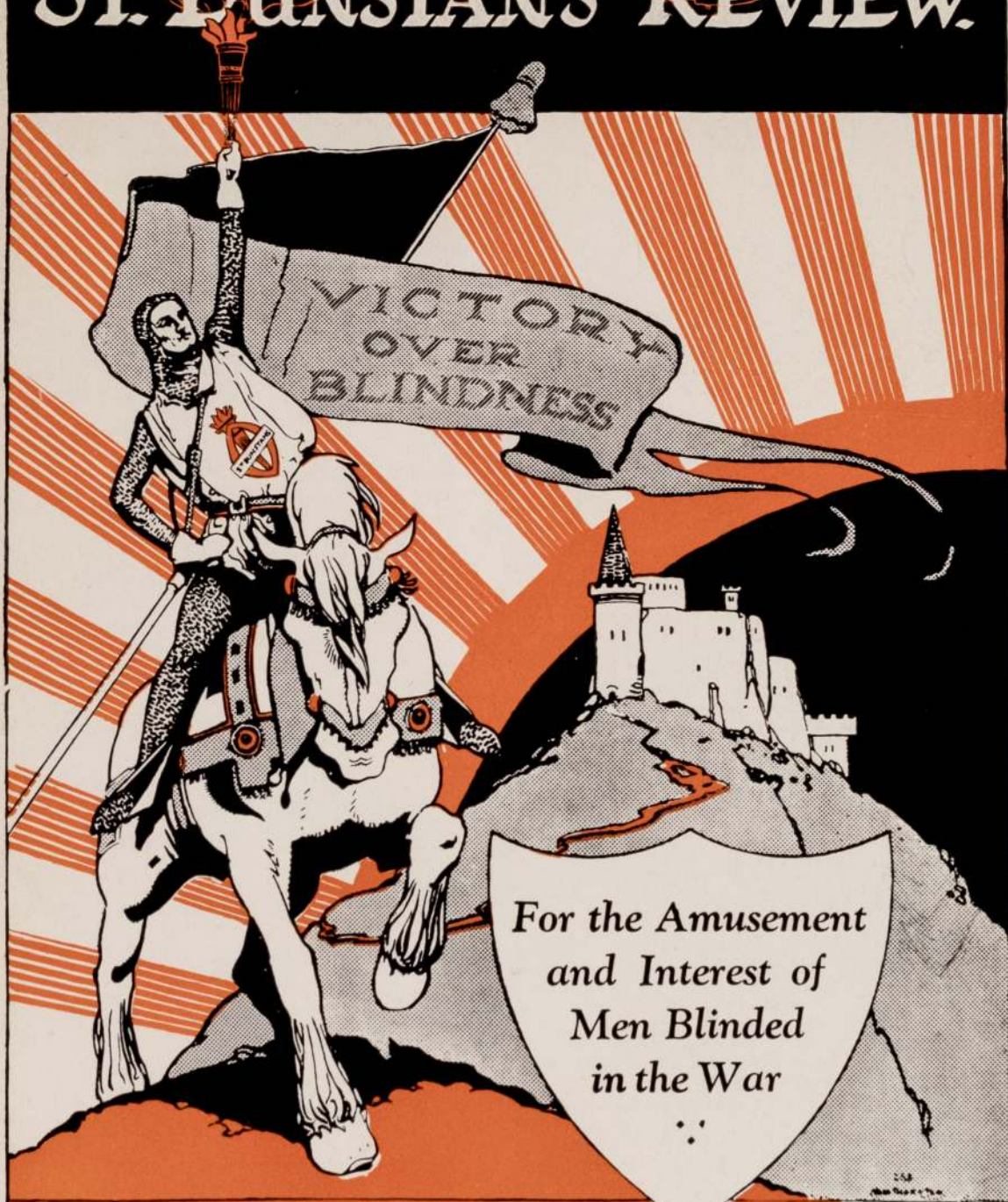


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To my Readers

IT is with a feeling that I am saying farewell to many friends that I announce this month my resignation from St. Dunstan's and consequently the Editorship of the REVIEW.

After a holiday abroad I am taking up in the autumn literary and journalistic work which I have had in contemplation for a long time past and which, I believe, offers wide prospects. But I shall always look back upon my ten years' work for St. Dunstan's, and my personal associations with all connected with it, with the pleasantest and, if I may add, the proudest memories.

If my small contribution to the splendid work which St. Dunstan's has done, and is doing to-day has helped in any measure, I shall feel that at least I have not wasted those years of my life. The editing of our little magazine has always been one of the most interesting and intimate of my duties, and I tender my sincere thanks to all my readers, my contributors, and to those who have been as kindly in their occasional criticisms as in their appreciation.

Good health and prosperity to you all and to St. Dunstan's.

Perry Barringer

Editorial—Our Police Friends

A correspondent this month writes saying that while he is always glad to see in the REVIEW the appreciations given to the many different bodies and organisations who help St. Dunstan's and our men individually so often, he cannot recall that special tribute has been paid to one body—the Police Force. We think our correspondent will find that on many, many occasions we have given thanks in our pages to the services rendered by all sections of the Police Force to our men, but we are glad to repeat as prominently as possible our sincere appreciation of the way in which our friends, the police, will go to any trouble to help St. Dunstan's and St. Dunstaners. The minor offices they give every day, in such matters as escorting our boys across crowded thoroughfares, hailing the 'bus that they require, and so on, are part of the assistance this splendidly thoughtful body of men give, not only to St. Dunstan's but to every sightless person, be he beggar or prince. But we know that the Police Force, as a whole, have a specially soft spot for St. Dunstaners. Their excellent bands have played at many of our gatherings throughout the country, they have organised many sporting and other efforts for St. Dunstan's, and on public occasions where St. Dunstaners attend officially, they are given a place of honour always. All this is not to say that we do not get equally kindly help from all public servants—railwaymen, 'bus conductors and the like, and we include all these kindly folk in the renewed expression of thanks which we offer.



NEWS OF ST. DUNSTANERS

THE Blandford Arts and Crafts Exhibition brought more than one St. Dunstaner into the public eye. A. Seal, of Portesham, Dorchester, won a certificate for the hammocks he displayed and has had several orders since; he is hoping for the same excellent results from the display at Bridport (which will probably be over before these lines appear in print).

Another whose work made a good impression at the same show is J. Boyce of Upwey; everything he exhibited sold. Boyce has just had a pleasant holiday in Glastonbury—(did he remember that this was the birthplace of St. Dunstan?)—but is beginning to plan next year's outing already, and, fired by the exploits of other St. Dunstaners, is thinking of going abroad.

The Donnybrook Fair seems to have wonderful results for our Irish group. J. Goodison, of Sandymount, has been fairly swamped with orders as a result of his exhibit, and R. Bell, of the same district, is in a similar happy situation, while B. Martin's soiled linen basket won high praise and he is now at work on four more of much the same pattern. E. P. Horan also has a fine supply of orders on hand, and this, too, is due to the famous Fair!

L. Bride, of Dublin, is very well and happy and has a splendid show of vegetables in his garden. He is eager to start definite training and intends to be an exemplary St. Dunstaner in all ways.

Another whose garden should have special mention is M. O'Hara, of Clara; the whole place looks well and his supply of potatoes and vegetables is really wonderful.

