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EDITORIAL

St. Dunstan's in South Africa and Rhodesia

WE regret to announce that Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Vintcent, Chairman and Honorary Organising Secretary respectively, of St. Dunstan's South African Committee, have resigned their offices.

For some few months Mr. Vintcent's health has been causing his friends anxiety, and upon medical advice he has now been compelled to give up all public work.

This news, recently conveyed to our comrades in South Africa, and to the Council of St. Dunstan's, has called forth universal feelings of sorrow. Mr. and Mrs. Vintcent will be missed by South African St. Dunstaners, to whom, as many of them have said, they have acted as fairy godfather and godmother since their return to South Africa from the battlefields of Europe. They will be missed by thousands from the Zambesi to the Cape who have admired their work for St. Dunstan's and have supported their appeals for funds; and they will be missed by St. Dunstan's, and indirectly by all the men of St. Dunstan's, because through their labours St. Dunstan's work at home and throughout the Empire has been aided in no small measure.

Mr. and Mrs. Vintcent have devoted themselves to the work of St. Dunstan's in the Union and Rhodesia to the exclusion of their private interests and their leisure. There is no question but that Mr. Vintcent's illness has been aggravated by his work for St. Dunstan's, which has been arduous and has continued since the War years. One of the most remarkable things about St. Dunstan's is the extraordinarily devoted services which it has claimed from voluntary workers all over the Empire, and there is no case in which this is better exemplified than by the labours of Mr. and Mrs. Vintcent in South Africa.

After some years of exhausting work in London, caring for members of the South African Forces passing through the Metropolis, during the War, Mr. and Mrs. Vintcent offered their services to Sir Arthur Pearson to represent St. Dunstan's in South Africa, and from that time to the present day have carried out this trust.

Generous subscriptions have reached St. Dunstan's in London from the Sub-continent—more generous than from any other part of the Empire. The feeling in South Africa that as the Empire was united in the War, it should be united in caring for the men who came back blinded, found in the organisation set up by Mr. and Mrs. Vintcent, a channel through which this view might be given expression. The Chairman of St. Dunstan's visited South Africa two years ago, and was gratified to see how this feeling persists throughout the Union and in Rhodesia. South Africans of British blood and sentiment are attached to the Mother Country and to the Empire, and have made extraordinary sacrifices for it, and those who feel this way owe a debt to Mr. and Mrs. Vintcent above and beyond that due to them in connection with their work for blinded soldiers. These two have been for a decade

something more than the voluntary organisers of a good work, they have been outstanding representatives of the Imperial sentiment in the best sense which these words imply—a factor of such vital importance in Imperial relations.

Not only has South Africa contributed more to the wellbeing of the blinded soldiers throughout the Empire than any other Dominion, but she has looked after her own blinded soldiers in a way that is not surpassed, even by the Mother Country. Mr. and Mrs. Vintcent have been responsible for an outstanding piece of work, for which all St. Dunstaners will give them thanks.

It will be the unanimous wish of all Mr. and Mrs. Vintcent's friends that relief from the anxiety of the office which they have held so long, will enable them to enjoy many years of restful happiness, which they have so well earned.

With characteristic anxiety for the work of St. Dunstan's Mr. and Mrs. Vintcent are co-operating with us with a view to seeing that the work in South Africa goes on as satisfactorily as possible. The South African Committee invited Captain Fraser to go out to South Africa to advise what steps should be taken in this connection, but unfortunately he did not feel he could leave England for so long a period at the present time. The Council of St. Dunstan's, however, is responsible for the work in South Africa and the adjoining self-governing Colony, and attaches great importance to the continuance of this organisation which has done and still does so much for blinded soldiers in South Africa and for St. Dunstan's in London. In the Council's opinion it is necessary that an important member of St. Dunstan's Staff should proceed to South Africa to attend to this business, and accordingly the Secretary of St. Dunstan's, Mrs. Chadwick Bates, has been invited to undertake the mission. Mrs. Bates has accepted, and sails for South Africa on 24th July. All St. Dunstaners will join in wishing her success, and will ask her to carry to Mr. and Mrs. Vintcent their affectionate regards and good wishes.

The Council's Resolution

The following resolution was passed unanimously at the last meeting of the Executive Council of St. Dunstan :

" THAT this Council accept the resignation of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Vintcent with deep regret ; that they wish to place upon record their great appreciation of the splendid and devoted services rendered to St. Dunstan's by Mr. and Mrs. Vintcent for so many years, and to thank them most sincerely for undertaking the work of the settlement and after-care of the South African and Rhodesian St. Dunstaners and for contributing so greatly towards the permanent welfare of the officers and men. Further the Council record its appreciation of the magnificent collections towards the general funds of St. Dunstan's which have been received as a result of Mr. and Mrs. Vintcent's work in South Africa and Rhodesia. The Council send best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Vintcent for the future and hope that Mr. Vintcent may soon be restored to health."

Re-union

THE four or five weeks preceding August—"the holiday month"—have for some years past provided dates for the holding of several of the most interesting events in St. Dunstan's Calendar. This year is no exception and two of our most widely attended sporting gatherings, our General Sports Day and our Annual Regatta at Putney, have taken place.

Other events which follow closely are St. Dunstan's Officers' Reunion on the 18th and our Masseurs' Annual Reunion and Luncheon on the 25th. All these occasions make their appeal to those for whom they are arranged and they provide a congenial atmosphere for the renewal of many old friendships and often the making of new ones. That is of course their primary purpose—to cement still further the universal comradeship in our great community. But other and perhaps as important advantages accrue. There is the wide public interest evoked in the progress and achievements in work and sport of our officers and men, and perhaps we may add the welcome opportunity provided for some members of our administrative staff to greet in person many St. Dunstaners with whom their most general means of communication is necessarily by correspondence.

News from New Zealand

5th May, 1930.

AT the Conference of Empire Delegates at St. Dunstan's last year, the hope was expressed that more personal news from the outlying parts of the Empire might be sent to the Magazine. We all enjoy hearing news of our old friends who were with us in St. Dunstan's days ; but, when it comes to supplying it to the REVIEW, the factors of reticence, modesty and laziness come into play. Here however, are a few notes about New Zealand St. Dunstaners :—

Five are busy with massage practices, some in full-time hospital employment, and others practising privately. W. T. Woods and J. W. N. McIntosh are in Christchurch ; and it is noteworthy that the latter has established a Turkish Bath business in conjunction with massage. J. McGowan is at Wellington, and Neil Campbell and Donald McPhee at Auckland.

Andrew Johnstone has led an active life since his return to the Dominion. At first he took a position, which he filled very successfully, as shorthand-writer and typist in a mercantile firm, at the same time working vigorously in his spare hours with poultry and market gardening on a small scale. This he preferred to office work, and he ultimately made poultry and dairy farming his whole-time work. In due course another activity intervened. He had been taking various church services in country districts, lecturing during prohibition campaigns, etc., and now he has become a lecturer and organiser for the New Zealand Bible Institute, travelling throughout the Dominion and holding campaigns in various centres.

