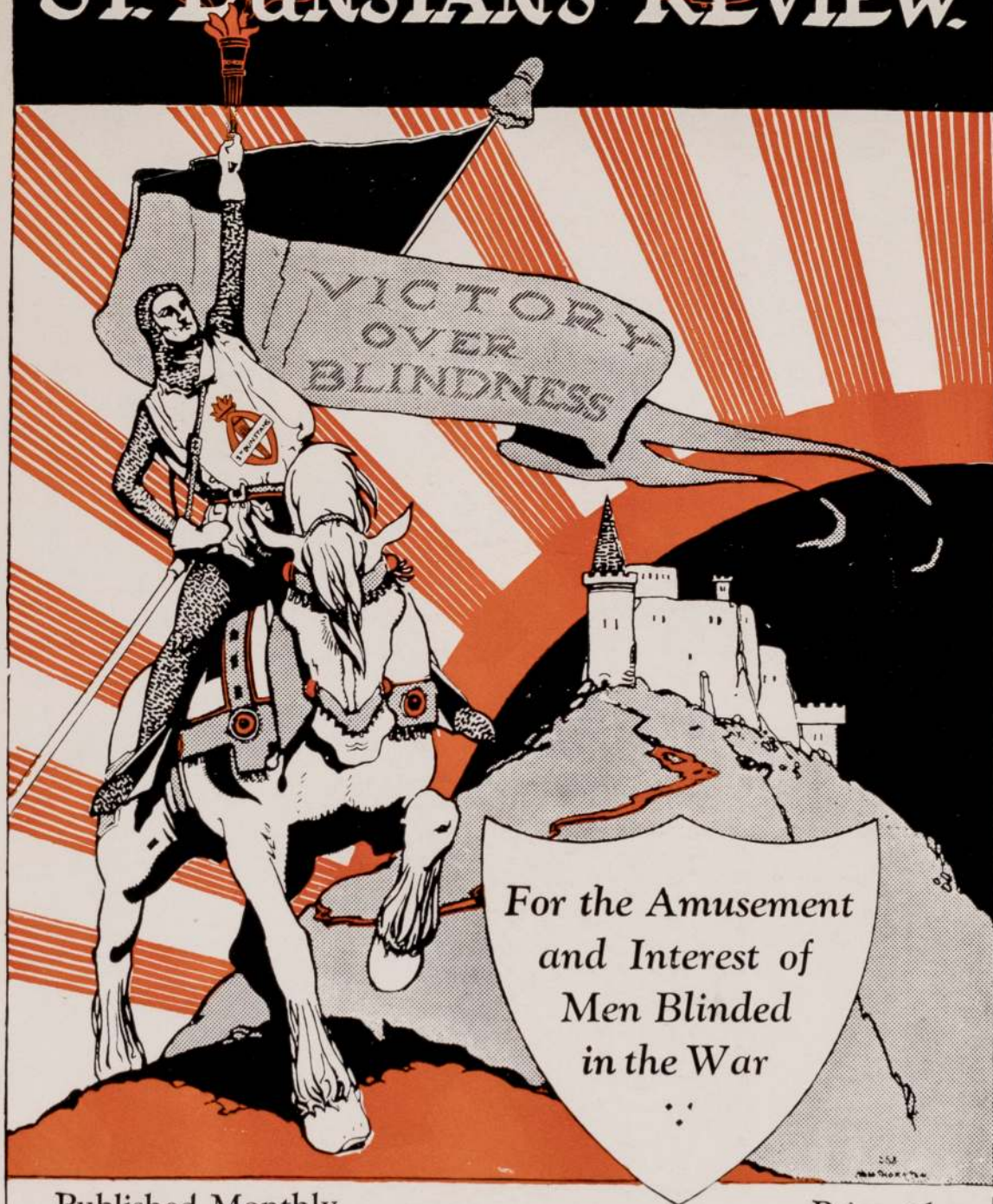


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EDITORIAL NOTES

OUR readers will, we feel sure, be interested in the Chairman's Notes this month upon his recent trip to the United States and Canada, from which we are glad to say he and Mrs. Fraser have arrived home safely.

Although no particular institution was represented as such at the World Conference, it is, we feel, a matter for satisfaction that the official delegates included no less than three persons in Captain Fraser (Great Britain), Mr. Clutha Mackenzie (New Zealand), and Captain Edwin Baker (Canada), who are not merely British blinded soldiers but are concerned with the direction of St. Dunstan's activities at home and in the Dominions. The choice of these persons as delegates for their various countries indicates that British blinded soldiers are contributing their fair share towards the work of the blind world in its widest sense.

In the nature of things the British could not expect to gain as much as some other nations from an International Conference because work for the blind is more fully advanced here than in many other countries. The British Delegates, however, bring back with them a wealth of experience and knowledge of the blind world, which cannot but be helpful in the conduct of the various agencies for the blind in Britain.

We congratulate the American Foundation for the Blind and their Associates upon having organised and carried through so remarkable a Conference, at which representatives of nearly forty nations were present. The Americans have made a valuable contribution to work for the blind in all parts of the earth by bringing the leaders of this work together and giving them the opportunity of understanding each other's problems and effecting personal contacts.

White Sticks—Yes or No?

The many St. Dunstaners who have written to us this month on this "topic of the day" will be disappointed when they turn to the REVIEW and find that their letters are not in print. The truth is that we have received so many letters that it would need a special edition of the REVIEW to carry them all. While we cannot, of course, go as far as that, we should like, and intend, to devote a considerable amount of space to the threshing out of this subject, which is growing in importance in the minds of both blinded and sighted alike. The fact that in one district of London the experiment of giving white sticks to the blind is being tried out makes it imperative that the considered opinion of blinded people, including St. Dunstaners, should be consulted. What affects one section of the blinded community affects all. If a white stick is to be taken by the sighted as a symbol of blindness, it must be used by the blind as that symbol. Sooner or later a definite decision must be reached. And St. Dunstaners will have their say in that decision. Letters which have reached the Editor's office this month have shown that the majority of St. Dunstaners see the seriousness of the position. They have been moderate in tone and full of well-reasoned arguments. Lack of space only prevents them from being printed in this month's REVIEW. They will appear in the July issue, where they will be given the prominence that they deserve.



NEWS OF ST. DUNSTANERS

THE recent May Fair Fête has been keeping the Sandymount members of our Irish group very busy. E. P. Horan was an exhibitor and did very well with the sale of his baskets. Horan is keeping very fit and is tremendously proud of his new little son who we hear is a bonny child. J. Goodison did splendidly with his mats at the Fête, while R. Bell's baskets, particularly his fancy ones, were very popular with the public.

F. Gallagher, of Strabane, who has just returned from Brighton, says he never felt better, and has gained seven pounds in weight. Gallagher managed to get in a good deal of club-swinging during his stay at Brighton.