Some time ago T. McCann, of Belfast, contrived to get in touch with a garage, through which he received quite a

number of orders for motor-mats; he is still doing remarkably well in this line.

As usual, St. Dunstaners have been called upon to take some part in public ceremonial during the month. On this occasion the honour has fallen to W. J. Whiteside, of Portadown—he was entrusted with the laying of the wreath at the foot of the Cenotaph on the 1st of July in commemoration of the Battle of the Somme.

J. Sheehy, of Dover, has also been honoured. He was selected as one of the Guard-of-Honour for the Prince of Wales when he visited Dover.

A very good beginning has been made by A. F. Lenderyou in Polegate, and we feel confident that he will make a real success of life. Lenderyou is one of the enterprising band; he does not sit at home and wait for work to find its way to him, but goes a-seeking—and as a result finds it! He was demonstrating at Hailsham in mid-July and we hope will have good results to report as a result.

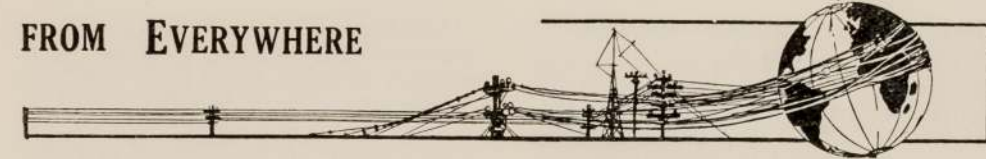
Trade is good in Rhodes Minnis judging from W. F. Cork's experience; he reports as many customers as he can manage, which is splendid.

Fruit baskets have been keeping E. Sayers, of Upper Harbledown, much occupied of late. He is to be congratulated too on the achievement of his eldest boy, who intends to enter the Air Force and has just passed his Oral Examination with 85%.

Some excellent orders have come to G. Millen, of Birchington, for the new Margate Hospital; congratulations to him.

There is a good deal more competition in Minster than there used to be, according to W. T. West, but he still keeps busy.

FROM EVERYWHERE



A few local orders have been coming to S. Goodman, of Luton; it is pleasant to know that his handicraft is appreciated in the district.

All is well with E. E. Deller of the same locality, who is occupied with mats, though he keeps his evenings free for the garden, which is a constant source of pleasure to him.

F. L. Green, of Gosport, is another whose garden is a joy, as too is his greenhouse.

W. Heushaw, of Finchley, who, by the way, wrote us that remarkably interesting account of Toc H which appeared in our July number, is a man of diversified talent. He made an excellent job of sewing a large canvas garden tent a short time ago—no easy thing to work by hand as everyone will guess.

The new house in Evesham into which F. S. Smith moved a few weeks ago is a great success. The last tenant was a garden lover, so left it in such order that when Smith moved in it was a veritable mass of flowers.

H. R. Prior has quite a nice shop at 56 Ebury Bridge Road, Pimlico, S.W. 1, if anyone in that district wants attention for their boots and shoes. We hope he will build up a good connection.

"Trade is splendid!" says E. A. West, of Syderstone, King's Lynn.

Boot repairing has been keeping J. W. Abbs, of Stibbard, Guist, so busy that of late he has had no time for mats; everyone must have been getting their foot-gear into order for the holidays.

The move accomplished by A. G. Briggs, of Norwich, has proved justified and he feels that he is making real progress now. We are hoping to be able to add

young Briggs' name to our list of distinguished young St. Dunstaners shortly, for it is anticipated that he will do particularly well in a violin examination that should have taken place before our next number appears.

Friends of W. J. Hare, of Norwich, should keep an eye on St. Dunstan's page of "Marriages," as it is rumoured that an announcement concerning him will appear there shortly.

Others of our Norwich men who are both busy and fit are G. Matrenin and J. Burley; the one is at work on wool rugs and the other is keeping his garden particularly well cultivated.

A couple of very unpleasant cycle accidents have befallen T. Parkinson and his wife, for which we, and all cyclists, St. Dunstaners particularly, send them sympathy. Parkinson himself was lucky enough to escape with a shaking, but on the first occasion Mrs. Parkinson had her wrist badly sprained and was severely bruised, and the second time her leg was badly cut. To make matters worse the lorry that caused the accident did not stop to lend assistance and Mr. and Mrs. Parkinson had to get home as best they could. Both were plucky enough to ride again as soon as injuries permitted.

Another to suffer a cycle accident was the daughter of F. Bull, of Cheddar, Somerset. She was riding home with a girl friend when, at the moment when a lorry was approaching them, they were overtaken by a car which caught the rear wheels of the cycles, forcing both riders into the hedge; luckily both the girls escaped without other damage than bruises and a shaking. The number plate and front wing of the car were also casualties.

Good wishes to H. Lea, of Hulland

News of St. Dunstaners—continued.

Ward, who has been helping his wife run a refreshment stall at the end of his garden and has now conceived the notion of turning his mat-shop into a tea-room for motorists during the summer months. We hope he will do very well—and incidentally the motorists might well buy his wares when they stop for tea!

An interesting account of his visit to the battlefields has been received from H. Bridgeman, of Derby, and appears on another page of this issue. Bridgeman has made many friends in Derby and has been specially busy with local orders for trays—he is “keen as mustard” on developing business, we hear, and never misses a chance of securing it—good luck to him!

Everyone will be glad to hear that F. C. Morgan, who is now at 703 Osmaston Park Road, Derby, and wishes his address noted, is looking much better; perhaps this is due to the steady work he has put in on his garden.

H. Nelson is now in Gorsley, Newent, Glos., happily settled into a cottage just off the main road and very convenient for the bus services both to Ross and Gloucester. They have already done a good deal in the garden and Nelson intends to keep a small number of fowls.

Davis junior (number six), the latest addition to the family of G. Davis, of Newent, is as cheerful and healthy as his elder brothers. The family have been busy making a poultry-pen and have a fine flock of geese coming on as a sideline.

Davis is hoping that a scholarship will carry his elder son to the Technical School at Gloucester.

A new house is being built near J. Cason, of Somerton, Somerset, and he is taking great interest in its progress, since he has every hope of securing a fine order for a nice number of bordered fibre mats for use therein! We hope it may have many doors and that all will require specimens of Cason's handicraft.

Speaking of mats, J. Brockerton, of Coleraine, has received a query as to whether he could quote for a large one with fourteen letters on it!

How many St. Dunstaners can cook? R. Young, of Townhead, Glasgow, can make quite a number of dishes—to hear him describe them makes one downright hungry.

Fruit-picking has been keeping F. S. Wardle, of Cudworth, very busy; his garden looks lovely.

C. Greaves, of Sheffield, is going along in his usual cheery way. His house is a matter for pride and looks very fresh and attractive.

Brief Notes

G. B. Coles, of Beckingham, is fairly fit and carrying on in the old quiet way with poultry and his garden; In Wakefield, S. Thompson is settled and happy; he is hoping to start soon with rug and poultry work; L. Forrester, of Maryhill, Glasgow, is very well and in good spirits; his eldest daughter has secured a post, so has now made a start in the world.

“Everything satisfactory,” says T. W. Chamberlain, of Hull. A. Chaffin is well and busy and much interested in his children's camp projects.

