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EDITORIAL NOTES

"The Women of St. Dunstan's"

IN connection with the preparation of St. Dunstan's Report this year, we have been privileged to visit the homes of a number of St. Dunstaners in various parts of the country. Everywhere we have received a most warm welcome and have had striking evidence of the splendid way our men and their wives and families are upholding the highest traditions of St. Dunstan's. While we bow to no one in our admiration for the manner in which our St. Dunstaners have achieved such amazing independence of the assistance of others in carrying on their work, and in the hundred and one actions of daily life, we are sure they will be the first to pay tribute to the great debt they owe to the loving help and close companionship of their near relations and their womenfolk particularly, whether wife, mother, or sister. It has been inspiring to see on every hand the perfect unison of thought and action between our men and those dear to them, and when the time comes when the lives of the men who lost their sight in the Great War has become a matter of history, there is nothing more certain but that the part their women have played in their men's fight against the handicap of blindness will obtain the recognition it so richly and fully deserves. The pages of this monthly record of the doings of the members of our big brotherhood, the letters which fill our post-bag every day, and the reports of those members of the social and technical staff who are in such intimate touch with our men and their families, give practical proof of how especially does it apply to the men of St. Dunstan's that, in the words of the Bible, "man was not meant to live alone."

News of St. Dunstaners

A LL St. Dunstan's walkers will be glad to hear that H. B. Read, of Brighton, has been accepted as a member of the Sussex Walking Club. Read is fortunate in that his wife shares his enthusiasm for pedestrianism so has joined the ladies' section of the same club. In the first walk for which she entered Mrs. Read won a prize for being the "first Sussex lady home"; she did the mile-and-a-half in twenty-seven minutes. Needless to say both members are training for future events with enthusiasm.

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Congratulations to W. W. Watson, of How Mill, Cumberland, on what might be described as a double event. He has won a portable gramophone as, at a competition held at the Palace Theatre, Carlisle, he gained more applause than did any other performer; in addition he was presented with a record of his voice.

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May was not an ideal month from a gardening point of view but despite the recurring showers most men have been putting a good deal of time into such work. H. S. Eames, of Hurst, Reading, has his in particularly good order.

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B. Robinson, of Wortley, had been having a difficult time grappling with his shop and business affairs during his wife's absence. Mrs. Robinson has been away ill—but he has met his trials with true St. Dunstan's spirit.

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In Barnet, F. Stratfull is as busy as ever with joinery, &c. He has made an oak loud-speaker which is quite a work of art, we hear.

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The little farm so capably run by A. Lane, at Bow (N. Devon), is doing well, particularly as regards the poultry and cattle, but the pride of Lane's heart is the bonny baby boy. Should there be any

baby competition organised in the district we feel confident that this juvenile St. Dunstaner would carry away a "special" prize.

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W. J. Burnett, of Exeter, seems to be making steady progress with his boot repairing business and we offer him our congratulations. As a rule he seems to have quite a good supply of work in sight, but if there are odd hours he wisely turns them to account at his mat-frame.

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With his usual splendid courage, W. J. Gilbert is devoting all his energies to securing orders for St. Dunstan's goods; he is a man who never lets a single bit of trade go by him through lack of attention or energy. We learn that interesting letters have been reaching Gilbert from America, to which country his son went a year ago. The little granddaughter is finding life in a new land thoroughly enjoyable.

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W. C. Carnell, of Bampton, Devon, has quite a unique poultry farm, his runs being placed around about an old quarry where-ever a good site offers itself for a house. His birds are doing remarkably well and Carnell goes about from run to run with noticeable sureness. His garden, too, is coming on well, and as he is a man of many friends there is not a weed to be seen! Carnell has just made a venture in pigs which has turned out in a most satisfactory way.

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Plenty of work has been coming to G. Parrick, of Bromley, Kent. He is to be congratulated on the way he has taken over and maintained an existing business calling for considerable skill and a lot of hard work. He says "My wife is a tremendous help to me. She has learnt to use the finishing machine and makes my threads for the hand-sewn work."

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All's well with W. J. Bowers, of Heston, Hounslow. His garden is looking lovely and Bowers has been hard at it digging for gravel for the paths.

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W. T. Jones, of Hedgerley, near Slough, is now the possessor of three fine pigs. He has a beautiful field too, and this is looking delightful with a carpet of cowslips and a border of fruit blossom.

W. H. Foxon, of Acton Vale, has invented a neat little case to hold his accumulator when he sends it to be recharged. It is made out of half a cardboard box with pieces of webbing passed round it and joined so as to form a handle. Carried in this lessens the possibility of acid being spilt. Foxon is quite an experienced operator now since he has had his wireless seven years; he runs it on both an indoor and outdoor aerial and takes pleasure in experimenting.

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Our Irish group is as busy as ever! S. Holmes is making a fine job of the wireless cabinet for which an order reached him some little time ago. T. McCann is bending his energies towards altering the entire stock of motor mats held by local garage and fitting them to a new model car. The work he has turned in already has met with strong approval, we hear.

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A. Herriot, of Portstewart, has moved into a new and much nicer house, and is turning a dis-used stable into a workshop. J. Brockerton, of Coleraie, is still getting a good supply of mat orders and has several clutches of chickens coming along. One of his boys had a nasty accident the other day having a head on collision with a motor car. He was flung off his own motorcycle and clear through the windscreen of the car so the fact that he escaped serious injury is miraculous.

W. J. Whiteside, of Portadown, has

joined the brotherhood of wireless enthusiasts. E. P. Horan who reports "a great time" at Brighton hopes to do some work at Donnybrook Fair which is being organised by the British Legion for June, as does J. Goodison, of Sandymount, who is now hard at work on the goods he intends to display. R. Bell, of Sandymount, is another who is taking an active interest in the same fair.

J. Kenny, of Cork, has been busy with a special mat order; H. McAteer, of Belfast, is getting along well with travs; C. Clarke, of Cork, is fairly fit: L. Bride, of Dublin. has moved into an attractive new house in a district where his children have open fields to play in; J. Murray, of Kilkenny, has been making some mats for a school; J. Darbison has now finished his training and has settled at Nenagh; H. Haves, of Ballincollig is in fine form and J. Butler, of Waterford, is getting along splendidly. He has a happy knack of getting all sorts of orders from shops for baskets of every description! At the moment he is busy repairing some big bacon hampers for a curing house, a nice sure to be recurring kind of a job!

