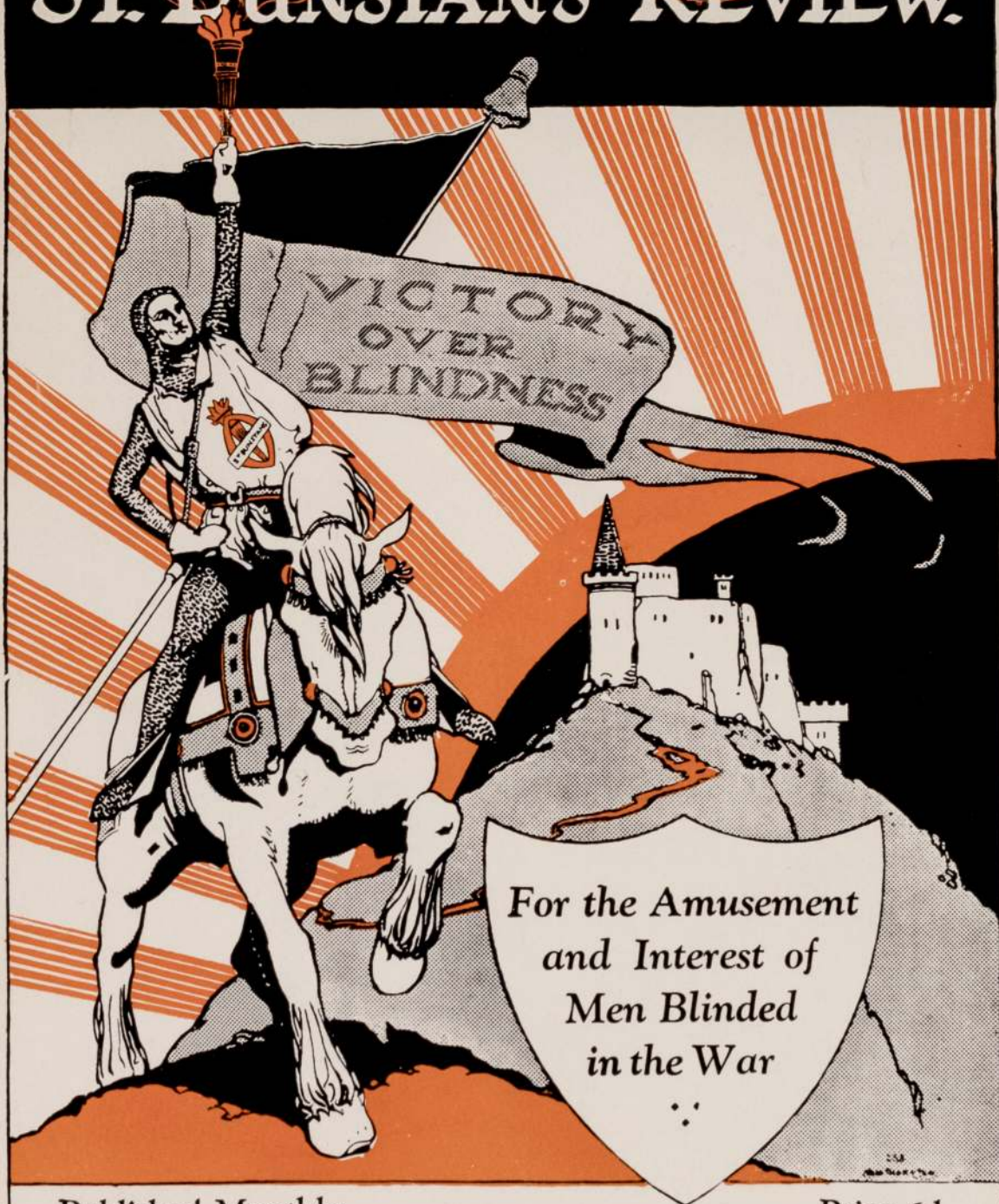


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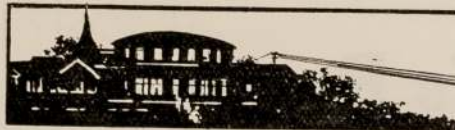
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## EDITORIAL NOTES

### Our Magazine

WE have recently received a letter from a St. Dunstaner who states rather indignantly that he and his wife visited the family of another St. Dunstaner not long since who expressed surprise that there was no Sports Meeting held in London in which children and wives could join. When our correspondent pointed out that this had been a feature of St. Dunstan's programme for its men's and their families' entertainment for years past, he was met by the answer, "How should we know? We have had no letter."

Now, it is not our province or desire to urge any St. Dunstaner to have read to him the pages of the REVIEW unless he feels they will interest him, but perhaps we may be permitted to point out that ST. DUNSTAN'S REVIEW is a magazine written and produced by St. Dunstan's for St. Dunstaners purely and simply. Its endeavour is to record all news and happenings definitely relative to our own brotherhood, and also to provide a forum for the free expression of views of all connected in any way with our great organisation. With all due modesty, we venture to think that between the pages of our cover, month by month, there is provided a good deal of news and information which, to judge by correspondence we receive with regard to it, is of very wide interest to the great body of St. Dunstaners. Now and again the limitations of our space compel the holding over of news items which have reached us, and within a very few posts after publication we are asked why this information did not appear in the last issue! Candidly, we are far from resenting such protests. They prove to us that, except in some isolated cases, every issue of the REVIEW is read with real interest, and that it is regarded by most of those who receive it every month as the necessary point of contact between the members of our Empire-wide brotherhood. We also believe that the information we are able to give throughout the year of the activities of our St. Dunstaners and of the work done at Headquarters on their behalf is sufficiently comprehensive to deserve reading by those to whom it is sent, but each and every St. Dunstaner is asked to remember that he can and should be part-editor of ST. DUNSTAN'S REVIEW—in other words, that when he wants to give news or information which will be welcomed by other St. Dunstaners, he has in our columns the opportunity to give it the widest possible circulation in exactly the quarters in which it will be most appreciated. We may perhaps in conclusion be forgiven for quoting the blunt words of the correspondent to whom we referred at the opening of these notes: "St. Dunstaners should make full use of our magazine and look for what they want and find it, before grunting that they have not got it!"



## NEWS OF ST. DUNSTANERS

WAR books and the Naval Conference have focused public attention on the subject of disarmament and as a result letters giving "Readers' Views" have been pouring into the papers. The *Express* and *Star* of Wolverhampton published one signed "A St. Dunstaner," and we think that many of our men will be interested in trying to guess the identity of the writer: ". . . I took part in the Great War," he writes, "and was totally blinded, but I shall always believe that to have peace we must be prepared, and should we have any more trouble the men would still be ready to defend their country."

When Lord Allenby visited Clubmoor recently to open the new Headquarters of the British Legion he found time to speak to W. Murphy, of Liverpool, and was interested to hear that he had taken training as a basket-maker.

Another who has been attracting notice in high quarters is E. J. Blundell, of Eton. He says that he has had several members of the Royal Family in his shop of late.