Several of the old hands are busy at various kinds of farming—J. R. McGill is dairy-farming ; J. Ireland, bee and dairy farming ; C. R. Masters and Geo. Hooper, dairy farming ; C. Johnston and A. Corey, both poultry-farming, and J. Chisholm has a mixed farm with cows, fruit and poultry.

A number of blinded soldiers find employment at the Jubilee Institute for the

Blind, Auckland. C. Mackenzie, the Director, is an old St. Dunstaner and H. Sime is another. Two of those working at the institute have lost their sight since the War. Two others at the Institute, C. Holden and A. Grant, have had the misfortune to lose their sight as the result of war service since their return to the Dominion.

On a recent Saturday afternoon there was a happy gathering at the Institute of nine of the Auckland blinded soldiers, together with wives and friends. With dancing, music, tea and talk three hours passed quickly.

Several New Zealand St. Dunstaners are unfortunately not in sufficiently good health, owing to other wounds, to follow active employment, though they do all they can in keeping a garden, hens, etc., to be useful. The New Zealand men are keeping up the old spirit of St. Dunstan's by working hard maintaining interest in a variety of recreations, hobbies and sports, and by having fine homes. Nor have they neglected their duties as fathers ; the 25 men and their wives must have families totalling altogether not far short of sixty.

Three of the old hands, Donald McPhee, Andrew M. Johnston and Clutha Mackenzie, have re-visited St. Dunstan's within the last few years. Unfortunately not many are able to do this, as a visit to England entails an absence of at least six months, and of course considerable expense.

The welfare of the New Zealand Blinded Soldiers is attended to conjointly by the Commercial Travellers Blinded Soldiers Fund and the Jubilee Institute for the Blind.

W. Murphy (our friend "Spud") has just been elected a member of the Welfare Committee of the Clubmore Branch of the British Legion.

By a typist's error, it was reported last month that Mrs. H. B. Read, of Brighton, won a prize in the first walk for which she entered, her time being "twenty-seven minutes for the mile and a half." This should, of course, read "two miles and a half in twenty-seven minutes."

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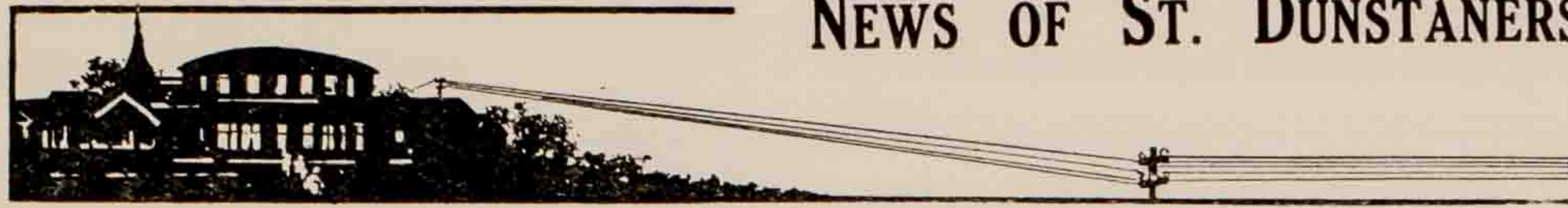
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NEWS OF ST. DUNSTANERS



THERE is good news from W. C. Shaw who, after much consideration, decided to leave his van in the lovely woods at Newstead and take a house and shop in Hucknall, Notts. The shop is in an excellent position in the main street, and Shaw has made it look very attractive with his display of baskets, so it is not surprising that good business has been done already and Shaw has every hope of building up a thriving trade. The house, too, is very comfortable, and Shaw is full of plans for the making of a garden. People are friendly, which is an added asset, and an enterprising 'bus conductor on the Nottingham route has already brought in a number of orders, for which St. Dunstan's thanks are added to those Shaw has already tendered for this practical appreciation of his work and efforts.

Another who is making good progress with his trade is A. Law, of Gotherington, Nr. Cheltenham, Glos. He is keenly interested in his joinery and particularly likes working out new things. Two small book-cases and a couple of washstands made for local people have brought him many compliments, we hear.

In another line, too, Law bids fair to become quite a distinguished St. Dunstaner, as poems of his have been appearing weekly in the "Kent Messenger" for several months past. They are strongly Kentish in tone, and so attracted the attention of Mr. Harold Nicholson whom all our wireless band will know by repute. A letter of appreciation from such a man must have been a very real pleasure to Law, as was also the gift of a volume of poems by V. Sackville West (Mrs. Harold Nicholson) which accompanied the letter.

Cheltenham seems to have been right in the centre of the storm that struck England about midsummer day. A. Demben-

ski was one of the sufferers, the rain coming in badly through part of his room, but he escaped well compared with some of the big shops not far distant; several of these reported water four feet deep in their cellars! Dembenki minor, aged 2½, is a very indignant small boy at the moment, for a most unwelcome baby brother has made his appearance—upon whom Dembenki minor makes vigorous attacks unless carefully watched!

There has been a good deal of sickness about and a number of juvenile St. Dunstaners have been suffering from measles, though all seem on the mend now. A worse affair is that of S. Goburn's (of Segrave, Cheltenham) second boy who has had to undergo an operation for appendicitis. We are glad to be able to say that he is making good progress and will no doubt be about again before these lines appear in print.

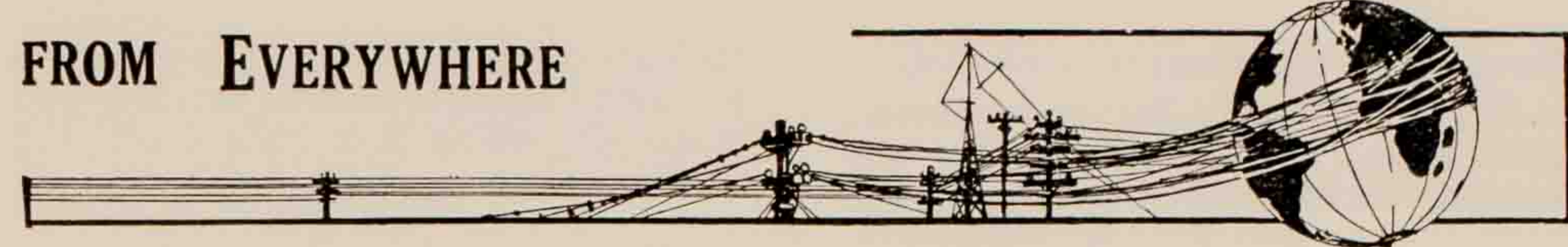
Another St. Dunstaner who has had an anxious time is S. Nixon, of Small Heath, Birmingham, for his mother was involved in an accident a few weeks ago, being knocked down in the street. She had a rib broken but this must count as a fortunate escape.

Trade is improving with A. Bundy, of Gloucester. Friends of both Bundy and W. J. Hare will welcome the news that Bundy's sister has become engaged to the latter. We offer the affianced couple all possible good wishes for their future happiness.