J. Davidson, of Kilrea, we are glad to hear, is feeling much better. Davidson's nephew and his wife are now keeping house for him, and their four children are good company for him.

J. Brockerton, of Coleraine, is very fit and has lately finished a thick gymnasium mat with handles for the high school. This year he has brought out a number of chickens without using the incubator. Brockerton says that as far as he knows, he has only sent twelve mats to Headquarters in two years, and has been working as hard as he can all the time.

W. Whiteside, of Portadown, is keeping fairly well, but we are sorry to learn that his mother has been very ill again with bronchitis.

W. J. Berry, of Bangor, is in splendid form and is very anxious to get started to work on willow baskets.

S. Holmes, of Belfast, has had an addition of four feet of ground to the side of his house which provides him with a good

flower bed. The ground was originally included in his lease for the purpose of a garage entrance.

L. Bride, of Dublin, is getting along splendidly with rugs.

The son of W. J. Gilbert, of Barnstaple, who went to America two years ago, has just returned home. Gilbert and his wife are naturally delighted to have him back, particularly as he has brought with him his little ten-year-old daughter—a most capable little person who is tremendously proud of the way in which she and her "grannie" do all the Saturday shopping. Mrs. Gilbert says, "St. Dunstan's and the wireless give us all we need to keep us happy."

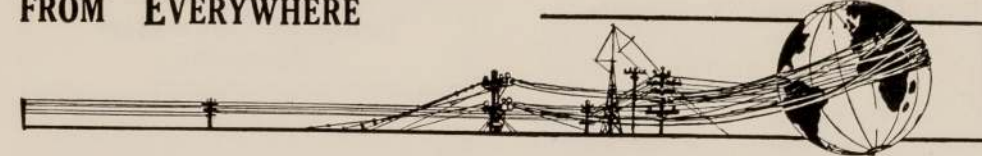
A. W. Back, of Shaldon, Teignmouth, is as happy and as cheerful as ever. His brother in the Navy has recently been home on leave, and they have been to several "Buffalo" dinners together. Some weeks ago, the whole family walked over to Torquay to spend the week-end with their people there—just on seven miles!

S. Ash, of Exeter, thoroughly enjoyed his stay at Brighton and looks better for the change, as does W. Boardman, of Mossley Hill, Liverpool.

We are sorry to learn that the wife of L. W. Calvert, of Ormskirk, has recently undergone a serious operation. Happily, Mrs. Calvert is a very good patient, and it is hoped that she will be able to return home shortly.

H. V. Frampton, of Upper Clapton, has been having a worrying time lately, his little girl having been taken away with a serious form of diphtheria. His little son (who had been in the fever hospital since Christmas) only returned home a few days

FROM EVERYWHERE



before his sister was taken away, and it is thought that he must have brought the germ with him from the hospital.

Dulcie, the daughter of K. C. Gattrell, of Wandsworth, has just started at the secondary school for which she recently won a scholarship, and likes it very much. All the family are well.

A. Cook and W. A. Simmons, of Northampton, have both been victims of 'flu. Cook, we are glad to say, is better, but Simmons has not quite recovered. His coming stay at Brighton will probably help him back to his normal health.

D. Pettit, of Northampton, has just finished a splendid piece of work—a writing bureau. "So struck with the work were Messrs. Jeffery, Sons & Co., the Northampton furnishing experts, when their attention was drawn to it by a mutual friend, that they gave the piece a special exhibition in their Gold Street windows where it has been attracting much well-merited interest," said the *Northampton Independent*, which also published photographs of Pettit and the bureau. Mrs. Pettit is naturally very proud of her husband's achievement.

R. Cook, of Hitchin, is as busy as usual with his mat-making and he and his wife are very well. H. D. Gamble, of the same town, unfortunately has been suffering from an attack of neuritis, but we hope that with the finer weather this will disappear.

A. Doyle, of Finchley Road, has just started a splendid confectionery and tea shop and is now quite settled there. We wish him every success in his enterprise. Already it has been highly recommended.

W. Capstick, of Westfield, Lancaster, is

well and busy. His son, who was living in Canada, has also returned home.

T. Till and his wife, of Lancaster, have just returned from a very enjoyable holiday in Anglesey.

Another early holiday-maker is W. Whiteside, of Lytham. Whiteside, who is very well and happy, has just spent a holiday at Wallasey.

The second son of A. Arnold, of Wimbledon, is going in for a scholarship for King's College School. We wish him the best of luck.

Another St. Dunstaner who has just completed a fine piece of work is H. E. Raymond, of St. Annes-on-Sea. This is a radio-gramophone, the cabinet of which is built into a sideboard. He is now engaged on a bureau which was intended for a wireless cabinet. The purchaser, however, thought that it was much too good for this purpose and decided to have it converted.

A. T. Brooks, of Bournemouth, is very well and busy—so busy, in fact, that he could not spare the time to get away for the Reunion. He is an enthusiastic gardener and the results of his labours are certainly most encouraging.

We hope that the better weather will also improve the health of G. E. Harris, of Leeds, who has had a trying winter with 'flu and rheumatism.

H. C. Boase, of Bradford, has been in Cornwall for some weeks. He went in the first place owing to the illness and subsequent death of his grandmother, but as a Cornishman himself is taking the opportunity of renewing acquaintance with his many friends and relations down there.

News of St. Dunstaners—continued.

'Flu laid low A. Smith, of W. Hartlepool, recently, and Mrs. Smith was unfortunately a victim at the same time, but they are both better now. Their tea-room has just opened for the holiday season.

F. Warin, of East Rainton, is working away as hard as ever at nets. Jackie, his little son, who has been very ill with poisoning, is now well and back at school. Mrs. Warin has been busy lately re-papering the house.

T. R. Beattie, of Crouch End Hill, is one of those happy men who has a sport for all weathers. At the present time, he is a distinct cricket "fan." His son, by the way, is doing very well at a new school. As he says, he has dug himself in very well.

W. McCombie, of Hornsey, is hoping for a good summer to make up for the recent wet season, when hot drinks would have been more appropriate than ices!

We hear from A. Charman, of Hever, that his daughter is getting on very well in her new post. Her place of business is in Piccadilly and she is shorthand-typist to the Editor of *Modern Motoring*. Charman says she appears to be giving satisfaction, the only drawback being the rather long hours, 9-6, and the long journey to and fro. She was selected from 18 candidates.

At the recent Exhibition held at Turriff, Banffshire, D. Munro, of Aberdeen, had the distinction of winning the first and second prizes for a message basket, and also carried off the first, second and third prizes for "any other kind of basket" in the section for blind workers. Munro tells us that he had ten entries in the Exhibition, all of which were sold, and that additional orders have come along since as a result.

It was evidently "St. Dunstan's Day," for at the same exhibition, A. Mackie, of Gamrie, secured the first, second and third prizes in the class for door mats.