The change to Gloucestershire has done good to both Mrs. and E. Tatton, and the children too are making progress; Tatton has secured a few local orders for baskets. J. Wilkie is looking much better than usual and is beginning to put on weight.

A. A. Tennison, of Dagenham, is hoping to start work (mats and boots) very soon, but has not yet been able to find a shop; J. Moeller, of the same district, is doing fairly well with his baskets. The same might be said (but in connection with mats) of G. Tibbs, of Kentish Town; his friends tell him that he is looking much better as the result of his holiday at Brighton.

The camp was a great pleasure to H. W. Giles, of Wolverhampton, and as a consequence he is feeling very fit; E. E. Sheppard, of Bellingham, is better and is making trays; F. T. Harris, of Catford, is fairly well and is doing joinery; G. Polley, of Elsenham, is well and continues with baskets.

In Bramley, Guildford, A. Welland is keeping as busy as usual with boots; G. F. Smith, of Stoughton, near Guildford, is well and cheery; “All's well,” says F. G. Braithwaite, of Guildford, “but could be busier!”

W. Christian, of Douglas, Isle of Man, is very well, and the little daughter is developing into a particularly attractive child, we hear.

The fish shop run by H. R. Exall in Peckham has been doing good business; G. Fallowfield, of Leytonstone, is doing fairly with his baskets; G. C. Jackson, of Kingsnorth, near Ashford, we are sorry to note, has had an outbreak of pneumonia among his chickens; J. A. Godwin, of Weymouth, says “jogging along as usual.” Friends in London will doubtless have an opportunity of seeing him when he comes up for the Wireless Exhibition.

C. Durkin, of Putney, had a very interesting time at the British Legion Conference at Bristol.

Both J. H. Greaves and B. E. Ingrey had nice “write-ups” in their respective local papers (one in the *Oldham Evening Chronicle and Standard*, 11th July, and the other in the *Letchworth Citizen*, 25th July) as a result of their successes at the Sports Meeting and Regatta.

Young St. Dunstaners

Once again so many young St. Dunstaners have been doing so well that they must have a paragraph to themselves.

Charles, the youngest son of F. V. Cairns, of Wakefield, has won a scholarship at the Art School which will secure him a place there for two years. We hear that his work is remarkably promising.

Joyce, the little daughter of T. S. Cooper, of Hull, has secured a scholarship for the Newland High School of Hull. The same award was made to her sister two years ago, so the girls will continue their progress together.

Elizabeth, the nine and three-quarter-year-old daughter of T. ap Rhys, of Bangor, Wales, has won a scholarship to the County School. As she is under age for this her parents are naturally very proud of her success.

Dulcie, daughter of K. C. Gattrell, of Wandsworth, who was younger than any other girls sitting, passed her preliminary school examination particularly well.

Annie, daughter of P. Summers, of Burnbank, Lanarkshire, has again secured a prize, which means that she has won this honour every year since she has been at school.

Arthur, son of A. Davies, of South Bank, Middlesbrough, has won a scholarship which will carry him to St. Mary's College, Middlesbrough.

The eleven-year-old son of G. E. Bishop, of Newhaven, has passed the first part of his scholarship examination so very well that there is small doubt but that he will secure a high place in the next part. Ninety-five awards are to be made and 637 children sat.

A New Zealander's Suggestion

Neil W. Campbell, of 2 Armadale Road, Auckland, New Zealand, in a letter to Headquarters, makes the suggestion that he would like to see a list of overseas St. Dunstaner families printed in the REVIEW.

If others support this idea we may find it possible to carry it out and we should be glad to hear from those of our overseas men who are interested.

Campbell pays grateful tribute to the way in which the REVIEW keeps the overseas boys informed as to the news of the men in England, and mentions also that Mrs. Campbell has very recently presented him with a third daughter, there being also three strapping boys. He wonders if in 12 years any other overseas family has beaten this record.

The St. Dunstan's Annual Regatta

THIS event, one of the most interesting and eagerly looked forward to of our annual sporting gatherings, was held, as usual, at Putney on the 16th July. The weather, while not so brilliant as that we usually enjoy, was, perhaps, more suitable for the strenuous labours of river racing and, as a consequence, some fine performances were put up in all the events.

The pressure upon our space this month does not permit of a detailed description of the racing, but we are sure that all competitors, as well as the large crowd who followed the sport from the banks of the river, enjoyed the afternoon thoroughly. In spite of a late start, owing to the non-arrival of the boats we were to use, the long programme was carried through with commendable speed, and Captain Williams, the hard working officials, and last, but by no means least, our old friend, —Instructor Tovell, are to be heartily congratulated upon the way the programme was got through.

The usual dinner to competitors, officials, and helpers, took place at the Connaught Rooms in the evening. Our host on this occasion was Lt.-Col. Sir Frederick Hall, M.P., who most generously defrayed the cost of this splendid entertainment. Others present at the top table were our Chairman, Captain Fraser, and Mrs. Fraser, Sir Neville Pearson, Lt.-Col. Ball, Comm. C. E. Neate, R.N., of Stone's Athletic Club, Miss Hamar Greenwood, and Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Long. Some interesting speeches were made, particularly that of Sir Frederick Hall, who recalled, amid great amusement, that one of his first experiences of coxing a crew was to steer them point blank into a cement wall. Other speakers were Captain Fraser, who, amid loud applause, sincerely thanked our host for his generosity, Sir Neville Pearson, Colonel Ball, and Mr. H. Stayte who spoke very ably on behalf of the competitors.

A programme of music and songs was kindly contributed by Miss Jessie Rowland and Mr. Stanley Hill.

RESULTS OF RACING

Pair Oared Race (Shield Event).—W. Robinson, J. McFarlane, and Miss Stein (cox.), London, 1; W. Christian, T. Milner, and Mrs. Irvine (cox.), Manchester, 2; J. New, J. Kimber, and Miss Hodgson (cox.), Birmingham, 3. Length.

Double Sculls (Shield Event).—H. Thompson, W. Scott, and Miss Woolrych (cox.), London 1; M. Costello, P. Cashmore, and Miss Nelson (cox.), Birmingham, 2; J. Greaves, H. Birley and Miss Stacey (cox.), Manchester, 3. Length.

Single Sculls (T.B. Present Boys).—H. Stayt and Miss Samson (cox.), 1; W. Berry and Miss Nelson (cox.), 2; A. Iddiols and Miss McEwen (cox.), 3. Three lengths.

Pair Oared Race.—W. Robinson, G. Taylor, and Miss Stein (cox.), 1; J. New, J. Kimber, and Miss Nelson (cox.), 2; A. Graigie, S. Edwards, and Miss Stacey (cox.), 3. Two lengths.

Double Sculls.—H. Thompson, W. Scott, and Miss Alexander (cox.), 1; B. Ingrey, L. Johns, and Miss Samson (cox.), 2; A. Kirstein, P. Cashmore, and Miss Stacey (cox.), 3. Quarter length.

Single Sculls (T. B.).—J. McFarlane, and Miss Stein (cox.), 1; A. Kirstein and Miss Wood (cox.), 2; F. Rhodes, and Miss Hunt (cox.), 3. One and a half lengths.