From Christchurch, New Zealand, comes word of J. W. N. McIntosh, who has now added Turkish Baths to his practice as a masseur and whose name is being added to the roll of Bio-Physical Assistants.

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Another New Zealander concerning whom news has reached us by the same mail is J. McGowan, of Wellington, who reports himself as "very fit." He says that he has never been without a patient since his return from St. Dunstan's.

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To us here in England it seems strange to read in a letter dated February—"We have just returned from our summer holiday," but R. May, of Auckland, New Zealand, was in that happy position when we

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were shivering. Sunshine had run riot in his garden with the result that he hardly knew where to begin work amid the wilderness of weeds.

Floods in South Australia so interfered with the mails that several St. Dunstaners did not receive their New Year letters until very late indeed, so that in several cases the replies are only now coming to hand. One of the cheeriest is from E. J. Twomey, of Marrickville, Sydney, who says his health is splendid and he feels very fit despite his increase in weight to something over fourteen stone. This he assures us, and we know him well enough to believe it, is not due to any lieabed habits. It is rare indeed that he is not up and about long before 7 a.m. Twomey's interest in politics both English and Australian is very keen and he holds decided views concerning "too much government"!

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Another of our Australians from whom we heard recently is J. Farrell, of Deagen. He does not seem to have forgotten the old days at St. Dunstans and is working away at hammocks and swings with "wireless" as a favourite pursuit.

W. F. Archibald, of Natal, tells us that his Tom Barron Cockerels did excellent service last season with the result that he has a fine lot of young stock some of which he hopes will make a name for themselves in the egg-laying competition.

Surely J. H Palmer of Whitby, Ontario, is among the keenest of our wireless band, he says he runs his radio eight hours a day on an average? The entire family enjoy it and study the different programmes with enthusiasm. Palmer also gets a lot of amusement out of hockey, knows the majority of the players on the two local teams and follows the doings of the professionals through the newspaper and the Toronto Club Broadcast.

媽 媽 媽 How many other St. Dunstaner's have discovered that they can shove snow with the best? When Whitby had an early and severe storm Palmer took out his shovel and discovered that paved walks are quite easy to follow. The only trouble was that admiring passers kept interfering with his work to ask him how he managed to do the deed so well!

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A particularly interesting letter comes from W.G. Speight, of Palamcotah, Southern India. For 12 years now he has been running an Educational and Industrial School without any European assistance. He speaks of a furlough in England shortly when his friends may hope to see him, his wife and two children.

Si Si G. Fosteris still farming in Saskatchewan,

although his work has been interrupted as he had to go to hospital in Toronto for an eve operation which we are glad to know was very successful. While there he saw several St. Dunstaners and enjoyed many a talk over old times.

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We are glad to see that our plea for "more news from Colonials" has had some little effect. At least it has touched the heart of T. Phelps and we hope he will see the error of past ways and let us hear from him more often. He says that what with chickens and Bible School he finds little leisure for writing but we feel that in such an interesting part of the world as Vancouver there must be plenty of news that would interest other St. Dunstaners. Like the rest of us Phelps is amazed at the speed with which time is passing.

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Another welcome letter is from C. van Blerk, of South Africa, who is well and enjoying life. St. Dunstan's is an unforgetable memory to him for he feels that it is what he learnt among the other St. Dunstaners that has made his life worth living. His work is going on well and wins much admiration at the various shows. At one of these he carried off three first and three second prizes—a fine record indeed. Some day we hope to welcome van Blerk and his wife on a visit here.

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Space is limited but mention must be made of a letter from A. Johnston, of

Auckland, who is connected with the Bible Training Institute and on his mission work comes in touch with many of the returned men. Like the others he has not forgotten the days at St. Dunstan's and sends good wishes to those at home—as does G. Bond. of Western Australia, and J. Chisholm, yet another New Zealander.

Brief Notes

W. Conlon, of Kirkintilloch, is well and enjoying his work. W. Tout, of St. Thomas, Exeter, is finding his joinery as interesting as ever; W. Tout is busy making dumb waiters, workmanship always of excellent quality. J. Robjohns, of Tiverton, who has kept his hand in on doing family repairs is taking up outside bootwork again: H. Donlan, of Cheltenham, is distinctly better thought still in some pain; his baby is a never failing source of joy.

W. R. Mackay, of Castletown, Caithness, has had a little hut built in his garden wherein his outfit is installed; he is very pleased with the result; A. Mackie, of Banff, Aberdeenshire, is very fit as usual and as content as always. We feel sure he would like to be remembered to old friends for he has forgotten none of the many he met when training at St. Dunstan's.

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D. J. Williams, of Llandaff North (Cardiff), has been lending an active hand in the spring-cleaning winning the approval of his wife for the vigour with which he polishes furniture. J. Boyd, of Blackrock. is keeping much better and is delighted with his new little son; G. Williams, of Ladbroke Grove, who trade is baskets, is well and cheery and the same might be said of C. Knight, of Leicester, who is busy wih pigs and poultry; H. Wells, of the same town is better than he has been all through the winter, he is another to whom wireless is a boon and a blessing.

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Everyone will be sorry to bear that C. D. Sullivan has had an unpleasant accident. He slipped when getting on to a tram and sprained his foot badly; a painful thing of course and one that takes some little time to heal.

W. G. Sullivan, of Charlton, is keeping fairly well and the same may be said of C. Marshall, of Southend, who is putting all his energies into mat-making.

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Both the sons of R. J. Vine, of Ewhurst. are doing noticeable well at school, each of them topping his form! Another young St. Dunstaner of a promising disposition is the son of F. Meader, of Barnet—he is top of his school!

Baskets are keeping J. Marriott, of Soham, occupied, though perhaps not so fully as he wishes; B. G. Wood and family, of Brackley, are well and happy. J. Harding is carrying on well with his work and taking an interest in his garden which is a never failing sources of occupation for his little daughter Joan who has personally planted whole packets of seed.

