Kilrea, Ireland, whose mother died on the 1st March.

DELLER.—To E. Deller, of Luton, who lost his niece, Grace, under tragic circumstances. She was one of the group of girls who were killed in the Luton hat factory when it was destroyed by fire.

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Dog Guides

THE Council of St. Dunstan's has decided not to proceed with the formation of a training school for Dog Guides for blinded soldiers at present. The Council was much impressed by Captain Fraser's evidence as to the value of these dogs as guides and companions to Continental blinded soldiers. There appears to be no doubt that they do their job well and are appreciated by their owners. On the other hand it would be difficult for St. Dunstan's to engage in a scheme of this sort without going in for it properly and being prepared to provide or help to provide dogs possibly in very large numbers should the idea catch on. This would involve very heavy expenditure, the establishment of a number of training places, and additions to the staff. It is felt that such developments should not be undertaken unless all or at any rate the majority of the arguments that could be brought forward or thought of were found to be in favour. In fact they are not, and there is a legitimate division of opinion upon many matters connected with the scheme.

Some of these divisions are reflected in the letters which we summarise below. Others include consideration of the question of St. Dunstan's responsibility should a blinded soldier meet with an accident when being guided by a dog, and of the responsibility either of St. Dunstan's or of the owner if the dog was to cause damage to the blind man's family or to others. There is also the question whether the use of dogs for work of this nature would raise criticism in England, which is a country where for a very long time there has been a tradition, and even in some connections there are laws forbidding the use of the dog for work in a harness. The sporting dog and the shepherd dog, of course, run free.

While some may lay more emphasis on the advantages of the dogs and others on the disadvantages and responsibilities which would be connected with their use, all are agreed that where there is so much room for argument and controversy, it would be undesirable for St. Dunstan's

to take the matter up, more particularly when in spite of a long article on the subject written by Captain Fraser in the *ST. DUNSTAN'S REVIEW* there has been but a relatively small response from the men.

The letters which have been received from St. Dunstaners about the dog-guide, however, show that the writers have given much thought to the subject since the appearance of Captain Fraser's article, and in some cases apparently the idea has been in the minds of correspondents for years past. It is impossible in the space at our disposal to quote these letters fully, and the most we can do is to summarise the points made for and against the proposal.

That the dogs would become real friends and companions to their owners seems to make strong appeal to many of our correspondents. "I would gladly welcome the advent of the dog guide as a means of dispensing with the human," writes one, while another says: "I think that every man who once had a dog guide would never be without one again. I trained a retriever about eight years ago and I would trust her anywhere with me." Another St. Dunstaner says he considers they would be not only wonderful as guides but provide a splendid hobby for the men in looking after their welfare. An officer St. Dunstaner writes: "I think it would be an excellent idea to have a reliable dog as guide and companion on one's journeys abroad and I, for one, would greatly appreciate a dog of this kind. The idea may, at the outset, be distasteful to some St. Dunstaners who remember in pre-war days the tattered and blind mendicant being dragged along by a hungry looking mongrel dog, but surely, on reflection, he can see no similarity between that and the idea of a well-groomed and alert St. Dunstaner going off for a walk with his equally well-groomed and alert Alsatian. I am sure there must be many of our men who, like myself, live on the outskirts of a provincial town, who would revel in long country rambles, but find their scope for such things limited owing to the household

duties and other ties which, perforce, keep their wives at home." Consideration for the wife is also expressed in another letter from a Worthing St. Dunstaner who says: "With a dog as guide, one would never feel alone, as a lover of dogs always makes a pal of his dog. It is, of course, a great thing to be independent and no one likes better than myself to be able to get about on one's own, but I am afraid we are often a source of trouble to pedestrians, and also to our wives who, I am sure, often wonder how and when we are coming home again." Even a contributor to the discussion who advances many reasons (which will be quoted later) against the use of the dog as a guide, ends up: "I would dearly like one of these noble, friendly creatures, but I want him as a dog and not as a guide," while another of those "against," says he has a great love for his dogs but as house guards and as friends and playmates only.