Single Sculls (S. S. Present Boys).—Albertella and Miss Hunt (cox.), 1; F. Coates and Miss Stacey (cox.), 2; L. Williams and Miss Balaam (cox.), 3. Half length.

One-armed Pairs.—H. Stratfull, R. Young, and Miss Nelson (cox.), 1; J. Meighan, N. Downs, and Miss Woolrych (cox.), 2; A. Belcher, L. Williams, and Miss Wildie (cox.), 3. Two lengths.

Single Sculls (S. S.).—S. Edwards and Miss Alexander (cox.), 1; J. Treby and Miss McEwen (cox.), 2; H. McSteel and Miss Samson (cox.), 3. Quarter length.

Open Fours.—T. Milner, W. Christian, A. Craigie, J. Harrison, and Mrs. Irvine (cox.), 1; H. Prior, P. Nuyens, G. Taylor, W. Robinson and Miss Stein (cox.), 2; W. Scott, W. Birchall, J. MacFarlane, H. Thompson, and Miss Morris (cox.), 3.

St. Dunstan's winning four against Stone's Athletic Club.—A. Barker, W. Howlett, S. Wicks, C. Allen, A. Coney, 1; T. Milner, W. Christian, A. Craigie, J. Harrison, and Mrs. Irvine (cox.), 2. Stone's A.C. won by quarter length.

Lost!

J. R. F. Treby, of "Homecroft", Fordham, Colchester, Essex, while at Putney Regatta lost a much prized walking stick. It was rather heavy, light brown in colour, and has a small green mount on the extreme tip of the handle. Treby left the stick in the back seat of our char-a-banc, and he thinks someone may have taken it in mistake. He offers a reward of 5s. for its return.

Sports Notes

INTER-CLUB SHIELD COMPETITION.

1929—1930.

RESULTS.

	Handicap	Points	Total
London			32
Brighton	10	10	22½
Manchester	10	10	22
Birmingham			15½

The Donors of the Inter-Club Sports Challenge Shield have presented the Shield to London, the latter having won it three years in succession.

Sports Meeting, October 7th

The Sports Meeting will take place in the Lounge at Headquarters on Tuesday, October 7th, at 7 p.m., to discuss the Winter Programme, when we shall hope to have a large attendance of our sportsmen present. A Dance will follow at 8 p.m.

SPORTS POINTS.

2nd September.

W. Birchall .. 62	B. Ingrey .. 13
W. Scott .. 39	S. Webster .. 12½
H. McSteel .. 32	P. Martin .. 12
J. Deegan .. 27	T. Roden .. 11½
J. MacFarlane .. 26	H. Prior .. 9
F. Winter .. 22	G. Taylor .. 8
J. Meighan .. 20	H. Kerr .. 7
H. Boorman .. 15	T. Meredith .. 6

Brighton News

The last week of the term was rendered notable by a visit to our Annexe of Sir Neville and Lady Pearson. A large party of the men and staff assembled on the lawn and gave our visitors a rousing welcome. Sir Neville spoke a few words to the men and wished them a very happy holiday. C. R. Gray presented Lady Pearson with a bouquet of pink carnations and L. Williams presented Sir Neville with a stool, made in our own workshops.

Afterwards Sir Neville and Lady Pearson inspected the Annexe and on leaving they were given a hearty send-off, and drove through an avenue of cheering men.

Brighton. August 25th, 1930.

Christmas Calendars

St. Dunstan's men have found this a very valuable form of advertisement, and so arrangements have been made for a supply to be available on terms similar to those of previous years. Three samples have been prepared, and copies have been sent to men who have previously had a supply. If there is any man who has not received samples, and would like to have particulars, will he kindly communicate with:—The Superintendent of Stores, Raglan Street, Kentish Town, N.W.5.

Fallowfield's Tricycle-Tandem

We publish the following letter for our readers' information:—

30th July, 1930.

DEAR SIR,—Regarding my announcement in the July issue of the *Review* as to a tricycle-tandem. Within four hours of receiving the *Review* myself, I had six letters, more came later, and on Saturday morning it was seen I could not reply to any but those that contained a stamped and addressed envelope.

The "bombardment of letters" was heavy, but finished as sharp as it began and all letters answering my replies and inquiries having finished by yesterday, we put the names into a hat and G. J. Wheeler made a pick before a neighbour and this resulted in the machine going to: F. E. C. Bulley, The Spring Poultry Farm,

Crampmoor, Romsey, Hampshire.

There were letters from old sportsmen, old friends who were in training with me. I would like it clearly understood by all that a draw was the fairest way out of my difficulty; needless to say, I shall never apply for the "Competition Editor's" post!

Yours faithfully,

GEO. FALLOWFIELD.

Newspaper Debating

W. E. Brookes, of Southampton, is a fluent and interesting writer and has recently forwarded us a number of cuttings of letters he has contributed, on various controversial matters, to the local Press.

He points out that apart from the interest many of our men would find in this method of expressing their opinions on civic and other matters, it would bring the writers publicity which would certainly be no hindrance to them in their business life.

And Why be Gloomy About It?

In an interview with the *Newcastle Evening World*, F. Green, a St. Dunstan, who is employed as a telephonist at Wear shipyard, makes the splendidly cheery contribution which we print below.

"Why be dull? Where there's a will there's a way, and St. Dunstan's has shown us that way. My training there was a godsend, and now, after 19 years' regular work as a telephonist, it seems rather strange to hear people express surprise at a blind man going to the talkies.

They don't realise that the introduction of talking pictures was just the thing we were wanting. To hear some of them talk you would think it was something marvelous for a sightless man to go to the pictures.

I used to go to the silent pictures and enjoy them. My wife accompanied me and with her whispered comments I was able to visualise and follow the film.

To-day it is much better. You hear everything for yourself and all you have to do is to sit back and listen. Of course my wife still accompanies me, but I need very few explanatory words to grasp the trend of a talkie story.

I have been to most of the talking performances in Sunderland, and among the films I have 'seen' are 'The Donovan Affair,' 'Behind that Curtain,' 'The Green Goddess,' and 'Disraeli.'

One simply can't help enjoying films like those. 'Disraeli' was a splendid show. The voices were exceptionally distinct, and I was delighted.

FOOTBALL JOYS

Then, again, I never miss a first team match at Roker Park, and I always go to Newcastle when the Wearside team is playing there.

A friend from the office goes with me, and as he takes a keen interest in football he is able to rattle off the run of play without the slightest hesitation. That is the great point about my visits to football matches.

Much of the enjoyment would be taken away if he were to pause and say, 'I

think the half-back, no! the centre-forward has the ball.' He has everything pat.

When I go to a football match or a picture house it is just like a sighted person sitting at home and listening to a play or running commentary on the wireless.

I went to football matches and pictures before I lost my sight, and now I can conjure up the whole scene in my mind as the description runs on.

Take, for instance, the comments on the dirt track racing given over the wireless. With the roar of the engines and the excited remarks of the speaker it is really thrilling to sit back in my chair and imagine the riders dashing round.

Yes, it is the spirit of St. Dunstan's that prevails.

I went into the institution in September 1918, and after instruction in basket making I took up telephony. I was taught how to operate a dummy switchboard, write braille shorthand, and use a typewriter.

The wonderful teaching system and the friendly spirit I found have meant a lot to me since I left. I spent a glorious time there.