95 95 95 Poultry and pigs interest J. Rendell, of Tiverton, also, but as a side line to boot work.

Another busy boot man is G. H. Gilpin, of Thorverton (Devon), the whole neighbourhood seems to bring him its repairs and so he rarely has an idle day. His chief concern at the moment is the launching in the world of his young son, since he is just about to leave the Exeter Technical School.

What with bazaar orders and others from the district council for large baskets for rubbish collecting B. B. Bowering, of Weston-super-Mare, has his hands comfortably full.

斯 斯 斯 All's well with J. Donnelly, of Newcastle, one of our basket-makers. He is very proud of his wife's activities in connection with the British Legion as she is secretary of the Woman's Branch in that district.

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very well, perhaps because of the many hours work he puts in his garden. We hope that this year his show of asters will be as fine as last season. He can hardly hope to surpass that achievement.

Fresh trade has come already to J. Langham, of Sutton-in-Ashfield, as the result of his new shop—May it steadily

H. A. Knopp, of Worksop, says he is putting on weight despite the fact that he is very busy and intends to hatch out more chickens than ever this year.

E. Swingler, of Tuxford, is busy planting potatoes in every possible patch in his garden with the intention of meeting the appetite of his family! His bantams present a most attractive appearance and lay well.

A sale at Turriff has enabled D. Munroe, of Woodside, Aberdeen, to dispose of quite a number of baskets and now he is hard at work getting up stock to meet the demands of summer visitors.

Cheerful news comes from J. T. Jones, of Faversham, who says that his circle of customers is very steady in its allegiance to

A. W. Cima, of Wraysbury, Bucks, is yet another to whom congratulations should be offered on the state of his garden. Wraysbury was in the flood area, by the way, but though Cima's little home was completely surrounded by water it never rose quite high enough to get into the house.

The whole district around Rhyd-dy-Croesau, Oswestry, has been supplied with kneelers made by A. Wilkes, according to his estimate, and he is busying himself with hatching out chickens until these kneelers show signs of wearing out!

The little hardware shop run by W. C. Smith, in Melbourne, Derbyshire, seems to be making good progress some of which must surely be due to the very effective

new sign. In addition Smith keeps busy with his basket-making.

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It is not often that one is compelled to report dastardly deeds committed against St. Dunstaners and this month is a record in this direction since no less than two St. Dunstaner households have been broken into. Thieves carried off quite an outfit belonging to T. Stamper, of Middlesbrough, and to make matters worse he had left his watch in the pocket of the overcoat that was stolen. Various other things were take including Mrs. Stamper's purse. The second sufferer was J. A. Garbutt, of Stockton. He went out with his wife one Saturday evening and returned to find that the sitting room window had been cut out. In this case the burglar had perhaps been interrupted for he secured only one thing, a bag containing seven pounds. Quite a serious loss though.

L. A. Wilson, of Middlesbrough, has settled happily into double harness and is now very busy with his carpentry, having made quite a number of excellent trays of

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Another who has been hard at work in the carpentry line is A. Davies, of South Bank, Middlesbrough; he is making a box for his wireless and finding the job very interesting.

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Good headway is being made by R. Middlemiss who is establishing himself well at Plymouth amid a growing circle of clients.

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The opening of some co-operative stores unpleasantly near T. Waldin, of Stanmore Lane, Winchester, has been making a difference to trade, but he is in hope that the turn of the tide has now come. Of late, too, he has had quite a good amount of repair work.

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A. Ackland, of Ladbroke Grove, says that holidays at Brighton add two years to his life, so friends who meet him there may expect to find him younger than ever this season.

Our Derby Sweepstake

A Wonderful Success and a Record Entry

WE have received for a number of years past, suggestions from many quarters, to run a Sweepstake in connection with the Derby.

With some misgivings—particularly in view of the Home Secretary's warning this vear !--we vielded to the demand. We anticipated that the idea would make fairly wide appeal but those anticipations did not exceed an estimate of perhaps a £20 prize for the winner. Within a very few days, however, of the publication of the first number of the "REVIEW" announcing the Sweepstake, and giving the rules, the usual editorial post was increased tenfold. Within a fortnight the first printing of tickets had to be doubled and applications were still coming in thick and fast from all over the country, and even from such far distant places as India, Canada and South Africa.

Our readers will be familiar with the rules laid down for the contest, but may be reminded that it was only open to St. Dunstaner's officers and men, their wives and their families, and to members of the executive and administrative staffs of our organisation. Even with these severe limitations, our readers will be astonished to hear that the total number of tickets sold was 2,990, easily a record for any competition we have held. Such is the fascination and lure of chance!

The Draw was made on the afternoon of 28th May in the big Lounge at Head-quarters. In view of the vast interest which the Sweepstake aroused, we think our readers will like to know exactly the methods adopted to ensure a drawing fair to everyone. We reprint, therefore, the announcement made by the Editor to the large company which attended. He said:

"Before I ask the officials and two of our St. Dunstaners to make the Draw for our Derby Sweepstake, I should like to explain briefly the methods which will be adopted.

"In the basket on the right of me is contained the numbered counterfoils of every ticket sold, which bear also the names and addresses of the purchasers, written in at the time of sale. In the basket on the left is contained the names of all the horses remaining in the Derby this morning, according to special information from the Victoria Club.

"From the basket on my right, Mr. Craigie will draw one of the numbered counterfoils and will hand it to Mr. Askew. From the basket on my left, Mr. Deegan will draw a card inscribed with the name of one of the horses still remaining in the Derby. Mr. Askew will then read out the number, name and address on his counterfoil, and Mr. Fobbs will read out the name of the horse on the ticket handed to him. This information will at once be entered by my secretary on a list.

"The drawings will go in this rotation until all the horses' names have been drawn, including one for 'The Field.' Although all counterfoils and tickets bearing horses' names have been very thoroughly shaken up before the first one is drawn, they will be shaken up again after each five drawings.

"Before we start, I should like to make it clear that it does not by any means follow that all the horses whose names are drawn will start in the race. Indeed, it is probable that less than half will remain in to face the starter on 4th June. As, however, it is necessary for us to make the Draw some time before the race in order to notify those who have drawn horses, this is, according to expert advice I have taken, the fairest possible manner of making the Draw.