Young St. Dunstaners' Successes

We have just heard that Audrey, the small daughter of A. V. Law, of Gotherington, has won a scholarship for the Cheltenham Grammar School and is the only girl in the school to succeed this year. Two years ago, by the way, her brother John won a similar scholarship for the boys' school and has been there two years. John's scholarship was for four years and Audrey's is for five.

Another scholarship winner is Margery, the little daughter of G. Hollins, of Middlesbrough, who has just secured one entitling her to attend a secondary school for four years.

Needless to say, the parents of these clever kiddies are delighted and proud of their success, as also is St. Dunstan's.

Births

ALEXANDER.—To the wife of E. A. Alexander, of Leighton Buzzard, a son (Alan Richard), on the 25th May.

COX.—On 16th May, to the wife of J. Cox, of Felling-on-Tyne, a son (Clifford).

GEORGE.—To the wife of H. George, of Brighton, on the 13th May, a son.

LEA.—To the wife of H. Lea, of Hulland Ward, Derby, a son.

MOLLOY.—To the wife of C. Molloy, of Wigan, on the 18th May, a son.

PETERS.—To the wife of W. Peters, of Liverpool, on the 11th May, a son (Andrew).

THOMAS.—On the 31st May, to the wife of W. Thomas, of Wakefield, a daughter.

Marriage

ECCLESTON-HALL.—J. Eccleston, of Leigh, Lancs, on the 2nd June, at Holy Trinity Church, Rusholme, Manchester, to Miss Elizabeth Hall, of Leigh.

Silver Weddings

Two St. Dunstaners celebrated their silver wedding in May—namely, E. J. Burgess, of Hambrook, nr. Bristol (8th May) and E. Tomlinson, of Retford (19th May). June 4th was the anniversary of G. F. Smith, of Guildford.

A Royal Tribute to a St. Dunstaner

Many readers will have seen in the press recently the report of His Royal Highness the Duke of York's visit to the British Legion headquarters, and of his keen interest in P. Garrity, their telephone operator. We have received from a member of the British Legion staff the following interesting account of the Royal visit. In forwarding the account the writer says: ". . . I am one of the British Legion staff and, after a great deal of persuasion on my part, succeeded in getting Mr. Garrity to allow me to send this article on to you. I knew if he sent in the account himself his description would only be a modest one and I feel sure that you would like the full details." Needless to say, we are very glad indeed to get such a report at first hand.

"On the 19th May, H.R.H. The Duke of York, accompanied by his secretary, Mr. Hudson, visited the British Legion Headquarters where he was received by Major-General Sir Frederick Maurice, K.C.M.G., C.B., Colonel John Brown, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., T.D., J.P., D.L. (the Chairman of the Legion), and Colonel E. C. Heath, D.S.O. (the General Secretary).

During his tour of the premises, His Royal Highness was conducted to the office occupied by Mr. P. Garrity, the telephone operator, and was very much interested and impressed by the exceedingly expert handling of the switchboard. He spent fifteen minutes listening to the incoming and outgoing calls, many of which were provincial.

The Duke had a personal conversation with Mr. Garrity, who in his usual cheery manner explained some of the intricacies of the instrument. His Royal Highness complimented him on his capabilities and was much amused at the joviality with which he referred to his work in connection with the different departments of the Legion. Evidently the Duke enjoyed the interview for laughter could be heard all over the building.

A word might be mentioned here in

regard to the splendid work carried out by Mr. Garrity at Legion Headquarters. He manipulates his switchboard with lightning rapidity and many a sighted official at Headquarters has watched him working with amazement, expressing the opinion that they could not work the board at anything like the speed. He has been aptly described as the "general information bureau" and his tact and diplomacy in dealing with callers and his answers to hundreds of unnecessary inquiries have saved the General Secretary, and the Legion in general, many an irritating moment.

Mr. Garrity's confidence and his abilities are an everlasting tribute to the wonderful work carried out by St. Dunstan's where he was trained.

A singular coincidence is the fact that the Duke's Secretary and Mr. Garrity are old friends."

[FROM ONE OF THE BRITISH LEGION STAFF.]

A Machine with a History

The following press cutting from a recent issue of the *Daily Herald* has been forwarded to us by G. J. Hiscock, of Ross-on-Wye, and we reprint for the interest of our readers.

Why were typewriters invented? Who invented them and for whom? These machines were not intended originally for business men.

They were devised as a means of enabling blind persons to "write." A form of typewriter was invented as long ago as 1714, but it was not until 1855 that the machines evolved by two men named Foucault and Beach, for use of the blind, attracted the attention of business men.

Up till then the typewriters printed raised letters for the sightless persons to touch with their fingers, but a certain Charles Sholes worked upon a machine which printed ordinary letters.

Finally, in New York in 1874, what has become a famous firm placed them on the market and the friend of the busy man took its place in the business life of the world.

Holiday Apartments

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"In Memory"

ABLE-BODIED SEAMAN THOMAS HENRY BLISS
(Royal Navy)

WE very much regret to announce the death of T. H. Bliss. Bliss was trained at St. Dunstan's in 1916 as a boot repairer and mat maker, and he made excellent progress at these trades; then in 1922 he took up poultry farming on a small scale. In 1923 his health began to fail and he was compelled to give up his work, with the exception of a little netting. At the beginning of this year, he became considerably worse, and a week after his admittance to St. Nicholas' Hospital he passed away on the 11th instant.

The funeral took place on the 14th instant at Woolwich Cemetery and was attended by many relatives and friends. The service was held in St. James' Church, the Rev. Lumley Davies officiating.

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

Bliss leaves a wife and four children to mourn him.

SERGT. EDMOND WATSON
(Royal Welsh Fusiliers)

It is with regret that we announce the death of E. Watson.

Watson was trained at St. Dunstan's in basket-making and although troubled with ill-health, he made fairly good progress at this trade. At the beginning of last year, he became worse and went down to our Brighton Annexe for convalescence, but did not seem to improve and in July of last year was admitted to hospital. After his discharge he appeared considerably better and was able to carry on with his work again. However, in March of this year he was taken exceedingly ill and passed away on the 28th April.

The funeral took place on the 2nd May at Deal Cemetery and among the numerous beautiful wreaths and floral tributes received was a wreath in the form of our badge from Captain Fraser and his many comrades at St. Dunstan's.

We extend our sympathy to his widow and two children.

Deaths

This month we have to extend our deep sympathy to the following:—

BELCHER.—To A. Belcher, of Hampton, whose little son, born on 2nd May, passed away on 24th May.

BOLTON.—To C. E. Bolton, of Tonbridge, who lost his father and mother-in-law within a few days of each other recently.

BURNS.—To the wife of W. Burns, of Salford, Manchester, who recently lost her mother.

GLEW.—To Elmer Glew, of Benteigh, Victoria, Australia, whose mother died suddenly on the 17th April last from acute heart failure. All friends in this country will be sorry to hear this.