MERRY AND BRIGHT

We were all in the same street and everyone was merry and bright, and I don't know what men blinded in the war would have done without the institution.

In 1918, the shipyard where I was formerly employed as an apprentice riveter offered me the position of telephonist, and I have been there ever since. My work includes the operation of a switchboard and the taking and typing of messages.

I can travel to and from work and about the Pallion district without aid. So why be gloomy?"

A Prize Baby

In a letter recently received from Mrs. A. Lane, of Bow, Devon, she says:—

"It is a great pleasure to me to inform you of such good news of my dear baby's success. A garden fete, tennis tournament, baby show, etc., has been held at Copplestone House (kindly lent by Mr. J. P. Pope) in aid of Colebrook Church repair fund which I believe has been a big success. Needless to say I entered my boy, carrying off first prize—a very nice silver spoon. I believe there were thirty babies entered, divided into 4 classes."

Masseurs' Reunion

A Notable Gathering in London

Under the auspices of St. Dunstan's the annual luncheon and reunion of blinded soldier masseurs was held at the Langham Hotel, London, on 25th July. Captain Fraser presided over a gathering which included nearly 70 masseurs and numerous representatives of the medical profession and public bodies. The chairman said that the Prince of Wales had heard with very great pleasure of the success attained by more than 100 blinded soldiers who had been trained as masseurs and medical electricians. The primary object of the luncheon was to do honour to the masseurs, who were an outstanding example of the success which St. Dunstan's men had achieved. The secondary purpose was to give an opportunity of referring to the medical profession in general. The St. Dunstan's family consisted of some 2,000 men and 5,000 wives and children, and the health of this large group had become a big responsibility. He wished to place on record their appreciation of the services of the medical profession and hospitals throughout the country. Nearly 2,000 men had been blinded in the late war. Sir Arnold Lawson and Major A. W. Ormond had compiled statistics showing that in 41 per cent. of the cases blindness was due to wounds from high explosives or bombs, in 29 per cent. to bullet wounds, and 27 per cent. to non-traumatic causes, such as detachment of the retina, cataract, and optic atrophy, and the aggravation of conditions which might have been latent but for war service. Up and down the country these men required the help of the medical profession, and it was given generously. Sir Thomas Horder, Bt., K.C.V.O., M.D., F.R.C.P., proposing the toast of "Our Patients," spoke of his interest in physical therapy—"a series of ancillary methods of treating patients which begins with the human hand." It was common knowledge that the blind had a peculiar facility for massage. Some people were visualists, others were auditives, and he had no doubt that some were primarily tactualists. The blind in his audience were obviously auditive, but they were making themselves effective and skilled tactualists. In physical therapy

he preferred simple to complex methods, but patients were impressed by machinery and there was a danger that the human hand would be put in the background. An enormous field lay open for progress in massage and manipulation. At the present time he thought there was, perhaps, too great a tendency to substitute so-called passive movement for active movement. No amount of massage or electrical stimulation had the same physiological value as a natural movement carried out by the patient under supervision and careful guidance. The moral effect of the masseur's work was tremendous, and his health and personality had a definite value apart from the treatment he gave with his hands. Co-operation with the doctor was essential, and in case of doubt about the value of treatment it was the masseur's duty to give his views to the medical man in charge of the case. Mr. Edmund Toft, in proposing Sir Thomas's health, said that the masseurs' ambition was to prove themselves as worthy in the war against disease as in the war in which they lost their sight. They were dependent on the profession for the success of their work. Sir Neville Pearson gave the toast of "The Guests," coupled with the name of Mr. R. C. Elmslie, F.R.C.S., Chairman of the Chartered Society of Medical Massage and Gymnastics, who responded.

Among the guests were Mr. Donald J. Armour, C.M.G., F.R.C.S., Mr. L. D. Bailey, M.C., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Lieut.-Colonel Eric Ball, Lieut.-Colonel R. E. Bickerton, D.S.O., Dr. E. Chittenden Bridges, Dr. R. G. Canti, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Mr. Malcolm Donaldson, F.R.C.S., Mr. Reginald C. Elmslie, O.B.E., F.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Dr. Wilfred Harris, Mr. Geo. Murray Levick, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Chairman of the Society of Apothecaries, Dr. Martin Littlejohn, Lieut.-Colonel C. W. Mansell-Moullin, C.B.E., F.R.C.S., Major Arthur W. Ormond, C.B.E., F.R.C.S., Colonel C. T. Samman, J.P., Master of the Society of Apothecaries, the Very Rev. E. N. Sharpe, Archdeacon of London, and Mr. R. I. Tasker, J.P., Chairman of the London County Council.

Battlefields Tour

(A St. Dunstaner's Impression)

Readers will recall that owing to the interest and generosity of a number of his fellow-citizens in Derby, H. Bridgeman and his wife had their expenses paid for a comprehensive tour of the battlefields. Mr. and Mrs. Bridgeman were included in a contingent of ex-Service men from Derbyshire who went on this pilgrimage under the auspices of the Normanton and Pear Tree branch of the British Legion.

We have received from Bridgeman a most interesting account of his experiences, from which we quote as much as our space permits.

In cars gaily decorated with red, white and blue ribbons, the local party, including Bridgeman, made a circular route to the station where they boarded a special train. After a rough crossing from Tilbury to Dunkerque the first visit was paid to Amiens, where they saw the magnificent cathedral and other points of interest in this famous city.

The following day Albert was visited, and en route the tourists saw the big Bertha which shelled Paris. Various military cemeteries were also visited.

On following days the party was taken to Hamel, to Vimy Ridge and to Arras, and eventually to the most interesting place of all—Ypres—the "Wipers" of so many poignant memories to St. Dunstaners. Here, after a memorial service at the Menin Gate, Bridgeman and his wife placed a chaplet of poppies at the foot of the memorial with the inscription "To the lads of Derby and Derbyshire from the lads of Derby and Derbyshire."

After spending the rest of the day in sight-seeing the return was made via Dunkerque to Tilbury.

Bridgeman was greatly impressed with the splendid reception accorded to the party throughout the whole visit. Wherever they went the Union Jack was displayed side by side with the tricolour, and the people turned out to wave and cheer.

Concluding his letter Bridgeman says: "The British cemeteries are splendidly

kept and at this time of the year are practically at their best as the red roses, which are one of the features of these cemeteries, are in full bloom.

It is with memories and emotion, which one cannot describe, when one stands on various points, which a few years ago were swept by the eternal whine and the bursting of shells carrying death and destruction in their wake, and are now flourishing cornfields or quiet and peaceful villages. Nature has done its best to erase the scars wrought by man's hatred, but there are still many traces to be found, such as the old craters on Vimy Ridge, Ypres Salient and the charred and withered stumps in some of the woods."

The local papers print several photographs of Mr. and Mrs. Bridgeman, and long reports of their interesting and memorable tour.

Sounds

What have St. Dunstaners to say about this extract from one of the London papers?

Fortune-tellers claim to read character from the hand, but why not from the foot?

Have you ever sat at an open window just above a street and listened to the footfalls of the people passing beneath you? If not, try it, and see if you cannot form a shrewd opinion as to the kind of man or woman down below.