While we have quoted these views of the subject, it will be clear that they are not really germane, for it is the practical and utilitarian aspect of the question which must come first. As to this, opinions seem somewhat sharply divided. D.W., while admitting that on country roads the dog guide might be useful, thinks it difficult to see how its sagacity could be made available in the crowded streets of big towns. He says also that as most men's travelling is to and from work, they would be faced with the problem of disposing of the animal during working hours. G.F. is in agreement with D.W. as to a dog guide's ineffectiveness in heavy traffic. "Could a dog take us on a strange journey?" he asks. "We can usually get round well enough alone on ground we know." He queries also what would happen if the dog had a fight!

More than one correspondent expresses doubts as to their children's safety from attack by these dogs which are trained to be petted and handled only by their masters.

Other disadvantages voiced include the possibility of the Government ceasing the present attendant allowance if dog guides were started, and the cost of feeding the dog.

When we come to the psychological reaction to the idea of being led by a dog, of the many contributors to this discussion we find a strong majority conform to the view expressed by Captain Fraser that there is no occasion to be hyper-sensitive on this point.

G.S. says: "The fact of the dog being trained to walk at one's side is, to me at least, a great appeal, as it does not advertise the fact that one is blind, but merely suggests a man taking a dog for a stroll."

W.T. says that very few people know how to escort a blinded man safely and without discomfort to both, and is convinced that very few blind men get any real care-free pleasure when walking alone. He thinks the free and easy progress a dog guide makes possible would attract far less attention.

"My great difficulty," says T.A.C., "is getting enough exercise—my family are not walkers and don't like my going alone. I should not be in the least bit sensitive about being led by a dog."

J.D., writes: "The feelings of some of my comrades may be a little antagonistic to such an experiment, but while the proverbial independence of the men of St. Dunstan's is widely known and understood I believe that sentiment should be disregarded."

H.D.G. says "I see no reason why the use of a dog as a guide should make one conspicuous, in fact, I think rather the contrary, for with such a guide, one can move about with greater confidence, and look therefore the more normal."

On the other hand, D.W. thinks the shifting of escort duty from a person to a dog is "merely dependence transferred"—and that the lead harness would be unpleasantly conspicuous.

Somewhat the same views are expressed by a Leytonstone correspondent, who also refers to the fact that Sir Arthur Pearson, after going into the question of dog guides, decided against them.

FOR SALE.—Brinsmead, Upright Grand Piano, ebony, with maker's patent sustaining pedal; a beautiful piece of furniture and a bargain for 35 guineas.—H. Jacklin, "Arcadia," Ladies' Mile Road, Patcham, Brighton.

Our Fifteenth Anniversary Dance

THERE is one event in St. Dunstan's calendar which always can be relied upon to retain its high popularity amongst our men—and their womenfolk too, be it added—that is the anniversary dance, and the fifteenth celebration of this was held again at the St. Marylebone Hall on Tuesday, 25th March. There was a large attendance and from the very first things went with a real swing. As in past years, we had many old friends amongst us, and in the intervals of dancing, the animated conversation and laughter showed that there was much to discuss since the last gathering. At about 9 o'clock, Captain and Mrs. Fraser arrived, and a few minutes later—Sir Neville and Lady Pearson (Miss Gladys Cooper). During the interval Captain Fraser gave a short address. He said how delighted we all were to welcome the many old friends and comrades, and especially to see again at our anniversary dance Sir Neville and Lady Pearson. He referred to the fact that it was Lady Pearson's first public appearance since the arrival of her little daughter, "Sally," who, he heard on the best authority—(laughter)—was a fine bouncing baby. (Applause.) Proceeding, Captain Fraser said that while he did not regard these gatherings as the occasion for any lengthy references to the business side of their great organisation, he yet felt that as the dance provided his only opportunity of meeting many of those present to-night, he would like to say just a few words on the very important subject of pensions. (Applause.) Most of them would be aware that a deputation from St. Dunstan's had put before the Pensions Ministry representations as to the discrepancies which exist between the pensions paid British blinded soldiers and those in some of the Dominions overseas. British pensions were markedly inferior to those in the Dominions, even allowing for different economic standards. The Ministry had refused on the ground that they could not consider the blinded apart from all disabled soldiers. St. Dunstan's would prefer to deal with the Minister by themselves on

behalf of their own men, but if he compelled it, they would associate themselves with all other severely disabled soldiers. Wives' allowances were not paid in Britain if the man married after he was wounded. They were paid to all wives of disabled soldiers in the Dominions. This injustice must be remedied. (Applause.)