A good many basket orders have been coming in to A. Hughes, of Charlton Kings, Cheltenham; he is making a good start after his illness and hopes to get back to full working hours before long.

The shop run by F. Harris, another

FROM EVERYWHERE



Charlton King's man, is looking remarkably nice, we hear, and Harris seems to be obtaining the advance in trade which his business abilities deserve. Two recent storms have forced rain into his shop window, the first causing considerable damage.

Those who know what a real friend an old pony can be will sympathise with C. R. Newall, of Bamfurlong, Glos., inasmuch as he has just lost his, which was a great pet.

Does anyone want some really remarkably nice silk scarves in white or colours, any width, any length? If so, let them apply to E. J. Brett, of 5 Alexander Road, Aldershot, who makes such articles from 4/6 upwards.

C. Roach, of Harrowgate Hill, Darlington, is as bright and cheery as ever. He is an enthusiastic poultry man, and he has a fine lot of chickens to keep him busy.

A new pleasure has been discovered by J. W. March, of Millfield, Sunderland. He has been helping a friend in his garden and finds that outdoor work is exceedingly beneficial to the health.

A. Smith is identifying himself with village life in Elwick (near Hartlepool) and a little while back was put on the committee of the Village Institute.

Admirers of H. J. Harris, of Loose, near Maidstone, will be glad to hear that he is doing a good deal of singing. He is very fortunate in that a lady who lives near is often willing to play his accompaniments for him, so he has every chance of practising.

Work is coming in well, according to A. Dean, of Hawkhurst.

W. Millar, of Hook, Surbiton, has had a financial catastrophe, as he has lost all his

three goats. The disaster was doubtless due to the animals being frightened for on two separate occasions cows got into the goats' paddock and after each visitation one of the goats died almost immediately, and the newly-born kids too. The third goat seemed to pine to death.

The garden is keeping J. Francis, of Battle, so very busy that he has practically no time for mat-making at present. He says that by his effort money has been saved as the family has had no vegetables to buy. The plot looks in fine order and is certainly highly productive.

Before long we hope to have an interesting announcement for our "Wedding" column as we learn that M. W. Brown, of Seddlescombe, is about to be married—indeed, the event is due to take place before we appear in print. He has known his fiancée for some time and we wish him and her all happiness.

Wivelsfield Green, Hayward's Heath, where W. E. Bamber has installed himself in a new home is ideal for the children. It is real country though not at all buried away from the world and Bamber should be a very contented man.

A. J. Overill, of Charlton, is very busy on his rounds and is succeeding in working up quite a good connection for his grocery store. Congratulations to him on the result of his steady effort.

Has any man made a list of local orders received within the first few months of settlement? J. Haylock, of Ickleton, Cambs, reports forty mat orders as having come to him from the immediate locality in less than a year, which sounds good.

An increase in weight of 8 lbs. during his holiday at Brighton is the record put up by

News of St. Dunstaners—continued.

F. W. Thompson, of Tavistock, Devon! (It is whispered that he had to have his waistcoat let out before returning home!)

We hear that T. J. Floyd, of Teignmouth, Devon, is to be counted among the record-breaking St. Dunstaners on account of the marvellous speed and dexterity with which he starts his day's work. Many men with two hands find more difficulties in putting out work, arranging things and tying on aprons, etc., than does Floyd with one!

W. Ward, of St. Leonard's, reports that his tray-making fame is extending! During one week he dispatched orders to both America and Canada. He is a particularly adaptable and enterprising man, by the way, and one willing and eager to tackle any job that offers, which accounts alike for his success and his wide circle of friends and acquaintances.

In Hastings J. McDonough is busy making nets—large ones preferably, since he finds them more interesting than the smaller articles. The garden does McDonough great credit, though this, by the way, he insists is due to the efforts of Mrs. McDonough, who has worked miracles with the difficult soil.

Another man at present in the same district but contemplating a move to Southampton is E. J. Summers; his son is in the Merchant Service and Southampton would therefore be a convenient place for the family to settle.

M. Mulvaney, of Whitley Bay, has improved in health noticeably since he went to live by the sea and is hoping to get local orders for his mats very shortly. Mrs. Mulvaney wisely advertised her rooms in Scottish newspapers so is already let for most of the summer.

A very hard-working and keen St. Dunstaner is E. S. Hayter, of Kingston-on-Thames. He has every hope of working up a really good boot repairing business.

"All's well" with C. F. Thompson of

the same district. He is very proud of the accomplishments of his little daughter who is studying under Miss Italia Conti, and showing talent.

"The law's an ass!" is a favourite saying with many. If R. Usher, of Sunderland, does not say it he must think it since he has lately been fined for selling goods after legal shop hours—one sale was a pennyworth of pickles!

W. H. Manning, of Tooting, is quite busy with mats and in addition is putting strenuous work into his garden.

W. Paul, of New Brancepeth, Durham, is another lover of outdoor life and finds an ever increasing interest in his allotment. He looks much better as the result of his exertions.

A third whose health has improved since he spent more time in the open air is H. Smy, of Middleton, Yoxford; he is doing poultry work.

A record show in both fruit and vegetables is expected by S. Webster, of Forest Hill, who has got his garden into most excellent order.

A most practical prize has been won by T. W. Walton, of South Ealing—jam (!)—from a "Hospital Draw."

A group of St. Dunstaners made a display of their goods at Donnybrook Fair and reaped success as a reward for their efforts and enterprise. The marquee had a good crowd around it all the time and over £7 worth of goods were sold in the first afternoon. In addition many orders were secured.

F. W. Matthews, of Soberton, was again selected as local delegate to attend the British Legion Conference.

"Feeling champion!" says D. Makin, of Wallsend-on-Tyne, and "everything is going on all right." He has taken over quite a large piece of ground and has a large house for tomato growing.

The new house into which T. Cockburn has moved (Walker Gate, Newcastle) is a delight to him. It has a large garden and as there is a lot to do in it Cockburn has started in without delay.

Some time ago we mentioned in the "Review" the skill of W. Coleman, of Islington, in devising a sunken Japanese garden, which, by the way, is a veritable picture at present. He now has a rival—A. I. Gwyn, of Oulton Broad—who has a remarkably well-planned and laid-out garden which, if not Japanese, has two lily ponds for which Gwyn has made some very artistic rustic fencing.

Of our young St. Dunstaners one must have special mention: this is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Glasspool, of Brixton, who has just gained the bronze medal for life saving and in addition is doing remarkably well at school.

Brief Notes

G. T. Dennis, of Portsmouth, is as busy as usual; G. Cole is working hard and seems well; J. W. Gimber, of Desborough, is better than he has been all the winter; P. Sainty, of Sydenham, is finding his chickens an immense interest—they are laying well; A. V. Clay, cricket enthusiast, has been attending many matches.

