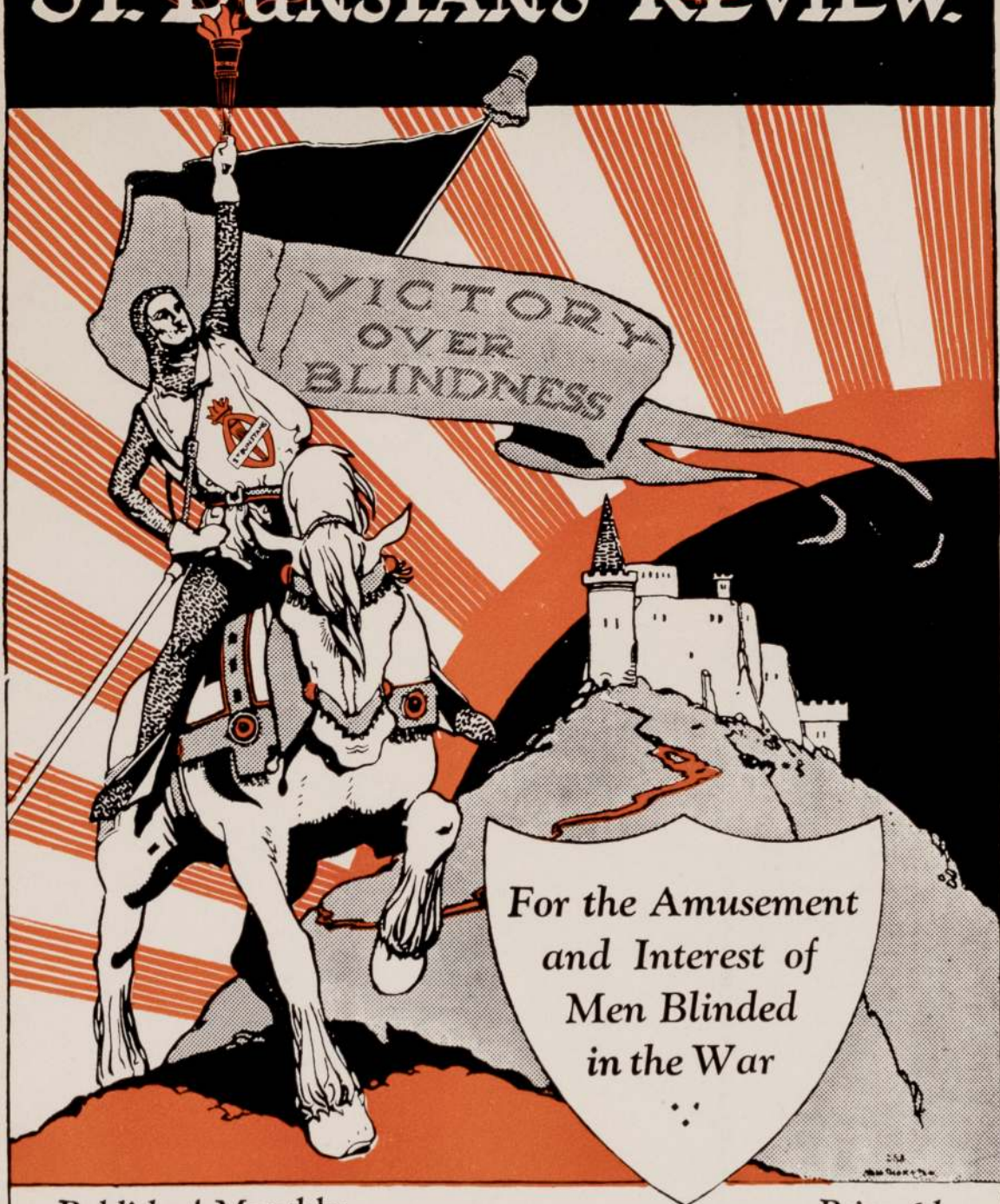


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## Matron Power

By "Mr. H."

OF one so full of vitality, of high-spirits, of energy and cheerfulness it seems incredible to speak in the past tense. And Matron Power possessed them all to a remarkable degree. Wherever she went, with whomsoever she was with, she radiated sympathy and understanding and good-fellowship. Above all else, she was so intensely *human*. And her own high courage was equal to her humanity. During the last two years she must at times have suffered acutely, both mentally as well as physically; and yet to ask after her health was always to receive the answer that she was better, that she never felt so well, that the mere inquiry was quite superfluous. Her bravery was astounding. Always ready to talk about anybody's troubles except her own. Always ready to sympathise and to help others, regardless of her own need for sympathy and aid. Everybody's recollections of her are happy ones, I'm sure! That alone is a wonderful epitaph. I can see her now, sitting in her room at the College, surrounded by twenty or thirty boys, as she read to them night after night. I can see her again in the lounge at the Bungalow, or Cornwall Terrace, or at the Lodge, and, latterly, at our present Headquarters, dashing to and fro—always bright, always breezy, always intensely capable; yet always willing to share a joke, to be helpful and kindly, and never for one single instance affected by what I will call the "pomposity of position" under any circumstances. We all feel that in losing her brave, bright, sympathetic presence we have lost a real personal friend. As a friend she will always be remembered long after we have forgotten to call her "Matron." She was as beloved by the "boys" as she was by those with whom she worked. And that alone is a very remarkable achievement. But Matron Power was a very remarkable woman. She was also a very modest one. She was always approachable. Always ready and anxious to help, to sympathise and to try to understand. Her influence for good was immense. She seemed to lend to us all some of her own high courage. Her companionship was "tonic." Gloom was dissipated when she was near. And that is why our memory of her will always be such a happy one. We shall remember her practical commonsense, her humour, her high-spirits, and with these cheerful, invigorating thoughts, there will mingle memories of a hundred and one acts of kindness, of helpfulness, of sympathy, of true friendship—a garland of beautiful mind-pictures which, so long as any of us shall live, will never fade. It is surely a great triumph to be so beloved! It is surely a great triumph to leave so many happy recollections behind one? Matron Power's life achieved that triumph without, I am sure, her ever realizing to what extent. It was just her nature to be brave and to be a friend to all of us. She would have scorned the statement that there was anything very wonderful in *that*! She was by nature an immensely courageous woman, and she was a friend, in the best sense of Friendship, to all of us because she had an affectionate interest in our welfare. So our loss is the sad, sad loss of a true and loyal companionship. She will be more than merely "missed." Whenever we think of the happy St. Dunstan's days of long ago, and all that St. Dunstan's meant to us in renewed hope and cheerfulness, instinctively the figure of Matron Power will steal into that memory to become part of it. And that, I imagine, in the Life Hereafter, will make her happiest of all. RICHARD KING HUSKINSON.