HILL.—To the wife of R. E. Hill, of Tideswell, Buxton, whose father died at the beginning of the year.

POWELL.—To P. W. Powell, of Ross-on-Wye, whose father died on the 24th May at the age of 84.

RODGERS.—To the wife of A. C. Rodgers, of Wrexham, whose father passed away on 31st May, after an illness of six weeks, at the age of 72.

ROWLEY.—To S. Rowley, of Craghead, Durham, whose wife passed away in hospital on 27th May after a long illness.

TRUSSLER.—W. H. Trussler, of Pas de Calais, France, whose father-in-law died recently at the age of 80.

WOODHOUSE.—To J. Woodhouse, of Hurland Ward, Derby, who lost his father in November last.

We also regret to announce the death of Mrs. Helen Barker, mother of our Colonial St. Dunstaner, "Dannie" Barker, which took place on 30th April last. Barker, as many of his friends will know, has been in England for some months past, but on hearing of his mother's illness, hurried home on the "Berengaria" and was able to get to his mother before she died. We extend our sincere sympathy to Barker in his loss.

Brighton Notes

A delightful Whitsun holiday was rounded off by a visit to that famous Sussex beauty spot, Wannock Gardens. Two charrs-à-bancs, accommodating about sixty of us, including escorts, took the road along the coast, passing through Rottingdean, Newhaven and Seaford. Here we turned inland to drive through beautiful downland country, whose invigorating breezes gave one the sensation of enjoying a most refreshing bath.

Arriving at the gardens after a 2-hours' drive, we were soon wandering amongst beds of flowers of every kind, which seemed to vie with each other in giving of their best. The scent of the wallflower welcomed us, the diminutive snowdrop reminded us not to be too ostentatious, the perfume of the lavender bid us stay, whilst the lily acknowledged our admiration with a graceful bend of its beautiful head. The day was perfect and not even the crowds who had come to admire Nature brought to such a pitch under the loving hand of the artist could disturb the serenity of the surroundings. At about 4.30 we reassembled at the Palm Tea Court where a delicious wholesome tea awaited us. After tea we crossed to the Old Mill Gardens, passing over rustic bridges and resting in shady seats to dream among the scent of the lilac and to see the miniature waterfall. Over it all songsters from God's own choir sang the praises of the beautiful summer day, a full-throated thrush acting as soloist. But all good things come to an end, and though reluctant to come away, the time arrived all too soon when we had to leave behind us this heavenly spot, bringing away with us the recollection of a blissful time spent in such glorious surroundings.

Two Corrections

In our May issue we published a report from the *Sussex Daily News* of the dinner and dance given by Brighton Freemasons to St. Dunstaners, and it was reported that W. Anderson was awarded a prize for being the youngest St. Dunstan's man present. A. King, of Bradford, points out

to us, however, that there was a slight misunderstanding as to the awarding of this prize. During the afternoon, W. Anderson, of Highgate, had been seen with "Mr. H." at the Annexe and, knowing without doubt that he would have been the youngest St. Dunstaner present, it was assumed by most (including King) that he was the W. Anderson to whom the prize had been awarded. This, however, was not the case, the named winner being W. Anderson, of Keighley, but as King points out, while Anderson has just reached the age of 32, he (King) is not 32 until next February. However, matters were all put right later in the evening, when the M.C. sent for King, and the Deputy-Mayor of Brighton congratulated him and presented him with a pair of socks.

With regard to the paragraph in last month's REVIEW concerning L. Jackson, of Rock Ferry, and his interest in a cycling club, we hear from Jackson that he is not the Secretary but the Treasurer of the club, which is the Victoria Cycling Club, Birkenhead. Furthermore, Jackson says he is not energetic enough to get up every Sunday morning to see the club start, but that he is always present at the start of the four races held annually, and considering the start of these is always held some seven miles out in the country, usually at 6.1 a.m., Jackson has to be up before the lark on these occasions. Still, as he says, "it is worth it, particularly as it has rained each morning that I have been out this season." Jackson adds that the club was formed three years ago by his son, who is now second to the club's racing champion, and is this year running well for the honours having beaten the champion by one and a quarter minutes in the 25 miles. His time for the distance was 1hr., 8 mins., 35 secs. By the way, Jackson's daughter does not race, as previously stated in the REVIEW, but is a keen touring member, capable of doing one hundred miles any day.

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W. Brogan, of Cambridge, writes as follows:—

"We have got three cocker spaniel dog puppies, a month old, so the boys have plenty to amuse them for a few weeks."

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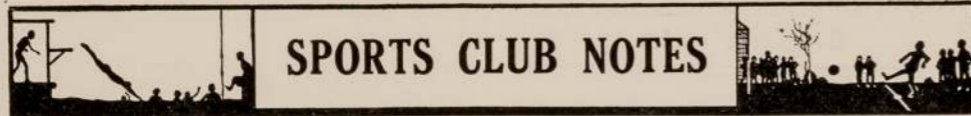
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Regatta

15TH JULY

We are all looking forward to the Regatta which will take place on Wednesday, 15th July, starting at 1.30 p.m. sharp. The closing date for entries is 30th June, but I should be glad to have them as soon as possible.

We will adhere to our usual rules that men may enter for two events only, and there must be sufficient entries for each event to warrant a race.

PROGRAMME

1. Single Sculls, Trainees.
2. Single Sculls, Old Boys (T.B.).
3. Single Sculls, Old Boys (S.S.).
4. Single Sculls, Veterans over 45.
5. Double Sculls, Open (at least one T.B. in a boat).
6. Pair Oars (at least one T.B. in a boat).
7. Pair Oars, One Armed.
8. Open Fours (at least 2 T.B.'s in a boat).
9. Inter-Club Cup Event, Pair Oar.
10. Inter-Club Cup Event, Double Sculls.

L. WOOLRYCH.

Birmingham Walk

We give below the full report of the Birmingham Walk which was unavoidably held over from our last issue owing to lack of space. The detailed results appeared last month.

This annual 14-mile walk was held on Saturday, 11th April. In conjunction with this, the team race for the Challenge Cup presented by Miss Hodgson was decided. The teams competing represented Birmingham, Brighton and London, Manchester being unable to send a team this year. Mr. J. Murphy, our genial sporting host of the Farcroft Hotel, Handsworth, after a few cheery remarks to all the competitors, effected a perfect start. The conditions were ideal and we were treated to a really good sporting rivalry race over a very hard course.

The T.B. race was won by W. Castle in 2.23.14, Holmes being second in 2.23.36, and Thompson third in 2.25.13.

The S.S. race resulted in Brown being first, 2.8.14, with Trott second in 2.13.53, and Gover third in 2.14.44. The handicap prizes were secured by J. Harrison first, A. Craigie second and T. Duncan third.