Hearken to that excitable, tripping footstep—it can belong to no other than an emotional woman, completely lacking in poise. Next comes a heavy obstinate footfall—that of a man who must be a self-opinionated, domestic tyrant, crushing out the individuality of those around him.

That gentle footstep belongs to a dreamer—some poet or musician—whose feet are straying through the fields of Elysium rather than walking a London pavement! That weary flat-footed step must belong to a working woman, whose days are spent standing at a wash-tub, and that diffident, hesitating footfall to some elderly clerk who is wondering how much longer he will be able to "hold" his job.

Then listen to that light but firm tread which is coming—it can only belong to someone with a well-balanced character who is successfully carrying through her job!

Advertising Pays

As a result of an advertisement in *St. Dunstan's Review*, Mrs. Bailey, wife of J. S. Bailey, of Ramsgate, did quite a lot of letting this summer. Among others she had three St. Dunstan's families.

"In Memory"

BOMBARDIER THOMAS HILL
(Royal Field Artillery)

WE deeply regret to announce the death of this St. Dunstaner. When Hill came to St. Dunstan's in January of last year, he was unable to undergo training on account of ill-health, but a short time afterwards he appeared to improve, and it was decided that he should be taught some light basket work. However, when he returned from Brighton in March, his health began to get rapidly worse and he died on the 4th July. Hill leaves a wife and seven children, to whom we extend our deepest sympathy.

PRIVATE HENRY ROBERT STRANGE
(Army Veterinary Corps)

We deeply regret to announce the death of H. R. Strange, who became a St. Dunstaner in March of this year. Strange served in the Veterinary Corps during the War and suffered from very indifferent health after his demobilization.

It was on account of his illness that he was unable to undergo training and he gradually became worse and died on the 28th July at his home.

The funeral took place on August 1st and was attended by many relatives and friends. A short service was held at Whyke Churchyard, the Rev. Glover officiating.

Among the numerous wreaths received was one in the form of our badge from Captain Fraser and his comrades at St. Dunstan's.

We extend our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Strange and her sons and daughters.

Births

BAKER.—To the wife of C. B. Baker, of Enfield Lock, a son on July 5th.

BOYTER.—On the 12th August, to the wife of R. Boyter, of Cupar, Fifeshire, a daughter (Sheila).

DAVIES.—On the 3rd of July, to the wife of R. Davies, of Sweffling, near Saxmundham, a son.

EMERSON.—To the wife of A. S. Emerson, of Great Bromley, Colchester, on the 22nd August, a son.

GRANSBY.—On the 7th August, to the wife of H. Gransby, of Willesden, a daughter.

MCGLOIN.—To the wife of T. McGloin, of Sligo, Ireland, on the 30th July, a daughter (Margaret Bridget).

SEPHTON.—To the wife of S. Sephton, of St. Helen's, Lincs, a son (Stanislaus Samuel) on the 18th of July.

Marriages

MOLLOY - WALTERS.—On the 5th of July, at the Parish Church of Eastwick, Herts, C. Molloy, of 98 Chapel Lane, Wigan, to Miss Agnes Irene Walters.

SCOTT - MARTIN.—On the 26th of July at the Registry Office, Gough Street, Poplar, A. Scott, of East Ham, to Miss Dorothy Martin.

Miss Dorothy Bregazzi, of Highgate, was married on the 26th July, at St. Joseph's Retreat, to Mr. Edward Cadby-Collins, of Maida Vale.

The bride looked charming in a medieval gown of ivory satin, and was attended by her two sisters, Edith and Teresa, as bridesmaids. Mr. Bregazzi gave the bride away. A reception was held after the ceremony at 4 Hornsey Lane Gardens.

Deaths

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

BULL.—To S. Bull, of Spilsby, Lincs, who lost his father on August 22nd.

CHAMBERS.—To W. Chambers, of Manchester, who lost his mother, aged 79, on the 11th of July.

GEORGE.—To H. George, of Brighton, and his wife, whose sister has just died.

GROCOTT.—To A. W. Grocott, of Roydon, Essex, who lost his sister on July 6th.

HARRIS.—To W. J. Harris, of Romsey, whose father died very suddenly on July 20th.

HEAD.—To A. J. Head, of Brixton, near Plymouth, whose father (who had long been a great help to Head) died on the 9th of July.

MCLURG.—To W. McLurg, of Port William, Wigtownshire, who lost his father on the 23rd of June last.

The Blind and Marriage

WE think those of our readers who do not take the *London Evening Star* will be interested in the following extract from an article in that paper dated 21st August 1930, and in a letter on the subject which Captain Ian Fraser sent to the Editor of the *Star* on 25th August 1930.

The Star, 21st August 1930.

PENALISING THE BLIND
WHO GET MARRIED.
No Children Rule.

Statutory Committee asks for Certificates.
Stoppage of Pay.
Blind Couples Willing to Give Pledges.

Dr. Bond, the consulting surgeon to the Leicester Infirmary, speaking at the Modern Churchmen's Conference at Oxford to-day, said:

"My advice has recently been sought by a statutory committee charged with the supervision of the blind. This Committee, rightly wishing to discountenance the marriage of blind workers under their care, has passed a rule which provides that persons so marrying without the consent of the Committee shall cease to receive benefit and employment by the Committee unless one or both parties to the marriage can produce a medical certificate that such a marriage will be childless.

"Two blind young couples under the care of this Committee have expressed in writing their willingness to undergo sterilisation and so comply with the Committee's rule. One of the couples is now married and the other will be married shortly."

To the Editor, *The Star*, 25th August 1930.
PENALISING THE BLIND
WHO GET MARRIED.

Sir,

In the article you published on 21st August under this heading you call attention to the fact that certain municipal and voluntary agencies for the welfare of the blind use their discretion

to discourage the marriage of blind persons. There is much evidence that marriages in which one partner is blind are happy, and that healthy children are born and reared. There is therefore no reason why Agencies for the Blind should attempt to discriminate against this class of union—on the contrary, in my opinion it should be encouraged.

The wider question whether or not marriages of the unfit should be prohibited is one of great public interest, but I do not see why members of the blind community should be singled out for special discussion. There are, it is true, cases where a tendency to blindness may be transmitted from parent to child, but blindness is not the only disability which may be thus handed down. Epilepsy, an aptitude for tuberculosis, haemophilia, lunacy, mental deficiency, and perhaps even the tendency to meddle with other people's affairs, are diseases in this category. My feeling is that local bodies should hesitate before assuming the responsibility of making regulations in restraint of marriage, in advance of the consideration of the problem by Parliament.

In marriages however in which both parties are blind, a somewhat different argument applies. It is plainly difficult for two blind people to live together and bring up a family, and it is unlikely to be a satisfactory state of affairs for the children. In such cases those who are in a position to advise and exercise influence over the parties concerned would in my judgment be acting wisely in doing their best to prevent marriage.

While recording this view I must protest strongly against the more or less compulsory sterilisation of the two blind young couples referred to in your report. The only possible construction that can be placed upon the words of Dr. Bond, spoken at the Modern Churchmen's Conference at Oxford, conjures up a horrible picture. The couples, already at a great disadvantage, are informed by an official that if they do not abandon the proposed marriage, or render themselves childless by submitting to an operation for sterilisation, they will suffer a severe

Braille Room Notes

Very many congratulations to J. Coup-land and F. C. Coates on passing the Reading Test, and to J. Illingworth and F. C. Coates on passing the Writing Test.

