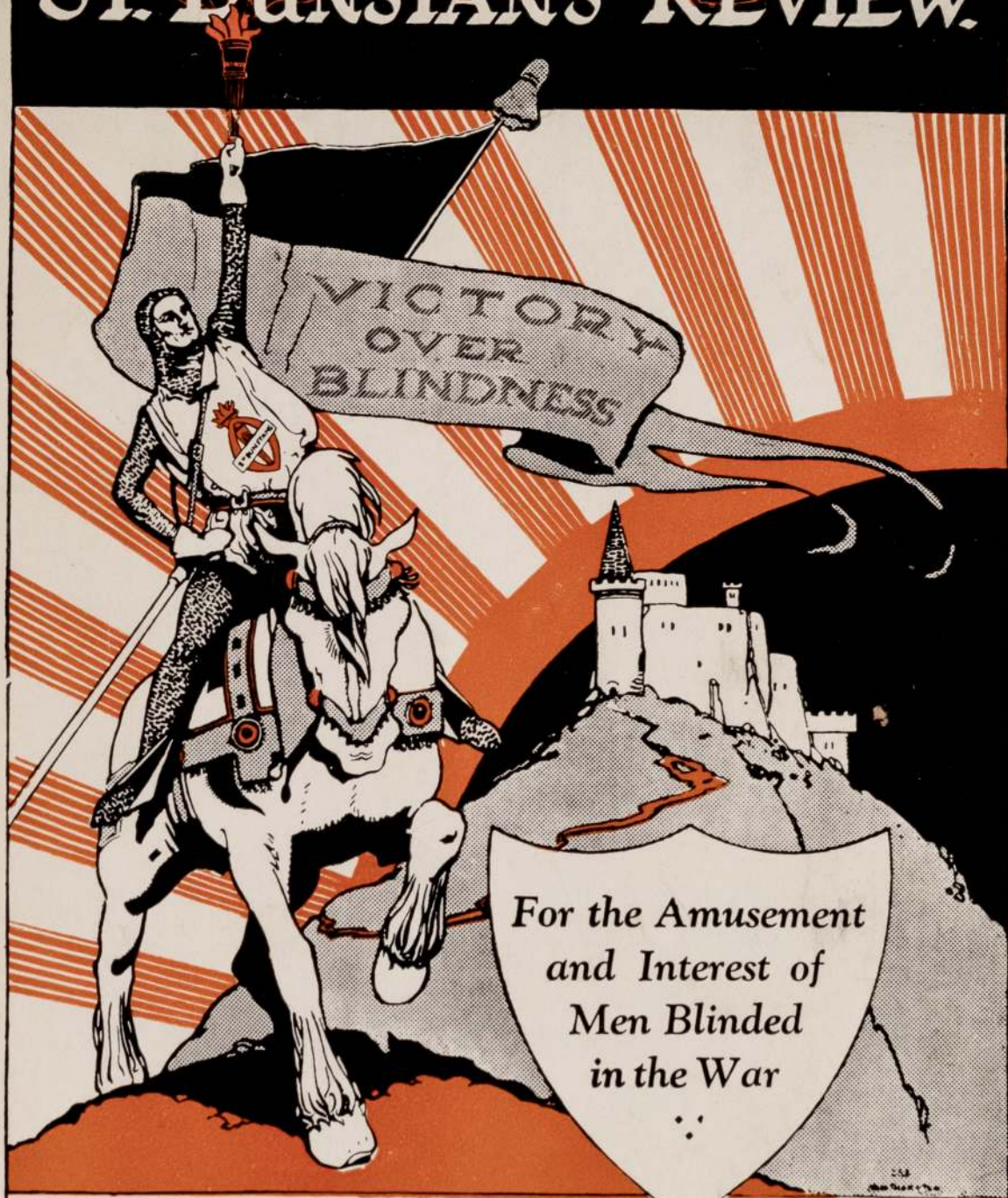


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To Readers at Home and Overseas the
President, Chairman and Council of
St. Dunstan's extend best wishes for
A Very Happy Christmas
and Health and Prosperity in the New Year

A Message From Brighton

My dear Boys,

A Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year to you all, your wives, and little ones, and big ones, too! Unfortunately, distance makes it impossible for me to clasp each one of you by the hand and give it a hearty shake, so I must be content to ask the ST. DUNSTAN'S REVIEW to do this for me and to bring to each one of you my heartiest and warmest good wishes for this festive season and the coming New Year. May 1931 bring you all the best of good luck.

God bless you,

Your affectionate friend,

ADELINE THELUSSON,

Commandant Matron.

St. Dunstan's Annexe, Brighton.

NEWS OF ST. DUNSTANERS



LAST July R. J. Vine, of Ewhurst, had a stall at the village Sports Meeting and not only did he do well there but has been kept busy with orders ever since! Vine is much to be congratulated, for it is seldom that not only direct, but lasting results are achieved by one effort. We have no doubt that he will make even a bigger display next summer. Congratulations must be offered also in another direction; both the young Vines are making excellent progress at school and the elder has carried off two prizes, one being the form prize for the year's work.

Another St. Dunstaner fortunate in his son is H. Barnard, of Dalston; his boy has won a watch for swimming and is now champion of Hackney.

The name of F. A. Rhodes, of Kensal Rise, is now added to the list of our first-class gardeners; he has just laid down a splendid sunken tiled path which is a great embellishment to his garden.

"Cheerful and busy" is the news from C. Smith, of Blakenall, Walsall; he is a netting expert and seems able to grapple with the smallest of meshes. His wireless set is a continual source of pleasure to him and we understand that Smith is *not* one of those irritating mortals who will persist in making adjustments whenever anything particularly interesting is coming over the ether. Smith's young son has just started out into life and has been fortunate enough to secure a promising post in an electrical business; we wish him all possible success.

Poultry is interesting R. Westwood, of Bellerby, nr. Leyburn. He is thoroughly keen on his work and has been making some useful new fasteners for his hen houses. Westwood was, unfortunately, in the flood area so has had a trying time, but he is looking forward to developments in

the New Year with undaunted spirit.

Friends will be sorry to hear that H. Hargreaves, of Accrington, has had a bad bout of flu; luckily he has had a fresh interest to help him over convalescence for his boy, like Smith's, has just made a start in the world—and also in electrical works. Hargreaves junior did particularly well at school and left top boy so we feel confident that he will make a success in his new sphere.

C. Roach, of Harrogate Hill, Darlington, has begun pig-keeping with zest. Another fresh interest is a pianola attachment which enables him to spend hour after hour at the piano to his great enjoyment. In addition to the pleasure he derives from the music Roach should benefit in health for he must get splendid leg exercise with such a device!