After a splendid struggle, the team event was won by Birmingham by one point from London, with Brighton third. A special word of praise must be given to Brighton because three of their team were absolute novices.

After the race, Councillor G. F. McDonald presided at the evening meal which our good friend, Jimmy Murphy, so generously provided for the competitors and their wives, their number being augmented by the escorts, officials, &c. We all very much missed Miss Hodgson who was abroad. In her absence, Miss P. Nelson, assisted by Mr. R. T. Cooling, discharged the secretarial duties in a most able and efficient manner. Councillor McDonald, in a very fine oration, congratulated all competitors on their performance, and thanked the many helpers. Mrs. McDonald presented the prizes. The day ended all too soon for those of us who lived south. It was a question of trains to catch, but going with very pleasant recollections. (I now know what is meant when they ask—"do you like *flowers*?")
W.A.T.

Brighton Sports Day

The General Sports Day for Sussex, Kent, and Hants will be on Saturday, 4th July, at 2.15 p.m. on the Manor Farm Sports Ground, Kemptown, Brighton.

All will be welcome, but no expenses can be paid. Will those wishing to come please let me know by return as until I get the numbers it is impossible to cater for tea.

A. F. MORRIS.

"St. Dunstan's" Derby Sweepstake

IN accordance with the announcement made in last month's "Review," the draw for our Derby Sweepstake took place in the Lounge at Headquarters on Thursday, 28th May.

Two T.B. St. Dunstaners, F. L. Hunt and A. T. Iddiols, carried out the actual drawing in the presence of Mr. Swain and Mr. Hegarty, and a group of other St. Dunstaners and members of the staff. Probably owing to the fact that the competition this year was strictly limited to St. Dunstaners (not even members of the staff participating) the figures are considerably lower than last year, 2,116 tickets being sold as against 3,000 in 1930. Nevertheless, quite substantial prizes were available and we offer all prizewinners our sincere congratulations. The sum available for distribution of prizes was £255 10s. after deducting costs of printing and postage.

This, in accordance with the rules, was divided as follows:—

	Holder	Ticket No.
First Prize (CAMERONIAN)	J. T. Briggs, Sheffield	105
Second Prize (ORPEN)	Gilbert S. Hough, Bulawayo, S. Rhodesia	2039
Third Prize (SANDWICH)	R. E. Naman, Witham, Essex	1913
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plus 1/- to make a round total for division

The names of those drawing starters were as follows:—

ABBOTT'S WORTHY, W. V. Clampett, Banbury (1846); ARMAGNAC, H. Jacklin, Patcham (1767); APPERLEY, F. E. C. Bulley, Romsey (703); CHEERY LAD, P. F. Dixon, Batley (3095); COLDSTREAM, G. E. Megson, Oxford (1761); DOCTOR DOLITTLE, M. O'Hara, Clara, Ireland (704); ESTATE DUTY, E. J. Hall, Bishops Waltham (1201); GALINI, J. Doubler, Kensington (1441); GOYESCAS, A. Chilton, Linslade (1076); GRINDLETON, P. F. Dixon, Batley (2096); JACOPO, W. G. Parker, Nottingham (160); KNOLOMA, C. Wheeler, St. Albans (1774); LEMONITION, H. Sims, Basingstoke (153); LIGHTNING STAR, F. E. King, Derby (758); POMME D'API, R. Warren, Swansea (674); REVEILLON, W. Higginson, Highbury (733); ROSE EN

SOLEIL, P. Browne, Bordon (353); SHELL TRANSPORT, S. Burdis, Burnley (1369); SIR ANDREW, Cecil H. Smith, Bury St. Edmunds (686); TE HAU, R. Wass, Brighton (1229); TE RURU, G. W. Pell, Surbiton (1186); ZANOFF, R. Fitzgerald, Halifax (2111);

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart, of 123 Adelaide Road, N.W.3, wish to thank those in residence at 87 and 95 Albany Street, for the beautiful presents they gave them both on the occasion of their wedding.

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Chairman's Notes

St. Dunstan's and the Legion

THERE is hardly a sphere of life in which St. Dunstan's men do not take some interest, and to which they do not make some contribution. The ex-service movement as a whole is no exception. In recent years, the official relations between St. Dunstan's and the British Legion have developed because of the arrangement under which St. Dunstan's has a small share of the Poppy Day Collection instead of conducting its own Cameo Days. But apart from this, there are good reasons why all St. Dunstaners should be interested in the British Legion, because the latter represents the general interest of ex-service men.

A good many St. Dunstaners have taken an active part in Legion work, and I would recommend more to do so. St. Dunstaners who join the Legion will not only be helping a movement to which I feel every old soldier ought to belong, but will also gain a good deal by social intercourse with comrades in their own localities.

THE LEGION CONFERENCE

I spent Whit Sunday and Monday and part of Tuesday attending the British Legion Conference, which this year was held in London, and there I met five St. Dunstaners, all of whom have taken a prominent part in the Legion's National and local work. There was Captain Appleby, who was one of the founders of the movement, and has been a member of the National Executive Council of the Legion ever since its inception. A real old soldier, he is held in high regard by Legionnaires throughout the country. There was Captain E. W. J. Hurst, one-time member of the N.E.C. and prominent in the Legion movement in Newcastle. J. Sheehy was delegate for the Dover branch, F. W. Matthews for the Droxford and District Branch, and C. Durkin for the Putney Park and Roehampton Branch. All these ex-officers and men have taken an active part in the work of the Legion, and

I am sure all St. Dunstaners will join in congratulating them upon the offices to which they have been appointed, and the influence which they have acquired. It always rejoices me to see St. Dunstan's men taking part in public work of this kind and doing it just as well as anybody else, and sometimes, I think, better.

RESOLUTIONS ABOUT ST. DUNSTAN'S

There were two resolutions relating to St. Dunstan's put down by branches of the Legion; they read as follows:—

No 91. In view of the small number of blinded comrades directly assisted by St. Dunstan's this Conference urges—seeing that this institution now receives a portion of the Poppy Day Fund—that in future consideration is given by St. Dunstan's to all blinded comrades who are not already in receipt of a pension from the State.

South Battersea and Wandsworth.

No. 92. That this Conference requests the Council to approach the authorities of St. Dunstan's with a view to securing for all blind ex-service men, whether in receipt of a war pension or not, such facilities as that splendid institution is now so well able to afford.

City of Liverpool, Liverpool (Clubmoor),
Wallasey, Ormskirk,
Garston, Warrington.

I had a little consultation with my St. Dunstan's friends about these resolutions and we were able to agree upon a course of action. The matter had previously been seriously considered by St. Dunstan's Executive Council, at which Major Cohen and Captain Appleby, representing the Legion, were present. We had agreed that St. Dunstan's ought not lightly to embark upon a programme of taking into our organisation every ex-serviceman who goes blind from whatever cause. Our financial and other plans had been made upon the basis of our existing rules, and we should have to make fundamental changes in policy and finance if we were to open our doors more widely in the future.