"The general rules of the contest have been printed in St. Dunstan's Review for the past three months and will be strictly adhered to."

There was tense excitement as the Draw proceeded and suppressed "Oohs" as the names of well-backed candidates were drawn. As the name of each horse and the number and name of the holder of its ticket was announced, a duplicate record was made, and at the completion these

were posted on the notice board and the counterfoils of the tickets locked up in a safe. Every competitor who had drawn a horse was notified by post that same night and thus we are afraid many hopes were raised which were doomed to disappointment later. However, most competitors will probably think that the excitement

| | | | | Holder | Ticket No |
|---------------------------|------|---|--------|-----------------------------|-----------|
| First Prize (BLENHEIM) | £180 | 0 | 0 | W. Bonny, Ealing. | 1646 |
| Second Prize (ILIAD) | 72 | 0 | 0 | Orderly L. Lear Brighton | 2419 |
| Third Prize (DIOLITE) | 36 | 0 | 0 | Mrs. E. G. Hall Bedworth | 1684 |
| 14 starters drawing | £5 | 3 | 0 each | ** ** ** ** | £72 0 € |

plus 2/- to make a round total for division

The names of those drawing starters were as follows:—

GRAND SALUTE, E. B. Baron, Bridlington (323); BALLYFERIS, F. Clark, Colchester (302); BARGANY, Mrs. W. Owen, Lostwithiel (693); DICK SWIVELLER, W. E. Bamber, Hurstpierpoint (771); TREWS, A. W. Ballard, Nottingham (1234); Noble STAR, E. L. Woods, Malmesbury (1241); SEA ROVER, J. R. Treby, Colchester (1270); THE SCOUT II, Mrs. P. Browne, Crondall (1307); TETRAGEM, E. G. Meaker, Chelmsford (1368); SILVER FLARE, E. W. Savage, Mitcham (1922); SEER, J. Dixon, Watford (1961); RUSTOM PASHA, E. W. Martin, Tottenham (2452); PARTHENON, G. J. Smith, Leicester (2469); THE SPONGER, W. H. Bedford, Sheffield (2890).

We think the result will be considered by all who participated as most satisfactory and well representative of all who took part. The first prize was handed to Bonny in the Editor's room on the Friday following Derby Day. Mrs. Bates kindly burdened herself with the responsibility of taking Orderly Lear's nice bundle of Treasury Notes to Brighton and his prize was handed to him by Miss Thellusson, the Matron. Mrs. Hall's prize was sent her by Money Order, and the other prizes by registered post. We have received most appreciative letters from all prize winners, and from Mrs. Bonny, Orderly Lear, and Mrs. Hall, donations towards St. Dunstan's Sports Fund.

and the chance of winning a prize was well

worth it. It remains only for us to set out

below the full list of the winners and the

splendid totals of the amounts they

receive. The sum available for distribution

of prizes was £360, after deducting costs of

printing and postages. This, in accordance

with the rules was divided as follows:-

Here ends the full report of St. Dunstan's Own First Derby Sweepstake! It has involved, as can be imagined, a very large amount of detail work, but we believe too, it has aroused widespread interest. Finally, we offer all prizewinners our sincere congratulations, and all other entrants our hopes for better luck next time, for there seems little doubt that we shall have to bow to pressure again next year.

All is well again with S. H. Edwards, of Hackney, and his portable wireless is a source of happiness for the whole family.

F. Guiseley, late of Cleckheaton, and now of Harden, Yorks, is delighted with the improvement in the health of his small boy since the move and reports all as satisfactory in the business way; his poultry are laying well and the demand exceeds the supply of eggs.

C. Smith, of Blakenhall, Walsall, cheerful and fit with a flourishing new baby for his companion; W. Woodcock, of Rickling Green, Nr. Newport, Essex, doing well with poultry; H. Myford, of Burnham-on-Crouch, supplying the neighbourhood with mats, and F. Dance doing the same for the inhabitants of Bishops Stortford; such is the tale of St. Dunstaners in this direction.

The British Legion and St. Dunstan's

APTAIN FRASER was amongst the guests of honour at the Annual Conference of the British Legion which was held at Cardiff over the Whitsun weekend. The occasion was interesting to St. Dunstaners because the Conference ratified the decision which St. Dunstan's Executive Council and the National Executive Council of the Legion had arrived at, to renew and prolong the collecting agreement between the two bodies.

It will be remembered that in 1927, St. Dunstan's gave up its Flag Days and in return received a small percentage of the Poppy Day collection. This original agreement was for three years only, and the percentage St. Dunstan's received was 5 per cent. St. Dunstan's retained the right to continue its ordinary collections throughout the year, as the percentage from Poppy Day was intended only to replace what was lost by the giving up of St. Dunstan's own Flag Days. Fresh negotiations were entered into early this year, and resulted in St. Dunstan's agreeing to accept 4 per cent. with a maximum of £15,000 in any one year, and the Legion concurring in a long agreement for the period of ten years. In spite of the reduction in percentage this is considered to be a satisfactory agreement, which will bring to St. Dunstan's as much as, if not more, than used to be received from its own Flag Days.

The resolution was received with general sympathy by the British Legion Conference, and Captain Fraser's statement that St. Dunstan's men would welcome this measure of co-operation with the British Legion was generally applauded. Captain Appleby, who moved the resolution on behalf of the National Executive Council of the British Legion (of which he has been a member for many years) and Captain Fraser, received a cordial welcome from the delegates, which indicated that members of the Legion as a whole have a warm corner in their hearts for St. Dunstan's.

Annual Sports Concert

THE London Sportsmen gave their Annual Concert at Headquarters on 3rd June. This gave them the opportunity to invite the ladies and gentlemen connected with the various athletic and walking clubs, in fact all who have assisted at the sporting events. This wonderful audience showed their appreciation in no uncertain manner, and the boys proved that they are just as good artistes as they are sportsmen. First item of the programme was given by the St. Dunstan's Singers, "Soldiers' Chorus," followed by Jock McFarlane who sang " I am the Softest of the Family " (but we do not think so !), P. Nuvens (Violin), A. Loveridge (Saxophone). "A Man from the South," T. Roden "Trees," M. Burran, S. Webster, J. Henry "Three Married Martyrs" (most emphatically-No!), C. Thomas selected, concluding with the St. Dunstan's Singers rendering "Lantido Dilly." Needless to say all the above received an ovation and rendered encores.