## "An Appreciation"

All St. Dunstaners will hear with the deepest regret of the death of our Matron, Miss Power, which took place on the 27th September last. For some time past Miss Power had been in failing health, and it was only her indomitable Irish spirit which made her keep on with her work, in spite of the warnings which she experienced, and which she allowed to go unheeded. She will be sadly missed by all those Boys who attended the medical department, and by all her many friends and colleagues who have been associated with her for so long.

Her kind-heartedness, her genial character, and her cheery spirit was a tonic to every one who came in contact with her.

Her place will be difficult to fill.

E. CHITTENDEN BRIDGES,  
*Med. Officer.*

### The Funeral

It was the desire of the relatives that the funeral should be simple and quiet, and consequently no widespread public notices of the date and time were issued.

Matron Power, however, had gained the respect and affection of hundreds of blinded men, and of others with whom she came into contact. They wished to show their respect to one who had been so much to them, and when the cortège arrived at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Kensal Green, the little church was full of the men whose friend and mother she had been.

Men from England and Wales, Scotland and Ireland, Australia, Canada and South Africa were present to pay tribute, many of them carrying their own personal little bunch of flowers to add to the many wreaths.

The chief mourners were Dr. Power (nephew), Mrs. Carr (niece), who as Miss Power served under her aunt at the College as V.A.D., and Mrs. Bannister, her great friend.

There were also present Captain and Mrs. Ian Fraser, Colonel Bickerton,

Mr. Ernest Kessell, Mr. W. Askew, and other members of Headquarters Staff, together with a number of ladies who at some time had served as V.A.D.'s or in some other capacity.

And so Miss Power was laid to rest surrounded by loved ones with whom she had co-operated, commanded or cared for and guided for fifteen years.

The wreaths and floral tributes sent included those from:—St. Dunstan's Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Men, Captain and Mrs. Ian Fraser, the Executive Council and the Medical and Ophthalmic Committees of St. Dunstan's, Lady (Arthur) and Sir Neville Pearson, "The College Boys," "Her Irish Boys," Colonel R. E. Bickerton, Mrs. Chadwick Bates, the V.A.D.'s and Staff at Headquarters, with several from groups of blinded soldiers, individual St. Dunstaners in different parts of the country, many personal friends, and old colleagues and workers on the staff of St. Dunstan's.

### Eyes, and we see not

We cull the following from the *Amateur Photographer*, as it is always interesting to have the outside point of view of our doings:

"It was certainly a comforting idea which Sir Thomas Horder expounded to the blinded soldiers of St. Dunstan's the other day—comforting at least to the deprived—to learn that to possess all one's faculties may be a positive handicap and disadvantage. The disadvantage is, of course, that, having them, we do not use them; whereas if a sense be taken away we are more likely to make one hundred per cent. use of what is left. This journal dings it into people continually to use their eyes, but the proper—if drastic—way to make them use their eyes would be to cut off their ears. It was astonishing, by the way, to see what the blind could do. The St. Dunstan's man next to the writer told him that he had two glass eyes—'which looked quite nice,' he said, 'when they were freshly polished'—but one would have taken him to be an unusually alert and dexterous sighted individual. And it was not to him, but to the writer himself, who rather thought he had his eyes, that the waiter came up at the luncheon and said: 'Can I cut it up for you, sir?'"

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A good second-hand tandem cycle. Write full particulars to E. J. Burley, Foundry, Stithians, Perranwell, Cornwall.

## News from Overseas

THE following interesting account of his holiday experiences reaches us from T. Phelps, of Vancouver, Canada. The trip certainly proved an exciting one, which, however, only seems to have added to Phelps's enjoyment of it.

"I am happy to hear of the St. Dunstaners who have enjoyed the open-air life through the summer months. I feel sure that my experience of this summer will be one of interest to them.

With a young lad driving my 'second-hand Ford,' we started out from Vancouver, B.C., and headed south toward Seattle Wash, then eastward to Spokane, then north again into Canada, and so on, eastward, until we reached Winnipeg, Manitoba, a distance of twenty-one hundred miles by road. I made collapsible seats in the front of the car, so that they might be converted into a bed. The mattresses were made of sacks filled with straw, and we carried plenty of other bedding to make things quite comfortable. We stopped at night-time whenever possible at auto camps. The auto camps are equipped with shower baths and kitchens, and electric washing machines, and when you use your own car to sleep in, there is only a charge of two shillings per night. Some camps are free. We enjoyed ourselves, early in the morning and late in the evening, bathing in the lakes, sometimes in a nice cool river, another time in a warm lake, and also in the mineral waters of the lakes in the State of Washington. At Moose Jaw, Sask., our car broke down, and it took us four days to repair it, for we had to take out the whole engine. I say 'we,' but I mean Mr. Watson, my chauffeur, mechanic, cook and escort. Here I learned not to try and do too much around a car with a sighted person working at the same time, for I nearly lost my fingers under the running board, but luckily just a little skin was missing as I pulled my hands from between the blocks of wood and the running board. We had a wonderful time in Moose Jaw for a week

and a day. A family from London lodged us for the week and helped us with the repairs. We travelled on to Winnipeg and had a happy time with my parents, renewing old acquaintances. On our way home, we travelled over the southern route, passing through N. Dakota, Montana, Idaho and Washington, U.S.A., making a round trip of 4,200 miles. We travelled from two hundred to two hundred and sixty miles a day. When we were about five hundred miles from home, our car went on fire, but, fortunately, a good friend came along with a fire extinguisher before our car was demolished, and saved our bus. So, with a minor repair, we were able to travel on.

We had a wonderful time driving across the level prairies, then through the hills and mountains of Montana and Washington. We travelled south in order to miss the higher mountains of B.C., but I am sure the best road for sighted tourists would be the Canadian road, both for scenery and thrills.

While supper was being prepared at an auto camp I heard a bang!! The cook was silent. 'What has happened?' I asked. 'Oh, the beans are gone,' said he. Frank had placed a tin of beans on the stove without piercing the top and it had exploded. Most of the beans were plastered on the wall, and not one remained in the tin. Frank admitted that he would have saved at least one tin of beans had he listened to my advice sooner.

At another camp in Montana, a tourist, noticing our car licence, said, 'I see you are from B.C.—well, I'm from Texas. Say! who have you got for king up there?'

I am afraid I am leaving you to imagine more than I have told you about our trip; nevertheless, I hope that all my St. Dunstaner friends enjoyed themselves every bit as much as I have done this summer. Wishing you all many happy days,

T. PHELPS."

We learn that the excellent article on Toc H, written by W. Heushaw, of Finchley, has found many interested readers among our brotherhood of St. Dunstan's and also their friends.

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## NEWS OF ST. DUNSTANERS

SURELY R. J. Williams, of Southwick, must be one of the busiest men on St. Dunstan's roll. He had an exhibit of mats in the local show again this year and won the gold diploma for the second time, as well as doing a considerable amount of trade—this was in August. The following month found him making a two-day display at the Hove Town Hall. News as to the result has not yet reached us but we are hoping great things, for this is one of the best shows of the season and is run on a large scale. Williams was allowed ten feet of space. One result of his activities in this direction is that he is able to report a nice amount of local work. In another line, too, Williams has been particularly fortunate as his Airedale terrier "Connie" carried off two first prizes and a second at a recent dog show—one for obedience, one for jumping, and the third for "the most pathetic look." A dog like that must be a tremendous joy—congratulations to her master!