An interesting epistle has been received from E. Denny, of Pretoria, S. Africa, and we send him our congratulations upon the ambitions and activities of his family. Both his elder sons are doing well in banking, one having just passed the preliminary examination of the Bankers' Institute. The next two, aged 15 and 16 respectively, have finished their first year at the Pretoria Technical College and passed the preliminary trade course, while 12-year-old Terence is following in his brothers' footsteps inasmuch as he had just secured his remove from the fourth to the fifth standard. Denny has every reason to be proud of his boys. Wireless is as great a joy to St. Dunstaners of the Dominions as it is to the band at home. Denny is a late recruit and calls his set his "best friend."

He has listened to addresses by Mr. Ramsay Macdonald, and also to one delivered by the French Prime Minister. Sometimes his wireless travels take him as far afield as New York, via the Johannesburg station.

From 8 a.m. till 6 p.m. is a long day, but these are the hours that G. E. Gale, of Yeovil, has been working in his eagerness to get his ground into order. When he took over the lot it was in a very neglected state and he is bringing about miracles, we hear. May he reap abundant crops of all he sows.

Friends will be glad to know that T. Marrison, of Ponders End, is quite well again and busy with engagements. He has just put together a splendid wireless set with which he can almost tour the world.

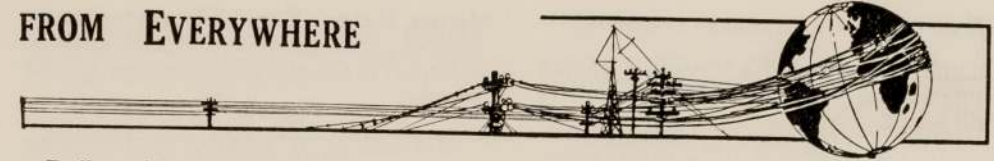
R. Boyter, of Cupar, is also looking much better and is working away industriously at his baskets.

In Smethwick, W. Shakespeare is very fit and as full of "vim" as in the old days when he was of the band who used to gather in the lounge.

A very good article on Toc H. has been written by W. Henshaw, of Finchley, on the request of a man well known in Toc H. circles. We hope that he will let us have at least part of this for publication in the REVIEW as we feel sure that it would find many readers.

Another Finchley man—J. Ridley—has been finding a good deal of interest in making a tray with a picture centre. His young daughter, by the way, is developing a talent for cookery to the great delight of her small brothers who revel in her delicious jam tarts!

## FROM EVERYWHERE



Daily walks are capital things for health as D. Gibson, of Rosyth, has been proving. He is looking much better everyone will be glad to know.

"All's well" with E. E. Kenward, of Uckfield. He is finding life much easier now that house and workshop are close together.

The clinic which was opened in Eastbourne by J. Crawford is developing fast and keeping Crawford very busy.

Fresh interests are having great effect on the health of F. Chorley, of Heavitree, Exeter. We are glad to believe that he is much happier since he became one of St. Dunstan's band of brothers.

C. A. Blackett, of Devonport, is making good progress with his work and taking a real delight in his new wireless set. Blackett's small son is as keen a listener-in as his father and was delighted as well as mystified when on his birthday he not only heard the usual birthday greetings in the Children's Hour but kind inquiries as to the state of a black eye which he had received the day before by running into a wall in his hasty return home from school!

So as to keep himself employed in the interval that is to elapse before he takes up poultry again, C. Brooks, of Brenchley, has hired a piece of ground and planted it with loganberry trees—an excellent idea and one which should prove profitable.

Another man determined not to grow idle is T. Parkinson, who, compelled to relinquish baskets for the time being, has been lending a hand in the redecoration of his house with most excellent results.

Congratulations to the little daughter of W. Judd, of Dunton Green, Kent, who has won a prize at a party for her costume as

a fairy. Also to the son of E. T. Milliss, of Sevenoaks; he has been awarded the certificate for swimming the length of the swimming bath.

A third young St. Dunstaner who is doing well is the second daughter of F. W. Bull, of Draycott, near Cheddar. She intends to qualify as a teacher some day and is doing so well at school that she ought to be able to fulfil her ambition.

J. Marshall, of Malin Bridge, Sheffield, is delighted with his new house which is already in most excellent order.

G. Strutt, another of our Sheffield group, is making a great success of his mat work and finds the craft of very real interest.

Work goes on all day and every day according to F. Crabtree, of Scarborough, but he looks very well in spite of long hours.

In Bridlington, G. Lawty is keeping fairly busy and pluckily cheerful as usual.

The removal to Cleethorpes, Lincs, is proving a great success according to A. Welton, who says he is thoroughly enjoying life. The new house is adapted for summer-guests and should anyone want a holiday in that locality they might write to Mrs. Welton.

As usual there is a batch of news from our Irish group. T. McCann has secured a very interesting order if a difficult one. He is altering the stock of mats held by a city garage to suit a new model of a motor car; R. Bell might almost be described as a wholesale vendor of baskets since he sold no less than a dozen in a day at Rathmines. Splendid! A. Herriot is branching out in a new way. He has made such a fine pair of steps that he received an order on sight and is now busily engaged on executing it. Incidentally he has

**News of St. Dunstaners—continued.**

submitted some sample trays to a leading store and has every hope that good orders will result.

J. Brockerton, of Coleraine, is another busy man. He has just finished off six large mats for the Limavady Technical School, while in odd moments he superintends the setting of some 16 stones of seed potatoes.

Mention must be made, too, of J. Lawlor, of Dublin, who is working at nets, and A. Gribben, who, very fit and well after his Brighton holiday, is getting his garden into apple-pie order.

A nice little bit of local trade has been coming the way of G. Matthews, of Petersfield, and much of it is the kind that should lead to "repeats." Some of the most interesting orders have been for large clothes-baskets.

Shortly we hope to have detailed news of Matthews which should be reported in another column, for we learn that his marriage is to take place before we go to press.

F. Bulley, of Crampmoor, has decided that for the present at all events it will be wise to devote himself entirely to his garden and music; he has chosen two interesting pursuits and, considering the vagaries of our climate, two that should dovetail in very well.

A. T. Brooks, of Bournemouth, is another who finds his garden a joy, and he is never happier than when in it with his children. In addition, he is the fortunate possessor of an orchard.

An honour has fallen to the share of W. Murray, of Hawick. He has just been elected a life member of the Hawick Callants' Club which is founded to keep alive the traditions of Hawick. We offer him our sincere congratulations.

In Leith, J. Mitchell is well and pros-

pering. He has a fine cheery young family, several of whom were chosen recently to take part in a cantata which proved a great success.

Mat-making is proving an increasing interest to S. J. Jordan, of Leominster, Herefordshire, we are glad to know, and the same might be said of P. White of the same locality, in regard to netting; he has been finishing off a large golf net and finding great pleasure in the craft.

Everyone will be sorry to hear of the accident that has befallen G. W. Francis, of Morley, nr. Leeds. He ran a piece of willow into his good eye and is now under the doctor. We hope to be able to report good progress next issue.