During the short interval Captain Fraser (in spite of a severe headache) gave a hearty welcome and sincere thanks to all the ladies and gentlemen present who had helped us so whole-heartedly. In mentioning the Bedford College ladies, who are up with the lark and always ready to cox for the boys on the lake or at Putney, he said "We all like to be with the ladies at any time." (Loud cheers by all men present.) Referring to the various walking escorts who are members of the Metropolitan Police and Port of London Police he said "We all like to be with the police" (on these occasions) because they are such jolly good chaps." Meanwhile behind the scene the stage had been set for a play by the St. Dunstan's Dramatic Society entitled "Shivering Shocks." Scene:-Captain Dallas's Sitting Room.

CAST
CAPT. DALLAS, V.C. J. McFarlane
KYSH (His Servant) H. Gover
HUGHES (An Inventor) P. Ashton
FIRST MAN F. O. Kelly
SECOND MAN J. Henry
ROWLEY (A Cab Driver) S. Webster

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This was splendidly performed by all the cast. We all noticed that Capt. Dallas had not left much in the bottle for the agitated Hughes! Sammy Webster's impersonation of a cab driver (who tippled and topples) was really good and so realistic that many present were envious. So concluded a very good concert and all who took part in it can congratulate themselves upon the splendid showing.

The refreshment buffets were presided over by Miss Davis and her ever-ready helpers and their wares rapidly disappeared to be followed by ices-the nicest, coldest and certainly the hardest ever. Everybody parted in the very best of spirits after a very enjoyable evening.

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Braille Magazines

We willingly publish the following letter from G. Fallowfield :-Dear Sir.

I pass my old braille magazines on to a club which in turn passes them on to the poor blind and I understand they cannot get enough of these magazines. It is not so easy to find a blind person in the country, yet our men who read the braille magazines might think of any blind person in their neighbourhood before throwing their magazines away.

If there are any men who read the magazines and frequently visit headquarters, for Tuesday sports, &c., and care to bring along their old braille magazines they cannot dispose of, I shall be pleased to collect them in order to pass on to a club that will be very grateful and happy to pass them on to the poor blind.

> Yours faithfully, GEO. FALLOWFIELD.

E. J. Summers, of Hastings, sends us good news of his son Harold who has just made his first trip to Canada on the Canadian Pacific liner "Montrose." Young Harold is deck-boy at £2 15s. a month and likes his post immensely.

"Dead" Soldier Comes to Life

Many of our readers will have seen reports in the Press under the above heading and mentioning the name of Mr. W. Bowden, one of St. Dunstan's instructors. We thought it would be interesting to get some further information from him as to this dramatic meeting, and publish a letter below which we have received from Mr. Bowden:-

DEAR MR. EDITOR.

In reply to your inquiry, the following are the brief facts of my very extraordinary meeting with my war-time friend, Mr. A. R.

Having been transferred from different regiments to form a battalion of Tank Corps, I made the acquaintance of Mr. Roberts, he and I went through the various courses in connection with the Tank Corps, and so formed a friendship. In between these courses we were sent into different parts of the line as machine gunners, it was during one of these times that we went into the line at Kemmel Hill, 1918. Six men and myself were sent on advanced Machine Gun Post and after being on this post about two hours we received a direct hit with a German shell which killed three men outright. and put our gun out of action. A few hours afterwards the German began an advance, we held on to the post as long as possible but were eventually taken prisoners. Meanwhile Mr. Roberts was with the company in another part of the line, we had arranged beforehand that if anything happened to one or the other the remaining one would write to his relatives. and so Mr. Roberts wrote to my wife telling her of my supposed death.

He thought me killed through being missing. only 17 returned from 250. I returned to England May 1919, and went to the Regimental Depot but all had returned to their homes and so I lost all trace of anyone I wished to see. I was making a visit to E. Marsden who has settled down at Thornton and was just leaving the train at Poulton when on the platform I spied Mr. Roberts whom I knew instantly. I went to him to shake hands and he received gute a shock, he had always thought me killed. We had a chat about other fellows we both knew in our battalion of whom I am sorry to say few were left.

W. BOWDEN.

By some oversight the announcement was not published at the time that Sergeant E. Butler, late of Wath-on-Dearne, now in training at Brighton, married in January last Mrs. Gamble, the widow of a St. Dunstaner of that name.

"In Memory".

BOMBARDIER C. H. CAUSE (Royal Garrison Artillery)

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of Bombardier Cause.

Cause became a St. Dunstaner in 1921, but he was unable to come to Headquarters for training on account of his ill-health. He gradually became worse and died at our Brighton Annexe on the 3rd May. His wife was extremely devoted to him and never failed to do all she could do ease his sufferings. A short time before Cause's death, she sustained a fractured thigh and was admitted to hospital; therefore, greatly to her sorrow, she was unable to visit him during his last moments.

The funeral took place at St. Pancras Cemetery, East Finchley, on the oth May, and several relatives and friends attended. Sister Goodev (Social Visitor) was also present.

Births

ASHE. - To the wife of T. Ashe, of Sunburyon-Thames, a son on the 12th April.

Brewer.—On the 12th May, to the wife of T. Brewer, of Hesketh Bank, a daughter. Demberski.—To the wife of A. A.

Dembenski, of Cheltenham, a son on and May.

KING .- On the 9th May, to the wife of A. King, of Bradford, a daughter.

MEADER.—To the wife of R. Meader, of Llandduesant, Carmarthen, a son (Richard) on the 14th May.

WOODHOUSE. - On the 12th April, to the wife of J. Woodhouse, of Hulland,

Derbyshire, a son.

Woodrow .- On 2nd May, to the wife of W. Woodrow, of Ebbsbourne Wake, Nr. Salisbury, a son.

A Christening

McLeod.—The little son of Mr. and Mrs. McLeod, of Cricklade, who was born on 9th April hsa been christened William Hector.

A Marriage

MATTHEWS-BANKS.-On the 23rd April, G. Matthews, of 51 Noreuil Road, Petersfield, to Miss Ida Banks, at Petersfield Parish Church.