Holiday reports are arriving from many quarters and among the "very fit and brown" F. Stratton, of Shirebrook, must be mentioned; perhaps part of his contentment with life is due to the fact that his family is of a particularly happy temperament. His boy has started out well in a good post we are glad to know.

Fellow Druids will wish to send good wishes to S. Duncan, of Sutton, Surrey, through the medium of the REVIEW; he has just been made a member of the Society.

R. Horner, of Chesterfield, has been working hard, playing hard—and keeping fit.

The change to Devon made by H. Blakeley, now of Okehampton, is proving a success; he has secured a nice house right in the heart of the village and has started to make new friends.

Another who has moved into a new home a month or so ago is T. Batt, of Kingswood, Bristol, and he has done wonders with the garden already. He is now contemplating converting one of the outbuildings into a workshop, and is looking forward to fixing up the runs and poultry-houses he has built, and getting a few head of poultry. Batt is certainly sparing no effort to make his new abode a real home and all it should be.

The Jazz Band run by C. Morton, of Bramley, Yorks, is doing splendidly and has been engaged to play at the Cutlers' Hall, Sheffield, next month.

E. Garthwaite, of Rotherham, is very pleased with his shed and has started work on mats with great vigour; the garden is proving a very real source of interest and it has been remarkably well cultivated this year.

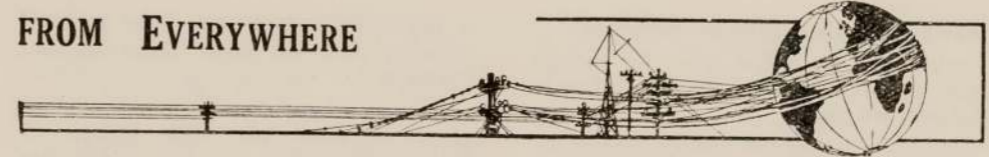
A fortnight's holiday has done wonders for C. Hainsworth, of Beeston, Leeds; he is in excellent health and spirits, we are glad to say, and is working at his joinery with energy.

Can anyone beat this for a year of "events"? C. Bregazzi, of Hornsey Lane Gardens, reports that within the space of twelve months he and his wife celebrated their silver wedding, one daughter married and another came of age! The local press gave space to all three events so Bregazzi has been in the public eye.

J. H. Greaves, of Barrowshaw, Oldham, has been in training, hoping to win his life-saving certificate; we are looking forward to being able to announce his success very shortly.

Two grand-daughters born within twelve hours of one another in the same house is the exciting event reported by S. Bakewell, of Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent!

## FROM EVERYWHERE



After a year's occupancy, J. B. Wheeler, of Erdington, Birmingham, has contrived to get splendid results from his garden; it has been full of colour this season with quite remarkable shows of roses and chrysanthemums. An added attraction is a charming little summer house with a trellis for roses outside the backdoor.

Poultry is interesting H. Jacklin, of Ladies Mile, Patcham; he has been doing trap-nesting and has arranged an ingenious bell, this rings in the house whenever a hen goes into the nest.

Trade in clogs is very fair, according to A. Allen, of Alton, Stoke-on-Trent; therefore he is working away with cheerful content, and taking his usual vivid interest in the world's events.

The silver wedding which was celebrated by Mr. and Mrs. J. Thomas, of Cowbridge, S. Wales, was such a brilliant success, and brought them so many presents, that both say they are beginning to look forward to the golden anniversary already! Thomas is working steadily at his netting and the newspaper and milk-round continues to prosper.

Quite a nice number of repairs have been coming in to R. B. Blackshaw, of Abbey Hulton, Stoke-on-Trent, we are glad to say. Another piece of good news from the same quarter is that his son has secured work.

H. White, of Croydon, has been exceedingly busy reordering a lot of school mats.

J. H. New, of Wolverhampton, is of so splendidly energetic a temperament that he never succeeds in getting enough work to please him; except for this he is well, and contented with life in general. His two sons are now taller than their father and are in steady work.

The Scarborough season has been a very busy one so the little shop run by F. Crabtree has had its share of prosperity we note with pleasure.

Next month we hope to have an interesting paragraph concerning A. Adams, of Doncaster, for we learn (unofficially) that he is about to be married and that his fiancée is particularly capable and charming. Congratulations and good wishes to both, say all St. Dunstaners!

S. Worlidge, of Keelby, Lincs, has been earning a reputation for himself in the local press on account of the excellent poultry houses he has built; we are not surprised to learn that his birds are doing well under such conditions.

A startling adventure has befallen S. C. Loram's little son Wilfred. On regatta day he was playing alone on the side of the Brixham Harbour and somehow fell over into deep water. Mercifully Lady Frank was coming in from the yacht "Astra" in a pinnace, saw the catastrophe and dived straight into the water. The rescue was so speedy that young Wilfred was restored to his home within a very few minutes.

Another of our Brixham men is H. Acton. He is in a new part of the town where, luckily, he seems to be the only boot repairer, so we have high hopes that with his good work, and St. Dunstan's leather, he will work up a really substantial connection; the house is in a delightful and healthy position and has a magnificent view over Tor Bay.

J. T. Johnson, of Church Lane, Mow Cop, is erecting a greenhouse. It should be a great pleasure to him in the coming months. All his friends will wish to join in sending good wishes to his daughter Hannah, who was married on 10th August,



**News of St. Dunstaners—continued.**

Luckily she is to live near, for though only 22 she has "mothered" the family for over ten years.

Business is working up well in the shop run by F. C. Harris of Charlton Kings, Cheltenham.

In the same district is A. Hughes, who still contrives to get a nice number of local orders for his baskets and takes a great interest in doing his work well.

Another of our shopkeepers who is making good progress is W. Baughan of Cirencester, Glos., perhaps because the little place is always kept so delightfully clean and tidy.

What with helping in the picking and sending off of fruit, F. Stew of Twyning, Tewkesbury, finds little time for basket-making at this season of the year, but change of occupation is always good for the health, and he returns to his craft with renewed energy later on.

Basket-making is also the craft of a second Tewkesbury St. Dunstaner, B. J. Day, and he is another with a garden that must be a source of perpetual joy. He has grass and flowers in front and a remarkably useful display of vegetables at the back of his house.

Herne Hill, S.E., is the location in which H. A. Dakin is now settled and he is hoping to do good business there as he has secured a very nice shop with room behind where he can make his mats; there is a yard where his children can play in safety so the move is satisfactory in every way.

"More customers than I can supply" is the report from S. K. Jerome of Hurn, near Christchurch—but then he has made quite a name for himself with the excellence of his honey.