The new flat into which G. F. Taylor has moved in Harringay is almost unique in that it has a nice little garden reserved for the use of its occupants. It should prove a great pleasure to Mr. and Mrs. Taylor.

"Walk for health" is the slogan adopted by H. V. Thompson, of Finchley, hence his new surroundings are a delight to him and he is much better for his change.

"A splendid season so far" is the report from W. A. Foulkes, of Bletchley, in connection with his poultry. Between times of attendance on his birds he turns his hand to trays and has been selling quite a number lately.

P. Holmes, of Woburn, is another of our poultry men who send word of good progress.

Those who have had good luck will sympathise the more with J. R. Smith, of Eastbury, Newbury. He had a severe attack of malaria and while this put him out of action a cat got among his chickens and killed 140 before it could be captured. Then two other misfortunes befell him—a fox killed a turkey, a drake was drowned in a bath which was sunk in the ground and had been left with only a little water in it so that the drake having fallen in, could

not struggle out. We hope that something particularly satisfactory will happen soon to counteract these calamities.

Poultry and pigs keep C. Stock, of Newent, Glos., as busy as ever.

**Brief Notes**

S. C. Smith, of Derby, is working away both hard and contentedly; in Halstead, P. C. Spurgeon is doing fairly well with poultry; incubator work has been keeping him occupied of late.

Some local orders have been coming to F. R. Aubrey, of Bristol, mainly for well mats.

Whenever the sun shines L. M. White, of Bromley Common, Kent, sits at his netting out of doors which perhaps accounts for the fact that he is looking very well and is putting on weight—nothing like sunshine!

J. D. Higgins, of Clapham, is pegging away steadily at mats; G. W. Lamb, of Ilkley, is looking much better and the little daughter bids fair to be a great interest.

"All going well" is the news from G. Adams, of Doncaster. A. G. Herne, of Rayleigh, hopes to start work soon; A. Northcote is making fair progress with mats in Harlesden.

P. Sparkes, of Grimsby, is looking very well and building up a steady clientele; J. McAndrew, of Bournemouth, is better and taking great pride in his boys who are doing well at school.

J. Elder, of Leith, is well and cheerful; R. Cook, of Hitchin, is fairly busy with mats; F. Polly, of Brixton, consistently sees the bright side of life and occupies his time with excellent effect.

In Hackney, R. McMullen is making steady progress, while in Walthamstow both J. Kenny and C. H. Cook are doing fairly well with mats and joinery respectively, as is R. W. Baker, in Cambridge, with netting.

W. Priest, of Kennford, Devon, keeps magnificently cheerful and finds distinct pleasure in his craft of wool-rug making; J. L. Eason, of Liverpool, likes his job as much as ever. "O K," says W. A. Underwood, of Cheshire; A. Hamlett, also of Cheshire, reports himself as well and has a delightful, spotless little home which must be the envy of all beholders; V. Jones, yet another Cheshire man, and R. Higson, of Wigan, are others whose names must come upon the contented list.

T. A. Wilson, of Edgware Road, continues his tea-round; G. Price, of Clacton-on-Sea, is doing fairly well with his joinery; H. T. Mummery, of Saffron Walden, is working at mats.

A. Cooke, of Kingsthorpe, Northants, is getting on with his work and likes his new home. F. W. Spackman (Debden, nr. Saffron Walden), G. H. Barratt, of Old Kent Road, S.E., and A. G. Blyde, of the same district, are all keeping well.

The move just accomplished by A. Williams, of Llancayo, nr. Usk, Monmouthshire, promises to be very satisfactory. He is settled into a nice roomy cottage and the elder son has already got work nearby where he should have excellent training, while Williams himself is feeling much better.

Space is limited, so we must end with the news that H. Donlan, who was threatened with pleurisy after a nasty attack of rheumatism is making good progress. The Donlan baby, by the way, is a fine young specimen, grows remarkably fast and is a constant source of pride and pleasure to his father.

A handsome fruit basket was given by J. Papps, of Great Bardfield, for a whist drive and dance held in aid of the Saffron Walden Hospital, and realised the sum of £2 4s. 6d.

FURNISHED APARTMENTS to meet all requirements. Terms moderate.—Mrs. J. S. Bailey, Victor Villa, 9 Edith Road, Ramsgate, Kent.

## The Year's Big Walk

New T.B. Records set up in the Maidenhead 25-mile Contest

**A**FTER the keen attention which had been paid to training for the most important of our annual walks, both by participating in preceding shorter contests and in many cases by regular evening practice, it was disappointing to all when rain started to fall heavily some two hours before the start was due. But the old adage, "It's an ill wind that blows no good" was once more proved true. The greasy roads were responsible for the 'bus carrying the large proportion of competitors and escorts from London meeting with what might have been a serious mishap in the Bayswater Road on the way down, a private car crashing into the front of the 'bus. No casualties were suffered, except by the 'bus and the car, but the inevitable delay—policemen, note-books, questions, answers, &c.—resulted in the arrival of our party at Skindle's more than half an hour late. By the time changing had been effected, and the first section had lined up for the start at Oldfield Road, it was nearly three-quarters of an hour after the time scheduled for starting, and—the heavens had ceased their weeping!

His Worship the Mayor of Maidenhead, who was accompanied by Captain and Mrs. Fraser, got the first section off to a good start, the second section of semi-sighted following ten minutes later.

In the T.B. Section Benning just led from Birch at five miles, followed by Kerr, Boorman, Thompson, Lenderyou, Holmes, Craigie, Rhodes, Captain Lowry and Shakespeare.

The S.S. Section at this point were fairly well bunched up together, Billy Trott, Gover and Gilves were level; close behind came Brown, Ashton, Coates, Coupland, Roberts, and Mr. Chapple. Meanwhile, at ten miles the T.B. were going great guns, Benning just heading Birch, who was walking in his old style; next came Kerr (undoubtedly the most improved walker in the race), Lenderyou, Thompson, Holmes, Boorman, Craigie,

and Captain Lowry. At this point Brown and Trott were level, followed by Gover and Ashton, then Giles, Coates, Coupland and Roberts. Round about the fifteen mile post Benning has slight trouble with his leg, and Birch took the lead, followed by Kerr still walking splendidly, with Lenderyou close up. In the S.S. at this stage Archie Brown was leading, Trott had leg trouble, and Gover had gone up to second place; then came Ashton, Giles close up, followed by Coates, Coupland, and Roberts. At twenty miles Birch was going so strongly that he looked an assured winner. Benning's pluck was carrying him on with Kerr next, then Lenderyou, Holmes, Craigie, and Rhodes. At this stage Brown had increased his lead from Trott, Ashton, Gover and Coupland. Billy Birch finishing in great style won in 4-24-49. Benning second, 4-37-42. Kerr third, 4-38-52. Holmes fourth, 4-48-2.

The S.S. Section was won comfortably by Archie Brown in 4-10-30. Trott second, 4-23-33. Gover third 4-25-0.