In Hastings, J. Foster is keeping in much better health; he has every hope of receiving an order for a large mat for the local church very soon; H. R. Potter of the same district is hard at work and getting fine exercise in wood-chopping. A. Kimber, of Medstead, has one or two orders in sight and is very busy in his garden.

Trade is not all it should be but H. D. S. Wood, of Rugby, finds much to occupy him in his shop and hopes soon to be able to report that his eleven-year-old son, who won the school shield for swimming last year, has achieved further success in the same line.

J. R. Brown, of Nuneaton, is well, and G. Parrick, of Bromley, Kent, is so busy with boots and mats that he has no time for

reading any of his Braille magazines at present; W. Buckle, of Mortlake, has just finished an interesting looking basket which was a "special order" from a local resident, and J. H. Lea, of Mancetter, near Atherstone, is well, cheerful, and much occupied about his farm.

Carpentry and reading are the chief occupations of E. S. Cass, of West Hartlepool—he gets through a number of books in the course of the year. H. Bayer, of Burnt Oak, is keeping well and doing fairly with his baskets, while F. J. Harriss, of Ramsden Bellhouse, and A. W. Pimm, of Wickford, both poultry men, are in good health as too is W. Cromwell, of Gloucester.

"All's well" with H. F. Porter, of Shirley, R. Stanners, of High Wycombe, J. Lomas, of Walthamstow, and J. A. Morton, of West Wycombe, who is doing fairly well with joinery.

Bricklaying is quite an interesting occupation according to W. McCarthy, of Nuneaton, who has set to work on some backyard occupation and bids fair to rival Mr. Winston Churchill in his efforts in this direction.

W. Horsnell, of Somerton, Somerset, is improving steadily in health. His bonny couple of children are a constant and increasing pride to him.

A good report of life is also sent in by D. Pettit, of Northampton, and J. Davies, of Coventry—the latter says his only complaint is that he did NOT win the Derby Sweep, and here many a man will agree with him! (Of course substituting his own name for that of Davies!)

A Musical Family

We are interested to learn that the little daughter of D. McLoughlin, of Dublin, has recently passed with full marks and honours the London College of Music examination for the piano—this makes her third award—preparatory, junior and intermediate grades, and the certificate secured in each case has carried honours.

Our General Sports Day

WE are usually favoured with fine weather for this annual gathering and June 28th was no exception to the rule. Brilliant sunshine—too brilliant for some of the competitors, to judge by their perspiring faces—a record gathering, both of grown-ups and children, and some excellent sport, contributed to make up a very successful afternoon. The long programme necessitated a punctual start and the whole timetable was kept to with commendable accuracy. The full results are published below and our space does not permit of any extended comment upon individual performances. It is noted, however, that London gained the large proportion of ten out of a possible twelve points in the Shield events. H. Kerr made very good time in the 75 yds. sprint, and, indeed, the T.B. time on this occasion was better than the S.S. An excellent performance also was the 25 ft. 10½ ins. put up by W. Birchall for the Treble Jump.

To many of the onlookers perhaps the most entertaining part of the afternoon's proceedings were the children's races. We guarantee that the very capable officials were more harassed over the control of these tiny competitors than over any of the adult events. To see Instructor Tovell

gently restraining the ardour of one young three-footer to get a flying start, and when the race had finally been started, trying to induce another one to "get on with it" was an entertainment in itself. Devoted mothers stood at the ropes giving all sorts of encouragement and warnings, most of which, we are afraid, fell on barren ground. The children also were the leading performers at the gathering on the lawn at Headquarters for tea, and under the able conductorship of Miss Davis, gave a programme of really amazingly good community singing. The tea itself (a big boiler went on strike and decided to burst, so delaying much-needed refreshment for a time) and the lengthy prize giving which followed, went splendidly. Mrs. Fraser, who was accompanied by Captain Fraser, had a rousing reception and found a word of praise for all the many prize winners. Our thanks are due to all who worked so hard to make such a successful day; also to the many generous folk who contributed to a prize fund which permitted of "prizes" being given to unsuccessful as well as successful child competitors. Finally, a word of appreciation to the Edmonton Silver Prize Band who discoursed delightful music throughout the afternoon.

RESULTS

GIRLS UNDER 5 YEARS

- 1.—Avis Peckham
- 2.—Barbara Tomkinson
- 3.—Monica Durkin
- 4.—Marjorie Fallowfield
- 5.—Joyce Dixon
- 6.—Kathleen Gidney

GIRLS BETWEEN 5—7

- 1.—Doris Sainty
- 2.—Betty Arnold
- 3.—Laughter Stayt
- 4.—Florrie Tennison
- 5.—Elaine Martin
- 6.—Barbara Ingram
- 7.—Marjory Deegan

Consolation : Winnie Smith

GIRLS BETWEEN 7—10

- 1.—Rosina Sainty
- 2.—Florrie Barratt

- 3.—Joyce Peckham
- 4.—Doris Iddiols
- 5.—Lillah Roden
- 6.—Joyce Tomkinson
- 7.—Rosina Alexander

Consolation : Moya O'Kelly

GIRLS BETWEEN 10—14

- 1.—Dorothy Champniss
- 2.—Peggy Otway
- 3.—Winifred Mellor
- 4.—Ivy Dixon
- 5.—Hazel Arnold
- 6.—Jean Fraser
- 7.—Winifred Bates

Consolation : June Grove

BOYS UNDER 5 YEARS

- 1.—Tony McQuirk
- 2.—John Henry
- 3.—Arthur Sainty

- 4.—Denis Coles
- 5.—Dyson Stayt
- 6.—Derek Ingram
- 7.—Ivor Wylie

Consolation : Peter Deegan

BOYS BETWEEN 5—7

- 1.—Peter Nichols
- 2.—Roy Ridley
- 3.—Robert Birch
- 4.—Stanley Clark
- 5.—Kenneth Northgreaves
- 6.—Arthur Butler
- 7.—John Sullivan

Consolation : Fred Porter

BOYS BETWEEN 7—10

- 1.—Harry Birch
- 2.—Harold Coussins
- 3.—Cyril Clark
- 4.—Bob Porter
- 5.—Gordon Boulwood
- 6.—Gilbert Burtenshaw
- 7.—Alfred Tennison

Consolation : William Riley

BOYS BETWEEN 10—14

- 1.—Leonard Clark
- 2.—Terence Roden
- 3.—Fred Barratt
- 4.—George Butler
- 5.—Sam Prior
- 6.—Ernest Alexander
- 7.—Arthur Sullivan

Consolation : Leslie Coussins

75 YARDS SPRINT

T.B.	1.—H. Kerr	sec.	9½
	2.—J. Meighan		
	3.—J. Greaves		
	4.—S. Webster		

S.S.	1.—W. T. Scott	sec.	9¾
	2.—H. McSteel		
	3.—H. Prior		
	4.—L. Williams		

SINGLE JUMP

T.B.	1.—W. Birchall	ft.	ins.	9	1½
	2.—H. Stayt			9	0
	3.—J. Deegan			8	9½
	4.—J. Harrison			8	7½