E. W. Emerton of Chalton, Luton, is now comfortably settled in his bungalow, which is in a particularly good position;

a few local orders have been received already, and we hope these are but "feelers."

As usual, there is a considerable amount of news from our Irish group. S. Holmes of Belfast, whose garden has had a particularly fine show of flowers, fruit and vegetables in it this season, has been hard at work making a bed and an electric lamp standard, both of which have been successes.

A. Gribben, also of Belfast, reports that his shop has been doing well, and seems to be making steady progress. His garden, too, has been a picture with a fine display of orange lilies which have won much admiration.

In Portstewart A. Herriot has been working steadily at his trays and with excellent result.

Sailing on the Lough is a delightful pastime, according to W. H. Reid, another Belfast; he is in excellent form and making a good start with wool rugs.

The steady work of T. McCann of Belfast is telling, and he is building up a nice little trade.

A streak of bad luck has befallen J. Brockerton of Coleraine, and all poultry-keepers will sympathise with him. A dog got into a pen among his hens and played havoc with the birds, and then rats did considerable damage to his chickens before he could get the rodents poisoned off. We hope his new pullets will prove prime layers to offset these calamities.

As for P. McCarthy of Boyle his health is so good that according to him he feels fit to leap a five-bar gate, but his wife warns him that he is about to "fall into flesh."

**Brief Notes**

Tomatoes have proved a particularly successful venture this year according to J. Irvine of Maryhill, Glasgow; his five young sons must be an immense help in the garden.

**News of St. Dunstaners—continued:**

A. Taylor of Lye recently landed a particularly good order for clogs we are glad to know, for he is a great worker.

A good start has been made by H. Palmer of Uckfield.

Several shops that used to send their chair-caning work into Brighton now entrust it to E. Kenward, of Uckfield.

E. G. Willcocks of Tottenham found so much sun while he was on holiday that friends insist in addressing him as "Mr. Ghandi!"

Outdoor work (in the garden) has improved the health of A. Mann of Essendine, near Stamford, as his friends will be glad to know. A Coulson of Witherwick, too, looks remarkably well; he is working on centre-cane trays. G. Lamb, of Ilkley, is as busy as ever on his farm; H. J. Flemming, of Becontree, is doing fairly well with baskets; A. W. Grocott, of Roydon, is well and at work with netting.

Mats keep S. J. Letch of Hatfield Peveril fairly well occupied; he is much better since his holiday. Trade has improved in Bognor Regis according to news received from J. H. Mason; G. H. Hawkins is well and happy with plenty of chickens but no pigs at present; G. Dawson, of Newmarket, is another kept busy with poultry; his cry, like that of many another, is "more land!"

**Young St. Dunstaners**

We share in the pride of G. Dennis, of Grimsby, in that his son has just taken his B.A. with honours at King's College, London.

The eldest son of A. G. Briggs, of Norwich, has now passed his examination for the Victoria College of Music for the violin with distinction. This is the third examination he has taken with success within fifteen months and he is now preparing for a fourth in December! A fine record indeed. His master is almost as proud of young Briggs as is his father and says that he has not a pupil to stand against him for so short a time.

The 15 year old son of W. Duxbury, of Manchester, has just matriculated.

The two sons of W. Hill, of Hull, also have congratulations. William has taken his second scholarship for the Hull Municipal College of Art, and Dunstan, aged 10, has passed his scholarship examination for the Brunswick Avenue Elementary School.

Another successful young scholar is the son of T. R. Beattie, of Crouch End Hill; he has secured a scholarship for the Tollington School.

Violet, daughter of E. Roberts, of Abergele, is working very hard at her piano and with excellent results; she has passed two examinations.

The elder daughter of H. Kidger, of Bridgnorth, is sitting for a scholarship and, judging from her work and position in the school, seems fairly certain of winning it.

The son of H. Hurst, of Great Longstone, Derbyshire, has carried off a number of prizes for vegetables and flowers.

A. Sterno, of Bath, writes: "My eldest son Harry started his new school this morning having left his junior school with an excellent record, being first or top boy. We only hope that he will keep up his standard and succeed in being top boy of his class in the senior school as he was at the junior; he was eleven years old in May last. George is only seven years old, but he is doing very well in his junior school. . . . My step-son who is on the Flag Ship of the Cunard Fleet—the 'Berengaria'—is now full steward and has been with the company over two years. He went first on the Sea Lion, as they call the 'Aquitania,' for eighteen voyages and has been the remainder of the time on the 'Berengaria.' He has filled out surprisingly and looks a veritable John Bull and is as happy as he looks. . . . Indeed, I have three sons to be proud of, and I can honestly say that they are all three very fond of me, as I myself am most proud of them; they are real treasures."



## Sports Club Notes

### Sports Meeting

There was quite an excellent attendance at our Sports Meeting held at Headquarters on Tuesday, 7th October, and altogether we had a profitable and cheery meeting. Our Chairman, Captain Fraser, who was present with Mrs. Fraser and Mr. Askew, most kindly took the Chair for the opening of the meeting. Before we commenced our sports proceedings, at the request of the Chairman we all stood as a token of respect and affection for our late esteemed matron, Miss Power. Capt. Fraser spoke most kindly about Miss Power, her charm and helpfulness to the men and her long record of service. He remarked that careful attention was being given to the appointment of her successor, but it was not an easy post to fill. The men could rest assured that the Council would make the best appointment possible to try and adequately fill the position so splendidly carried through by Miss Power. The Chairman now proceeded to welcome the sportsmen, and to say how great his interest was in their sports and his desire to encourage and maintain them. He attached great importance to sport not only of its social side, but because exercise was so good for all. Capt. Fraser referred to the good work of the Sports Secretary and Sports Instructor and all who were doing their part to carry them on so successfully. He wished the Sports the best of luck. Capt. Fraser then requested Capt. Williams to take the Chair and the following agenda was carried through:

1. Winter Sports.
- Socials after Sports.
2. Walking programme.
3. Football arrangements.
4. Swimming.

#### 1. Winter Sports.

The Chairman, on opening the discussion, expressed the profound hope that the men would do their best to back up their winter sports. He fully recognised how difficult it was in a limited space and with a good many windows to maintain a full and varied programme, but they were doing their best and he hoped

that some suggestions for the enlargement of the usual programme would be made.

(a) The general programme was agreed to—putting the weight, jumps, physical training and target. It was suggested by W. Scott that bowling at a target should be added and this was agreed. It was also decided to try deck quoits.

(b) Handicaps. That the summer scale should be adhered to, and to encourage those who were as keen athletes as others, and not so good, it was decided to give 3 points for attendance, in addition to the points usually given for physical jerks. This suggestion should be quite useful and an encouragement to the weaker sportsmen.

(c) It was proposed by W. Scott and seconded by M. Burran and agreed that at 7.10, if there were no more than 5 men present, the sports should be declared off for that evening, and those who attended should be awarded 5 points. This should urge on those who are liable to get rather lax to keep up their enthusiasm, for their absence may prevent other men having their evenings spoilt.