Deaths

This month we have to offer sympathy

to the following :-

Brewer.-To Mrs. Brewer, of Hesketh Bank, whose mother died suddenly of heart failure. She had come to be with and help her daughter during her confinement, so the death was doubly tragic.

BONNER.—To Mr. and Mrs. W. Bonner, of Crayford, Kent, whose little daughter died of diphtheria on the 9th May.

BURGESS.—To Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Burgess, of Hambrook, Bristol, whose son Leslie, aged twenty-two, died on the 22nd May.

Cockerill.—To Mrs. J. D. Cockerill, of Laindon, Essex, whose mother died suddenly on the 26th April; she had reached an advanced age.

JARVILL.-To Mr. and Mrs. B. Jarvill, of Doncaster, whose little son Philip, aged four years, died on the 15th April, and hardly more than a week later Mrs.

Jarvill lost her brother. MITCHELL.—To Mr. and Mrs. J. Mitchell, of Leith, whose youngest son Charles

died on the 27th April.

SMITH.—To Mrs. W. C. Smith, of Melbourne, Derbyshire, who lost her sister on 23rd April. This is the fourth family bereavement in the last four months.

Summers.—To E. Summers, of Hastings, who lost his sister on the 14th May.

TAYLOR.—To S. Taylor, of Morley Farm, Shepshed, Loughborough, who lost his mother on the 3rd May; the loss is the more painful in that she was with Taylor until nearly the end-and that it is barely six months since Taylor lost his

A Modern St. Dunstan

Referring to the Belfast Reunion of our men, and recalling the history of the Saint, the Belfast Telegraph adds:—

St. Dunstan's name, however, is now for all time associated with one of the great miracles of the 20th century. He was himself a famous miracle worker, but he could not make the blind to see, he could not lift them from being a burden upon themselves and upon the community to an honoured and self-sufficient position in the world of men. That miracle was reserved for the matterof-fact generation which has learned to scoff at miracles.

ST. DUNSTAN'S REVIEW

Sports Notes

General Sports Day 28TH JUNE

We shall hope to see you all at the Sports Day in Regent's Park, on Saturday, 28th June, starting at 2.15 p.m., and please bring your tea tickets with you.

REGATTA

The Regatta will take place at Putney on Wednesday, 16th July starting at 1.30 p.m. sharp. If you have not yet sent me your entries may I have them please before the closing date 30th June.

We will adhere to last year's rules that men may enter for two events only, and there must be sufficient entries for each

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Silver Weddings

We have five silver weddings to report this month.

A. Gilbert, of Nottingham, celebrated his anniversary in April last, and M. McLoughlin, of Nenagh, Ireland, celebrated his on 21st May.

R. Blackshaw, of Stoke, C. Bregazzi, of Highgate, and G. Savory, of Norwich, are the other claimants for the silver wedding gift of one guinea, Blackshaw's anniversarv falling on 9th June, and both Savory's and Bregazzi's on 12th June.

Brighton News

Sixty-five of the boys, each bringing a lady partner, were invited by some of the Brighton Lodges to a supper, concert and dance at the old Ship Rooms. The whole party numbered as many as one hundred and sixteen, and so excellent were the arrangements throughout that there was not a dull moment the whole evening.

Worshipful Bro. Plumbridge, who was largely responsible for all the organisation, was unfortunately unable to preside, but he paid a visit during the evening. Worshipful Bro. Yeoman proved an able deputy and offered sincere welcome to all. The Masons, he said, were delighted to entertain St. Dunstan's boys, whose cheerful optimism was a lesson to everybody. Mr. W. Askew, from Headquarters, who is himself a Freemason, replied on behalf of the guests. St. Dunstan's, he said, greatly appreciated the kindness of Masonic lodges throughout the country, which made contributions to the institution through the Benevolent Funds. Captain Ian Fraser (Chairman of St. Dunstan's), who was unable to attend, had asked him to convey the thanks of the institution's Executive Council to the Masonic lodges of Brighton.

The Mayor of Brighton (Councillor H. Wilfred Aldrich) found time to look in during the evening, and was given an

enthusiastic reception.

Bro. Horace Webb had arranged an excellent concert programme. Those who contributed were Mr. Harry Joyce and Madame Desmond (duettists), Miss Vera Hemsley (elocutionist), Mr. Harold Williams (baritone), and Mr. Seymour Dicker (pianist).

The Granville Orchestra provided music during the supper and also played for the

The guests were taken to the Old Ship Rooms and back to St. Dunstan's in motor coaches kindly lent by Bro. Pownall, of Pownall's Garage, Kemp Town.

WHITSUN DOINGS

The beautiful weather which prevailed during Whitsuntide and the week preceding it enabled our men to enjoy a most delightful time. The drive to the Derby was ideal,

the position on the course was perfect, whilst the catering for the "inner man" left nothing to be desired. The morning after found many with cracked voices, caused by the cheering of winners they had-and had not-backed, to say nothing of the singing en route of popular songs; but all agreed that it was one of the best Derby Days they had ever enjoyed.

Whitsuntide was a real out-of-doors holiday; on Whit Monday there was a drive to Wannock Glen. Those of our readers who have been on this trip may recall the pleasure of this delightful drive through the beautiful Sussex lanes, the wonderful Aviary, the glorious rose garden and the delicious tea provided by the proprietors of the gardens for their patrons. The party returned about 9 p.m. and quite ready for the "Jazz" which had been arranged, at the end of which everyone had that healthy, tired feeling and bronzed complexions which told of a real, sunny, seaside holiday. Observer.

A fine tribute to the skill and industry of J. Simpson, of Slatyford, near Newcastle, appears in a recent issue of the Evening World. Simpson carries on the dual occupations of poultry farming and basket making, and conducts his farm entirely single-handed. We may recall that some years ago Simpson was presented with a silver cigarette case as a mark of appreciation of his bravery in rescuing a bather from drowning in heavy seas at Whitley

All St. Dunstan's men, particularly the mat-makers, will be grieved to hear of the sudden death of S. P. Westward who died quite suddenly on the 2nd June at Walsall where he had recently established himself in a workshop to carry on with mat-making. During the last few years he has been giving instruction to the blind people in Walsall. We wish to offer to his wife and daughter our sincere sympathy and to assure them that many St. Dunstan's men will remember with genuine respect and appreciation the valuable help he gave them as instructor. Two St. Dunstaners, T. North and G. T. Shaw, both of Walsall, were able to attend the funeral.