The news from J. A. Garbutt, of Stockton-on-Tees, is good, and the whole family is well and busy. Bessie, the little daughter has passed her Junior Oxford with distinction in history and has also been made a school prefect so she is keeping up St. Dunstan's record.

E. W. Wakelin, of Huntingdon, has moved into a delightful new house in a fascinating situation since it has open country at the back and a flowing river in front. Wakelin is feeling better already for the abundance of good air.

A recent wireless recruit is A. Williams, of Llancayo, nr. Usk, Mon. He had his set in going order in time to hear the Prince of Wales make a speech and listened also to the opening of the Indian Conference when the King spoke.

F. Cairns, of Wakefield, is looking fit and beginning to put on weight.

FROM EVERYWHERE



H. Palmer, of Upper Norwood, is pegging away bravely at his netting; both he and Mrs. Palmer still feel the loss of their daughter deeply, as is natural. They are proud to know that the hospital authorities feel that the ward in which the girl was a patient is the better for her being there; she bore her illness with a courageous patience that was an inspiration to those around her.

The autumn is not the best time of year for a flower show, but C. E. Bolton, of Bardon Park, Tonbridge, had a stall at a recent show and did well although his presence there had not been advertised at all. He has been asked to have a tent and make a display of his goods at the Horticultural Show which is to be held in the summer and we feel confident that he will be one of the "draws."

Some nice private orders for baskets have come to V. Fennell, of Tooting, of late; he is well and busy.

W. Ruddock does not send us much news of himself but he feels friends will like to know that his little daughter with a gift for dancing has been securing some public engagements.

H. Ferrand, of Bradford, is keeping well to his work which he finds deeply interesting. His elder daughter, eleven-year-old Joan, won a scholarship this summer which has carried her to the Hanson Secondary School.

A toy club is being run by W. C. Shaw, of Hucknall, Notts, in connection with his shop and he has secured a fine lot of members; both Mr. and Mrs. Shaw are very keen on making a success of their business so we are not surprised to note that it is making steady progress even despite hard times.

Congratulations to E. J. Summers, of Hastings, on his young sons. One boy is doing well in the Merchant Service and now his eleven-year-old son who has just won a scholarship to the local Central School, is looking forward to entering the Air Force. Ambition is a fine thing and carries a boy a long way if he adds to it a capacity for work.

We hear that H. R. Pratt, of Wandsworth, had a very enjoyable trip to Holland this year; will he not send us an account of his adventures so that other St. Dunstaners may share his pleasure?

"All's well," says F. Scott, of Langley, Bucks; baskets and poultry keep him busy but he finds time for relaxation with draughts and dominoes. His house is delightful and the garden was full of flowers even late in the season.

An interesting local order for three large mats has just come to J. J. Morgan, of Wantage, we are glad to note.

What with poultry and mats, A. E. Parsons, of Sutton Courtney, finds he has very little spare time on his hands at present; he is keeping very well in spite of—or shall we say *because* of his activities?

H. Edge, of Burnley, is yet another possessor of a spotless little home and a son who is a pleasure to him. Young Jack is musical and sings in the choir.

The trade depression which has been hanging over Stockport like other places, shows signs of a break and H. W. Kirby is sharing in the revival; we hope he will have a record Christmas.

Another of our Stockport men, R. Ashwell, of Cheadle Hulme, is making good progress with his poultry and finds that

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he can sell all his produce without having to go to market.

§ § §

H. Roberts, of Stalybridge, is on the list of our pig keepers and now has several litters. May roast pork become as national a dish as is bacon!

§ § §

An attractive year-old daughter keeps T. H. Dennison, of Stoke-on-Trent, so much on the go that he has discarded poultry, finding the delightful little person—and mats—as much as he can cope with at the moment!

§ § §

Everyone will be glad to know that F. W. Westaway, of Yeovil, Somerset, has been very much better since the shrapnel worked out of his face last winter. Boots and mats keep him busy and he has just acquired a fine shed with sliding doors as a storage place for his materials. As we all know Westaway is quite a prominent member of the Yeovil British Legion and he and Mrs. Westaway have been re-elected to the Relief Committee again; we feel sure they take a real interest in the work and are genuinely valuable members.

§ § §

Many a man who disdained the ordinary cinema has become a convert with the advent of the 'talkies.' R. Chaplin, of Hardington, Somerset, is one.

§ § §

Yet another Somerset St. Dunstaner is G. E. Gale, of Pen Mill. He has netting as a craft and gardening as a hobby—and a fine one. It seems not so very long ago that he took over a waste field yet now there is not an inch of ground that is not under cultivation; he has worked wonders and must have put in many strenuous hours to achieve such an excellent result.

§ § §

Basket orders for goods to sell at bazaars even so far distant as the north of England have been coming to C. E. Maker, of Yelverton, Devon; he seems to have found some way of making summer visitors more than seasonally profitable!

The new bungalow into which R. A. Clarke has just settled in Gunnislake, Cornwall, is in a delightful position, very convenient, and well planned, we hear, so the change should be a success; Clarke has made a good start on the garden.

§ § §

Twin babies *and* poultry should keep any capable man busy and so finds C. A. Butler, of Long Eaton. These same twins, by the way, recently carried off a prize at a local baby show to the delight of their ten-year-old sister who deserves a prize herself, we hear, for the excellent pastry she can make!

§ § §

It is not every man who contrives to get his ducks into perfect condition just when green peas are at their best, but C. H. Brown, of Burton-on-Trent, managed this and so had an excellent season.

§ § §

Another well and happy man is W. C. Smith, of Melbourne, Derbyshire, and thanks in the main to his energy and resource, his shop trade is good. When it does show a lull he casts about for some "stunt" such as the giving away of balloons or pencils. Both ventures brought a noticeable increase of business.

§ § §

Dog lovers will sympathise with E. B. Barron, of Bridlington, in that he was obliged to have Bruin, his pet Airedale, destroyed as the dog was suffering from tumour. It was the only thing to do, for the dog's sake, but Bruin will be sadly missed and never forgotten.

§ § §

"All's well," says W. Hill, of Hull. His elder boy has now been sent on to the Arts School and is showing promise in sign and poster work. The younger boy has been successful in gaining a scholarship.

§ § §

C. McIntosh, of Terregles, Dumfries, is looking very fit and so are his birds; he is as energetic as ever.

§ § §

Trolley orders have been coming in apace to G. B. Swanston, of Lockerbie; indeed, he has been making four in a week. Wireless is a joy to Swanston who has made himself both a sound-box and a cabinet.

