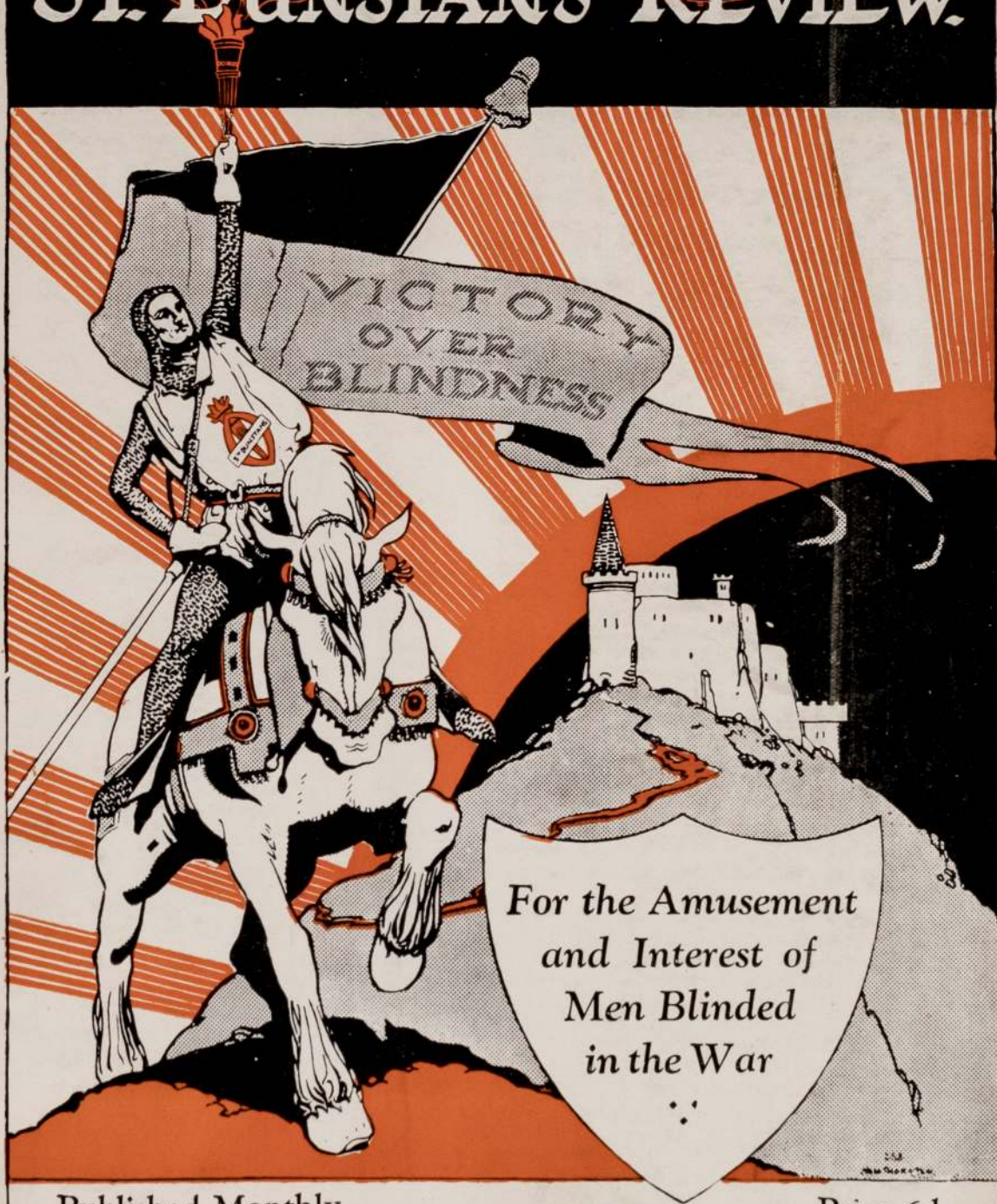


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EDITORIAL NOTES

The Right Spirit

WHEN reading through the "Review" this month one is struck very forcibly by the note of cheerfulness which makes itself heard on almost every page. True, there are the usual sad instances of death, illness, and trouble which we must expect in any record of a family so numerous as ours. But apart from these cases, for which we all feel the deepest sympathy and regret, the general tenor of the "Review" is one of success and prosperity. The list of congratulations for work finely done and well rewarded is this month an exceptionally long one. In every branch of life our men have been making their mark, in their trades and professions, and also in that wide sphere which lies outside one's daily occupation. First we hear news of a man winning medals for his poultry, then of one passing a stiff elocution examination, then again of one gaining a prize in a disabled Ex-Servicemen's garden competition. In other pages, too, we find cheery messages of a St. Dunstaner giving instruction to craft classes, or learning the organ with good results, or working with his whole heart and soul for his local branch of the British Legion. Then, again, there is the fine spirit shown by a South African St. Dunstaner, who has surmounted many obstacles in the performance of work which is "of the utmost value to all students of culture."

Worth-while Citizens

News of this kind always arouses a feeling of pleasure, but at this time especially, when the whole nation is making up its mind to face difficulties with a stout heart, it is more than usually acceptable. It shows that the spirit of St. Dunstan's is still as strong as ever—the spirit of courage, initiative, and pertinacity. The words of our Chairman, at a recent reunion, flash into one's mind. He was speaking of the importance of St. Dunstaners entering as fully as possible into the life of the community among whom they lived. He said that every time a blinded man did something exceptionally well, in his work and even more particularly outside it, the benefit was felt throughout the whole of the blind world. No man can live entirely to himself, the blinded man perhaps less than anybody. Such records as we receive month after month for inclusion in the "Review" are the very best way of showing ourselves and both the blind and the sighted world that St. Dunstaners are not only useful citizens but tremendously worth-while and successful ones.



NEWS OF ST. DUNSTANERS