TREBLE JUMP

S.S.	1.—M. Manning	ft.	ins.	23	8
	2.—H. Birley			22	11¾
	3.—W. T. Scott			22	10
	4.—W. McCarthy			22	5

THROWING THE CRICKET BALL

T.B.	1.—T. Dickinson	yds.	64
	2.—J. Deegan		62
	3.—F. Winter		60½
	4.—J. Ingram		60½

S.S.	1.—T. Meredith	ft.	ins.	64
	2.—P. Cashmore			60
	3.—C. Newell			56
	4.—H. McSteel			56

PUTTING THE WEIGHT

T.B.	1.—E. Alexander	ft.	ins.	26	4
	2.—J. Greaves			26	3½
	3.—J. McFarlane			25	4
	4.—W. Birchall			23	8

S.S.	1.—R. H. Cook	ft.	ins.	26	9
	2.—C. Newell			25	1
	3.—C. Thompson			24	1½
	4.—J. Illingworth			23	11

SHIELD COMPETITION

	Birmingham			Manchester			Brighton		
	Yds.	Ft.	Ins.	Yds.	Ft.	Ins.	Yds.	Ft.	Ins.
Cricket Ball	P. Cashmore ..	62	0	0	A. Caldwell ..	54	1	6	
Putting the Weight	C. Newell ..	0	24	10½	J. Greaves ..	0	27	11	
Single Jump	W. Castle ..	0	7	4½	R. Cook ..	0	7	8¾	
Treble Jump	J. Brown ..	0	20	9	H. Birley ..	0	25	1¼	
Cricket Ball	T. Meredith ..	65	0	0	J. Illingworth ..	62	0	0	
Putting the Weight	J. McFarlane ..	0	24	11½	T. Dickinson ..	0	25	1	
Single Jump	J. Deegan ..	0	8	2¾	R. Wass ..	0	8	1¼	
Treble Jump	W. Birchall ..	0	25	10¼	M. Manning ..	0	23	7	

POINTS

London	10
Brighton	6½
Manchester	6
Birmingham	1½

WIVES RACE

- 1.—Mrs. Ashton
- 2.—Mrs. Taylor
- 3.—Mrs. Treby
- 4.—Miss Connor
- 5.—Mrs. Webster
- 6.—" Meredith
- 7.—" Fallowfield

Consolation : Mrs. Champniss

THREAD THE NEEDLE RACE

- 1.—Mr. and Mrs. Treby
- 2.—Mrs. Roden and Mr. Milner
- 3.—Mrs. Parcival and Mr. Coates
- 4.—Miss Tomlins and Mr. Ashton
- 5.—Mr. and Mrs. Vine
- 6.—Mr. and Mrs. Rickaby
- 7.—Mr. and Mrs. Fallowfield

Consolation : Mr. and Mrs. Smith

Brighton News

OUR boys at Brighton are fortunate indeed in the number and variety of entertainments and outings which so many generous hosts provide for them. The most recent and one of the most pleasurable that they have spent this year was the outing to Midhurst on July 1st, organised for the tenth year by the Brighton employees of Messrs. Tillings and Southdown Omnibus Companies.

The party, which numbered 131, was accompanied by Tillings' Military Band. On arrival at Midhurst, dinner was served in the Old Drill Hall, after which their comfort was looked after by Capt. E. F. Masters (Secretary of the Midhurst Branch of the British Legion) and his comrades. A very enjoyable afternoon was then spent at Cowdray Ruins, where the band played to several hundred people. In expressing thanks on behalf of the party after tea, Pat Donigan spoke of the growth of the outing from 40 "of us" eight years ago to 131 today. Tim Healey, for the "inside" boys, also made a good speech. A special vote of thanks was then passed to Mr. Mark Richards, (outing organiser and secretary). Replies were made by Mr. Richards, Mr. A. W. Richardson (Tillings), Mr. W. Clark (Southdown) and Mr. Phillips (Southdown). A letter was then read by Mr. Richards from Captain Fraser, thanking the busmen for their hospitality, and telegrams of good wishes from Captain Fraser and Mr. R. G. Porte (Chief Engineer, Southdown) were also received. Capt. Masters assured the guests, in the name of the British Legion and Midhurst inhabitants, that it gave great pleasure to see the boys at Midhurst for the third successive year, and everyone hoped they would come again. Occupiers of lucky number chairs were presented with prizes, the gift of the Legion, who also generously supplied the party with cigarettes on the journey down.

FOR SALE.—Singer Tandem, double lady's. In good order, excellent tyres. Price 35s. and carriage.—Law, Gotherington, Glos.

A New Profession

One or two St. Dunstaners have discovered that it is quite a profitable affair to run a small lending library in villages not supplied by public libraries and have secured supplies of old books suitable for the purpose by means of advertisement. Others might like to adopt the idea as a side line.

A Real Outdoor Life

In a letter recently received from F. J. Guiseley, of Harden, he gives some interesting notes of the outdoor life he and his family are living at present. With his holiday money he purchased a tent and this he has erected in his garden. The following extracts from his letter evidence the pleasure and satisfaction he is getting from the experiment.

"My reason for getting this tent was because I could not manage a holiday this year. I thought that it would be equally as good to camp on my own lawn, and so have a nice long holiday even at home, with the ideal surroundings of open air life in the country, at a very little cost.

I had a very busy week making beds after the style we used to have in dugouts in the officers' quarters during the War.

We have pitched the tent on the lawn and we have all our meals out of doors and practically live an out-of-door life.

Sleeping out under canvas in this way is ideal and we all feel much benefit from it already. We have had a few rough nights lately accompanied by thunder, but this has not worried me much, and I myself have still slept on.

I always enjoyed camping out even in my soldiering before the War and then during the War when things were far from ideal and pleasant. But to be in your own tent and in your own garden in peace time puts the real finishing touch to it....no banging on the tent at an unearthly hour in the morning and a voice shouting "Show a leg there!".....no "Lights out" at night!

The eldest daughter, Joan, of J. Selby, of Larkfield, has, we learn, won a County Council Scholarship.

"In Memory"

LANCE-CORPORAL CHARLES H. ALDRIDGE
(1st Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry)

IT is with deep regret that we have to record the death of this St. Dunstaner. Aldridge was trained as a boot repairer when he came to Headquarters in 1921, but was unable to make much headway at this trade on account of his indifferent health. He was admitted to hospital in May 1929, where he remained until his death on the 31st May 1930. Despite his poor health, he always tried to be cheery, and took a keen interest in all kinds of sport. The funeral took place on the 4th June at Nunhead Cemetery and many friends and relatives attended. Among the numerous wreaths received was one in the form of our badge from Captain Fraser and his many comrades at St. Dunstan's.

We extend our sympathy to Aldridge's widowed mother and family.