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D. Pettitt, of Northampton, had the honour of reading the lessons at the British Legion "Men's Own" Armistice Sunday Service, which was attended by the Mayor and Mayoress-elect and many councillors. By the way, as a "spare-time" employment, Pettitt has begun to make a gift for his wife—and an ambitious one. This is nothing less than a bureau, and a fine specimen it promises to be when it is finished.

§ § §

D. O. Evans, of Llansamlet, nr. Swansea, believes in getting down to work early in the day and sticking to it; one wonders just how many baskets he succeeds in making every year. His children seem to have inherited something of their father's ability and are getting on well. The little girl is a promising and deft little housewife and has a gift for music. We feel fairly sure that she will pass well in the musical examination for which she is now working well and steadily.

§ § §

A. St. Dunstaner who is doing well in boots is E. D. Evans, of Carmarthen; he is well established and most evidently appreciated.

§ § §

Mats have been keeping W. Last, of Aberdulais, Glam., very fully occupied. Having a persuasive tongue he contrives to procure a large number of local orders. He seems to scoop in an order or so every time he goes to town and has persuaded every tradesman with whom he deals to order at least one specimen of his wares, if not two! Splendid!

§ § §

J. E. Davies, of Llandyssul, Cardiganshire, is keeping very busy on his little farm; if steady application spells success Davies will have it.

§ § §

Congratulations to T. Bowen on the achievements of his elder daughter. She passed yet another musical examination a few months ago and all her pupils passed the grades for which they sat. It is not surprising that she is working up quite a good teaching connection.

Gardening and local orders have been keeping J. Kirkham, of Swanmore, happy and occupied, except for a holiday at Billericay, when, staying with friends, he had some enjoyable motoring as a respite.

§ § §

R. Tooth has settled in very happily in Christchurch. He is fortunate as there is a club near by to which he can go in the evenings.

§ § §

Those looking forward to the next Bournemouth Re-union may have the pleasure of hearing B. Chalk of that town, playing the violin; he has been practising steadily of late and does well with a gramophone accompaniment.

§ § §

A curious and somewhat painful accident has befallen R. Riddell, of Bonjedward, Jedburgh—he slipped coming out of his hut and broke a small bone in his foot; luckily, of course, such a thing is not serious. Riddell is very enthusiastic over his poultry and finds the work interesting.

§ § §

We hear that a ghost has been walking in East Barnet in all the panoply of rattling chains, &c.—F. Meader seems to know a remarkable lot about this weird occurrence.

§ § §

"All going well," says P. Holmes of Pond Lodge, Woburn.

§ § §

The loss to St. Dunstaners by the death of Matron Power is still keenly felt by many a St. Dunstaner and will be for a long time. Many write that she is continually in their thoughts and we know that scores of others are thinking as much of her.

§ § §

And now for our Irish group:

W. Reid, of Belfast, is in fine form; he is thoroughly enjoying the hours he puts in on his rugs and is doing excellent work.

§ § §

A. Gribben, of the same city, is another St. Dunstaner for whom 11th November was a very busy day. We are glad to be able to say that his shop is maintaining a steady run of trade.

§ § §

W. J. Whiteside, of Portadown, is in fairly good form and busy grappling with

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the mysteries of rug making. D. Power is settling down in a comfortable new home in Waterford, and J. Butler, of Kilkenny, is doing splendidly as usual with all sorts of basketry on hand.

Quite a rush of orders came in lately for Brockerton, of Coleraine, and he had to work late to get them off; an additional pleasure is that his pullets have started to lay well.

Trays keep A. Herriot, of Portstewart, quite busy.

B. Harvey, of Cork, is facing the world with a cheerful and contented front in the true St. Dunstan's spirit.

Brief Notes

D. Hunt, of Highbury, has been much occupied in making tea-stands of late. A. H. Osmond, of Walthamstow, is doing fairly well with mats; R. Dunn, of Burnley, who is in the same line is well and happy; G. W. Lovett, of Hornchurch, is doing fairly well with wool rugs.

Joinery still keeps busy T. W. Grove, of Oxford; A. H. Luker, of Boars Hill, Oxford, has taken up netting again in addition to mat-making; H. S. Eames is in splendid health and spends every possible moment at work in his garden.

H. V. Frampton, of Upper Clapton, is very well, as is E. Walden of the same district; the one continues with his work as a typist and the other with telephony; C. H. Ellis, of Ilford, another of our telephonists, is also keeping fairly well despite the miserable weather, as is S. H. Bush, of North Harrow.

Poultry keeps J. R. Smith, of Eastbury, Newbury, so busy that he has time for nothing else; P. Heath, of Lambourne, is well and happy and the same may be said of two of our Braintree St. Dunstaners—W. Shute and J. McVey.

J. Hart, of Cathays, Cardiff, has just finished making a large and remarkably

good mat for a local order; we hope it will lead to others.

"Very busy and very happy," is the satisfactory news from W. Radley, of Chadderton, Oldham.

A fine number of local orders have been secured by R. McCluskey, of Crewe, to whom we offer congratulations.

W. A. Foulkes, of Bow Brickhall, Bletchley, finds that he has no time for basket work at present, since his poultry require all his attention. R. Paterson, of Thirsk, is looking marvellously better, friends will be glad to note; he has gained over a stone in weight this year. His house looks most attractive and Paterson must be genuinely proud of his wife's industry and handiwork in the way of decoration.

The new house into which G. Hill has just moved in Gloucester promises to be a success, and Hill is doing his best to make it comfortable, the garden is being put into shape already.

A. Hughes, of Charlton Kings, Cheltenham, is another basket-maker who has been busy securing local orders; he is fortunate in having a brother who takes a genuine interest in this engrossing handicraft.

"Cheerful and doing well," is the news from R. H. Cook of the same district.

"Well, happy and busy with baskets," is another satisfactory if laconic message—it comes from A. Tillotson, of Nelson.

All is well too with L. Straw, of Hyson Green, Notts, and H. O. Garrett, of Sherwood, Notts., as also with J. F. Besley, of Cheltenham, Glos., and T. Thorpe, of Darwen.

"Full of beans as always," says J. W. Whitham, of Dunswell.

B. Pursglove, of Oswaldtwistle, Lancs, has earned a nickname for himself which bespeaks affection; he is known as "Uncle Ben of Cornwall Terrace."

Brighton News

The dinner party and dance organised by the employees of Messrs. Tillings and Southdown Omnibus Co. on Friday, 5th December, was a great success.

It was held at the Aquarium Café, Brighton. Men at the Annexe, and all living in Brighton and neighbourhood, were invited to the dinner, the ladies arriving at eight o'clock for the dance which followed.