ELIGIBILITY FOR ST. DUNSTAN'S

In the earlier days, before rules and regulations were settled, a few special cases of men came to St. Dunstan's who were not subsequently recognised by the Govern-

ment as being eligible for pensions on account of their blindness being neither attributable to nor aggravated by war service. But for many years it had been St. Dunstan's policy to confine its attention to men whose blindness was directly or indirectly due to the War.

There are two sides to this question. On the one hand it may be argued that all ex-soldiers who lose their sight from whatever cause should go to St. Dunstan's. On the other hand, the constitution of St. Dunstan's provides for, and was deliberately created with the object of giving assistance to men who were blinded in the War, and not to men who served in the War and went blind afterwards from civilian causes, and it would be extremely difficult, if not impossible, to alter our constitution. There were five million men under arms, and a considerable number of these in the course of the next twenty or thirty years must inevitably go blind from disease or accident or old age. It was a question whether St. Dunstan's would really be carrying out the wishes of its subscribers if it were to open its doors to these, and it was difficult to see what line could reasonably be drawn other than that upon which we were relying. Undoubtedly, to have agreed to take in all soldiers who might go blind from any cause—which would be the effect of the resolutions—would have added enormously to St. Dunstan's burden, and would probably have involved reduction of benefits to everyone. Better, we thought, to do the job we were set up to do and were now undertaking, on a proper scale, than to try to extend to a wider field, which, perhaps, we would not be able to cover as adequately.

Upon this argument, St. Dunstan's policy has been based for many years, and was based at the time when the resolutions mentioned above appeared on the order paper of the British Legion Conference.

RESOLUTIONS DEFEATED: ST. DUNSTAN'S OFFER

I decided the best course was to explain some of these difficulties to the delegates and offer that St. Dunstan's council would consider the whole matter with the National Executive Council of the Legion

if the resolutions were withdrawn. St. Dunstan's naturally thinks its case is a good one. It is based upon a good deal of experience and a good deal of thought. But we on our side would value the counsel and advice of the N.E.C., and I felt that they on their side would be better able to come to conclusions upon the matter after consultation with us. For this reason I thought the movers and seconders might be willing to withdraw, instead of binding the N.E.C. to take a certain view in advance about the matter.

Accordingly, I spoke on the resolutions at the invitation of the Chairman, pointed out the difficulties and offered to consult the N.E.C. if the resolutions were withdrawn. The meeting seemed to support this suggestion by giving my remarks a good reception, but the movers and seconders would not withdraw. The matter then went to a vote and the resolutions were defeated by an overwhelming majority. The defeat was partly brought about by the offer that the council of St. Dunstan's would consult with the N.E.C., which the meeting thought reasonable, and we therefore remain under obligation to do this. For the reasons I have given we welcome such consultation, when we shall be able to put forward our view and hear the view of the N.E.C.

Great good-will was shown by members of the Legion towards St. Dunstan's, and I am satisfied that our association with them over Poppy Day will be fruitful of good as long as we continue to consult with each other about policy and to be frank when we disagree.

CANADA AND THE STATES

I have just returned from a most interesting trip to Canada and the United States.

Captain Edwin Baker, the St. Dunstan ex-officer who is in charge of work for the blind in Canada, which includes the care of blinded soldiers in that Dominion, had invited me to go to Canada and I should probably have made that trip this year or next in any event. It happened however that Mr. Hoover, President of the United States, summoned a World Conference on the Welfare of the Blind to take place in New York during April of

this year, and that I was chosen to be one of the British delegates. Accordingly, I fitted in my visit to Canada to follow the Conference in New York.

THE CONFERENCE

The World Conference, which took place in New York, was attended by delegates from between thirty and forty different nations. The discussions lasted for five days, and were followed by a tour of some of the principal cities in the Eastern States, where we met the people who conduct work for the blind, and visited numerous schools and institutions. We then returned to New York for two days to wind up the Conference, and consider what we had seen.

Papers were read by various delegates upon such subjects as the Education and Training of the Blind; After-Care and Home Workers' Schemes; Pensions; Workshops and Industries for the Blind; Prevention of Blindness, &c. I myself was invited to contribute a paper upon the subject of the relations between the State and the Blind. This was a very long paper, five or six thousand words in all, and would fill half the REVIEW, but I will ask the editor next month to publish some extracts from it which I think may be of general interest.

The first beneficial result of the Conference—and this is common to all such gatherings—is that we have come into personal contact with leaders of work for the blind throughout the world. From time to time we in England find it necessary to communicate with workers for the blind in other countries, and I have during the last ten years been in touch with many of these people by correspondence, but it is a very great advantage to know them personally, so that when one writes in future one knows the character and ability and outlook of the person who is being addressed. There are some outstanding personalities in the blind world, including blind men of distinction, culture and ability, more particularly in the United States, Germany and France.

The second important thing we gained from the Conference was a knowledge of the work that is being conducted in various parts of the world. A background of general knowledge of this kind is of the utmost value to one who is daily meeting

the problems which present themselves in Great Britain. The organisation of appeals for funds, methods of propaganda, the relations between voluntary agencies and the Governments concerned: these are all matters of great importance upon which knowledge of the methods in other countries is of practical value.

On the professional and industrial side, or in connection with After-Care, there was little that we were able to learn directly, for in no other country have schemes for the blind in their own homes developed to the same extent as in Great Britain. There is nothing in the world comparable to our St. Dunstan's system, with its two thousand men and its organised plan of technical and social welfare. Nevertheless, we learned something about employment at home in professional, industrial and commercial directions which may be a guide to us.

Generally speaking in the United States it may be said that education for blind children is as good as anywhere in the world. One or two institutions we visited are better equipped than any in this country, but they have not yet developed methods for employing blind people after they have been educated, either in workshops or in their homes to the same universal extent as here in Great Britain.

AMERICAN BLINDED SOLDIERS.

As to American blinded soldiers—there was only a relatively small number of them; estimates I received varying from between one hundred and fifty to three or four hundred. It is difficult to compare these figures with our two thousand at present living, or roughly two thousand five hundred who have passed through St. Dunstan's, because one does not know exactly what are their rules for defining the men whom they include in the term blinded soldier, and to satisfy oneself upon this point would require a great deal of research into their Ministry of Pensions' records and regulations. American blinded soldiers were trained and re-educated at a place called Evergreen, Baltimore, which was founded after some important American officials had visited St. Dunstan's and the training there was to some extent based upon the St. Dunstan's methods. But owing possibly to the very large extent of the country and to the limited number

of men, no permanent system of After-Care was set up, and so far as I could gather there is now no organisation keeping in touch with American blinded soldiers, or rendering them the services which St. Dunstan's renders here.