PIONEER CHARLES BRAMMER
(Royal Engineers)

We deeply regret to announce the death of C. Brammer which occurred on the 5th June 1930. Brammer was trained in boot repairing, clogging, and mat-making, and as a result of his keen interest and hard work he built up a nice little business. About two years ago his health began to trouble him and he very gradually became worse. He was admitted to hospital in January of this year for about a month, and then went down to our Brighton Annexe for convalescence. This, however, did not improve his health and he returned to hospital a short time afterwards, where he died.

Brammer was buried in Newton Cemetery on the 10th June and the service was held in Wargrave Church, the Rev. E. E. Storer officiating. Several relatives and friends attended, and there were many floral tributes, including a wreath in the form of our badge from Captain Fraser and his many comrades at St. Dunstan's.

Our sympathy is extended to Brammer's wife and two children.

PRIVATE GEORGE BAYLIS
(Royal Marine Light Infantry)

We deeply regret to announce the death of this St. Dunstaner. Baylis lost his sight in 1917 at Passchendaele Ridge, and shortly afterwards came to St. Dunstan's where he was trained as a poultry farmer. He suffered a great deal as a result of his injuries, but always did his best to appear bright and cheerful. His wife was a devoted nurse to him, never tiring in her efforts to ease his sufferings. His death occurred on the 13th June 1930.

The funeral took place on the 17th June and a short service at Hanbury Church was conducted by the Rev. G. V. Blois. The coffin was draped with the Union Jack. There were many floral tributes, including one in the form of our badge from Captain Fraser and his many comrades at St. Dunstan's.

We extend our sympathy to Baylis's wife and three children.

Deaths

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

BREWER.—To Mr. T. H. Brewer, of Hesketh Bank, in that he lost his wife on the 28th of May. This is the second terrible loss experienced by Brewer for he lost his first wife in January 1928, so is now left a widower for the second time. He has a three weeks old baby and four other children.

BURGESS.—To Mr. and Mrs. Burgess, of Hambrook, Bristol, who have just lost their eldest son, aged twenty-two. The tragedy is the greater inasmuch as the son had suffered a very long illness.

DAVIES.—To Mr. and Mrs. Davies, of

Wrexham, who lost their baby son through pneumonia on the 4th June. He was just thirteen months old.

HOWARTH.—To Mr. and Mrs. Howarth, of Frimley Green, whose baby daughter was still-born on Wednesday, 28th May.

MCMAHON.—To the wife of F. McMahon, of Salford, Manchester, who lost her youngest brother on the 2nd June.

PETERS.—To Mr. and Mrs. W. Peters, of Liverpool, who have suffered a double bereavement within a month. On 8th June they lost their little son William, aged two years, and on the 26th of the same month the baby Ramsay, aged 12 months, died from pneumonia.

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News from the Workshops

BASKETS

W. J. Berry has found a job that he likes in the seating of chairs with seagrass cord. He made an exceptionally good job of one with a curved front. He has also been making some bag baskets quite successfully.

L. Williams has been tackling larger work, tradesmen's baskets. He also did very well with a picnic, and has had experience with chair seating.

F. Martin is another man who made a real good job of reseating a chair. Square arms of different sizes turned out quite well, and during June he got through a good assortment of some small centre-cane and willow work.

We rather feel that F. Griffiths has surprised himself by the progress he has been able to make on willows. After a good run through with luncheon baskets, he tackled a soiled linen.

E. A. Strand earned commendation both for the working of his rods and the straightness of his stakes on an 11" soiled linen. He did good work also with some dog beds, and also a picnic, including the fixing of handles. He is keen to do everything himself, which means very valuable experience.

BOOTS

The work of A. L. Isaac still shows promise. He seems keen to receive instruction. He is painstaking, and turns out some neat work.

M. Manning is making good progress. He is willing to take over any kind of job, and gets good results.

W. McCarthy is a good trier. He asks questions which are very much to the point, and will no doubt make better progress when he gets on full time.

A. H. Wilson is now in the Shop, full time, and this will enable him, we are sure, to make more rapid progress.

BOOT STORES

It is a very pleasant thing that circumstances have permitted the happy relationship which has always existed between St. Dunstan's men and their Technical Instructors to be maintained for so long a time.

We feel confident that the men value the personal connection almost as highly as the technical skill and advice, and it is remarkable that during the passage of years we have had so few breaks in the continuity.

We have to announce this month that Mr. Heath, the Chief Instructor in the Boot Department, tendered his resignation, which took effect at the end of June. The long service which Mr. Heath has given to the interests of St. Dunstan's men has been recognised by the Council by the presentation to him of a gold cigarette case suitably inscribed, and his colleagues at the Stores also made him a gift of a mirror, fire-screen and coal-box, suitable for a drawing room. Hundreds of St. Dunstan's men have come into personal touch with Mr. Heath, and so they are aware, not only of his broad and accurate knowledge of matters connected with the trade, but also of his ability to convey this knowledge to others, and his readiness to aid his pupils to acquire the necessary technical skill. We shall remember always the valuable services he has rendered us.

Mr. S. Durrant will now be Chief Instructor. He will be remembered by many as the first Boot Technical Visitor to call on the men leaving St. Dunstan's for, at the commencement, he visited everybody all over the kingdom. During the last few years, however, his area has been restricted to London and its vicinity. No one knows better than he the difficulties and needs of St. Dunstan's boot repairers, and there is no need to assure everyone that his best efforts will be put forth on their behalf. He will be responsible for the Boot Stores, but arrangements are being made to relieve him of the routine work, which will enable him to continue to visit his men in London.

Owing to the passage of time, there are fewer boot repairers on the list, and consequently it will be possible to arrange for Mr. Darby to assist Mr. Durrant with the London men. It is hoped that Mr. Durrant will be able to attend a large number of Re-union Meetings during the coming year, so that all boot repairers will have an opportunity of meeting him personally, and he will, as time and circumstances permit, also visit men in all parts of the country. W. H. O.

Bournemouth Re-union

The Bournemouth Re-Union was again held at Holy Trinity Church Hall, Bournemouth, on May 8th.

The meeting was a very enjoyable one and the numbers attending rather larger than before. In spite of the fact that it was held rather later than usual we had a somewhat cold day.

After tea Mr. Swain addressed the company and read a message from Captain Fraser regretting that it was not possible for him to attend all the meetings and sending his best wishes to all present.

A new feature which was much appreciated was W. Lowings' band, and the proposal that he should return again next year was received with much applause. Dancing was enjoyed by a good many, the only difficulty being that the men could not find enough partners! We must remedy this another year.

Mr. Swain interviewed any who wished to see him and the meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the Band and the singing of "God Save the King."

Netting Notes

June and July have come in with heaps of sunshine so we have had a good many rather belated orders for fruit nets and are still busy with them. We have had a special line of hammocks this season, too, for 9/6 which has sold very well at the Shows. These have been made up from old stocks.

Our orders for sponge bags still progress much to the delight of some of our members who have been receiving double orders of string the last few weeks. One only wishes we could always give as much work to the men as they would like to have.