May we offer congratulations to all the competitors over this very hard and trying course, and a special word of praise to Alec Craigie, who completed the course, this being the first walking race he has ever competed in; also to Jack Coupland, who finished, this being his first walking season.

Our Chairman and Mrs. Fraser walked for a short while—a very short while, for the pace set was a scorching one—with Horace Kerr, and frequently some of those whom our handicapper, Pat Donoghue, referred to later at tea as "those who did the walk in cars" performed a bit of leg-stretching on the route.

Once again the competitors, the escorts, and the officials foregathered at the hearty tea provided by the attentive and efficient management of Skindle's Hotel. In the absence of Captain Fraser, who had another engagement to keep, Mr. Kessell took the chair, having on his right and left, respec-

tively, His Worship the Mayor and the President of the Club, Councillor Ketley. So large was the gathering at tea that overflow tables had to be provided on the spacious veranda of the tea room.

After full justice had been done to the repast, Mr. Kessell in a brief speech expressed, on behalf of all who had taken part in the day's most enjoyable sporting contest, sincere and grateful appreciation of our hosts and the organisers of the walk, the President, officers and members of the Maidenhead Cycling and Athletic Club. Were it not, said Mr. Kessell, that their kindly hosts took such very evident pride and pleasure in arranging and providing for the walk each year, those of us at St. Dunstan's would, he was sure, feel that we were encroaching too much on their goodwill and hospitality. He could assure them, however, that this event was one of the most eagerly looked forward to of all in St. Dunstan's sporting calendar. Tribute was also paid by the chairman to the other officials who had given their services and who had contributed so much

to the efficiency and smooth running of the contest. Mr. Kessell concluded by saying how honoured they felt by the presence among them of the Mayor and Mayoress, who had both inspired them all by their presence throughout the day. Responding, His Worship said that the duties he and the Mayoress had performed had been a real delight to them. He admired intensely the grit and perseverance which had been shown by all the competitors, and he felt that every one of them deserved equal credit, whether they came in first or last. He could assure them, on behalf of the citizens of Maidenhead, that they were honoured and delighted to welcome them each year. (Cheers.) Councillor Ketley, on behalf of the Club, spoke in similar terms, and then the chairman called on Mr. Donoghue, the time-keeper and referee, to read the list of prize-winners, who all received hearty acclamation. Then came the presentation of prizes by the Mayoress, and ringing cheers, given for her, the Mayor, and our hosts, brought the proceedings to a close.

### RESULTS

T.B.	Name	Escort	h. m. s.
1.	W. Birch	Mr. Kempster and Rathbone	4 24 49
2.	A. Benning	.. Tyler and Boyce	4 37 42
3.	H. Keer	.. Dodkins and Bull	4 38 52
4.	P. Holmes	.. Adams and Phipps	4 48 2
5.	F. Lenderyou	.. Winner and Denny	4 50 5
6.	A. Craigie	.. Montgomery and Hope	5 6 30
7.	F. Rhodes	.. Nash, Weaver and Hampton	5 22 15
	Capt. G. Lowry	.. Hake and A. E. Jarvis	
	H. Boorman	.. Hill and Allen	
	H. Thompson	.. Webster Smith and Hall	
	W. Shakespeare	.. Sly	
S.S.			
1.	A. Brown	.. Toogood and McSweeney	4 10 30
2.	W. Trott	.. Crook and Booker	4 23 33
3.	H. Gover	.. Harris	4 25 0
4.	P. Ashton	.. Woodyard and Bellis	4 36 14
5.	J. Coupland	.. Morgan and Austin	4 55 12
	Mr. D. Chapple	.. Warby	
	F. Coates	.. Nichols and Rhodes	
	W. Giles	.. Leary	
	W. Roberts	.. Fielder and Fox	

### PRIZES

- T.B.
1. W. Birch (Striking Clock).
  2. A. Benning (Loud Speaker).
  3. H. Kerr (Cup).
  4. P. Holmes (Tea Stand presented by Mr. Sidney Parsons).
- S.S.
1. A. Brown (Striking Clock).

2. W. Trott (Loud Speaker).
  3. H. Gover (Cup).
- Medals presented to—
- A. Craigie, F. Lenderyou, F. Rhodes, P. Ashton, J. Coupland.
- Escorts—
- Messrs. Kempster, Rathbone, Tyler, Boyce, Dodkins, Bull, Adams, Phipps, Toogood, McSweeney, Crook, Booker, Harris.



### General Sports Day

The General Sports Day is being held in Regent's Park, on Saturday, 28th June, starting very punctually at 2.15 p.m.

Please may I have all entries as soon as possible and not a day later than 14th June. When sending your entries, will you kindly give names and ages of your children, and also the number of tea tickets required, as, owing to the necessity for making arrangements for food supplies in advance, only those with tickets can be admitted, and this rule must be strictly adhered to.

L. Woolrych.

#### PROGRAMME

- 1.—Children's Race. Girls and boys under 5 years. Distance 35 yards. Handicap 5 yards for each year.
- 2.—Girls' and Boys' Handicap Race between 5 and 7 years. Distance 40 yards. Handicap 5 yards for each year.
- 3.—Girls' Handicap Race between 7 and 14 years. Distance 60 yards. Handicap 2 yards for each year.
- 4.—Boys' Handicap Race between 7 and 14 years. Distance 60 yards. Handicap 2 yards for each year.
- 5.—Wives' Race
- 6.—Surprise Race. One lady and one gentleman.
- 7.—Open Sprint of 75 yards for St. Dunstaners.
- 8.—Shield Events.
- 9.—Open Events—
  - (a) Single Jump T.B.
  - (b) Treble Jump S.S.
  - (c) Throwing Cricket Ball T.B. and S.S.
  - (d) Putting the Weight T.B. and S.S.

The Sports Office reserve the right to alter any of the above programme, should it be found necessary.

### Regatta

Our Regatta is being held on Wed-

nesday, 16th July, at Putney, starting at 1.30 p.m. sharp.

We shall adhere to last year's rules, that men may enter for two events only, excluding of course, the Shield Events, and there must be sufficient entries to warrant a race.

All entries must reach me not later than 30th June, as none can be received after that day.

- 1.—Single Sculls, Trainees.
2. " " Old Boys (T.B.).
3. " " " (S.S.)
4. " " Veterans over 45.
- 5.—Double Sculls Open (at least one T.B. in a boat).
- 6.—Pair Oars (at least one T.B. in a boat).
- 7.—Pair Oars, One Armed.
- 8.—Open Fours (at least 2 T.B.'s in a boat).
- 9.—Shield Event, Pair Oar.
10. " " Double Sculls.

L. W.

### Birmingham 14-mile Walk

The competitors put up a very remarkable show. A. Brown made a new record for the course beating his former record by just over three minutes, W. Trott also beat Brown's previous record by one minute. W. Birch up till now has held the T.B. record for the course since 1925, when he did it in 2h. 16m. 46s. Benning just beat this record by 14 seconds. The following men all beat their own previous records for the course: Castle, Giles, Ashton, Gover, Thompson, Cashmore, Lenderyou, Read, Scott, Whitten and Shakespeare.