As to the general state of affairs in their big brotherhood, he was glad to be able to tell them that St. Dunstan's organisation was in as healthy and flourishing a position as ever, and this was very largely due to the splendidly loyal support the executive and staff had received from St. Dunstaners everywhere, and for which he took that opportunity of expressing his sincere thanks.

Concluding, Captain Fraser paid tribute to the excellence of the arrangements made by Matron and her helpers for the evening's enjoyment, to the Band for the splendid programme of music they provided, and to the many other helpers who had done so much to ensure a successful gathering. (Applause.)

Sir Neville Pearson, in a brief but humorous speech, expressed the great pleasure it gave Lady Pearson and himself to be present that night.

After an interval, during which some interesting photographs were taken, dancing was resumed and went on until the imminence of the departure of "last trains" made a break-up necessary.

Braille Room Notes

We heartily congratulate J. Deegan, H. S. Clarke, A. E. Strand, F. L. Hunt and T. Illingworth on passing the Braille Reading Test, and B. Quigley and A. Belcher on passing the Braille Writing Test.

Typewriting

Very many congratulations to F. C. Coates, H. Griffiths, F. Wareham and T. Coupland on passing the Typewriting Test.

On the 4th February, Mr. and Mrs. J. Nolan, of Clubhouse Farm, Hinstock, Market Drayton, celebrated their silver wedding day. Good wishes and congratulations to them go from all St. Dunstaners.

Broadcasting the Cup Final

THERE will be many of our readers who were very concerned as to the outcome of the controversy between the Council of the Football Association and the B.B.C. with regard to the question of the broadcasting of a running commentary on the Cup Final. They, as well as the immense numbers of the general public who have an opportunity of seeing the Final played, will have nothing but admiration for the successful efforts which have been put forward to find a solution of this difficulty. Many of our readers will know, and all will be interested and grateful to learn, that our chairman, Captain Fraser, has played no small part in getting the ban lifted. In the course of a letter to the Editor of the *Times*, Captain Fraser said: "In the last two or three years I have had scores of letters from blinded soldier listeners telling me of the pleasure they derive from broadcasts of Rugby football, and asking why they cannot have some of the big Association matches broadcast, because this is the game they know best and follow most keenly. I am sure I can say that listeners generally, and blind listeners in particular, will pass a sincere vote of thanks to the Council of the Football Association if they will weigh this consideration in the balance again, and when they see the beam drop down on the broadcasting side, will show themselves big-minded enough to remove the ban."

Captain Fraser's appeal was supported by Lord Knutsford on behalf of thousands of hospital patients in all parts of the country, by the Matron of the Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital, and by the Medical Officer of the Poplar Institution.

As stated, the result is that an arrangement has been come to between the B.B.C. and the Football Association to broadcast a commentary on the Cup Final.

Note.—The Editor will award a prize of half-a-guinea for the best criticism given of the commentary, expressed in not more than one hundred words. Such criticisms need not necessarily be adverse to the commentary but should express the view of the writer as to the mental picture given him of the incidents of play, and the match generally. Entries must reach the Editor of the "Review" at Headquarters not later than the 5th May.

Proposed Battlefields Tour

Dear Sir,

I have been asked by the under-signed to bring the following proposal to the notice of all St. Dunstaners. The proposal is that a party of men should visit the Battlefields during August Bank Holiday week-end.

This can only take place if a sufficient number are willing to join, as, unless the party consists of 25 at least, the hotel and transport expenses will be too heavy. It is hoped that the cost per man will not exceed £5 5s.