(d) Shield. As the Shield has been permanently won by London, the feeling of the meeting was that it would be a good thing if another shield could be offered for inter-Club competition and that this one should not be won outright. The Chairman promised that the matter would be brought up at the General Club Meeting.

(e) Sportsmen's Concert. An endeavour would be made to hold the Concert earlier than hitherto. The matter would be brought before the music department to see if a Tuesday in March would be available.

(f) Training facilities. Towards the end of January accommodation for training would be available at Headquarters.

(g) Socials after Sports. Dance 1st Tuesday in each month, and on the other Tuesdays, Whist or Dominoe Tournaments.

It is desirable to commence sports as early as possible each Tuesday so that a good programme can be attempted. The same rule as to prizes will be adopted as to walks, that three prizes cannot be given

unless more than five men take part in each section, and then provided at least 50 per cent. of attendances are made.

#### 2. Walks.

Proposed by H. Boorman and seconded by F. Rhodes that the programme should be 3 Miles (novices included) November 22nd, 9 Miles January 24th, 15 Miles in March, 25 Miles at Maidenhead the beginning of May, with the Birmingham Walk some time in April. J. Ingram kindly gave a message from Mr. Roberts, of the Maidenhead Club, to the effect that he and the Club would do all they could to help the Maidenhead Walk next year. His remarks were greatly appreciated.

#### 3. Football.

The same generous facilities are again granted by Chelsea and Fulham, and Instructor Tovell made the request that those wishing to attend should be at the grounds no later than half an hour before kick-off. No more than one escort is allowed per man.

#### 4. Swimming.

Instructor Jones's classes are now on Wednesday and Friday evenings at 6 p.m. at Marylebone Baths.

The Chairman expressed the gratitude of the meeting to Capt. Fraser and the Council for their encouraging support in their sports and how deeply it was appreciated. The meeting closed with an expression of thanks to the Chairman for presiding, most generously proposed by H. MacSteel and carried by acclamation.

J. E. W.

SPORTS POINTS			
End of Summer Term			
W. Birchall	.. 76	B. Ingrey	.. 21
W. Scott	.. 55	P. Martin	.. 16
J. MacFarlane	} 45	G. Taylor	.. 15
J. Deegan		H. Boorman	.. 15
H. MacSteel	.. 38	S. Dyer	.. 9
F. Winter	.. 26	H. Prior	.. 7
S. Webster	.. 25½	H. Kerr	.. 3
T. Roden	.. 24½	G. Fallowfield	.. 2
J. Meighan	.. 23	T. Wheeler	.. 2

### 3-mile Outer Circle Walk

On Saturday, 22nd November, starting from Headquarters at 2.30 p.m., there will be a 3-mile Walk together with a 3-mile Novice Walk. Will all entries kindly reach the Sports Office not later than 8th November.

## Swimming

Our swimmers have been showing their paces of late at several outside galas. On Wednesday, 10th September, the Surrey Ladies' Swimming Club again for the tenth consecutive year invited a party of our men to take part in their Annual Gala. In spite of getting a drenching with rain before arriving, our boys gave a great show and, as usual, got a great reception. On 24th September, Stone's Athletic Club invited us to a One-Length Handicap at the wonderful new Baths at Greenwich. Here again our team gave a good show and received a great ovation at this, their first appearance at Greenwich. We were able to renew old acquaintance with our rowing friends from Stone's. On Tuesday, 30th September, the St. Pancras Leander Swimming Club gave us a One-Length Handicap. This Gala was a testimonial to our old friend, Walter Brickett, who was there to welcome us in person. Our boys always get a wonderful reception here. We met many old friends, but we missed Mr. Arthur Jones (Boniface), who so kindly gives the prizes each year for this event, but we know he was with us in thought.

I have, owing to space, purposely refrained from mentioning individually the competitors' performances, but they can all congratulate themselves on their prowess.

Just one word of sincere thanks to the wives who are ever ready to fit in and help with the arrangements on these nights, which are usually rather late in terminating.

### RESULTS

SURREY LADIES' SWIMMING CLUB			
1st	..	..	F. Rhodes.
2nd	..	..	H. V. Thompson.
3rd	..	..	M. Burran.
4th	..	..	F. Jackson.
STONE'S ATHLETIC CLUB			
1st	..	..	W. Birchall.
2nd	..	..	H. Kerr.
3rd	..	..	H. V. Thompson.
4th	..	..	M. Burran.
5th	..	..	J. McFarlane.
ST. PANCRAS LEANDER SWIMMING CLUB			
1st	..	..	M. Burran.
2nd	..	..	J. McFarlane.
3rd	..	..	O. Kelly.
4th	..	..	H. V. Thompson.



### St. Dunstan's Swimming Gala

The events for this Gala, which will be held at St. Marylebone Baths on Wednesday, October 29th, at 6.45 p.m., are as follow:—

- 1 length T.B. Handicap.
- 2 lengths S.S. Handicap.
- 1 length Novices' Handicap.
- Plunging Competition.

Entries should reach the Sports Office as soon as possible.

### Brighton News

Our new term commenced with a visit by Miss Wood, who, with a committee of friends, is rendering excellent service to the blind in South Africa. J. Sheehy, in a few well-chosen words, welcomed Miss Wood to the Annexe, asking her, on behalf of the men, to accept a beautiful bouquet of flowers as a mark of their appreciation for the work that was being done for their brothers and sisters in South Africa.

Miss Wood then spoke to us of the efforts she and her friends were making, paying a special tribute to Advocate Bowen, one of our own men. Sergt. Bowen, as we knew him in the old days, has started a school for the native blind children, and it is interesting to learn that the results of this effort have exceeded all expectations. (We wish our old comrade continued success in this excellent work.) At the end of her address Matron thanked Miss Wood for coming to the Annexe and assured her how delighted the boys were to welcome her. In the event of Miss Wood meeting Mrs. Bates on her return to South Africa, Matron proposed that she would kindly convey to her the good wishes of all at the Brighton Annexe. This proposal received the support of all present. Miss Wood was then conducted over the house and workshops by the Matron.

Writing to Headquarters, A. H. Wernham, of Bracknell, says: "My daughter, Mabel, has got through the London General and is going on nicely at school. My second daughter has won a free place at Ranleigh and will go to school at Ranleigh Secondary till she is 16 years, with school fees paid. She wants to be a nurse."

### Special Notice—Armistice Dance

The Armistice Dance will be held on Wednesday, 12th November, from 8-11 p.m., at the St. Marylebone Hall, Marylebone Baths, Marylebone Road, N.W.1—admission from 7.30 onwards. St. Dunstaners wishing to attend should apply to Mrs. Bates' office for tickets (one escort for each man). It is regretted that children under 14 years of age cannot be admitted.