The toast to His Majesty was proposed by Mr. A. E. Cannon, the Chairman, and also that to "the Men of St. Dunstan's," the latter being responded to by Mr. Ernest Kessell, not only on behalf of the men, but also on behalf of the Council of St. Dunstan's. He expressed thanks for all the kindness shown to the men by the company's employees. The bus company employees have for the past ten years in succession organised a splendid outing by char-a-banc each July, on each occasion completing these "perfect days" with a jolly concert at some pre-arranged place on the return journey.

Mr. Cannon, the district general manager, said how delighted and privileged they were to do something for the men of St. Dunstan's, and Capt. Wales, deputy-Mayor of Hove, who was present, addressed some happy remarks to all, and said it was a pleasure for him to be there.

A letter was read from Capt. Fraser expressing his regret at not being able to be present.

During the dancing, an enjoyable concert was given by Capt. Ogg (baritone), Mrs. Mabel Phillips (contralto), Mr. Jack Tree (humorist), and Mr. W. C. Phillips, who gave songs at the piano.

W. A. Biggs, of Leicester, has for some time past set aside a percentage of his profit on the sales of "Dawn of Day" Polish for the benefit of the Chapel at the Brighton Annexe. His old acquaintances will be glad to hear that the last remittance amounted to £8 which was gratefully and thankfully received by Matron.

Music Staff "At Home"

The music staff gave their annual party arranged by Mrs. Brancker on 8th December, over 130 being present. The men connected with the music department and their families turned up in full force, and other guests included Lady (Arthur) Pearson and Capt. and Mrs. Fraser. After the usual tea came a first-class concert, arranged by Miss McCall. The visiting artists were:—Miss Carrie Tubb, soprano, Miss Margery Hayward, violin, Messrs. Clapham and Dwyer, comedians, and Miss Gertrude Stockbridge, accompanist. With such famous names as these it is not necessary to say that each item was perfect of its kind. Our own "St. Dunstan's Singers" (J. W. Baxter, G. A. Brown, M. Burran, H. Gover, W. Henry, A. J. Osmond, J. Pearce, A. Peckham, F. Rhodes, C. Thomas, C. Singleton and S. Webster), accompanied by Miss Monro, completed the programme and gave a splendid rendering of several items, including "The Soldiers' Chorus" from Faust, with which they had such a success at the Albert Hall on Armistice Night. The concert was followed by a short play "The Thread of Scarlet," given by the St. Dunstan's Dramatic Society and produced by Miss M. Crowdy. This was a real thriller and gripped the audience from start to finish. The whole cast (J. Hughes, S. Webster, J. McFarlane, F. O'Kelly, P. Ashton and M. Doyle) were so excellent it would be invidious to pick out any performer for special praise. Other attractions at the party were a lucky dip—each man receiving a present—and a cake as a prize to whoever guessed nearest its correct weight.

A Correction

We regret that in error it was reported in last month's issue that J. H. Matthews, of Rhyl, had won a motor-car in a raffle. Matthews tells us that he certainly drew the winning number—but not for himself! It appears that the raffle has taken place for a number of years and on each occasion Matthews has undertaken the actual drawing of the winning ticket.



SPORTS CLUB NOTES

MAY we take this opportunity of wishing all our sportsmen the very best of good wishes for Xmas and the New Year. We are looking forward to having a very successful time in all the various sports activities, and if there is a good resolution that you would like to make, may it be the resolve to back up the various sports events arranged with renewed enthusiasm!

We have had an uncommonly successful term during this last session, and it has been very encouraging to see the keenness shown, especially amongst the walkers.

SPORTS POINTS

2nd December			
F. Rodwell ..	104	P. Martin ..	57
W. Birchall ..	91	S. Dyer ..	36
F. Coates ..	85	F. Winter ..	28
G. Fallowfield ..	83	A. Brown ..	26
H. Prior ..	68	W. Scott ..	18
G. Wheeler ..	59		

Nine Mile Outer Circle Walk

The 9-Mile Handicap Walk will take place on Saturday, 24th January, starting from Headquarters at 2.30 p.m. Will all entries kindly reach the Sports Office not later than 12th January.

Three Mile Outer Circle Walk

This event was held at Headquarters on 22nd November. There was a sealed handicap and a novices' race for T.B. and S.S. Several of our well-known walkers failed to enter, probably waiting for the longer distances. The morning had been very wet but it cleared in time for the race, but there was a very troublesome wind. Capt. Ian Fraser, accompanied by Mrs. Fraser, came along to start the competitors and, before doing so, had a friendly handshake and cheery word for all. Our good friends, the escorts, turned up in strong force. THE RACE: Having covered about a quarter of a mile, Boorman just led from Kerr, Thompson, Moeller, North, Rhodes and Shakespeare; then after some finessing, Kerr went to the front and, showing very improved style and

pace, won in 29.10 from Boorman in 29.33. The S.S. were being led by the twins, Gover and Ashton, Triggs, who has improved, and Coupland, who was not quite himself. Eventually Gover won in 26.59 from Ashton, 27.1. In the Novices' Race some excellent form was shown. In the T.B. section Alec Craigie won in 30.34 from Wass, 31.15, who was just in front of Berry and Brown. The S.S. was won by Coates, 32.44, with Rodwell second in 33.14, then coming Dyer, McCarthy and Mellor.

There was a great improvement in the style of our men which was commented upon by many of the leading authorities in the walking world. Well done, boys, and an extra pat for the novices; but there, old soldiers never die!

After a splendid tea supplied by our now well-renowned firm, the "Direct Developing Distributing Davis Damsels" (you all know the managing directress, Miss Davis), Miss Hamar Greenwood thanked Mr. Donoghue, our worthy handicapper (a glance at the appended times will show the success of the handicap), Mr. Evans, Mr. Binks, Mr. Pepper, Mr. Parsons and Mr. Warwick, who so kindly came along to judge, all the helpers, and a very special word for the escorts who are members of the various walking clubs, and are always so loyal and helpful to us, to Mr. Parsons again for so kindly presenting two extra prizes for the novices, and to friend Joe Binks for awarding on behalf of the *News of the World* two novices' medals. Then came the turn of officials, escorts and competitors—in fact, everyone assembled—to show Miss Hamar Greenwood who, as it was said, always has shown the greatest interest in St. Dunstan's sporting activities, their sincere appreciation. On calling for three cheers, it was proved conclusively that there was nothing wrong with these athletes' lungs and we all know their hearts are all right. So ended our first walk of the season. May we have bumper entries for the remaining races.