I have had a word with Captain Fraser, and am glad to say that he has offered on behalf of St. Dunstan's to provide orderlies as escorts. Those desiring to join the party should write to Mr. Swain at Headquarters.

In conclusion may I say that I think I am voicing general opinion in hoping that Captain Fraser will himself be able to head the party.

(Sgd.) R. YOUNG

W. J. SCOTT	A. H. CRAIGIE
T. G. RODEN	A. CALDWELL
E. TOFT	H. COOK
D. IRONSIDE	S. J. SPEDDING
F. G. BRAITHWAITE	W. LOWINGS
H. VICKERS	W. NICHOLS
F. WINTER	W. STUART
N. DOWNS	

The Basket Shop of E. T. Humphries, of Swindon, is one to be proud of. He has evidently studied the requirements of his town and surrounding country, making strong baskets for use in the shop and farm, as well as producing suitable household baskets of every description. As a good business man, he realises that certain other types of baskets, which he does not make, will be bought by his customers, and so he has got together a useful selection of all kinds of baskets. He would be the first to acknowledge the valuable assistance his wife has given him in the sales part of his business. Judging from his keen interest, we anticipate that he will develop even further than he has done, and we should like to say that we look upon Humphries as just the type of basket-maker we would wish St. Dunstan's men to become.

After-Care Meetings

Bedford

ON Thursday, 13th March, one of the cheeriest meetings yet held took place at the Dujons Cafe, Bedford, over 100 sitting down to tea.

Mr. Swain, in his speech, welcomed the men for Captain Fraser, and expressed regret that he was unable to be present that day.

A vote of thanks was ably proposed by E. J. Thompson and seconded by D. T. Edwards. Edwards brought his excellent jazz band along and the playing was greatly appreciated, and a large number joined in the dancing.

Miss Hipwell and Miss Cameron came in during the afternoon and we also had an unexpected visit from Hall, who found many old friends whom he used to take out when he was chauffeur at Headquarters.

The prizes for the stop watch competition went to W. H. Collins and G. H. Wootley, and the ladies were Mrs. Cheshire and Mrs. McCairn. E. A. S.

Hull

Fine weather was an asset to the Hull Re-union which was held on Wednesday, 5th March, when about a hundred sat down to lunch and several more came along towards tea-time, making a larger attendance than in any previous year.

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Hull, Captain and Mrs. Fraser, and Mrs. K. S. Evers—an old friend—were given a true Yorkshire welcome. Both the Lord Mayor and Captain Fraser made delightful and interesting speeches to which P. Sparkes responded, seconded by Mr. W. A. Robinson.

In the course of a very interesting address, Captain Fraser said: "Last autumn they (St. Dunstan's Council) had been in deputation to see the Minister of Pensions to call attention to the fact that the pensions of British blinded soldiers, and the regulations under which they were paid, were less advantageous than those in force in any of the Dominions. The great discrepancies that existed to the disadvantage of British blinded soldiers

had been forcibly brought home to St. Dunstan's at a conference that they had in London recently of representatives of St. Dunstan's work throughout the Empire. They claimed for British blinded soldiers something more nearly approaching an Empire standard than a European standard. He regretted to say that the Minister of Pensions had, in the first instance, turned down this claim on the ground that he could not consider the position of blinded soldiers without taking into account the position of all disabled soldiers. St. Dunstan's could not accept this, and he had made further representations. While they had every sympathy with other disabled soldiers, and would be willing to join, or if need be to organise, a movement representing all totally disabled soldiers to secure improvements in their pensions, they felt it was their duty in particular to put forward the case of the blinded soldiers whom they represented. The ten shillings per week attendant allowance was not enough, and he particularly regretted the position of the blind men, who married after their discharge from the army, who received no allowance for their wives. And it was essential that as many of these men as possible should be married. The Dominions paid such allowances for all wives. St. Dunstan's would not rest in their efforts to persuade the Government, and indeed all parties in the House of Commons, that they had a just claim. (Applause.)