The route followed this year was exactly the same as that of 1927 Walk; in 1928 the road was up which caused the walkers to go round a slightly longer course. So many men having improved on their previous time, a good many people will have been disappointed when they first heard the handicap, but after studying the results on the opposite page, everyone

will, I think, congratulate Mr. Cooling, the hon. handicapper, on having made a very good job of an extremely difficult handicap. Men who never walk against each other in any other race meet in Birmingham, and the handicap includes T.B. and S.S.

Mr. and Mrs. Murphy made everyone welcome as ever at the Farcroft Hotel. They provided a splendid tea of which 124 people partook—all competitors and their wives being their guests. Mr. Murphy also gave a dance and concert on the evening of the Walk, and these two efforts alone

brought in £16 16s. The Club has made just over £30 as a result of the Walk.

Lord and Lady Ilkeston most kindly presided at the tea. Lord Ilkeston's able chairmanship and well expressed thanks to all who had helped were greatly appreciated, while Lady Ilkeston found all sorts of nice things to say to the competitors as she handed them their prizes. It is always regrettable that the visiting teams have to leave after tea before all the fun starts at the concert and dance, but I am told by those who were able to stay that everyone had a very happy time. A.O.H.

#### RESULTS AND TIMES

Finish	Name	Team	Actual Time	Start	Handicap Time	Handicap Position
			h. m. s.	m.	h. m. s.	
*1	Brown .. ..	London .. ..	2 2 45	Scr.	2 2 45	16
*2	Trott .. ..	Birmingham .. ..	2 4 25	3	2 1 25	12
*3	Gover .. ..	London .. ..	2 11 24	15	1 56 24	5
4	Ashton .. ..	London .. ..	2 11 44	15	1 56 44	6
*5	Benning .. ..	Birmingham .. ..	2 16 32	19	1 57 32	7
*6	Castle .. ..	Birmingham .. ..	2 17 7	17	2 0 7	9
*7	Giles .. ..	Birmingham .. ..	2 17 16	16	2 1 16	10
*8	Coates .. ..	Brighton .. ..	2 19 10	25	1 54 10	4
9	Holmes .. ..	Birmingham .. ..	2 21 25	20	2 1 25	12
*10	Birch .. ..	London .. ..	2 21 44	18	2 3 44	17
*11	Coupland .. ..	Brighton .. ..	2 24 2	30	1 54 2	2
*12	Boorman .. ..	London .. ..	2 25 52	22	2 3 52	18
13	Thompson .. ..	London .. ..	2 26 12	21	2 5 12	21
*14	Malloy .. ..	Manchester .. ..	2 27 36	25	2 2 36	15
*15	Quigley .. ..	Manchester .. ..	2 28 20	24	2 4 20	19
16	Cashmore .. ..	Birmingham .. ..	2 29 7	35	1 54 7	3
*17	Lenderyou .. ..	Brighton .. ..	2 29 11	40	1 49 11	1
*18	Read .. ..	Brighton .. ..	2 33 22	32	2 1 22	11
*19	Scott .. ..	Manchester .. ..	2 35 41	37	1 58 41	8
*20	Birley .. ..	Manchester .. ..	2 46 15	40	2 6 15	22
21	Millward .. ..	Birmingham .. ..	2 49 49	40	2 9 49	23
22	Shakespeare .. ..	Birmingham .. ..	2 51 35	47	2 4 35	20
23	Whitten .. ..	Birmingham .. ..	2 52 3	50	2 2 3	14

\*Denotes men who scored for their teams.

TEAMS	Points
I.—BIRMINGHAM: Trott 2, Benning 5, Castle 6, Giles 7, .. ..	20
.. II.—LONDON: Brown 1, Gover 3, Birch 10, Boorman 12 .. ..	26
.. III.—BRIGHTON: Coates 8, Coupland 11, Lenderyou 17, Read 18 .. ..	54
.. IV.—MANCHESTER: Malloy 14, Quigley 15, Scott 19, Birley 20 .. ..	68
T.B. WINNERS: 1st, Benning; 2nd, Castle; 3rd, Holmes. } Scratch Race	
S.S. WINNERS: 1st, Brown; 2nd, Trott; 3rd, Gover. }	
HANDICAP WINNERS: 1st, Lenderyou; 2nd, Coupland; 3rd, Cashmore.	
NOVICES: T.B. 1st, Malloy; S.S. 1st, Coates.	

### Holiday Camps

It has been definitely decided to hold the Camp at Little Gaddesden from 21st to 28th July by special request of the campers who have attended previous

camp. If there are men who would like to come but who have not yet sent in their names there is still room for a few more, but applications must be sent as soon as possible. If the Walk takes place

to Halton Camp it has been decided that this event will be open only to men spending the week in camp. Camp fee for the week, £1 7s. 6d. B. Talbot, Little Gaddesden House, Berkhamstead, Herts.

**Holiday Sports Camp**, Clifford Chambers, Stratford-on-Avon. Date, 23rd June to 1st July. Fee for week, £1 7s. 6d. Dancing, Rowing, Sports and all the usual features. Regatta on the Avon, Monday, 30th June. A party will travel by excursion to London for the Sports on Saturday, 28th. Please send in names as soon as possible to me; I cannot accept entries after 7th June.—A. O. Hodgson, Clopton, Stratford-on-Avon.

### Easter at Brighton

The report of the newspapers this Eastertide was that weather conditions made England a disgruntled country. This term could not be applied to our Annexe, for the men who came to spend Easter with us allowed nothing to damp their holiday spirits. When the weather did not permit of outdoor recreation, there was plenty of solo, bridge and dominoes, and it also gave many old St. Dunstaners, who had not met for some time, a chance of doing a little in the way of reminiscencing. The entertainments commenced with a merry little jazz on Thursday night. On Saturday a party of the boys went to the Plumpton Races to worship at the shrine of the god of chance, and, incidentally, to help the bookies to pay their income-tax. There were also theatre parties, one large party of the men enjoyed a real thriller in "The Limping Man" at the Royal, and in the evening there was a domino tournament. Sunday was for the most part sunny and dry, and this gave us a chance to take a little exercise. In the evening we enjoyed an impromptu concert, plenty of talent being displayed and everyone of the artists was in tip-top form. Monday was warm and bright so that most of the day was spent out of doors; in the evening there was a big dance, a good-natured and happy crowd of dancers filling the lounge and conservatory. The lucky number

prize was won by J. Coupland, and the spot prize by C. Nicholls and Miss Johnson. Dancing continued until 11 p.m. when the singing of "God Save the King" brought to a close another most enjoyable holiday. "OBSERVER"

### The Cup Final Broadcast

Much interest seems to have been aroused by the offer of a prize for the best criticism of the B.B.C. broadcast of the Cup Final, and a large number of entries have been received. The majority of them reach quite a high standard of merit, but a number of competitors have not noted that the prize was offered for the best criticism of the commentary and not for the best description of the match itself. After due consideration, the prize of half-a-guinea has been awarded to T. J. Floyd, 5 Brookdale Terrace, Teignmouth, for the following:—

"Community singing—tremendous cheering—the King—the Cup Final had begun! I almost said Mr. Allison's final—we have heard him this season detailing practically only cup matches, and he seemed part of the contest. Traditionally, finalists seldom reach top form, but 'George' did. He changed his style somewhat, for his sensational 'Shoot, man, shoot!' was seldom heard; 'Golden opportunities' being equally scarce. His lowered voice during quiet play—crescendos as excitement grew—lent colour to the mind picture; slow or rapid succession of names indicating speed of play, experience enabling him to detail happenings actually unseen. Thoroughly enjoyable. Bravo, George!"