Typewriting

We heartily congratulate H. Wordsworth, H. Tarling, H. G. Hodgman, and A. T. Overill on passing the Typewriting Test.
M. H. R.

White Walking Sticks

From time to time kindly intentioned folk advocate through the press and elsewhere the adoption by blind persons of some device which would give immediate indication that they lack the aid of sight.

The latest suggestion is the use of a white walking stick which, we must admit, seems to us to be much preferable to some other methods which have been adopted—for example, the carrying of a green flag, as is done in Belgium, we believe. But there has always been amongst St. Dunstaners a strong body of opinion against any distinguishing device at all. It will be remembered that one of the objections raised to the use of dog guides was, they would make their owners conspicuous.

Certainly St. Dunstan's simple but now widely known little button-hole badge does not—nor was it intended to—serve such purpose; it is simply a badge of brotherhood akin to those worn regularly by many other communities like Rotarians and the British Legion. Undoubtedly it does bring forward on many occasions offers of help which may or not be wanted, but it is as the symbol of the service they have given to the Empire that this badge is most valued, and there are few St. Dunstaners, we imagine, who would wish it replaced by any device which could be used by all blind people.

Is your place a small place?
Tend it with care!
He set you there.
Is your place a large place?
Guard it with care!
He set you there.
Whate'er your place, it is
Not yours alone, but His,
Who set you there.

JOHN OXENHAM.

financial penalty. The blind people thus persuaded are said to "volunteer," but it is plain that their consent has been obtained by undue influence. Their sterility will remain a lasting disability, notwithstanding re-marriage or any other unforeseen change in their circumstances, which might render the procreation of children not merely a source of happiness, but even desirable. Such a procedure appears to me to be arbitrary, tyrannical, unjustifiable, and questionably legal.

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) IAN FRASER.

We take the following most interesting appreciation of W. Gill, of Ripon, from the *Yorkshire Evening Post*. It was accompanied by a fine photograph of Gill at his bench.

JOINERY WORK BY TOUCH

Mr. W. Gill, of King Street, Ripon, is a war-blinded man who finds himself able, in part, to follow the trade that was his before the war.

He is a joiner, and some of his carving is to be found in a screen that goes across the north aisle of Ripon Cathedral to form a small chapel. More of his work in the Cathedral is to be found in a wardrobe for clerical robes that was made from the wood of an old Jacobean pulpit.

He cannot practice quite the same high artifice now, but he can still make wardrobes, cupboards, chest of drawers, tables, and such things as wireless cabinets. His present home has many fine examples of his blind skill in making furniture, and if you should chance to buy a trouser-press, as like as not it may be one made for St. Dunstan's by Mr. Gill, who completed a large order of them for the Christmas trade.

The war changed many people's occupations, and it one day took Mr. Gill, a broad-shouldered man, and set him carrying trusses of forage down a plank. He fell, and his face came against another truss. The stubbly hay did the rest.

Mr. Gill is a very cheerful philosopher. He counts himself fortunate that he had "at his finger ends" a trade of the kind that can be practised to some extent without sight. He will even enter into argument to show how, in many ways, a blind person can be a better craftsman than a sighted one.

Working by touch, a blind joiner must work to an absolutely accurate standard. A sighted person may manage to put wrong things right; a blind person cannot afford to allow them to go wrong.

Mr. Gill has his workshop in a hut behind his house. His work keeps his mind off his troubles, and the problems it sets him can be fascinating.

A more dignified front than Mr. Gill's it would be difficult to find.

After-Care Reunions

Scottish Meeting

The Scottish Reunion, after being held for several years in Edinburgh, this year took place in Glasgow at the Ca'doro Restaurant on Thursday, 31st July. There was a very large attendance, and, on every side, appreciation was expressed for the splendid accommodation and good tea provided.

Mr. Swain presided, and, in his speech, expressed Captain Fraser's regret at being unable to be present, and also asked the men to try a little more to dispose of some of their work locally.

Sergeant Watt, the orator of the North, proposed the vote of thanks to St. Dunstan's and to Captain Fraser, who, he said, was always ready to champion the cause of the blinded ex-Service men. T. Scotland seconded and amused his audience with several humorous anecdotes. He raised the point of having a parade of St. Dunstaners to the Cenotaph either on Armistice Day or on the day of the Reunion. C. McIntosh contributed largely to the discussion, and it was decided by a big majority, if it could possibly be arranged, to have the parade each year on the day of the Reunion, and to place a wreath on the Cenotaph.

This prize winners of the competition this year were:—

- Ladies—1. Mrs. Printie,
2. Mrs. Broadbent.
Men—1. J. McFarlane,
2. W. Stedman.

There was no lack of conversation throughout the afternoon—in fact the orchestra was often in danger of being drowned. M.W.

Colchester

In spite of the heavy thunderstorm about 2 p.m. there was a record attendance at the Colchester Reunion on Tuesday, 29th July, when over 100 sat down to tea.

Mr. Swain, in his speech, expressed Captain Fraser's regret that he was unable to be present that day, and, in a very interesting address, paid a warm tribute to the unselfish devotion of the wives of St. Dunstaners.

We were particularly pleased to welcome such old friends as Mrs. Broughton,

Miss Davis, Mrs. Sassoon, Miss Stacey, and Miss Bamberger, and they all helped to make the meeting one of the most successful yet held.

Mr. Swain was even busier than usual with interviews, and during this time an orchestra played some of the latest dance tunes and dancing was the order of the day.

Prizes for the competitions were won by: Mrs. Sammy Shields, umbrella; N. Rand, silver spoons; C. A. Stracey, cigarettes; Mrs. Stacey, box of chocolates presented by Mrs. Broughton; Mrs. Poole, silk scarf presented by Miss Davis; J. Billington, cigarettes presented by Mrs. Sassoon.

D. E. G.

Newcastle

The Britannia Room at Tilley's Restaurant, Newcastle, was taxed to its utmost on Thursday, 7th August, when the North of England St. Dunstaners held their Annual Reunion.

This was the first time Captain Fraser had been able to attend this meeting, and he received a real Tyneside welcome when he rose to speak. His speech on St. Dunstan's policy, past, present and future, gave a special interest to this meeting. Those who live so far from Headquarters are particularly glad when an opportunity comes to "hear all about things." One item of news which appeared to interest everybody was that there had been 150 new baby St. Dunstaners last year, or roughly three a week.

J. Garbutt and L. Mowtell, both in very good form, proposed and seconded the vote of thanks to Captain Fraser, and expressed the wish that, now he had seen for himself what the Tynesiders were like, it would not be long before he honoured them with another visit.

Towards the end of the afternoon Mrs. Fraser presented the prizes for the stop-watch competition. The prize winners were:—

- Ladies—1. Mrs. Donnelly, 2. Mrs. Wishart.
Men—1. J. Lee, 2. W. Redhead.

Mr. Hepper came along, as usual, to entertain us with his amusing songs and stories, and when the clock told us it was time to go away we hardly believed it.

M. W.

Holiday Camps

Berkhampstead

The Camp took place in the grounds of Little Gaddesden House from 21st to 28th July. It was a glorious week, and in spite of the weather one and all had a wonderful time.