News from the Workshops

BASKETS

W. J. Berry has been getting down to his willow basket work, doing some wastepapers and square-arms. His last job, reseating chairs with seagrass, seemed to interest him very much. During this term F. A. Cole has been tackling rather larger work, grocers baskets, hampers and some oval clothes baskets. He will no doubt find it better to confine himself to a smaller type of work, though we must say he has put every effort into these jobs. H. Griffiths likes the willow work so much that he is continuing with it. He has already got on to square work, and is to be congratulated on the progress he has made. F. Martin has continued to give his attention to square work, and we hope that he will be as successful with this as he apparently is with "Heads I win, tails you lose." E. A. Strand is showing a very keen interest in the craft, and has gained useful experience during the last two months on varied work. He is to be congratulated on being able to tackle so any different baskets in the time, and on the improved craftsmanship he has shown. L. Williams is gaining more control of his stakes, and continues to make a very decided general advancement. He too, has covered a good range of work, though he has given chief attention to corner linens. The practice he had on repair work was quite valuable. This month we have to say farewell to H. Palmer who completes his course with distinction. He has a very neat hand, and works intelligently. We feel confident that he will win his way with his customers, not only by the articles he will be able to produce, but by his own personality.

BOOTS

H. Wordsworth is quite good as far as his ground work is concerned, and has a good idea of what is wanted. Though he is somewhat slow in executing the work he should prove a reliable workman. W. McCarthy was able to resume work in the middle of April. He has shown patience with regard to his difficulties, and we certainly feel that there is considerable promise in the style of his work. W.H.O.

ST. DUNSTAN'S REVIEW

After-Care Reunions

BELFAST

A LTHOUGH it had to be held in a new place, and, owing to various circumstances, the numbers were slightly less than last year, the general opinion seems to be that the Belfast Reunion this year was the most enjoyable one we have held as yet.

It took place in the Carlton Locksley Hall on Friday, the 23rd May, and we had as our guests Lady Turner and Miss Turner, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Ryan, Mr. James Nesbitt, J.P., and our former representative for Ireland, Mr. Maurice Macauley.

Our good friend Mrs. James Allen acted as hostess.

After an excellent lunch, Mr. Swain read a message from Capt. Fraser, welcomed our guests and spoke to the men.

A most amusing competition, arranged by Mrs. Norman Macauley, for the men only was the trimming of ladies hats. The men got all the information they asked for as regarded colours and trimmings but did the actual work unaided. They turned out some wonderful creations and simply would have a Mannequin Parade in which each wore his own effort-exactly as it was intended to beworn-for Lady Turner's judgment. Lady Turner decided that Reid's confection was the one that she "would object least to wearing herself," and awarded him the cake she had presented for first prize. Mr. Maurice Macauley's cigarettes went to Gribben for second prize.

The Stop-watch Competition resulted in the first prizes going to Mrs. Whiteside and to H. J. Glendennan, and the seconds to Miss Gallagher and J. Brockerton.

An enjoyable programme of musical items filled the afternoon and Miss Jeannie Erskine told us a number of her humorous Irish stories.

Mr. Swain was called from his interview to be made the recipient of an Irish Blackthorn walking stick from the Northern Ireland St. Dunstaners, and Lady Turner, in presenting it to him, hoped he would not have to use it on the donors! Votes of thanks for the meeting and the entertainment were heartily expressed and passed, and on the proposal of A. Gribben, a telegram was sent to Miss E. Rush, who had acted as our hostess on all former occasions, to express our best wishes for a speedy recovery of her health.

We wonder if any of our English comrades happened to be listening to the Belfast Broadcasting Station on the 23rd May, and heard the report of this reunion broadcast in the second local news bulletin.

The meeting terminated after tea had been served, with the singing of God Save the King.

N. M.

DUBLIN

The Reunion for the men in the Dublin area was held in Jury's Hotel on Thursday, the 22nd May, and was much the largest meeting we have yet held in Dublin.

After lunch, Mr. Swain read a message from Capt. Fraser regretting his inability to be present with the men and sending his good wishes, and spoke to the men on matters affecting their welfare. He weclomed Miss Taylor, formerly of the After-Care Staff at Headquarters who acted as our hostess, and Mr. Macauley our Irish representative.

A vote of thanks was proposed by J. Murray, of Kilkenny, and seconded by E. Horan, of Sandymount, to which Mr. Swain replied before proceeding to interviews.

During the afternoon a most enjoyable programme of music was enjoyed, which had been provided by the kindness of Mrs. Loughridge. The hearty applause testified to the men's appreciation.

D. J. McLoughlin and his daughter also entertained with songs and instrumental items.

A stop-watch competition resulted in Mrs. Horan, of Sandymount, and P. Maher, of Nenagh, being awarded the first prizes, and the second prizes were won by Mrs. Murray, of Kilkenny, and R. Bell, of Sandymouht.

During the afternoon the men renewed

acquaintances with one another and had a thoroughly good time together.

After tea Mr. Swain thanked the artistes for their kindness in coming to entertain the men, and the meeting closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

N. M.

NORWICH

There was a record attendance at the Norwich Reunion on Wednesday, 7th May, to welcome Captain and Mrs. Fraser on their first visit to Norwich. They received a very hearty welcome on their arrival, and, as they had unfortunately to catch an early train back to town, Captain Fraser opened the meeting with his speech. He touched on many points dealing with pensions, allowances, and work at Headquarters, and said how much he regretted that an important engagement in town prevented him from staying to the end of the meeting.

B. Hamilton, of Brandon, proposed the vote of thanks and said it was the first time they had had the pleasure of welcoming Captain and Mrs. Fraser, but he hoped it would not be the last. This was very ably seconded by A. Wise, of Great Ryburgh.

The meeting this year was held in the new hall, the old one having been pulled down, but we were fortunate in having the same caterers who, as usual, provided a splendid tea. During the afternoon, an excellent orchestra entertained us and Mr. Swain was busy interviewing all who wished to see him.