RESULTS

3 MILES SEALED HANDICAP OUTER CIRCLE WALK
22ND NOVEMBER 1930
T.B. Section

Name	Escort	Scratch Race	Actual Time	Start	Han. Time	Position in Han.
H. Kerr ..	Messrs. Dodkins and J. N. Thomas	1	29.10	Scratch	29.10	2
H. Boorman ..	.. Steer and Nye ..	2	29.33	..	29.33	5
H. Thompson ..	.. Webster, Smith and Foster	3	30.11	.30	29.41	6
J. Moeller ..	.. Bowles and Jackman	4	31.36	2.15	29.21	4
T. North ..	.. Smith and Crawley	5	32.20	3.0	29.20	3
F. Rhodes ..	.. Belchamber and Sorrell	6	32.51	3.45	29.6	1
W. Shakespeare ..	.. Osborne and Hall ..	7	35.33	6.0	29.33	5
S.S. Section						
H. Gover ..	Mr. Harris ..	1	26.59	Scratch	26.59	3
P. Ashton ..	Messrs. Witham & Nichols	2	27.1	.15	26.46	2
J. Triggs ..	Mr. Leary ..	3	27.51	1.30	26.21	1
J. Coupland ..	.. Brown ..	4	33.6	5.0	28.6	4

3 MILES NOVICES' WALK
T.B.

Name	Escort	Scr'ch Race	Time
A. Craigie ..	Mr. Montgomery	1	30.34
R. Wass ..	.. Palmer ..	2	31.15
W. Berry ..	.. Cox ..	3	31.29
J. R. Brown ..	.. Weaver ..	4	32.31
S.S.			
F. Coates ..	.. Chalk ..	1	32.44
R. Rodwell ..	Messrs. A. G. Jarvis & Boyce	2	33.14
S. Dyer ..	Mr. Martin ..	3	36.6
W. McCarthy ..	.. Harris ..	4	36.16
J. Mellor ..	.. Williams ..	5	38.58

PRIZE WINNERS

3 MILE HANDICAP

T.B.		S.S.	
1st F. Rhodes	1st J. Triggs		
2nd H. Kerr	2nd P. Ashton		
3rd T. North			
Fastest Time T.B.	Fastest Time S.S.		
H. Kerr	H. Gover		

NOVICES' RACE

T.B.		S.S.	
1st A. Craigie	1st F. Coates		
2nd R. Wass	2nd R. Rodwell		
3rd W. Berry (Extra prize kindly presented by Mr. Parsons)	3rd S. Dyer (Extra prize kindly presented by Mr. Parsons)		
Two medals kindly presented by Mr. J. Binks of <i>The News of the World</i> .			

Netting Room Notes

St. Dunstan's stall looked very well at the ex-Service Men's Exhibition at the Imperial Institute, and the rug men will be glad to hear we received a good many orders for rugs, selling several white ones with inset borders, which seemed to be quite popular. We have had several shaped ones on order, too, lately for motors. Everyone should tell their friends what comfortable rugs these make for motoring during the cold weather.

The men are all busy at Brighton, W. Gay and E. W. Schollar working at rugs, W. Lacey, N. Rand and J. Yuill learning to make hammocks, while T. Bloomfield is on golf netting, and A. Tetley a refresher on netting. All are doing well.

K. H. W.

An Engagement

An interesting engagement was announced on the 8th December. It is between Miss L. Keates and Mr. W. Taylor. Miss Keates has been a member of St. Dunstan's staff for over thirteen years. "Bill" Taylor, of course, is well known. The wedding will take place early in the New Year. Best wishes to them both!

Deaths

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

BENNETT.—To H. Bennett, of Bristol, who lost his mother on the 18th of November.

FLETCHER.—To G. Fletcher, of Marple, Cheshire, who on the 8th of November lost his father after an illness lasting five weeks.

GROVE.—To the wife of T. W. Grove, of Botley, Oxford, who has recently lost her father.

KIRKBY.—To the wife of W. Kirkby, of Dalton-in-Furness, who lost her father on Friday, November the 14th.

LAMB.—To G. Lamb, of Ilkley, who recently lost his father.

PUGH.—To J. Pugh, of Islington, who lost his mother on Sunday, November the 9th; she was 74 years of age.

SALTER.—To the wife of T. Salter, of Victoria, S.W.1, who lost her mother a short time ago; we know that this was a great grief.

SHILLETO.—To E. Shilleto, of Sheffield, who lost his wife on Wednesday the 19th of November.

STRINGER.—To Mr. and Mrs. T. Stringer, of Manchester, who lost their eldest son, aged 16, on the 6th of November under most tragic circumstances. The boy was working in a wooden shed filled with highly inflammable material which caught fire.

TREBY.—To J. Treby, of Colchester, who lost his grandfather on the 26th of November; he was 70 years of age.

WALTON.—To T. W. Walton, of South Ealing, who has lost his brother (of Jarrow-on-Tyne); he was killed in an accident.

WESTAWAY.—To J. W. Westaway, who lost his grandfather a few weeks ago. At one time Mr. Westaway senior lived with his grandson but recently he moved to Torquay; he was 82 years old and wonderfully young for his age.

Births

WILLIAMS.—To the wife of R. J. Williams, of Southwick, who lost her mother on the 21st of November after a long illness.

ALEXANDER.—To the wife of W. D. Alexander, of Dalbeatie, Scotland, a son (Robert Purdie) on November the 23rd.

BARLOW.—To the wife of S. Barlow, of King's Lynn, on the 1st December, a son.

BREWER.—On November 18th to the wife of G. Brewer, of Redruth, Cornwall, a son.

BROOKS.—To the wife of A. T. Brooks, of Bournemouth, a son on Tuesday, October the 28th.

HARRISON.—On Friday, the 7th of November, to the wife of F. C. Harrison, of Leytonstone, a daughter.

MARSDEN.—On November the 21st, to the wife of E. Marsden, of Thornton, nr. Blackpool, a son—Eric.

McNICHOLLS.—To the wife of J. McNicholls, of Manchester, on the 14th of November, a son—John.

MOORE.—To the wife of G. W. Moore, of Folkestone, a daughter on the 2nd of November.

PEARSON.—To the wife of J. Pearson, of Salford, Manchester, on the 12th of November, a son—Harold.

PIDCOCK.—On the 31st of October, to the wife of R. Pidcock, of East Leake, Nottingham, a daughter.

SPACKMAN.—On Friday, the 7th of November, a daughter to the wife of S. W. Spackman, of Saffron Walden.

WILKIE.—To the wife of J. Wilkie, of Burton-on-Trent, a son on the 4th of November.

Our readers will regret to learn that Mr. Barringer—editor of this Review for 10 years and who resigned the position as recently as last September—died on the 12th December, the result of an accident.

"In Memory"

PRIVATE REGINALD ARTHUR NEWTON
(1st Devon Regiment)

WE deeply regret to have to announce the death of this St. Dunstaner. Although Newton's health had not been very good for some little time, his death was very unexpected and came as a great shock to many of his friends on the 7th November. He was trained at St. Dunstan's in 1917 as a poultry-farmer and mat-maker, but gave up the former occupation in 1926 and devoted his time to the latter, at which trade he made good progress.