### Greetings from Canada

The following message has reached us from Captain Edwin Baker on behalf of the Sir Arthur Pearson Club of Blinded Soldiers and Sailors, Toronto. We are sure that all readers of the REVIEW will wish heartily to reciprocate these good wishes from overseas.

To the Imperial Blinded Soldiers and St. Dunstan's:—

Dear Comrades,

The Sir Arthur Pearson Club of Blinded Soldiers and Sailors held its annual reunion at Pearson Hall on September 5th.

At this time, St. Dunstan's and our fellow blinded soldiers of the Empire were especially in our thoughts. The desire was expressed that hearty greetings and good wishes be extended to them, and I take much pleasure in forwarding this message of good fellowship.

With kind regards,

I remain, Yours faithfully,

E. A. BAKER,  
Secretary Treasurer.

### A Thrill

In a letter which has recently reached us, J. Owens, of Ayr, writes:—

"I had a little adventure the other Sunday—I crossed the water of Ayr by the stepping stones. This point is about a mile out of Ayr and it is a lovely roundabout walk. There was a gentleman standing by who volunteered to help me across, so he went in front, took one of my hands, and with the aid of the stick, I managed the rest. It is a pretty broad river and some of the stones are not very level, and are pretty far apart, but I was none the worse for it and I believe I would be the first blind person to cross the stones."

Stepping stones are such unwary things that Owen's little trip certainly called for a strong nerve, and we congratulate him on his feat.

## "In Memory"

PRIVATE JAMES BRYAN DIXON  
(9th Durham Light Infantry)

IT is with deep regret that we have to announce the passing of J. B. Dixon, whose very sudden death on 26th August last came as a great shock to all who knew him. Whilst gardening at his home he cut his hand and within a few days he developed blood poisoning. He was admitted to Redhill Hospital and died shortly afterwards.

Dixon was trained at St. Dunstan's as a telephonist and obtained his first post with Messrs. Vanden Berghs, Ltd., where he stayed about twelve months. He then secured a post with the Shell Mex, Ltd., but after three years he was compelled to give this up on account of ill-health. He took up basket-making for a short time, and his health gradually improved, so that he was able to resume telephony. We secured a situation for him at the offices of Sir Edward Iliffe in 1926, where he was a great favourite and will be very much missed by all his colleagues.

The funeral took place on the 2nd September at Hendon Park Cemetery, Holders Hill Road, Mill Hill, at 2.30 p.m., and there were many relatives and friends in attendance, including a representative from his firm. Among the numerous wreaths was one in the form of our badge from Captain Fraser and his many comrades at St. Dunstan's.

Dixon leaves a wife and three children to mourn his loss.

### Births

CALVERT.—On the 18th of September to the wife of L. Calvert, of Rufford, a daughter (Phyllis).

DAVIES.—To the wife of J. Davies, of Coventry, a daughter (Margaret Sheila) on the 17th August.

HAZEL.—On the 25th August a daughter (Brenda Rosemary) to the wife of A. T. Hazel, of Merton Park, S.W.19.

SWAYNE.—To the wife of E. Swayne, of Emsworth, a son, on the 2nd September.

WHEELER.—On the 16th September, to the wife of C. Wheeler, of St. Albans, a daughter (Colline Maree).

### Deaths

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

CARPENTER.—To E. H. Carpenter, of King's Langley, who lost his father recently.

COLE.—To S. Cole, of Swansea, who lost his sister on the 3rd September.

DUTTON.—To the wife of J. Dutton, of Ormskirk, Lancs, in that she lost her only sister on the 30th August.

PEARCE.—To Mr. and Mrs. H. A. T. Pearce, of Reading, whose little daughter, Grace, died on 23rd September, after a year's illness very patiently borne.

PORTER.—To A. J. Porter, of Seven Kings, who lost his father on the 28th July.

READ.—To E. Read, of Oldbury, near Birmingham, who lost his father on 8th September after a long and painful illness.

SHARPE.—To both Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Sharpe, of Leicester, who have had a double loss. He lost his father in January last and Mrs. Sharpe's mother died on the 14th January.

WATSON.—To C. E. Watson, of Urmston, Manchester, who has lost his married daughter; she leaves three little children, aged 10 years, 8 years and twenty months.

WILLIAMS.—To the wife of D. J. Williams, of Llandaff North, Cardiff, whose father died recently with tragic suddenness; the loss is doubly hard since Mrs. Williams' mother has been an invalid for many years.

### A Wedding

A very interesting wedding was solemnised at St. Michael's Church, Willesden, London, on Monday, 8th September, by the Vicar, the Rev. J. Devil, between W. F. Thompson, of Tavistock, and Miss Lily Hellyer, also of Tavistock.

A reception was held at the home of the bride's brother at Willesden, and the bride and bridegroom were the recipients of numerous presents.



British Legion Armistice  
Meeting at Albert Hall

**Important Notice**

The British Legion have this year as last allocated twenty-five seats to St. Dunstaners for the Armistice Day celebrations at the Albert Hall on the evening of 11th November 1930.

In view of the smallness of the number, tickets will be issued to St. Dunstaners only, and not to sighted escorts. The party will go from Headquarters, and Corporal Major Tovell will be in charge.

Will those who desire their names to be included in a ballot for seats please apply before 4th November 1930.

It will be seen from the letter printed below that St. Dunstaners who are members of the British Legion may possibly get additional seats by application to their branches.

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British Legion, &c.,  
16th October 1930

Dear Captain Fraser,

BRITISH LEGION REMEMBRANCE  
FESTIVAL

Many thanks for your letter of the 15th inst., *re* the above. We are in very great difficulties in regard to the allocation of seats at the Albert Hall, which as you know only has seating accommodation for about 4,000, as we have already received applications considerably in increase of that number from our Branches. In addition we are receiving many requests from organisations similar to St. Dunstan's for blocks of seats between 50 and 100. In every instance, however, we have been compelled to say that there is no possibility of an allocation of blocks of seats and that we can only consider individual applications sent through our branches in the usual way.

However, it is recognised that St. Dunstan's is a special case and we are quite prepared to do what we did last year and allocate a block of 25 seats to your organisation only.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) J. R. GRIFFIN.

**More Prizewinners**

Reports of the successes of our men in the competitive field continue to reach us.

We learn that S. A. Worlidge, of Keelby, Lincs, won a reserve prize for the best pen of White Wyandottes in a poultry show at Brigg recently.

T. Bowen and D. Fenton, both of Llanelly, were also successful at the National Eisteddfodd held in that town a short while ago, Bowen being awarded a first prize for a net and Fenton securing a first prize for a cocoa-fibre doormat.

**A Delectable Costume**

The little daughter of J. Ridley, of Finchley, secured a prize for her fancy dress at a recent carnival. She went as "Pea-Nuts," and at the end of the Carnival found that her friends and partners had eaten the whole two pounds weight of pea-nuts that had been sewn over her costume!

**R101**

A Laurel Chaplet with poppies made by disabled men was sent from Headquarters to Westminster Hall for the funeral of the victims of the R101 with the inscription: "From the Blinded Soldiers at St. Dunstan's—a token of admiration and sympathy."