THE dismal summer has failed to dampen the spirits of our holiday-making St. Dunstaners, judging from the reports we have received. M. Burran, of Duke Street, W., and his family thoroughly enjoyed their novel holiday—they hired a converted pantechicon near Uckfield and had a splendid time caravanning.

Everyone will sympathise with E. J. Burgess, of Hambrook, Bristol, on the stroke of bad luck which has befallen him. His shop has been destroyed by fire and apart from the loss of all his stock, Burgess is very grieved at the fact that his War medals—apart from the Victory medal, which has been recovered—have been lost in the fire.

J. D. Higgins, of Kennington, feels the benefit of his stay at the Brighton Annexe and still keeps up his weight gained there. Working steadily at mats, he has just made a coloured one for the door of his new diggings. His crystal set is excellent, thanks to Mr. Starkey, his landlord, and Mr. Day of Headquarters.

We are glad to hear from A. Altoft, of East Garforth, Leeds, that he likes his new house very much. He has made his garden look very beautiful, and has also taken up a little poultry-keeping; as a result his health is greatly improved.

T. Pannifer, of Weaste, Manchester, and his family have been busy re-decorating their house. Pannifer is a cricket enthusiast and spends as much time as he can on the County Ground at Old Trafford.

T. W. North, of Walsall, is very well and busy netting. He is a splendid man for odd jobs about the house or garden, and is very interested in his work on the local British Legion Committee.

We learn that A. Chilton, of Leighton Buzzard, and his wife have at last got their

little girl Dorothy home from the Orthopaedic Hospital, Oxford. She has been away for four years and they are naturally delighted to have her with them again.

W. Thorpe, of Chelmsford, sends us a very interesting extract from his local newspaper. The report says: "Mr. W. Thorpe, of 118 London Road, let loose on 21st March a toy balloon with his name and address on a label. The balloon was picked up at Fraserburgh, North Scotland, 372 miles away, and has been returned to Mr. Thorpe."

An ex-servicemen's exhibition at Himley, where he exhibited and sold some of his baskets, has been keeping G. T. Shaw, of Walsall, busy of late.

"Lady," the Airedale belonging to R. J. Williams, of Southwick, has just won three prizes at a recent Show, making seven prizes she has won in a year. On the present occasion she secured first prize in the event for the best behaved dog (for the second year in succession), second prize in the thoroughbreds class, and third prize in a fancy dress event.