BRAILLE

Braille was a subject to which some of us devoted a good deal of thought and time in private committees and talks outside the main Conference. The system at present in use in the United States is very like our Braille, and I found I could read and enjoy some of their magazines and books which I took on my long railway journeys without any difficulty. They do not use so many contractions as we do, and they use the capital sign every time a capital would appear in ink-print, as at the beginning of each sentence. Otherwise the systems are the same in principle and differ only in detail. It seemed to a considerable number of the blind people on both sides that these two systems ought to be unified into one system for the English-speaking world. It would not require much alteration and the result of the uniformity would be that the books of each country would be available for reading in the other. Braille costs so much to produce and there is such a limited supply of literature available by comparison with sighted literature that this step ought, if possible, to be taken. From the British point of view we should more than double the number of books and magazines which would become available for us to read, provided that an interchange between libraries in America and England was to take place. There is a Uniform Type Commission in this country, which was set up to go into this matter, and which has considered it from time to time. We shall get in touch with this body in due course, and tell them what we learned unofficially in the United States.

An interesting feature of this problem which has not been stressed in the past is the way in which it affects our Dominions. Canada, Australia and New Zealand are all extremely anxious that a uniform system should be adopted, for while they do not want to import American books in preference to British, they are certainly attracted by the possibility of being able to read both with equal fluency.

AN INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

One of the most important actions of the Conference was to set up an International Committee which will meet in Paris and will control an information bureau through which up-to-date statistics and information about the care of the blind in various countries will be readily available, and will be circulated from time to time.

In its limited sphere, the Conference did something to promote good international feeling and understanding—as do all successfully conducted Conferences of this kind.

Without doubt the Conference was a great success and reflects the greatest possible credit upon its conveners and organisers. All Foreign delegates expressed themselves as being full of admiration for the way in which the Americans organised and conducted the business of the Conference and of gratitude for the hospitality and kindness which was shown them. I think the British in particular will carry away from the U.S. the most pleasant recollections of an extremely successful gathering and the highest regard for the leaders of work for the blind in the United States.

CANADA

Some twelve years ago Sir Arthur went to Canada and opened Pearson Hall, the headquarters of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind. This organisation had been founded by Captain Baker and Mr. A. G. Viets, blinded soldiers who went back to Canada after training at St. Dunstan's, supported and aided by Mr. L. M. Wood, an important Canadian financier, who became President of the new organisation. The C.N.I.B. started a service of After-Care for returned blinded soldiers, and gave training to a small number of Canadian blinded soldiers who did not come to St. Dunstan's. This aspect of the C.N.I.B. is the thing that primarily interests us, for it is the St. Dunstan's of Canada, and all the blinded soldiers of that Dominion are in touch with it in the same way as St. Dunstaners here are in touch with us. But Canada is a vast continent and the blinded soldiers are very widely scattered so that it was impossible to maintain for them an organisation comparable with ours with our larger number and smaller area. The founders of the C.N.I.B. realised that if they could cover the country with an or-

ganisation for the blind generally, they could look after the blinded soldiers all the better. This then became the function of the C.N.I.B., and it has made rapid strides until it now has branches and agents in most of the important centres throughout the Dominion. The whole level of blind welfare in Canada has been raised; the subject of caring for the blind has been presented to the public there in a way never before attempted. This progress is due to the example and work of the founders of the organisation in Toronto, notable amongst whom are Captain Baker and Mr. Viets, and as they are old St. Dunstaners and were inspired by what they learnt here, the whole of St. Dunstan's can take legitimate pride in this Dominion work.

While in North America I met Mr. Clutha Mackenzie, another old St. Dunstaner, who is director of work for the blind in New Zealand. His history since he left St. Dunstan's is similar to that of Captain Baker, and he, too, is to be congratulated upon having taken the message of St. Dunstan's to New Zealand and made extremely good progress in raising the level of the blind there.

I was one of the British delegates, Captain Baker one of the Canadian delegates, and Mr. Mackenzie represented New Zealand at the World Conference in New York, so that St. Dunstan's was well to the front. No other country had three blinded soldiers; as a matter of fact the only other delegations which included the blinded soldier at all were those from Italy and Poland.

But to return to Canada. At Toronto the authorities of Pearson Hall gave Mrs. Fraser and me a reception at which we were able to meet about thirty Canadian blinded soldiers. There were no less than seven V.A.D.'s now working at Pearson Hall who used to be at St. Dunstan's in London, and incidentally we met other ex-service V.A.D.'s in the United States who were taking an interest in work for the blind. This shows in yet another way how the work of St. Dunstan's has spread and persists in its good influence long after association with Regent's Park is ended.

The organisation is similar to ours, and the Canadians follow much the same occupations as those in vogue over here.

Some of the handicrafts followed in Canada, however, could not be done here, and the reverse is also true, because the raw materials that are available and the demand from the public differ in the two countries.

There was a splendid spirit at Pearson Hall, rather like that which pervades a St. Dunstan's After-Care Reunion, and it was a very great pleasure to meet many friends to whom we had not spoken since quite the early days of St. Dunstan's and to find them so successful and happy.

Our Canadian comrades asked me to express to St. Dunstaners in Great Britain their thanks for the greetings I took them, and their very best wishes to all their old friends at St. Dunstan's.

INCIDENTS ON THE TOUR: WREATHS LAID IN CANADA AND U.S.

Mrs. Fraser and I attended a number of official and social engagements, sometimes with the rest of the members of the Conference and sometimes on our own by invitation. The delegates as a whole were received by President Hoover, which was an honour we greatly appreciated. In every town we visited we were met by the Mayor and important citizens, who gave us receptions, and were extremely hospitable. At Washington, Mr. Mackenzie and I—Captain Baker had had to return to Canada for a few days—laid a wreath upon the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior in the Military Cemetery at Arlington. On a card affixed to the wreath were the following words: "To the Glory of God and in Memory of an Unknown Comrade in Arms this wreath is laid on behalf of the Brotherhood of St. Dunstan's which is composed of all the Officers and Men of the British Imperial Dominion and Colonial Forces who were blinded in the Great War."

In Canada we had the honour of being received by the Governor-General at Ottawa, the capital of the dominion, and by the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, at Toronto. The latter gave a reception for us, at which about a hundred of the leading citizens of Toronto were present. While in Ottawa I laid a wreath in the sanctuary at the Peace Tower, which is the Canadian National Memorial, and while in the capital I had the pleasure of interviews with the Prime Minister, Mr. Bennett, the Minister of Pensions, and a number of members of

the Canadian Parliament. Here and elsewhere Captain Baker and officials of the Canadian Legion and of the Veterans looked after us and entertained us.

These are a few of the more important engagements which we kept. Throughout the tour, in both the States and Canada, we had a very busy time, attending official or unofficial meetings, speaking, interviewing and so on. The result was that we were very tired indeed at the end of the trip, and were glad to get on the ship for the return voyage, and have a few days to ourselves to recover.