Unexpected pleasures are often most appreciated, and few anticipated the honour of the company of the first Citizen and "Citizeness"—to quote the chairman—although certainly we had all looked forward to seeing Captain and Mrs. Fraser.

Another happy incident was the arrival of a battalion of musicians and artists to entertain us including Miss Phyllis Hutchinson, Messrs. Stubbs, Vaughan and Edwards, and Jack Barty Boys from the Tivoli Theatre. They did entertain us.

Prize-winners in the guessing competition were:—

- 1st.—Mrs. Coulson (handbag).
- 1st.—G. Lawty (cake knives).
- 2nd.—Mrs. Killinbeck (chocolates).
- 2nd.—J. Leeman (cigarettes).

E. E. R.

News from the Workshops

BOOTS

NEW men this term have made a distinctly good start. H. Wordsworth already has a good idea of what is wanted. F. Whitehouse is also taking his instruction seriously, and is anxious to learn. He is doing well with his marking and rivetting. J. Coupland has already made further advance; he has a good style and is turning out decent solid jobs. A. H. Wilson is careful and steadily progressing; he tries to make the most of each job. D. Driscoll is also careful, and has improved his standard. M. Manning takes a pride in each job. His work is solid and of good appearance, and he is very well forward, recently having considerable experience with fixing $\frac{1}{4}$ -rubbers.

BASKETS

H. Griffiths has made an extremely good start with centre-cane work. He grasped the plait border very quickly and has already done trays, teapot-stands, barrels, and wastepapers. It seems as if he will become a thoroughly nice neat worker. He forms a good companion to H. R. Palmer, who has been having experience with work-baskets and bag-baskets, as well as reviving some of his other work. He works very tightly. Two 10 in. bag-baskets were very nice indeed when finished, so that we can picture Griffiths and he having keen competitions as to quality of work.

Oval work has been occupying the time of E. A. Strand, and he has certainly got quite a useful grip of it. W. J. Markwick has been doing mostly square work, and has mastered the border quite well. He devotes himself thoroughly to the job, and will shortly get the advantage by being more at ease with the work. F. A. Cole has had quite a run on soiled linens, three-cornered and round. He tackled the job in quite the right way, but controlling the stakes for such a deep basket has proved a little too much for him. L. Williams did a little centre-cane work, and has since been chiefly on oval clothes baskets with quite satisfactory results. R. McCluskey is as keen as ever—he has been doing a variety of work, changing from one type to another

quite successfully. A luncheon basket, 20 ins. by 12 ins., was distinctly good in all respects. J. Murray at his own request has terminated his course, and will be starting work at home at once. He has a record of working very nicely indeed, some of his baskets being exceptionally good. We feel confident that his painstaking efforts will assist him to proceed further with the trade. W. H. O.

Brighton Netting Notes

The following men are all very busy in the Netting Room:—

E. Butler, having passed his string-bag test, is now well on with his blue Turkan rug.

A. Belcher is getting on very well with his black cable rug.

H. Tarling has nearly completed his blue Turkan rug and has also passed his string-bag test.

J. Coupland has very nearly finished his second rug, and W. Phillips has completed both his rugs and is now on a green and white hammock.

S. Thompson has just completed a sample of boundary netting which is very well done.

F. Coates has nearly finished mounting his hammock which is also very well made.

D. Driscoll has just completed a sample of boundary netting, but through some misunderstanding between himself and the net it has seven corners instead of four!

J. Robinson is making steady progress with his fruit netting, and A. H. Wilson is getting well on towards the end of his course; he is now doing fruit netting.

E. Taggart is now back with us again and is getting on well with his boundary netting.

J. Darbinson and T. Millington have completed their course of rug-making.

Silver Wedding

A St. Dunstaner who celebrates his silver wedding this month is A. G. Wise, of Ryeburgh, near Fakenham. Mr. and Mrs. Wise were married at St. Andrew's, Fulham, on 9th April 1905, and we learn that they are having a small party of friends in honour of the anniversary.