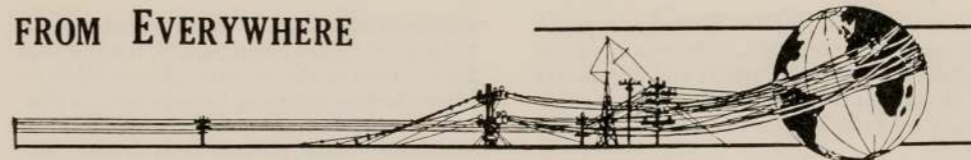
By the way, C. Glasspool, of Brixton, won an unusual competition in Clapham recently. He successfully guessed the breed of a dog when it barked! The prize was a free pass to the cinema for a year. Glasspool's son has done very well at school and is hoping to pass into the Merchant Service.

"Well and busy" is the cheering news of J. H. Smith, of Bolsover, and H. Smith, of Chesterfield.

W. Davies, of Blockley, and his old friend, W. T. Harris, of Grantham, had a wonderful time together at Brighton we hear.

H. Bayer, of Burnt Oak, has been busy giving a coating of coal tar to the outside of his workshop, as the wood has warped in some places.

FROM EVERYWHERE



We learn from C. F. Butler, of Bellingham, that his son in the Royal Air Force has been promoted to the rank of full Corporal.

The son of W. Manning, of Tooting, has now enlisted in the Army—in the R.A.M.C.

B. Ingrey, of Letchworth, who last winter gave instruction in basket making to several craft classes (a photograph and a descriptive article appeared in the *Letchworth Citizen* some time ago) is hoping to be fortunate enough to secure them during the coming winter.

J. R. Brown, of Nuneaton, is well and cheerful, and is working up a good connection with his stall in the Market.

The family of G. J. Smith, of Leicester, with the exception of his eldest daughter, were unfortunate some time ago in contracting mumps, but happily they are quite well and flourishing now. Smith has just taken over two allotments and by sheer hard work, he and his wife already have many things planted including a fine lot of potatoes.

J. Barley, of Scunthorpe, is fit and well, and as busy as ever with his mats.

Both B. Jarvill, of Thorne, and his wife are in very good health and, in spite of the general trade depression, are finding business quite good. They are very well known in the district having lived there for twenty years.

A. Pink, of Cowplain, has made himself two sectional poultry houses and a meal house which he tells us have cost him just half of what he would have had to pay had he bought them ready made.

At a recent Garden Show, A. J. Jones, of Faversham, had a stall with a splendid display of St. Dunstan's goods, and we also hear that J. Attrell, of Polegate, did well

showing and selling our goods at a garden fête.

F. E. Parker, of Fareham, is finding a great interest in the organ. He has already had some lessons and hopes to have more later on; in the meantime, he is practising hard, with good results.

It was very hard luck for S. Barlow, of Grimston, that at the last moment he was prevented from joining the holiday Camp owing to all his children contracting a particularly virulent form of chicken-pox. We hope that by now they have all recovered; Barlow and his wife must have had a terribly worrying time.

The daughter of J. W. Broadbent, of Rosyth, was married on 8th August; Broadbent's eldest son is with the H.L.I. band in Malta, and his second boy is training to be a butler.

W. Strachan, of Motherwell, and A. Isaac, of Glasgow, are cheery and fit. Very cheerful too is J. Owens, of Ayr, who thoroughly appreciates the wireless—he gets very good reception on his set.

And now from Scotland to Ireland:—

R. Bell, and J. Goodison, of Sandy-mount, are in good form and as cheery as ever, while E. P. Horan, of the same district, is working away hard. Horan is very proud of his little son who really is a bonny child.

P. McCarthy, of Boyle, was the victim of a very mean theft shortly after his recent move, most of his cabbages and potatoes being stolen from him. McCarthy, by the way, is a keen gramophone enthusiast. He says he would not be without his machine and that it is "the best of company."

A. Gribben, of Belfast, is very fit and was one of the moving spirits at the Creagh Show, acting as auctioneer at the sale of the exhibits. S. Holmes, of Belfast,

was unable to attend the Show but some of his goods were sold. Holmes has a wonderful display of flowers and vegetables in his garden this year, which reflects great credit on him for the work he has put in on it.

W. H. Reid, of Belfast, gave an exhibition of rug-making at the same Show.

We are very sorry indeed to learn that the little daughter of A. Herriot, of Ros-trevor, has had a severe attack of scarlet fever. Unfortunately, the local hospital was full to overflowing and the child therefore had to be nursed at home.

H. Hayes, of Ballincollig, is in great form, and the same cheerful, if brief, news applies also to P. O'Callaghan, of Clonakilty, and J. Murray, of Kilkenny.