At Brighton the men are doing well; S. Thompson, A. Robinson and J. Coupland having passed through their course successfully. H. Foxwell and W. McCarthy have begun rugs. F. Coates, W. Phillips, H. T. Tarling and E. Butler are all working well at netting, a pig net being much in evidence! K. H. W.

Braille Room Notes

We heartily congratulate J. Illingworth on passing the Braille Reading and Writing Test.

Typewriting

Very many congratulations to H. Foxwell and W. McCarthy on passing the Typewriting Test. M.H.R.

A Generous Offer

We have received a letter from G. Fallowfield, of 6, Esther Road, Leytonstone, E.11, offering to present to any St. Dunstanian who can garage and use it a tricycle tandem. The machine is in splendid condition and should be very useful to one of our men in a country district. Fallowfield makes the condition that whoever it is sent to shall pay for its carriage home. As regards garaging, it should be noted that the machine needs a doorway not less than 3' 2" by 9' in length. Anyone interested should write direct to Fallowfield at the address given.

A Query

Carey, of Tottenham, asks us which we regard as the wettest race-course in England. Perhaps some of our readers who have more time for race going than we have will give us their opinion? At a rough guess, and taking the risk of offending our friends in the North, we should plump unhesitatingly for Aintree.

A Hen as a Speech-maker!

Those of St. Dunstan's poultry farmers who have the luck to visit the World's Congress at the Crystal Palace in July, where representatives of 23 nations are to stage exhibits illustrating their methods of assisting poultry development, will be able to hear a hen deliver a speech. This unique exhibit hails from America (of course) and is a large mechanical hen in which moving parts show the processes and the role played by the various nutrients in the formation of eggs. While the exhibit works, this amazing "hen" will deliver a short explanatory speech explaining exactly how and why she lays her eggs! The show is being organised by the Minister for Agriculture.

Deaths—*continued from page 11*

PLUNKETT.—To the wife of J. E. Plunkett, of St. Leonards, whose mother died on the 20th February last.

PORTER.—To C. E. Porter, of Preston, whose mother died on 31st May after a long and painful illness.

RICKABY.—To W. Rickaby, of Clapham Common, S.W., who lost his mother recently.

WILLIAMS.—To J. Williams, of Hampton, who lost his father (aged 81) some time ago.

Births

ALDRIDGE.—To the wife of A. E. Aldridge, of South Cadbury, Somerset, a daughter, on the 5th June (Rosemary June).

BRELSFORD.—On the 31st March, to the wife of Percy Brelsford, of Hucknall, Notts, a son (Norman Percy).

DAVIS.—To the wife of G. Davis, of Malswick, Gloucestershire, on the 21st June, a son (Peter Richard).

DENNICK.—To the wife of J. Dennick, of Evesham, a son on the 16th June (Gordon Ronald).

FENNEL.—On the 13th June, to the wife of V. J. Fennell, of Tooting, a daughter.

JUDD.—To the wife of W. Judd, of Dunton Green, a son on the 12th June.

LINCOLN.—On the 21st June, to the wife of J. H. Lincoln, a daughter.

MILNER.—To the wife of T. Milner, of Liverpool, a daughter on the 23rd May.

RICHARDS.—To the wife of G. H. Richards, of Manchester, a son on the 1st June.

STRAUGHTON.—On the 14th June, to the wife of J. G. Straughton, of Workington, Cumberland, a daughter.

A Wedding

EMERTON.—EMERTON.—On the 14th June, at Charlton Chapel, Beds, E. W. Emerton, of Charlton, near Luton, to Miss Jessie Emerton.

Our Silver Weddings

On 3rd June, Mr. and Mrs. R. Biggadike, of Boston, Lincs, celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary.

In April last the Silver Wedding of Mrs. and Mrs. A. Gilbert, New Basford, Notts, was celebrated. (We regret that no information as to this event reached us earlier.)

Accidents

Motor cars and cycles have been responsible for no less than three accidents to St. Dunstaners or their families within the last week or so.

The four-year-old daughter (Vera) of J. Bannister, of Skelmersdale, was knocked down and run over by a motor car and sufficiently badly injured to be taken into the Cottage Hospital at Ormskirk. Her chief sufferings were severe bruises and shock, but on the whole she had a marvellous escape and was allowed to return home a few days later.

The accident to S. N. Kemp and his son, of Redruth, was more serious. The two were riding in a motor-cycle combination from Penzance homeward-bound when they became involved in an accident with a motor car coming in the opposite direction and both had their right legs fractured and are now in hospital.

A third catastrophe concerned the baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Smith, of Chesterfield who had a narrow escape from death with a motor-cycle.

The rumour that our famous clock is to be removed from our former headquarters and returned to its original position in Fleet Street will interest many St. Dunstaners for all liked to hear the well-known historic wooden men strike the quarters with their poleaxes.

Fleet Street will assuredly give our friends a warm welcome for until 100 years ago they were one of the best-loved London sights at St. Dunstan-in-the-West where the masterpiece was placed in 1671, and many a great writer has mentioned it, amongst them Goldsmith and Scott.

Arthur, the son of A. Davies, of Middlesbrough, has passed a school examination which will entitle him to go to a college in Middlesbrough for four years. The School Master has told Davies that it is a really splendid opening for his son, as he has the chance to take up any profession.

Our readers will be interested to learn that Mrs. Frederick Martin, the wife of the late member for East Aberdeen, has been made a Justice of the Peace for Aberdeenshire.

Toc H and St. Dunstaners

We believe a considerable number of St. Dunstaners are members of Toc H, that wonderful organisation which had its birth in the desire of two Army Chaplains to provide a rest-house for all ranks of the Army in the centre of what was generally admitted to have been the worst of all the battle areas in the Great War, the Ypres salient.

What is Toc H?

Many and varied are the replies given to the above question, chief among them being that Toc H has some connection with the British Legion, or that it is an organisation for ex-Service men only. The British Legion is however, an entirely independent body, and the only connection existing between Toc H and ex-service men lies in the fact that among its members are numbered not a few men who served in the recent war. The fallacy that Toc H is composed solely of ex-service men emanates from the fact that the war gave it birth, and birth came in this wise. In 1915 men who had been serving in France and Belgium began to receive leave to spend a few days in England, and just about the same time, two Army Chaplains, Padres P. B. (Tubby) Clayton and Neville Talbot, found themselves rather at a loose end in the railhead town of Poperinghe, immediately at the rear of the Ypres salient. It is customary for Chaplains to be gazetted to specific units in the Army, but these two had, by means best known to themselves, become permanently detached from any particular unit, and attached to the unit or units for the time being stationed in Poperinghe. They saw men coming down on leave from the front line, often hungry, footsore and weary; saw them frequently arrive at the railhead just in time to miss the last leave train; observed them wandering off dejectedly to find a resting place for the night, without guide or friend to direct them, with the inevitable result that many fell a prey to temptation in the shape of beer houses and places of immorality, many spending the whole of their leave within a mile or two of the line they had just left. It was not long before Tubby Clayton and Neville Talbot decided upon a course of action. Official obstacles were enchanted away, a large mansion was rented from a wealthy brewer who had been driven from home by shell fire, and the whole place was fitted up through the generosity of good friends in England. A large notice board shouted "Talbot House" to the passer-by, the name being given in memory of Gilbert Talbot (brother to Neville), who had just previously been killed on the Somme, there being no indication of what lay beyond the massive