The Punch Ball Challenge

Our readers may remember the letter from R. Boyter, of Cupar, which we printed some short time since, giving some excellent hints as regards the use of the punch ball, and incidentally concluding with a challenge to any St. Dunstaners to a ball-punching exhibition. We published under Brighton Notes last month a humorous commentary on this from another reader, and Boyter certainly "gets his own back" in the following reply. It will be noticed also that he has quite a pretty sense of rhyming.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

You are about to hear a running commentary of a bare fist prizefight between the Brighton Bruiser and Little Jack Horner.

When Jack Horner weighed in he tipped the scale, but the Brighton Bruiser would not even do that; he was too mean to tip the basin after he had washed his hands.

The fighters have now arrived; enter little Jack Horner; he hies himself to his corner, with his Xmas pie. Enter the Brighton Bruiser, with his ladies as seconds. The ladies are rubbing him over with grease; they are dusting his knuckles, his nails have to be cut, as no scratching is allowed in this fight. The gong sounds, up jumps the Bruiser, muttering to himself, "I am the bruiser, the Brighton Bruiser, of my weight and age, my class, I am a cruiser; I have knocked 'em out one by one—bantam weights, feather weights, paper weights, hundred weights, Xmas weights, and every other weight under the sun." He is advancing, waving his arms above his head; his massive chest is heaving sighs and fire is flashing from his eyes. Crash! What was that? It was the Brighton Bruiser's glass eye sparked; his ladies advance and sweep up the fragments. The Brighton Bruiser is still waving his arms wildly; the audience are swaying in the breeze; the Brighton Bruiser crouches and his elbows are nearly touching his knees. With a wild plunge he dives into Jack Horner's Xmas pie, and the juicy plums squirt into his eye. The referee has disqualified the Brighton Bruiser for delivering a fowl in the basement. When the Bruiser hears the verdict he is furious, and he is now about to retire with his eye still flashing fire.

Ladies and gentlemen, this concludes our running commentary on the fight between Little Jack Horner and the Brighton Bruiser.

(By Blind Commission, wheelright preserved.)

Little Joan, daughter of F. A. Rhodes, of Kensal Rise, likes her school so well that she "wishes Saturday was Friday again!"

Births

HUNT.—To the wife of D. Hunt, of High-bury, a son, on the 10th of March.

JARMAN.—On the 27th of February, a son (Bertram Alfred), to the wife of Thomas Jarman, of Felpham.

JOSE.—On the 3rd of March, to the wife of W. C. Jose, of Newry, Ireland, a daughter (Elizabeth Josephine).

LAWLOR.—On the 20th of February, to the wife of G. Lawlor, of Walsall, Staffs, a son (Arthur James).

MARDON.—On the 13th of March, to the wife of the late T. Mardon, of Torquay, a daughter.

MCCARTHY.—To the wife of W. F. McCarthy, of Nuneaton, a daughter (Eileen) on the 17th of February.

PORTER.—On the 29th of January, to the wife of H. F. Porter, of Southampton, a daughter.

SPIRES.—To the wife of G. Spires, of Malvern, a daughter, on the 8th of March.

WALL.—On the 23rd of February, to the wife of T. Wall, of Portsmouth, a son (Lancelot John).

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GROVES.—To A. F. Groves, of Kent, whose elder brother died on the 24th of February.

PARKINSON.—To T. Parkinson, of Bognor, whose sister passed away recently.

WALKER.—To Mrs. W. Walker, of Gilesgate, Durham, who lost her mother (after a long illness) on the 15th of March.

A Boy Hero

We learn from E. J. Squires, of Ashley, Nr. Ringwood, that his boy had an exciting adventure when on his way to school recently, in effecting the timely rescue of a schoolgirl from the river into which she had fallen. Squires says, "naturally the boy feels proud of himself," but we rather imagine that father is equally proud of such a brave and resourceful son.

Although only six years old, the little daughter belonging to J. Horridge, of Atherton, plays the piano and recites beautifully, we hear. She ought to be much in demand for entertainments.

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