C. T. Condon, of Worting, Basingstoke, tells us that at the Hampshire County Egg Laying Trials, which finished on the 15th September, his pen of five birds came out fourth, having laid 1,068 eggs in twelve months. Incidentally, Mrs. Condon was successful at a recent exhibition at Basingstoke Town Hall, carrying off first prize for White Bread and second prize for Eggs.

H. Myford, of Burnham-on-Crouch, is one of our most industrious mat-makers. He took up this work in July 1926, and he has been maintaining a very level standard of workmanship, producing very uniformly made mats, of good style and proportion. His work always stands out prominently as first-class.

**Braille**

We heartily congratulate J. Deegan on passing his Braille Reading Test.

**Battlefields Tour**

August 2nd—5th, 1930

NEVER have I spent such an interesting week-end as that with a party of St. Dunstaners on a trip over the battlefields of the Somme and Flanders. Leaving Victoria at midday on the Saturday, we arrived at Amiens in the evening. We were soon settled at our hotel and after a welcome wash and brush-up we began to reintroduce ourselves to the French coinage by ordering light refreshment. Some of our party on a tour of investigation found their way to a café run by an "Aussie." He welcomed them with open arms and in consequence they did not turn in before the early hours. Our trip by motor coach on Sunday morning round the Somme area showed how the countryside was cultivated to its utmost limit and there seemed to be no one to do it. There were a few at the Newfoundland Memorial Park who had come to see that part of Beaumont Hamel that had been left untouched as a sample of what the surrounding country was like during the war. Along our route as we came to familiar names we found the beautifully-kept British cemeteries and various memorials of particular regiments which had suffered there. That to the South Africans was the finest of them all. Most of the villages had been rebuilt. We saw the place where Thiepval had been. We passed by High Wood and Delville Wood, through Pozieres, on to lunch at Bray, which now bear few traces of the battering they received. There were still patches of undergrowth in all directions with one or two gaunt tree trunks poking upwards, which up to the present time had not been cleared. The roads had been replanted with saplings to take the place of their elder brethren, while here and there were heaps of scrap iron and shrapnel gleaned from the fields. During the Monday we visited Chuignuilles and saw ruins of one of the colossal guns which fired on Paris. Then on to tea at Albert, where one of our number nearly, but not quite, bought a bottle of 99% under-proof liqueur brandy. We went along to see our "Aussie" friend in the evening.

On Monday morning, as there was a little difficulty over our booked seats, we travelled in one of the *huit chevaux* trucks with seats, commandeered from Amiens Station, to Ypres in time for lunch at Skindles. In the afternoon we were fortunate to have with us "Jack" from the British Legion, who acted as guide. Every yard we took had some special point of interest, and it is impossible to condense a description of the places we visited. One of the boys was able to find his brother's grave at Tynecot Cemetery and took solace from the fact that it was carefully tended under the supervision of the War Graves Commission. At Hill 60, our party were interested in the remaining dug-outs, machine-gun emplacements, &c., that still remain. One gets a wonderful view of the salient from this position. Some of us were able to attend "The Last Post" at the Menin Gate in the evening and were lucky to get a glimpse of the Ypres Salient War Museum.

On Tuesday morning we went over Messines Ridge, where one of our number was able to anticipate all that Jack was to say; he remembered the lie of the land so well and actually pointed out the place where he received his little gift from Jerry which booked him for St. Dunstan's. We went on to Armentieres and round by Kemmel Hill and Bailleul to "Pop," where we made a short visit to Talbot House and saw the arrangements that were being made for future visitors on pilgrimage to the battlefields. We entrained in the afternoon for Boulogne.

W. T. SCOTT.

**St. Dunstaners Honoured**

Sergeant Alan Nichols was selected for the honour of unveiling what must be one of the last war memorials to be erected in England—that at the village of Darent. He performed the ceremony with great dignity, we hear, and spoke in a way that moved all his hearers.

Another St. Dunstaner, Dennis Pettit, has been selected to read the lessons from a Braille edition of the Bible at the Armistice Service for men and women of the British Legion to be held at the Men's Own, Dodderidge, on 9th November next.



## After-Care Reunions

### CARDIFF

The South Wales meeting, held this year at Cardiff on 12th September was, as usual, a very cheerful gathering, and a very crowded one. We were all sorry that Mr. and Mrs. Glenelg Grant were abroad on holiday; though everyone at the Sailors' and Soldiers' Rest was as kind as ever in their welcome and all they did for us, we do miss Mr. and Mrs. Grant.

It was nice having so many old friends there to help—Mrs. Howell and Miss Hines, Miss Lloyd, who came all the way down from London to see the Welsh St. Dunstaners once more, and Mr. Durrant, who received an enthusiastic reception from the boot repairers present.

After lunch, Mr. Swain read a message from Captain Fraser, following this with a speech in which he gave us all the latest news from Headquarters. A. C. Evans and E. J. Lloyd, speaking on behalf of the St. Dunstaners present, thanked Mr. Swain for his speech and asked him to convey to Captain Fraser the thanks of the meeting for his message and an assurance of loyal appreciation of his efforts for the well-being of St. Dunstan's.

As usual, the afternoon went all too quickly; songs from Miss Hines and W. Last, competitions, and much talk, very completely filled in the time.

Once more the weight of the cake was guessed equally well by two St. Dunstaners, W. Last and J. Lavell guessing within half an ounce of the exact weight, and halving the cake. The "stopped clock" competition was won by J. Thomas and Mrs. S. Cole, and the parcel by Mrs. Davies.

So ended another very jolly Cardiff meeting, with, as usual, many plans for our gathering next year. D. I. M. A.

### CORNISH REUNION

The Cornish After-Care Meeting, held at Truro on 19th June, was a most successful one. As it was the third Cornish meeting, we were getting to know each other better, and to feel that we were really that gathering of old friends that a St. Dunstan's After-Care Meeting really means.

To add to our pleasure this time we had Captain and Mrs. Fraser with us. Captain Fraser's speech was listened to with the greatest interest and pleasure, all feeling that it put those St. Dunstaners who live a very long way from Regent's Park so completely in touch with the centre of the organisation. R. A. Clarke and G. Nancarrow made able response for the St. Dunstaners present, and Captain Owen spoke on behalf of the officer St. Dunstaners.

We were very glad to welcome Captain Warne to the meeting, as representing the British Legion in Cornwall, especially as we are indebted to the Truro British Legion for the use of their splendid quarters for our meetings there. Captain Warne's speech, in which he spoke of the comradeship and mutual help which he hoped would always exist between St. Dunstan's and the Legion, was much appreciated.

It is to be regretted that the complete list of prize-winners in the various competitions has been mislaid; we can only say that the cake was halved by A. Head and W. H. Allen and the other prizes duly and fairly won. We hope that those who did not win this year will be more successful on future occasions, and may we have many more happy Cornish meetings.