The funeral, which took place on the 12th November, was attended by several St. Dunstaners and their wives living in the neighbourhood—Mr. and Mrs. Dennis, Mr. F. Wareham, Mr. and Mrs. Wall, Mr. and Mrs. A. Chiverton, and Mr. A. Knotwell. There were many beautiful wreaths including one in the form of our badge from Captain Fraser and his many comrades at St. Dunstan's.

Mrs. Newton wishes to thank the St. Dunstaners and their wives who so kindly attended her husband's funeral.

Newton leaves a wife and three children.

SECOND-CLASS PETTY OFFICER JOHN ROBSON
(Mercantile Marines (Minesweeper))

It is with deep regret that we have to announce the death of J. Robson which occurred on the 16th November.

Robson came to St. Dunstan's in 1918 and learnt mat-making, but although he was untiring in his efforts to make a success of this work, his health refused to allow him to carry on. He gradually became worse and was admitted to hospital in 1926 where he remained until his death. In spite of his continued ill-health, he was always cheery and never complained. He took a keen interest in the happenings at St. Dunstan's and was never so happy as when he received news of his fellow St. Dunstaners.

The funeral took place on the 18th November, the service being conducted by the Rev. Canon Moran, of Wooler, who is also Hon. Chaplain of H.M. Forces; the coffin was draped with the Union Jack.

PRIVATE ARTHUR SCOTT
(12th Manchesters)

Many St. Dunstaners will be very grieved to learn of the sudden death of A. Scott. "Scotty," as he was known to most of us, operated with H. G. Manning the telephone board at the London Hospital, and it was while at work there on the 17th November that he collapsed. He was immediately carried into a ward in the hospital and operated on, but in spite of the greatest care and attention, he passed away on the 23rd November. "Scotty" was an excellent telephonist and greatly liked and respected by all who came into contact with him at his work. He was only married as recently as July of this year, and our sympathy goes out to his wife in her terrible bereavement.

The funeral took place on the 20th November at Bow Cemetery and several friends and relatives attended. There were numerous wreaths including one in the form of our badge from Captain Fraser and his many comrades at St. Dunstan's.

A Coming Marriage

Those St. Dunstaners who have met Miss Violet Harris, daughter of F. T. Harris, of Catford, at the Brighton Annexe will be interested to learn that she is to be married on 20th December to Mr. S. C. Radmell.

Silver Weddings

Mr. and Mrs. T. Cockburn, of Walker Gate, Newcastle, celebrated their Silver Wedding on the 29th of November. It is hoped that further particulars will be available for the next issue.

December 12th was the Silver Wedding anniversary of E. T. Humphries, of Swindon.

J. Butler, of Waterford, sends us the cheeriest news. He writes: "I am very glad to let you know that trade is burning here with me at present. Besides getting repeat orders for tradesmen's baskets, cycle carriers, arm baskets, hampers and waste-paper baskets, the oak stools, trays, teapot stands, Dunart pictures and glass shades have caught on, and I am doing a roaring trade here in Waterford. I hope it will last, and I think it will as the "big guns" have got the range of my workshop, thanks to St. Dunstan's raw material, and not forgetting the Christmas calendars which are a great advertisement, and Mr. Buckley's instructions and help."

In Sir Arthur Pearson's Memory

A delegation from Headquarters visited Sir Arthur's grave in Hampstead Cemetery during the morning of 9th December and placed, among other floral tributes, a six-foot wreath in the form of our badge. The party consisted of T. Bliss and W. Duxbury, representing after-care men, A. Rees and F. Hunt, representing men in training, Mr. F. Channing, on behalf of St. Dunstan's officers, Mrs. Fraser, Mr. Kessell, Mr. Askew, and Instructor Tovell. Capt. Fraser was unable to be present owing to a slight chill. At the graveside a short service was conducted by the Rev. J. E. Williams.

The large gathering at the Memorial Service which was held in the evening in the Lounge at Headquarters gave evidence of the way in which our late Chief's work and personality still live in the memory of those who knew him.

Amongst those present were Lady (Arthur) Pearson, Sir Neville Pearson, Mrs. Knowles (Sir Arthur's daughter), Capt. and Mrs. Fraser, Miss Hamar Greenwood and Col. Bickerton.

The Rev. J. E. Williams officiated at the simple but impressive service, the order of which was as follows:—Hymn, "Lead Kindly Light," sentences from the Lesser Litany, the Lord's Prayer, and St. Dunstan's Special Prayers. The Lesson—Ecclesiasticus 44, 1-15—was read by Sir Neville Pearson, followed by the hymn, "For all the Saints" and special prayers. "Abide with me" and the Blessing concluded the Service.

Brighton

Once again we gathered together on December the 9th to do homage to the memory of our late founder. Well do we remember December the 5th nine years ago, the day on which we learned with grief and sorrow of Sir Arthur's sudden death, and, whilst the passage of time has soothed the pain caused by that sad bereavement, it has not dimmed the love and gratitude we have for our benefactor, and so his memory still burns as bright as the lamp he lighted to guide us out of our

darkness. Not another person could have been squeezed into the big lounge when the Rev. Eyton Jones commenced the service. After the hymn, "O God, our help in ages past," and prayers, Mr. Jones talked to us about the qualities which made it possible for Sir Arthur to start the great work which he so successfully accomplished. He paid a high tribute to the courage, organising genius and human understanding which were possessed in a marked degree by our late Chief. The service closed with prayers and the singing of "Abide with me," which, by the way, Mr. Jones reminded us, was composed by the grandfather of Sir Arthur.

A Tribute

Mr. T. L. Alderson, of Levenshulme, sends the following interesting letter:—

"I am a commercial traveller and was staying at the Queen's Hotel, Dundee, last Wednesday night. A 21st Birthday Party was being held in one of the rooms.

While I was standing at the top of the stairs, a gentleman coming up attracted my attention by something different in his walk and I quickly realised he was blind. Naturally I took his hand and guided him to a seat and began to chat.

He was one of the most cheerfully optimistic men I have ever met and during the conversation this is what he said:—

'I have been blind since six months old and it is not so bad for me as for those who have had their sight. I was trained right from childhood as a blind man and learned to read and all the other things naturally.

Most of the books for blind people seemed to be selected to help blind folk to die! 'Jessie's Prayer' and other goody-goody stuff. Then someone remembered that we had to live and got out something rather better. Dickens was splendid for us. Then something happened. Arthur Pearson went blind. He realised as never before the needs of blind folk and with his wonderful knowledge and assets with regard to literature, opened out for blind people a new world.