Prizes for the competitions were won by: B. Hamilton (Silver Spoons), W. Read (Cigarettes), Mrs. Nash (Handbag), Mrs. Briggs (Chocolates).

E. A. S.

Braille Room Notes

Very many congratulations to Mr. D. Chapple on passing his Braille Reading Test, and also many congratulations to F. L. Hunt and H. S. Clarke on passing their Braille Writing Test.

Typewriting

We heartily congratulate J. Coupland, W. C. Phillips and F. L. Hunt on passing the Typewriting Test.

M. H. R.

Manchester Sports

THE Annual Manchester and District Sports Gathering was again held at Fallowfield on 24th May, and in conjunction with the above the four running events for the Athletic Shield points were decided. Mrs. Irvine, whom we all know as "Sister Pat," with the aid of Mr. Slack and his able assistants, had scheduled a very comprehensive programme, which was carried through without a hitch. The competitors all showed great keenness, not forgetting the ladies and the kiddies in their events.

In the running events, teams of four, two T.B. and two S.S., from Manchester, Brighton, Birmingham and London, competed over four distances—quarter, half, three-quarter and one mile. Some very excellent running was witnessed and many of the spectators were greatly astonished by the performances of the boys. A special word of thanks is due to the running escorts who take the competitors in these events. It is a very difficult job to act as guide in these races, but they are ever ready and keen to get their man first to the tape. May we offer hearty congratulations to the London team who won all four races, though only after a terrific struggle?

At the end of a very sporting and most enjoyable day, Councillor Kingsmill Jones presented the prizes. The visiting teams have only one regret—that they have to dash away so early to catch the return

RESULTS

Open Treble Jump.—I, Greaves; 2, Scott; 3, McSteel.

Treble Jump (Manchester only).—Totally blind: 1, Scott; 2, Greaves; 3, Dickenson. Semi-sighted: 1, Birley; 2, Yarwood; 3, Cooke.

Single Jump (Manchester only).—Totally blind: I, Dickenson; 2, Greaves; 3, Scott. Semi-sighted: I, Cooke; 2, Birley; 3, Yarwood.

Throwing the Cricket Ball (Manchester only).—Totally blind: I, Dickenson; 2, Caldwell; 3, Worthington. Semi-sighted: I, Cooke; 2, Yarwood; 3, Milner.

Throwing the Football (open).—I, Birley; 2, Greaves; 3, Cashmore.

Throwing the Football (Manchester only).

—Totally blind: I, Greaves; 2, Dickenson; 3, Caldwell. Semi-sighted: I, Birley; 2, Cooke; 3, Yarwood.

Putting the Weight (open).—I, Greaves; 2, Dickenson; 3, Milner.

RUNNING EVENTS

Quarter Mile.—I, McSteel (London); 2, Birley (Manchester); 3, McCarthy (Brighton).

Half Mile.—I, Scott (London); 2, Coupland (Brighton); 3, Giles (Birming-

ham)

Three-quarter Mile.—1, Kerr (London); 2, Benning (Birmingham); 3, Lendayo (Brighton).

One Mile.—1, Riley (London); 2, Castle (Birmingham); 3, Scott (Manchester).

Wives and Daughters' Race.—I, Miss Heaper; 2, Mrs. MacArthur; 3, Mrs. Scott.

Children's Race.—I, Gottner; 2, Boothmand; 3, Radby.

Captain Peareth, of Fowey, is a keen fisherman and knows the river there quite well. He is regarded as an authority on the sport and his advice is much sought after. We learn that he has just completed two rather unusual jobs, the first being to make the frame of a canvas boat for an officer at Bodmin Barracks, and the second to mend a broken china doll, fitting it with a whole new side, one arm and one leg! Captain Peareth tell us he felt bound to execute this unusual commission as the small child who asked him to undertake it said St. Dunstan's men could do anything, and in view of that tribute he felt he could not let St. Dunstan's down.

Not long since, we announced that W. Murphy, of Liverpool, was presented to Lady Haig on the occasion of her visit there. We now hear that during the visit of Viscount Lord Allenby, Murphy was one of those chosen to form a guard of honour when his Lordship opened a new branch of the British Legion and presented the new colours. He at once recognised St. Dunstan's badge and had a long chat with Murphy, remarking what a wonderful place St. Dunstan's was.

News from New South Wales, Australia

St. Dunstaners will be interested to hear that a copy of the Annual Report of the New South Wales Blinded Soldiers' Association for the year ended 30th June 1929, has been received. This Association, under the patronage of His Excellency the Governor of New South Wales, Sir Dudley de Chair, records a year of steady though quiet progress. Mr. P. Almond, the President, and Mr. O. H. Ibels, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, present the report-there are now 41 full members, two of whom are at present in England and three Honorary members. The annual reunion of Australia Blinded Soldiers was held at Adelaide, when several matters of interest to blinded soldiers were dealt with, and generally the gathering was a successful and happy one. The untimely death of Mr. J. H. Hart, Hon. Secretary of the South Australian Association was recorded with sympathy. Anzac Day was observed in the usual way, a wreath on behalf of all Australian Blinded Soldiers being placed on the Cenotaph. The balance sheet shows a healthy state of affairs, a credit balance of £332 IIs. 8d. being carried forward after customary disbursements. A successful "smoko" having been organksed by Captain Aarons (Vice-President), the whole question of more frequent gatherings of a social nature to be gone into.

In Stoke-on-Trent, T. H. Dennison is working hard, reading a good deal and interesting himself in wireless. M. O. Anker is finding work in the boot repairing line quite brisk in the Ealing district; I. W. Birchall is doing a little joinery, busy making trousers presses and experimenting with mortice and tenon joints; R. F. Wright, of Winchmore Hill, another of our joiners, is well and busy in a particularly charming home; W. Kirkham, of Thorpe Bay, is fairly well as is also W. Sheridan, of Wanstead; G. James, of Barrow-on-Soar, is well, happy, and busy, and T. Ashe, of Sunbury-on-Thames is much occupied with shop and poultry. His new son, who is to be called James Thomas has been warmly welcomed by the little sister.

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