A very interesting and well-written account of Toc H, its aims and ideals, appears in the June issue of "Aquarius," the magazine of the Metropolitan Water Board Staff Association. It is contributed by W. Heushaw, who is secretary for his branch of the organisation. We print this article below and heartily congratulate its author.

portal which guarded the entrance. Therefore, the curious young fellow in his fancy dress of khaki peeped inside to be met with a further large notice, "All rank abandon, ye who enter here," which seemed to him so friendly an invitation that he went in, to be confronted with a canteen at which he would regale himself to his heart's content. The first visit became one of many to those who were stationed in the town, for not only was there the canteen on the entrance floor, but reading, writing, billiard, table-tennis, card, draught and chess rooms on the floor above, and for those going on leave there was always a bed, free to Tommies and five francs to every officer. The atmosphere of the place was one of brotherhood, love and service, and those who enjoyed the hospitality of Talbot House are to be numbered by thousands. Right at the top of the building was what had, in more peaceful times, been a hop loft, but willing hands from various regiments had transformed this into a chapel, utilising a carpenter's bench found in the garden for the purposes of the altar of the Carpenter of Nazareth, and here, despite the fact that the Royal Engineers had condemned this loft as unsafe for more than three men to be in at any one time, and without any invitation other than a written notice in the canteen, thousands received the Sacrament prior to going on leave or up to the front line, it being their last Communion in the case of many of the latter. Thus was the old house carried on by that amazing personality, the most jovial of jovial innkeepers, "Tubby," from December, 1915, until the final thrusts in 1918, when peremptory orders came from British Headquarters for the closure of the premises, and then came the armistice with the prospects of peace.

Peace came, yet with it came no peace, for, with the laying down of arms, the cudgels of class distinction and distrust were taken up, and so, after a quiescent period, Tubby and a few men who had been keen workers at the old house got together in 1921 in the endeavour to carry on and spread the spirit of good humour, brotherhood and service which had existed during the earlier dark days, determined that the sacrifice willingly made by those who had passed over should not be wasted for lack of effort on their part, and resolute

ing that they would make their job in life what they felt sure those who had not returned would have made the hobbies of their lives. And so Talbot House again burst into living being, and became known as "Toc H" which was the Army signaller's code for telephoning the letters "T. H.," the initials of the name of the old house.

The flame, thus rekindled, gradually spread, and before long a house run on lines similar to those in existence as its predecessor in Poperinghe was established in London; others followed in quick succession in many other towns in this country; groups and branches, meeting in cellars, outhouses and lofts, sprang up here, there and everywhere, while to-day Toc H teams are to be found throughout the whole of the British Empire, and also in countries where the English language is not spoken, even in the capital of one of our late enemies.

Out of evil cometh good. Look through your history book, noting the great wars which have raged from time to time, and then turn to a social history, and you will find that out of the majority of those wars, some lasting and striking edifice of social service has arisen. For instance, the British Red Cross was the direct outcome of the Crimean War; from the Boer War arose the Boy Scout Association; and now Toc H has come into being as the direct outcome of the Great War.

But what is Toc H? That question still remains unanswered. It has been called by some by the name of "Everyman's Club," yet that title is not complete. To make it as complete as is possible, in a very few words it should rather be called "Everyman's Club for service in the name of Christ," for it must be realised that Toc H sets out to enlarge the Kingdom of God through the medium of service for others. An old proverb tells us that God helps those who help themselves, but Toc H challenges this by declaring that God helps those who help others. Toc H is no social club, whose members meet to get what pleasure they can for themselves, nor is Toc H a new religious sect. It embraces men of all stations in life, whether they be princes or beggars; men of all creeds, so long as those creeds are founded on the love of the Almighty God and on the example and teaching of Christ. Its members meet at frequent intervals as part of the great universal family of the Father, to obtain inspiration from each other and to know and understand each other as members of His family should; and at all other times they endeavour to render service wherever and whenever possible. Toc H does not, however, exist to compete with others in this rendering of service, but rather to act in the form of a power-house for the distribution of man-power to those bodies and organisations already in existence, but lacking in servers. The scout troop, the boys' club, the Sunday school, the hospital, to quote a few examples, can all come to Toc H and be assured of servers to help in their respective works.

And what are the moral obligations undertaken by membership of Toc H? Well, these are four in number, and each is a positive quantity, and are known to Toc H-ers as "The four points of the compass." They are as follows:—

1. To Think Fairly.
2. To Love Widely.
3. To Build Bravely.
4. To Witness Humbly.

By thinking fairly Toc H-ers realise that the other fellow has a point of view, and are therefore always ready to listen humbly to every man's story; in loving widely every member gets down to one common level, thus removing the barrier of class distinction, and this is naturally followed by true brotherhood in the family of Christ; by building bravely the member seeks to render service at all times, or to use the words of the Toc H family prayer—"To leap with joy to any task for others," realising that service is the rent we pay for our room on earth; and, lastly, by witnessing humbly the Toc H-er is pledged to spread the Gospel without preaching it, by the example of his life in the daily round which furnishes all we need to ask.

Thus do Toc H-ers seek to perpetuate the memory of those who passed over during the war—the "Elder Brethren" as they are called, and thus also do they seek to follow the perfect example to the Great Elder Brother, Christ Himself.

It will have been seen that, to limit membership to the ex-service man, Toc H would be reduced to nothingness with the passing of the present generation, and as the spreading of the Christian family must ever go forward, membership of Toc H is thrown open to any man over the age of sixteen.

If the above has aroused even a little interest, the writer's job will have been accomplished, and if any reader would care to know more about Toc H, we would say to him, 'Come and see.'

W. H.

Will Rogers, the American comedian, who as most of our readers will know, has paid at least two visits to England, has sent the following letter to a blind American man who wrote to Rogers in Hollywood expressing appreciation of his stories in *The Plain Dealer*:—

"Dear Mr. Currie, and all my good friends who are blind with their eyes only,—I was very glad to get your letter saying you folks read my little nonsense, and I appreciate that, for you folks would be hard to please, for you don't just glance at it; you really 'dijest it.'

"Well, I want to tell you, I think you fellows got the best of it at that; there ain't much outside to see, and when you see it you are kinder disappointed. Mr. Hoover would appoint you on a commission if you was out of there, so you got a lot of things to be thankful for.

"And I bet you are treated good, and that's something we are not getting any the best of on the outside world. If we get anything ahead they take it away in taxes; if we go out we get run over; if we take a drink we get poisoned—so you all go to bed to-night and say your prayers and thank your lucky stars you are better off than us. Good luck to you all!"

As in previous years there will be no issue of the "Review" for August.

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