D. I. M. A.

### Captain William Appleby

We offer our cordial congratulations to Captain William Appleby, an officer blinded in the War, upon a notable appointment in connection with the British Legion. Captain Appleby has occupied many important posts, including that of membership of the National Executive Council, and Chairman of a number of National Committees, but none can have pleased him more than to be selected by his comrades in Northumberland to be their first President, following the decentralisation of the Legion into Counties. In a letter describing his new appointment, Captain Appleby says: "I am very proud of this honour, as the late Duke of Northumberland was to have been our first President, and the wide gulf between he and myself has made me appreciate it very much."

## News from the Workshops

### BOOTS

W. G. HODGMAN has found the usual beginner's difficulties, but his general ideas have improved so that we may expect to see an advance next term. M. H. Albertella has commenced a revision course on his re-admission to St. Dunstan's. He is certainly lacking in some of the confidence we remember years ago. He finds the work a little more difficult now, but when he concentrates on a job the improvement is most marked. Now that J. Coupland is giving the whole of his time to boots we anticipate very rapid progress. He approaches the work with confidence, and certainly shows promise of becoming a useful repairer. W. McCarthy seems eager to learn all he can. Edges always give him some difficulty, and he lacks judgment in some respects. Next term we should see a marked advance in his work. Since our last reference to him, F. Whitehouse lost useful time by being on the sick list. He is careful, takes pains with small details, and should rapidly advance next term. Since coming full time D. Driscoll has settled down to work very well, though he too lost time through ill-health in July. He should have more confidence in himself and there are now many points in the work to which he should give very careful attention in order to become master of them.

A. H. Wilson has not made the advance we anticipated. He has a tendency to rush his work with poor results. Edges and finish are generally only poor, though there was improvement in some respects towards the end of the term. A. L. Isaac perseveres with difficult jobs and gets very fair results, though he still finds some difficulty with regard to shape of soles and heels. It was necessary for H. Wordsworth to leave at the end of the term. He has certainly made good use of his time and we hope that he will be able to gain further experience outside. J. T. Illingworth concluded his training at the end of the term. We trust that the health of his family and himself will be much better than it was during his training period, and that

he will find himself able to get together quite a useful trade in boot repairing. The other man to bid us farewell is M. Manning. He should exercise care in stripping his jobs, but his benching is neatly done and we feel that he should prove a capable worker.

### BASKETS

Owing to a very serious operation it was necessary for E. W. Stevenson, of Brighton, to give up his mat work. A vacancy for a few weeks at the end of the term enabled him to get some knowledge of centre cane waste-paper baskets, and he has rapidly improved in his style of work since then. He will complete his training at a later date. R. Wass commenced a re-training course in willow baskets in August. T. McGuire started early in July. He gained experience of barrels and waste papers and then commenced a square arm before the end of the term. In particular he managed his bordering very nicely. E. Tarling commenced in June. He tries to work on his own as much as possible, and he has put in some good steady work, both at barrels and waste papers, showing real interest. W. J. Berry seemed to take a fancy to bag baskets and gets on quite well with them. An oak stool was very nicely made in August, and he made an improvement on barrel baskets. He still requires a good deal of nursing and ought to be able to attempt to start and finish on his own initiative. When H. Griffiths started on willow baskets we never expected that he would be able to tackle soiled linens. During July and August he did so, with quite good results. Small work is still his strong point, and he made several bag baskets, barrels and stools very nicely indeed. F. Martin ought to make a good basket-maker. He soon sees his mistakes and finds a way to correct them. In addition to soiled linens he has done some luncheons and barrels, and also tackled a hamper at the end of the term. E. A. Strand has also been spending some time on soiled linens, his siding being particularly good. He works his rods well and tightly and also picks his work very



cleanly. He covered quite a good range during July and August, including several log baskets, some grocer's baskets, picnics and square arms, also small hampers. Some of his work decidedly reached the "very good" award.

T. A. Cole completed his course, covering a good range during the last two months. He will find heavy work rather too much for him, but his painstaking efforts should enable him to reach a nice standard of work with smaller articles. He, with Williams, is joining the ranks of our basket makers in Birmingham. Our best wishes go to them both! By the time this appears in print they will be settling down steadily to work in their new quarters. L. Williams always took a real interest in his work and steadily improved throughout the whole course. During July and August he made a very fine assortment of baskets, increasing his speed and obtaining a good standard throughout.

W. H. O.

### Gift Advertising

Many St. Dunstan's men have found the value of Coloured Balloons as a form of advertisement. This method of stimulating sales is becoming an increasingly popular one in the commercial world, and it has been felt that St. Dunstan's men would like to utilise it. An attractively coloured pencil is quite a suitable article for this purpose, and arrangements have been made to supply these on special terms to any St. Dunstan's man who would care to have them. Particulars can be obtained from The Superintendent of Stores, Raglan Street, Kentish Town, London, N.W.5.

W. H. O.

### Our Joiners

Mr. E Hope Atkinson sends us the following notes:—

Billingham, of Northampton, is busy making trousers presses; his wife is an excellent polisher and they are desirous of extending their activities in cabinet work.

Kent, of Chelmsford, reports: "Glad to say we are very busy again, with crowds of people in the market."

Several examples of Sargent of Bedford's picture-framing were hung in the ill-fated airship R101.

### An Extraordinary Affair

A well on the farm of P. W. Powell, of Ross-on-Wye, is the site of this story. Two men were employed on it and one had with him an inquisitive small boy aged five. When this youngster's father's back was turned he went exploring—but unfortunately the ladder slipped and he fell. The well was twenty feet deep and death by concussion could hardly have been avoided but, miraculously, Powell's son had also been seized with a desire to explore a few minutes before, so the small boy landed on him, instead of on the rocky base, and experienced no more damage than a broken arm!

### The Gong that I Remember

Gog and Magog were silent  
While I was at St. D.  
So that half quid won't buy a "lid"  
For poor old blinded me.

There was a gong. "God bless its song."  
A gong that I remember,  
And I obeyed each loud tirade  
From Christmas to September.

Four times a day that gong did play.  
(I've heard gas gongs in Flanders)  
With all her might (if I be right)  
'Twas beat by Miss Gillanders.

And after prayer I did my share.  
Or rather more, I fancy.  
At eating food I was some good,  
At other things just chancy.

So here's the song, God bless that gong,  
From Christmas to September,  
Four times a day that gong held sway,  
The gong that I remember.

THIRD RESERVE.

The above amusing lines from our old friend "Third Reserve" will, we think, rouse many memories amongst those St. Dunstaners who also recall that gong in the old days.

T. Till, of Lancaster, and his family, have been spending their holiday in the hills and dales of the West Riding of Yorkshire. The youngest child, Marjorie, went away with the joy of the knowledge that she had been awarded by the Lancaster Education Authority a "Dean" Scholarship for Music, to the value of nine guineas. She had the highest place in order of merit.



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