It's a queer thing to say but it's true. It was a God-send to blind folk when Arthur Pearson went blind.'

I thought you would like to know about it."

After-Care Reunions

BRISTOL MEETING

The Bristol Meeting on Saturday, 29th November, was really somewhat of a special one, for it was on Saturday, 29th November 1919 that the very first After-Care Meeting was held in Bristol. Though we have lost a few of those who were at the first meeting (mainly by removals, we are thankful to think that only one has died) nearly all the original members were there and we had a very happy celebration of eleven years of work, play and friendship.

Fry's Band came once more to give us an afternoon of really cheering music; we appreciated their kindness very much, especially as they were playing all that evening at the Victoria Rooms. (We are quite sure of having them again next year for Mr. Read has already made a note of a special tune a St. Dunstan would like to hear the orchestra play then!)

The smooth running of the arrangements for the afternoon was much helped by the assistance of Mr. Bernard and three of his scouts from Downend; even the competitions seemed to go more quickly in their expert hands. It was delightful having Miss Lloyd and Miss Berry with us; we all look forward to seeing them at this meeting.

Captain Fraser's message and Mr. Swain's speech were listened to with great interest. (All our orators were away for the afternoon! no one had the courage to word a reply!)

Thanks to Miss Lloyd's valuable help the winners of the various competitions were discovered and the prizes given. The cake was won by H. Weeks and the prize parcel by Mrs. Bryer. E. J. Burgess won the case of silver spoons for the "stopped watch" competition and Mrs. Taplin the ladies' prize of an umbrella bag.

D. I. M. A.

EXETER MEETING

The Exeter Meeting on Friday, 5th December, was the usual cheery, chatty, comfortable meeting of the West Country.

From the many interesting-looking parcels that were brought in we gather that Christmas shopping had its place in the day's proceedings. With a dry day for once, it made an excellent opportunity for a glance round the shops on the way down! We were sorry "Auntie" could not be with us, but she had sent many messages to old friends by Miss Fyshe; we hope to have them both with us another year.

There were a few St. Dunstaners unable to come in, and so some empty places at the tables, but we made quite a large party as it was. There were many laughs during Mr. Swain's amusing speech, and much interest in the details he gave of the work and progress of St. Dunstan's. Nothing could have been happier and more in keeping with the feeling of the meeting than the reply made by W. Carnell, ably seconded by W. J. Gilbert. The applause which followed showed how truly their happy loyal speeches had voiced the feelings of the St. Dunstaners present. F. W. Westaway also made a very nice little speech. S. C. Loram then raised the subject of sports meetings for the West Country, making several good suggestions, Mr. Swain promised to look into this matter and to consult Miss Hodgson about it.

There was a most enjoyable concert after tea, got up by Miss Brandt and her sister Mrs. Bogle, the chorus singing being in particular favour.

With so many going away by early trains it was found impossible to finish all the competitions before some of them left, though all did get in their guesses. The prizes have been forwarded to those winners who had left early. The competitions went as follows:—Cake, T. J. Floyd (an excellent guess much nearer the exact weight than anyone else's—the cake was over 12 lbs). parcel, Mrs. Loram, stopped watch, S. C. Loram and Mrs. Lane.

Once more we have to thank the Rev. H. E. Smart for the use of Holy Trinity Hall, and Mr. Taylor of the Central Garage for his kindness in lending us a charabanc to go down to the station. It is a long way from Holy Trinity Hall to St. David's Station and there would be a good deal of rushing for trains without this kind help.

D. I. M. A.

After-Care Reunions—continued.**GLOUCESTER MEETING**

As Botherway's Cadena Cafe in Gloucester is being rebuilt, the Gloucester Meeting, on Wednesday, 19th November, went back to its original home, the Raikes Memorial Hall, in Brunswick Road. With such a large gathering we were glad of the extra space—it made it more possible to move round and meet old friends.

It was nice having several friends over from Cheltenham to help, especially Miss James and Miss Schneider, and to welcome Miss Nelson from Leamington. We had hoped to have Dr. Kirkland with us but he had another engagement (it is rumoured that it had something to do with the arrangements for the correct eating of haggis &c. on St. Andrew's night).

The tables were well filled at teatime and Mr. Swain had a very attentive audience for his speech at the conclusion of the meal. A. Bundy made a very eloquent reply with a touching reference to the great loss Matron Power's death meant to all the men. G. Hill seconded with a very able little speech.

After tea we had a very delightful entertainment given by Mr. Norman James and some of his "Tic Toc" Concert Party from the Gloucester Toc H. The usual guessing competitions were going on all the afternoon and so close was the guessing that it needed very careful checking to find out the winners. The cake was won by A. Bundy, Mrs. Bundy winning the parcel. As Mrs. Greening had very kindly given a cake and another prize we were able to give a second prize in each of these competitions. Strangely enough they again went to the same house, J. Keen winning the second prize for the cake (a smaller one) and his escort the other prize. The "stopped watch" competition was won by P. White and the ladies' one by Mrs. Stew.

D. I. M. A.

Typewriting

We heartily congratulate T. W. Bloomfield, T. H. Millard, T. McGuire and T. Warren on passing the Typewriting Test.

Braille Notes

Very many congratulations to F. C. Coates on passing the Braille Writing Test.
M. H. R.

G. Rickard, of Wingrave, is a St. Dunstaner of whom we do not hear very often, but in his case, "no news is good news." Rickard, we are now very glad to report, is keeping fit and enjoying life immensely. He is a keen dart player but his real game is dominoes which he plays with great skill. Rickard has been busy lately repairing a number of mats from the church at Wingrave. Nevertheless, he has also found time to lend a very welcome hand to a local butcher by working his sausage machine for him; the butcher, needless to say, greatly appreciates Rickard's strength and willingness.

Who Wants a Loud-Speaker ?

H. Colville, of 89 Derwent Road, Palmer's Green, has a Celestion Loud Speaker for sale cheap. What offers ?

A True Story

A little girl was being taken to see her new baby sister and said to her mother: "Why did you have nurse to look after baby? If God sent her, couldn't He do it?" The mother was nonplussed but before she could think of a suitable reply, the child added, "Still, I s'pose we couldn't very well ask Him to do the housework."

S. A. Worlidge, of Keelby, Lincs, has added to his successes in the poultry world by securing the First Prize, out of two hundred entries, for the best pen of White Wyandottes in the local Poultry Show held recently.

In helping others we ourselves are blessed; for a noble thought, a kindly word, a generous deed, are never lost; such things cannot go to waste . . . they live on for ever.

JEFFERY FARNOL.

"Roses in December"

"God gave us memory so that we might have roses in December," is the theme of the Thirty-ninth Annual Report of Pearson's Fresh Air Fund.