Special mention must be made of the entries sent in by the following: A. W. Ballard, W. Burgin, R. P. Coles, H. Gale, A. I. Gwyn, R. E. Lacombe.

### Battlefields Tour

With reference to the notice which appeared in our last issue with regard to the above, men wishing to join this tour are reminded that applications *must* be received not later than the last day of this month.

## "In Memory"

PRIVATE WILLIAM GILBERT BAWDEN  
(Australian Imperial Forces)

WE much regret to announce the death on 24th April of this St. Dunstaner. Bawden's death was directly attributable to the terrible wounds he had suffered while serving with the Australian Imperial Forces in France. He was probably one of the youngest St. Dunstaners to join up, being only sixteen years old when he entered the army. He had a distinguished war service and was awarded the Croix de Guerre, with Palm and Star, and several other honours. After recovering from the severe wounds which blinded him, he returned to Australia, but he soon realised that some special training was essential to enable him to overcome his handicap. As were many other Australian war-blinded men, he was admitted to St. Dunstan's, and showing exceptional aptitude for his chosen profession of medical electrician and masseur, he passed in due course the necessary examinations for qualification as a chartered masseur. Bawden was established in practice in Ealing, building up a fine practice, and over a long period he freely gave his services to the King Edward Memorial Hospital, and afterwards to the Brentford Cottage Hospital. In spite of his disability Bawden was a fine all-round sportsman, and particularly excelled as a swimmer winning many trophies. He was a member of the Ealing Swimming Club, and on several occasions he entered for the Amateur Swimming Championship of England. Bawden leaves a widow but no children, and the deepest sympathy will go out to her in her great bereavement. Mrs. Bawden has received nearly a hundred letters of sympathy and the following extracts are typical as showing the high regard in which Bawden was held: "No one could meet such a splendid character without feeling the deepest admiration for his great courage. He was every inch a man." "He was so splendid in healing others; so very vital and brave without thought of self."

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Wilton Rix and the relatives present at the graveside were Mrs. Bawden, his aunt and two of his cousins. It was attended also by a number of blinded soldiers, and several St. Dunstan's masseurs, led by Mr. Mace. Many patients and friends and representatives of the British Legion were also present. The many beautiful floral tributes included one from Captain Fraser and his comrades at St. Dunstan's, as well as several from individual St. Dunstaner friends.

Mrs. Bawden desires us on her behalf to express her deep gratitude to the many St. Dunstaner friends of her husband who have written to her to express their sympathy with her in her bereavement.

PRIVATE JOHN PERRY ROBINSON  
(Canterbury Infantry, New Zealand Forces)

Many St. Dunstaners will learn with very real regret of the death of one of our New Zealanders, John Perry Robinson, which occurred on the 14th November last.

Robinson served during the war with the New Zealand Forces in the Canterbury Infantry. He was wounded at Messines, sustaining injuries to both eyes and severe facial wounds. He came to St. Dunstan's in 1916 and was with us for two years, during which time he trained as a shorthand typist and netter. He also learned poultry farming as a hobby. He had consistent ill health while at St. Dunstan's, and after his return to New Zealand, he was for some time a patient in the Dunedin Hospital suffering from facial trouble resulting from his wounds.

Robinson was married in 1922 and there is one little daughter. His health seemed to improve during the last few years, and his death, which occurred after a short illness, was to a certain extent sudden and unexpected and a shock to us all.

Those men who knew Robinson when he was over here, and his comrade St. Dunstaners in New Zealand, will remember the plucky manner in which he carried on in spite of his handicap and his many set-backs on account of his ill health, and will recall affectionately their associations with him. All their sympathy, we know, will be with Mrs. Robinson and her little girl in their irreparable loss.

It is with deep regret that we have to announce the sudden death of Mr. M. Pearey, of North Shields (the father of our St. Dunstaner, W. Scott Pearey, who was trained as a masseur and was with us from 1917 to 1919). Mr. Pearey was the

Honorary Secretary of the Tynemouth Blind Welfare Society and Northern Counties Library, and in addition to his indefatigable work for this society, was tremendously interested in St. Dunstan's and was a very good friend to those St.

Dunstaners living in his neighbourhood. Not only did he give his valuable help in many matters, but he was instrumental in raising many thousands of pounds for our funds. In him St. Dunstan's has lost a very real friend, and we know that all St. Dunstaners will wish to express, with us, deepest sympathy with Mrs. Scott Pearey, her son, and other members of the family in their great loss.

Mr. Pearey's great kindness to us will ever be remembered, and we extend to the Tynemouth Society for the Blind sincere sympathy in their loss of such an able secretary and friend. He was a recognised authority on blind welfare work, and was a member of the Advisory Committee which was appointed to report to the Ministry of Health on the different types of work which might be undertaken by blind persons.

### Deaths

This month we offer our sympathy to the following:—

BURLEY.—To the wife of E. J. Burley, of Foundry, Stithians, Perranwell, who has lost her mother (aged 78).

CREASEY.—To F. Creasey, of Croydon, who lost his mother in February last.

HEELEY.—To G. H. Heeley, of Wakefield, whose father died suddenly on the morning of the 16th of April.

JARVILL.—To Mr. and Mrs. B. Jarvill, of Doncaster, who have lost their little son, Philip, aged four years.

LANE.—To A. Lane, of Cardiff, who lost yet another sister on Sunday, 23rd March; this is the third sister he has lost within six months.

REDHEAD.—To W. Redhead, of Byker, who lost his father on the 23rd March, this being the third death in the family in little more than a year.

RICKARD.—To G. W. Rickard, of Wingrave, Aylesbury, who has lost his mother, aged 78. Rickard had lost his father just nine weeks before (aged 79).

WALTON.—To T. W. Walton, of Ealing, whose mother died on 27th March. She was over 80 years of age.

### Births

BOYD.—To the wife of J. Boyd, of Brighton, on the 14th April—a son.

HOLMES.—On the 27th March, to the wife of W. Holmes, of Witton Park, Durham, a daughter (Florence).

MCLEOD.—On April 9th, a son to the wife of S. McLeod, of Cricklade.