Our thanks are extended to Miss Talbot, who so kindly came to our assistance and managed to secure the tents, &c., from the Royal Air Force, Haughton Camp, through the kind permission of Lord Thomson, Minister of Air, and to our old and worthy friend, Miss Hodgson, who, as in the past, worked as hard as ever this year to make the Camp a success. In spite of the weather there were engagements each day which often wound up with a dance at the Village Hall. A Sports programme was also run for the week, the winner being W. Birchall, who came out on top with 100 points. A nine mile walk took place on Saturday, 26th July, from the Camp to the Royal Air Force Barracks, Haughton, this event being won by Alec Craigie on the handicap, P. Holmes, scratch man, passing the post first. We welcomed to Berkhampstead this year an old friend from Canada, Danny Barker, and he wishes me to say how very grateful he is to everybody for giving him such a wonderful time.

These little notes would not be complete without a word of thanks being extended to our Sports Instructor, Bill Tovell, who worked very hard during the camp and who was always there when wanted.

In conclusion, let me say, on behalf of the campers, how very grateful we all are to the helpers who, under the most trying conditions, came out on top and gained our sincere appreciation, and before closing, will the boys who acted as escorts accept our thanks for making the walk a success? "BRIDGWATER."

Stratford-on-Avon

We have received from Miss Hodgson a most interesting account of the camp held on 23rd June-1st July at Stratford-on-Avon. It was written by the Rev. D. A. Foster, who was in charge of the camp, and we regret that the pressure upon our

space this month makes it impossible to do more than quote one or two extracts.

"A mere hayfield, with not the slightest resemblance to a camp! Such was the sight which met our eyes at 10.30 a.m. on Monday, 23rd June. A few hours later—and what a change! Hay removed, nine bell tents erected (the next day to be increased to ten), and one marquee.

'Hurrah! Here they come.' Many old faces, and some fresh ones as well—all equally welcome, and all looking forward to one of the most enjoyable weeks in the year. Soon by the help of her who seems so indispensable to these camps, and who is loved by all, men and staff alike—it is needless to add Miss Hodgson's name to this description of her—the men are sorted out and put into their respective temporary homes, and camp life begins in earnest. Of course, as always, tea comes first, and with it the renewal of old friendships as well as the beginning of new ones. Then the usual 'settling in,' many pow-wows, the equally inevitable and always enjoyable visit to 'The Mucky Duck,' cocoa and bed.

Well, 'What do you do in camp?' is, no doubt, the question you are asking. Of course, we fill up odd moments by playing cards, and we ought to know whether 'Ryevale' or 'Lucine' is going to be the winner at the day's race meeting; but for more serious pursuits we must visit the river and the sports ground. In the mornings, we really work hard on the river—pair oars, and fours, single sculling boats and double sculling boats—for we prepare for our great Regatta Day, and for the St. Dunstan's Regatta at Putney in July. Two or three times we had a picnic lunch at the boat house—on other occasions we returned to the camp. The afternoons were spent in various ways, not the least important being sports, including 'Putting the Weight,' 'Throwing the Cricket Ball,' and various standing jumps. One of the most enjoyable afternoons was the one on which we visited Mrs. Metters for tea and another to the Manor for a tea given by Col. and Mrs. Rees-Mogg. Two of the evenings were given over to dominoes and whist, and on

one we held a concert, which was very much appreciated. Once in camp, and twice at the Yeomanry Hall, we had dances, and these, as usual, were enjoyed exceedingly; we are always grateful to the ladies who so kindly take part in them, not only as partners for the men, but also as their guides.

On Sunday morning, with the sun shining brilliantly, nine of us held a most impressive Communion Service in the open air. Though so simple, this is one of the events of camp which will ever live in our memory. Later in the morning, in the beautiful village church, we had our parade service, which everyone enjoyed so very much, and for which our Rector made such careful provision in every way.

After a visit to Ann Hathaway's cottage in the afternoon, a most enjoyable strawberry tea, and a visit paid to the camp by the Minister of Pensions, we had a supper picnic. This was followed by a sing-song, and we concluded a happy day with prayers. Whenever possible, we had prayers in camp on other days as well, just before going to bed, and many of the men felt that this was one of the small things which helped to make the whole camp go so well, and to cultivate the spirit of fellowship.

Finally, on Monday, we spent much of the day at the river, and held our Regatta, in which some very close races were witnessed.

I feel unable to close this account without one other word. We are exceedingly grateful to everyone who took such an interest in our camp, and who helped in one way or another."

Names of men who attended camp:—

Benning, A.	Costello, M.	Lilley, G.
Birley, H.	Craigie, A.	Marsden, T.
Bowering, W. A.	Dennick, J.	Milner, T.
Brown, R.	Giles, W.	New, J.
Caldwell, A.	Gimber, J. W.	Newell, C. R.
Cashmore, P.	Greaves, J.	North, T.
Castle, W. S.	Harrison, I.	Shakespeare, W.
Christian, W.	Hines, W.	Trott, W.
Cook, R.	Knight, C.	Worthington, J.

We hear that G. C. Jackson, of Kingsnorth, Ashford, has won 1st and 2nd prize with two Anconas (1 cockerel and 1 hen) at the Kent County Show. Congratulations to him.

The Prince and St. Dunstaners

Yet further proof of the sustained interest which the Prince of Wales takes in St. Dunstan's and its men is contained in the letter we have recently received from J. Sheehy, of 14 Pretoria Terrace, Buckland, Dover. He says:—

"On Thursday, 10th July, H.R.H. Prince of Wales at Dover launched the largest lifeboat in the world. On that occasion the local branch of the British Legion furnished a guard of honour, and A. Matthews and myself, as members, were amongst the guard of honour. The Prince during his inspection gave us both a warm handshake and spoke to Matthews of his privations in the submarines. He was interested in myself because of the fact I served in his old regiment, the 1st Grenadier Guards. He also remarked about the Khedevis medal I was wearing with Khartoum clasp and said 'You were there with the 1st battalion.' Also asked where I lost my sight, informed him at Beaumont Hamel, November, 1916, while serving with K.O.Y.L.I. He told me I was looking remarkably well. I informed him that my periodical visits to St. Dunstan's Annexe accounted for that."

A Dream of Bliss

The verses printed below and sent to us by Douglas Warden will, we are sure, raise many an appreciative smile.

If your Melton's not so musty,
Nor your "Natty Lounge" so dusty;
If the spats aren't parti-coloured on your feet;
If your waistcoat's not bespattered
By the bacon fat you've scattered;
If at corners you and lamp-posts do not meet;
If your lungs have not been blighted
By a cork-tip (wrong end lighted);
If your head has not been smited
By a beam:
If mishaps go by you, Brother,
Rest assured, it is no other
Than a dream!

If your joint and two small veges
Do not stray beyond the edges
Of your plate and disappear you know not where;
If your beer you don't knock over;
If at some time you discover
You've been talking to a chap who's really there;
If your ribbon's not erratic
When you type a note dramatic
Setting forth your views emphatic
By the ream:
If a stud, without disaster,
You find in an hour, or faster,
It's a dream!

Yet Another Prize Winner

We hear that D. Owen, of Blaenau Festiniog, Merioneth, has taken second prize with the mats he displayed at Chester.

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