On my return I am glad to say that I find affairs in good order at St. Dunstan's, and much work awaiting me, but if I have time next month I may write some notes upon some of the people and things we met and saw on our trip.

St. Dunstan's and Toc H.

Among the Lamps of Maintenance lit by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales on 6th June at the Crystal Palace on the occasion of the Toc H Festival was the St. Dunstan's Lamp in memory of Sir Arthur Pearson, Bart, G.B.E., 9-12-21. This lamp was presented to the Finchley Branch of Toc H upon it being raised to the status of a branch on the 5th November, 1930, by Lady (Arthur) Pearson and Sir Neville Pearson. Several St. Dunstaners and staff who are members of Toc H were present at the ceremony. It is a matter of interest to know that the energetic secretary of the Finchley branch is our friend, W. Heushaw, of North Finchley.

Readers of the REVIEW will remember B. Ingrey's splendid achievement in finishing seventh in the 25-mile Maidenhead walk, although he had never before competed in any walking race. The following appreciation of his performance appeared in the issue of the *Letchworth Citizen* for 8th May:

Mr. Bruce Ingrey, the blind craftsman, of 12 Broughton Hill, Letchworth, entered for the blind men's twenty-five miles walking race on Saturday and was seventh in a very large field. Mr. Ingrey has met with success at rowing and running, but this is the first time that he has entered competitive walking. Mr. Ingrey was awarded a handsome medal for his very creditable performance.

After-Care Reunions

CANTERBURY

The Annual Reunion of After-Care Men and their wives residing in Kent was held in the County Hall, Canterbury, on the 15th April. There was a very good gathering. There were present Mr. T. E. Swain, After-Care Dept., and Technical Instructors W. Osborne, T. Panton, and H. Durrant. Visitors were:—Miss Lloyd, Miss Davis, Miss Bamberger, and from Brighton, Mrs. Broughton and Miss Morris. There were also present our old friends Mr. Huskinson, better known as Mr. H., and Billie Anderson. Miss Rayson our social visitor was as busy as ever looking after our welfare.

After everyone had done justice to a substantial meal, Mr. Swain after welcoming our visitors and paying tribute to Miss Rayson, said how sorry he was Capt. Fraser was not with us he being away in America. He then made a very stimulating speech in which he paid tribute to the men of St. Dunstan's and their wives, mentioning that men were proud of having the Mons Star and how proud they all were when they got their first wound stripe, these two things helped them to overcome their blindness, and made their children proud of them.

J. Sheehy of Dover in proposing a vote of thanks said that he was certain he was expressing the feelings of everyone present that they were all very grateful to the public for their continued support, also for the latitude given to them by the Council of St. Dunstan's in holding Annual Reunions. He said they all welcomed our visitors, and in referring to the Mons Star and wound stripe said that no life was perfect without sacrifice. As regards our wives, he defied contradiction but they were the outstanding figures of St. Dunstan's, everyone of them heroines, and he said they must have been inspired by Miss Florence Nightingale. He went on to say that Capt. Fraser was the outstanding blind man of this country.

The vote of thanks was very ably seconded by H. Selby. Sheehy then paid a tribute to the staff of St. Dunstan's and

said that as a whole it could not be surpassed in this country, and he held as an example the newly married manager of their After-Care Dept. whom they all heartily congratulated on his recent marriage, and as a mark of everyone's appreciation Mrs. Sheehy then presented Mr. Swain with a silver sugar bowl which she said would remind him of the esteem in which all held him.

There was music and dancing until 5.30 p.m., during which time the winners of the competitions were announced as follows:—

*Match guessing competition.—Men.—*First, C. A. Stevens; second, J. S. Bailey.

*Ladies.—*First, Mrs. Cork; second, Mrs. West.

*Cake weight competition.—Men.—*First, G. Southern; second, A. F. Groves, after tying with G. Moore and F. W. Wenborn. Prizes in this competition were kindly given by Mrs. Broughton.

*Ladies.—*First, Mrs. Cork. Having won the other prize Mrs. Cork kindly gave it to Mrs. Selby and Mrs. Wenlock, who shared the cake given by Miss Rayson.

Six p.m. came all too soon and with the singing of the National Anthem ended another very much appreciated Canterbury Reunion.

PORTSMOUTH

The Portsmouth Reunion took place this year on Wednesday, April 22nd, at our usual meeting place, the Assembly Rooms, Clarence Pier, but, owing to the increasing popularity of this meeting, a much larger room was necessary, and this was provided by the proprietor, and tastefully laid out for tea.

From two o'clock the guests began to arrive, and by about three o'clock there was a goodly company of the boys with their escorts all chatting and renewing old acquaintances. Meanwhile, W. Lowings of Eastleigh, who was present with his jazz-band, rendered dance music which was much appreciated. Mr. Swain having welcomed us and read a list of those present, we sat down to an excellent tea to which everyone did justice.

Mr. Swain then addressed the boys, and urged us all to make an effort to counteract the effects of the many misleading articles and books which had been written lately,

depicting the Officer and Soldier as anything but what they really were, and pointed out the bad effect that all this had, when it was necessary to appeal to the public. He went on to advise us to join in the social life of the place we lived in, and to mix with our fellow townsmen, and show them who and what we are, and in that way help to maintain the spirit of St. Dunstan's.

In moving a vote of thanks to Mr. Swain, F. Cooper of Fareham sprung a surprise on him by asking him to accept on behalf of the boys in the Portsmouth area a handsome silver salver, which had been subscribed for by everyone in appreciation of his ever ready sympathy and kindness to us all.

This was seconded by W. Lowings of Eastleigh who pointed out that last year Mr. Swain complained of a broken rib, but he could no longer complain of this, as, like Adam, he had exchanged it for a wife. He said he felt sure that those present would join with him in wishing both Mr. and Mrs. Swain all the happiness they deserved, and hoped that at some future meeting they might have the pleasure of welcoming Mrs. Swain. Both speakers were received with applause, and this little ceremony left the recipient completely overcome. Still, he did manage to thank them very earnestly and assured them of his desire to do all that was in his power for any and all of them.

Dancing was then enjoyed by some, while the usual interviews took place. Meanwhile guessing competitions were being arranged which resulted as follows:—

*Match guessing competition.—Men.—*First, A. Knotwell, second; A. Chiverton.

*Ladies.—*First, Mrs. Levett; second, Mrs. Agate.

Cake guessing competition.—Mrs. P. Brown.

The prizes having been presented, and a hearty vote of thanks expressed to all the helpers, not forgetting our After-Care Visitor, Miss A. K. Rayson, the singing of "God save the King" brought yet another happy Portsmouth Meeting to a close.

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Owing to lack of space other After-Care Reunion reports have unavoidably been held over.

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