PRICE.—To the wife of G. Price, of Clacton, a daughter, on the 2nd April.

### Marriages

WHEELER-LAKE.—On 3rd April 1930 at St. Margaret's Church, Plumstead, by the Rev. Cartwright, Edward Charles Wheeler, of St. Dunstan's and Newbury, to Emily Marie Lake, of Beresford Street, Woolwich.

### Silver Wedding

We offer the congratulations of St. Dunstan's to Mr. and Mrs. J. Thomas, of Llandow, near Cowbridge, Glam., on the celebration of their silver wedding anniversary on 27th March 1930.

Also to Mr. and Mrs. A. Sutton, of Madeley, Crewe, who were married at St. George's, Newcastle, Staffs, on 25th April 1905.

### Netting Notes

May has come in full of sunshine so we hope people will begin to think of fruit and boundary nets. So far the orders have been fair, but we need more, as the more orders we can give the netting men the happier they are.

We have received a good many orders for rugs, and our sponge bags seem to have quite caught the public eye at the moment. Long may the eye continue to gaze on them.

As perhaps some of the boys know, I have been for a lightning visit to Australia, leaving on 7th January and returning on Easter Monday, Miss Berry kindly taking charge of the Netting Department while I was away. I only went as far as South Australia and had a party one day in Adelaide for all the St. Dunstan's men within reach. They were very glad to hear what we were doing and most anxious to know all about the men this side of the world and sent messages of good will to everybody.

K. H. W.

## "St. Dunstan's Review" Derby Sweepstake

The entries to our little sweepstake continue to pour in by every post, and we imagine that the total of the prize money will provide a big surprise to everyone concerned. The rules are once more published below, and it is again emphasised that the earliest possible application should be made for tickets.

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, and prize money will only be paid out in the names of those persons coming under this specific category. 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.

In response to inquiries and in order to reduce the expense of administration and so make the amount available for prizes as large as possible, notification is hereby made that only those who have drawn an entrant in the race will be notified. Such notification will be sent them by post on the evening of the draw, 28th May. It must be noted, however, that prizes will only be awarded to holders of tickets drawing a horse which actually starts in the race.

### 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.

### A Regent's Park Celebrity

This month will bring about the retirement of Mr. Jack Bowditch who, for the past fifty years, has acted in the capacity of Park Foreman under the Office of Works. St. Dunstaners, too numerous to mention, will remember "Jack" as everybody knew him. Ever cheery and willing to help, I can hear him now: "One minute laddie! I'll see you over the road." His stories and history of Regent's Park coupled with his experiences when he joined the Second Queen's at Stoughton Barracks in 1877 have often interested many of the boys during their residence at the various Annexes at Regent's Park. May "Jack" have good health and good luck to carry on for many, many years. So say we all.

W. A. T.

W. J. Higginson, of Islington, is certainly unique in the location of the workshop he has for his joinery. A waiting room on the down platform of Highbury Station has been partitioned across, and half of this is rented by Higginson. It seems a particularly happy position for securing local custom for the excellent goods which Higginson produces.

J. Butler, of Waterford, is a most energetic basket-maker. He has taken full opportunity of the assistance which St. Dunstan's has been able to render him by the provision of an outfit and the visits of a technical instructor. Butler is also a good salesman, having recently received a good order for teapot stands from a large hotel at Tramore, and is also expecting an order for meat hampers.



## After-Care Reunions

### READING

The annual reunion at Reading was again held at the Central Café on 20th March, and the attendance was a very large one.

Captain Fraser was given a real St. Dunstan's welcome on his arrival, and spoke for over half an hour. During the course of his speech, he made reference to the recent deputation, headed by himself, to the Ministry of Pensions for increased pensions for blinded soldiers.

J. R. Smith proposed a hearty vote of thanks, and R. Vine seconded it.

The Café orchestra very kindly gave their services again this year and everyone enjoyed the music and dancing.

We were very pleased to have Miss Davies, Sister Lloyd and Mrs. George with us, and the time passed all too quickly. Mr. Swain just managed to complete his interviews before catching his train back to town.

The prizes in the competitions were won by: 1st, P. Brown, of Crondall; 2nd, G. F. Smith, of Stoughton. *Ladies*: 1st, Mrs. Teagle, of Aldbourne; 2nd, Mrs. Luker, of Boars Hill. E. A. S.

### CANTERBURY

The seventh annual reunion of St. Dunstaners residing in East Kent was held at the County Hall, St. George's, Canterbury, on Wednesday, the 9th April. There was a large attendance of After-Care men and their wives, and there were present from Headquarters, Mrs. Fraser and Mr. T. E. Swain, manager, Men's After-Care.

After everybody had done justice to an excellent meal, Mr. Swain addressed the gathering and said how pleased he was to see us all again. He then read a letter from Captain Fraser expressing his regret at his inability to be present, and wishing us all an enjoyable time.

A letter of regret was also read from His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury. Mr. Swain then went on to say that from 1914 to 1918 we were consolidating trenches in France and Flanders, but since then we

had been doing our best to consolidate the new position in which we found ourselves since our discharge from the Army, and that if Sir Arthur could be amongst us he would blow his whistle and say "Well done boys, you have indeed made good." He also paid a tribute to the wives of the men, and to St. Dunstan's technical instructors, and extended a very warm welcome to Mrs. Broughton and Miss Morris, who had come over from Brighton.

J. Sheehy, of Dover, in proposing a vote of thanks to Captain Fraser and the Council of St. Dunstan's, said that in the consolidation of blinded men's lives St. Dunstan's was the beacon which illuminated their darkened lives, and that it was St. Dunstan's who first rendered them succour in the biggest misfortune that could befall a man. Over thirteen years ago he was in the 3rd London General Hospital, Wandsworth, recovering from his wounds, when he was visited by a very young, modest and blinded officer who is now Chairman of St. Dunstan's, and one of the most outstanding exponents of the cause of the blind in this country, and he knew that everyone was proud of him. (Applause.)

This was seconded in a very admirable manner by Mrs. J. Bailey, of Ramsgate, who said she could endorse all that had been said.

Mrs. Fraser, who had to leave rather early, was given three hearty cheers.

In the lucky number competition, W. F. Cook, of Rhodes Minnis, won the handsome box of chocolates presented by Mrs. Broughton, while the cake-weight guessing competition resulted as follows:—1st, P. Maskell (case of silver teaspoons); 2nd, C. E. Crook (cake); 3rd, G. Southen (cigarettes).

In the ladies' competition, Mrs. G. Moore guessed the correct weight, while Mrs. Store, Mrs. Blaney, Mrs. Cork and Mrs. Watson tied for the second prize, Mrs. Watson being successful in the draw.

The gathering closed at 6 p.m. with the singing of the National Anthem, and Kentish Fire for the artists.

### HASTINGS

The Hastings Meeting was again held at the Metropole Assembly Rooms, this year nearly a month later than usual, and all agreed that they appreciated the change in the date as the weather was much warmer for travelling.