To the child of the slums, living month by month and year by year in squalid surroundings, the memory of a holiday spent in the country or by the sea—were it for one day only—is a "rose" indeed. How such happy memories have been given to thousands of poor kiddies living in the large towns all over the country is told in the Report.

To those of us who look upon our annual holiday as a matter of course, it is incredible to think that there are thousands upon thousands of children in the large industrial towns who consider a day's excursion from the dreary slums in which their lives are passed as an untold pleasure, to be looked forward to for weeks ahead, and remembered gleefully for months afterwards. How much more then would they appreciate a whole fortnight spent in the peace of the countryside or by the sea?

The photographs which illustrate the Report emphasise, perhaps even more vividly than the written word, the wonderful work which the Fresh Air Fund has done and is doing. Who can resist the appeal of one depicting a crowd of expectant youngsters anxiously waiting for the train which is to carry them to happiness?—or that showing a pick-a-back race across a meadow by ragged little boys whose faces bear witness to their intense enjoyment of it all?

Although, unfortunately, fewer children than usual were able to enjoy the delights of a country or seaside holiday this year owing to a decrease in the financial support received, during the summer of 1930, 123,152 poor children were given a day in the country, and 2,850 others a fortnight's holiday. Furthermore, the Report tells us that since its inauguration by Sir Arthur Pearson thirty-nine years ago, the Fund has provided the wonderful total of 5,610,730 day outings, and 98,253 fortnightly holidays.

It is impossible to estimate the benefit derived by the children as a result of these happy, care-free days, particularly when

a fortnight's holiday is possible. The pale faces become tanned, the frail little bodies gradually become stronger, and when the time at last comes for them to return home, they do so with renewed health and vigour, and, above all, many happy memories to carry them through the dreary days to come.

The Fresh Air Fund's Patron, His Majesty the King, as usual, sent his generous donation early in the year, and later forwarded a special donation to be spent exclusively on holidays for poor children in the provinces. Oldham was the town chosen this year, and to quote from a local paper describing the event, "the memory of their visit will long remain in the minds of these Oldham poor children who had indeed a 'Royal' Day."

Founder's Day, 17th June 1930, proved a momentous one for a thousand poor children from Bath Street, E.C., and Bethnal Green, who spent a happy time at Loughton. On this occasion, Sir Gerald du Maurier, the famous actor, visited them with Sir Neville Pearson, President of the Fund, and Lady Pearson, and to the boys' unbounded delight, joined them in an exciting game of cricket.

The Report shows that in the year under review more money was spent than was received, and the promoters of the Fund are making an earnest appeal for financial support to all who have the happiness of poor children at heart, not only in order to wipe out this deficit, but also to enable a greater number of children to benefit in the coming year than was the case in 1930.

St. Dunstaners have always responded generously to the appeal of the Fresh Air Fund, and we are sure that those of our readers who can possibly help will do so before the advent of next summer. Fifteen pence is the cost of one day's happiness to some poor kiddie. A pound sends a little one away for a whole fortnight. Mr. Kessell, so well known to all St. Dunstaners, has been Honorary Treasurer of the Fund since its foundation, and will be grateful to receive donations at the offices, 18 Henrietta Street, London, W.C.1. He will be glad to send a copy of the Report to anyone who writes for it.

As usual, many St. Dunstaners were in request in connection with the observance of Armistice Day.

Poppy Day in Derby was on Saturday, 8th November, and H. Bridgman was one of the most successful sellers. He is gallant enough to give some of the credit to his little daughter, Joan, who proved an able assistant. The *Derby Daily Express* published an excellent picture of the pair hard at work. On Armistice Day, Bridgman attended the Memorial Service in the market-place and he and his wife laid the wreath on behalf of the Derbyshire Imperial Veterans' Association. Bridgman also had the honour of placing the wreath of the 1/1st North Midland Field Ambulance (with whom he served during the war) on the local Cenotaph, before their Reunion Dinner on 15th November.

J. Sheehy, of Dover, also took a prominent part in the Armistice Day ceremonies in that town. At the Service held at the War Memorial in the morning, Sheehy attended as one of the representatives of the British Legion, and in the evening took part in an impressive tableau at the Festival of Remembrance at the Town Hall. His small son, Frank, was one of the performers as well.

Another energetic seller of poppies was F. S. Smith, of Evesham, who we hear did excellent business.

In the Public Eye

The following is extracted from the *Leicester Daily Mercury*:—A former Leicestershire quarry worker whose sight was totally destroyed in the Great War has achieved success as a poultry farmer.

Mr. C. T. Condon, who now lives at St. Dunstan's, Worthing, formerly lived at Mountsorrel, and in his younger days at Stoney Stanton . . .

After he lost his sight he was given a course of training in poultry farming at St. Dunstan's where he was most successful.

In the 1929-30 King's Langley test Mr. Condon was first with his pen of three Rhode Island Red pullets, which laid 646 eggs in 48 weeks securing the King's Langley Challenge Cup. Altogether he won five prizes. In the Hants county test his pen of five birds came fourth, having laid 1,068 eggs in 48 weeks.

Braille Periodical for Jewish Blind

There is a movement on foot in America to bring about the publication of a Jewish Braille periodical, and it is hoped to circulate it free to all English-speaking Jewish Braille readers who would care to receive it. Those interested are asked to communicate with Miss Rebecca Randall, 69 Manor Road, London, N.16, who is helping to compile a register of would-be readers in this country for transmission to America.

From a Son of St. Dunstan's

"What I am I owe to St. Dunstan's. I feel toward St. Dunstan's, and so do all the boys who have passed through her halls, as does the grown man for the place of his birth.

I was born again and nurtured into a new manhood by her and led by her from Stygian darkness to mental and spiritual light . . . In a humbler way I am able to continue the good work done at St. Dunstan's, if not in a militant way, at least by example, taking my place among the producers toiling daily with hands and brain."

ANONYMOUS.

Of Interest to Newcastle Men

At a Newcastle meeting the Northern Branch of the Cinematograph Exhibitors Association gave sympathetic consideration to a suggestion that blind visitors should be admitted free to the "talkies," and various exhibitors agreed that this privilege should be accorded on all afternoons except Saturdays. We are sure the concession will be much appreciated.

A Bargain

We take the following little anecdote from a recent issue of the *Evening Standard*:

A correspondent tells me that not long ago he and his family were listening to the broadcast of a service from St. Martin-in-the-Fields. One of them switched the set over to another programme for a moment, just long enough to hear a preacher saying, "Where shall we find peace?" He then switched back and heard a voice declaring, "You may obtain it by sending sevenpence to the Vicarage, Trafalgar Square."

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