About thirty-six St. Dunstaners and their wives came, rather a smaller number than usual, unfortunately illness preventing several from attending.

After tea, Mr. Swain, in his speech, expressed Captain Fraser's regret at not being able to come and his wish that they would have an enjoyable meeting. T. Eaton proposed a vote of thanks and confidence in the administration of St. Dunstan's which was seconded by J. H. Plunkett.

We were delighted to welcome the many old friends who looked in during the afternoon, amongst whom were the Misses Brett, Miss Brown, and Mr. "H."

A weight-guessing competition was won by S. Usher, who guessed the correct weight of the cake, as also did G. Madieson, the latter losing in the draw. The cigarettes were won by G. Brooks.

For the ladies, Mrs. Tennison guessed the correct weight, Mrs. Summers and Mrs. Wenlock divided the second prize.

Whilst an excellent concert given by Major Dyer and his friends was proceeding, Mr. Swain interviewed those who wished to see him. The meeting ended with the "Long, Long Trail," the men joining heartily in the chorus, "Auld Lang Syne," and "God Save the King."

A. K. R.

### PORTSMOUTH

The Portsmouth Reunion took place this year on the 16th April, at the Assembly Rooms, Clarence Pier, and as usual was very well attended. From 2 o'clock onwards, the men with their wives or escorts began to arrive, until upwards of 120 were assembled to do justice to a most excellent tea, and daintily served, and to tax the capacity of the hall to its utmost.

Mr. Swain, in his opening address to the boys, apologised in advance for having to leave a little earlier than usual owing to his having met with an accident while riding, but we were all glad to know that

it was not so serious as it might have been, and would yield to treatment and rest. After reading a list of those who were attending that day, Mr. Swain went on to say that we were to be honoured this year by the presence of our Chairman, Captain Ian Fraser, and this announcement was received with much enthusiasm.

As we were about to sit down to tea, the orchestra suddenly broke in to "For he's a jolly good fellow," and everybody seemed to guess the reason at once, and rose to receive Captain Fraser, who walked up the hall with cheery greetings to all whom he passed on the way. He was accompanied by Mrs. Fraser, whom we were also very pleased to welcome.

Tea being disposed of, Captain Fraser addressed the meeting on matters of general interest in connection with the work of St. Dunstan's, and especially alluded to the deputation which recently waited on the Pensions Minister, with the object of obtaining benefits for St. Dunstaners, and referred to the suggestion which has been made to provide St. Dunstaners with dog guides, saying that after careful consideration it had been decided that this was not practicable.

Continuing, Captain Fraser spoke of the various suggestions which had been put forward for a distribution of the funds of St. Dunstan's, and after giving us some statistics with regard to actuaries' figures, and the number of St. Dunstaners who would still be in receipt of the benefits of St. Dunstan's at periods ranging up to forty years' time, said that the best interests of the whole would be best served by the careful administration of our funds, so as to be able to help each man, when and how it was most needed. This latter statement was received with general applause.

A vote of thanks to Captain and Mrs. Fraser was moved by W. Lowings, who pointed out that no commutation had ever been beneficial to the recipient of a pension, as they invariably lived beyond the time on which the commutation was based, and that the same argument applied to the funds of St. Dunstan's. The speaker also alluded to Mr. Swain's accident and said that it was Mr. Swain's duty to take care of himself, "because he belongs to us." (Loud applause.)

The vote of thanks was seconded by R. Horsley, who spoke well and to the point, and Captain Fraser having briefly responded, we proceeded with our usual little dissipations. These commenced by Sister Boyd Rochfort leading in *Double Life*, the winner of the Cambridge 1930 (on paper)—the horse, I mean—drawn in bold lines, and complete in every detail except for a tail, which the artist had thoughtfully provided separately, the whole scheme being that St. Dunstaners should select their own position for the tail on the animal's anatomy, and believe me some of these were weird and wonderful, according to the giggles from the wives and escorts, who had all the laugh. Meanwhile, Lowings and his orchestra gamely wrestled with "Bunky-doodle-I-doh" and other popular favourites, much to the satisfaction of all.

Mysterious pieces of paper were thrust into the hands of all present, and these resolved themselves into numbers for a lucky dip. Miss Boyd Rochfort was still "doing a tap" with Tishy on the wall, and after the judges had carefully considered the views of all of us as to the correct position for a horse's tail, our old friend Bill Farmery was adjudged the winner, and was duly presented with a prize of 10s., together with one silver plate from a hoof of *Double Life*. A. Kean had the next best and received 5s., while H. F. Porter, being also placed, received 2s. 6d. Our thanks are due to Sister Boyd Rochfort who provided the competition and prizes.

The lucky number competition was won by W. J. Harris, a case of silver spoons, while H. J. Brown was second and won cigarettes. Ladies' lucky number, first, Mrs. T. Parkinson, who won a handbag, and second, Mrs. J. Stephens, who was presented with a cake.

Mr. Swain took his departure soon after, and was followed by Captain and Mrs. Fraser, who had to get back to town, and at about 6.15 we dispersed after singing the National Anthem, having enjoyed one of the best meetings of the Portsmouth area.

Thanks are due to Miss Rochfort who arranged the meeting and to all her willing helpers, amongst whom were noticed our old friends Sister Morris, Mrs. George,

and Miss Bamberger, together with several of the technical instructors.

FUSILIER.

### St. Dunstan's Clock

A number of poems have been received in response to the invitation in last month's REVIEW to pay tribute to the old clock at St. Dunstan's, and the following has been adjudged the best sent in. The prize of half-a-guinea has therefore been sent to the author, R. E. Larcombe.

MY VIGIL

(By St. Dunstan's Clock)

I've kept my vigil faithfully

Up here this many a day,

I've ticked the seconds into hours

And seasons have passed away.

And round my weather-beaten face

My tireless hands have sped,

And in the night my voice has told

The lonely hours they read.

From off this wall where I am hung

I've watched life's pageant pass,

And many's the lad that smiled at me

And many a comely lass.

And many a stricken man has come

To find life's joys anew

'Neath these old portals where I hang

'Mid chestnut, larch and yew.

Though now my lonely watch I keep

Before this silent hall,

Yet 'twas not ever so, Ah me!

E're now I've heard the call,

The laugh, the jest, the lilting song

Of men from every clime

Who learned to love my figured face,

Anticipate my chime.

I've guided many a straying foot

That ventured out to find

Some new and unknown pathway

Through the park that lies behind.

From Primrose Hill to Camden Town

My deep and lusty bass,

Was listened for by many a man

Who never saw my face.

But now they've gone, their trades to ply

In many distant places.

No more I hear their lilting song,

See no familiar faces.

But still I watch, and wonder,

As my old heart beats "Tick-tock"

Do they ever spare a thought for me,

An old and faithful clock.

So I've kept my vigil faithfully,

Up here this many a day,

I've ticked the seconds into hours

And seasons have passed away.

And round my weather-beaten face

My tireless hands have sped,

And I listen for the voices—

The voices that have fled.

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