Young St. Dunstaners

THE sons and daughters of St. Dunstaners must have been outshining all comers lately to judge from the splendid reports of their successes which have been reaching us.

S. Bull, of Spilsby, writes that his little girl, Betty, aged eleven years, has won a scholarship and will now be able to attend the Spilsby Grammar School for four years, commencing in October next.

Joan, the little daughter of W. Chambers, of Manchester, has won the School Medal for Swedish Drill and has also been chosen for Dr. Carol's choir.

H. J. Kidger, of Bridgnorth, Salop, tells us that his eldest girl, Mary, has passed a scholarship and won a free place in the Bridgnorth Grammar School until she is sixteen, which is in five years.

A. Knight, of Heathfield, writes: "I don't know whether I told you before or not, but on the occasion of the visit of the Prince of Wales to Eastbourne, two boys were selected from the Technical School there to meet him representing, I suppose, the School Population, and my son Talbot was one of them." With his letter, Knight enclosed an account from the local magazine of his son's cricket achieve-

ment—the taking of five wickets for eight runs in the first innings, and ten wickets for six runs in the second. In addition to his cricketing prowess, Talbot—who is now just over fourteen years old—is a keen footballer, and played throughout last season as outside left for Heathfield United Football Club in the East Sussex County League, a team, by the way, of men, not juniors—and Talbot was only thirteen then!

Joan, the daughter of W. Lowings, of Eastleigh, has been successful in passing the London Matriculation Examination, while the son of W. J. Markwick, of Moulescoomb, near Brighton, has passed his General Schools Examination and has matriculated with distinction in mathematics.

The eldest daughter of A. Palfrey, of Cadoxton, has just won a scholarship for the County School for four years. This little girl has worked very hard for the scholarship, and was one of the fifty successful scholars out of a picked crowd of five hundred contestants.

Robert, the son of A. Thompson, of Sprotborough, near Doncaster, has gained a scholarship in the County Minor examination which will entitle him to attend the Doncaster Grammar School for four years.

T. Till, of Lancaster, tells us that his daughter, Dorothy, has now been awarded the Honours Medal of the Institute of Commerce, Birmingham.

The two sons of C. Sheppard, of Warminster, have now received their certificates for butter and cheese making under the Wilts County Council at classes they attended last summer. Both were the youngest by a long way in the class and one obtained 85 per cent marks, and the other (the younger) 84 per cent.

T. Shepherd, of Leighton Buzzard, also has reason to be proud of his two sons. The eldest boy has recently made a wireless cabinet—a fine piece of work, while the younger boy is a keen angler and has won a silver medal in a Junior Boys' Fishing Competition.

St. Dunstaner's Fine Achievement

VERY great interest will be taken by all St. Dunstaners in the work undertaken and successfully carried out by H. Stayt, a South African St. Dunstaner, who for three successive seasons has been travelling in the Northern Transvaal and Southern Rhodesia, living among the Bavenda tribes. With a small car, a tent, and a gun, and taking an interpreter with them, he and his wife travelled about among these South African people, camping beside their villages, and visiting all the important chiefs in their own kraals. The result is a Monograph which is the first worth-while book to be written on any of the South African tribes during all the years in which the white and the black races have been in contact in South Africa.

The introduction says: "The Monograph which Mr. Stayt has written is one of the first-fruits of the new type of research that is being carried on among Africans. Mr. Stayt is himself South African born; he grew up among the people to whom he was later to return as a student of their culture. Blinded in the Great War, he decided to devote himself to the study of anthropology. The result of his labours are of the utmost value to all students of culture. Mr. Stayt has spared himself no pains to gather all the information that was available. In spite of his blindness, he has climbed rugged mountains, pushed into remote valleys, climbed almost inaccessible crannies in his search for the right informant to fill in a gap in his information."

This is a splendid achievement, on which we offer our sincere congratulations.

On Monday, 27th July, Sir Roger Keyes, the famous admiral who commanded the Dover Patrol during the War, visited Dover to present prizes to the O.T.C. at the Dover College. On his arrival at the Dover Priory Station he inspected a guard of honour consisting of members of the Dover Branch, British Legion, amongst whom were our St. Dunstaners, A. Matthews and J. Sheehy. Sir Roger shook hands and had a chat with both men. Matthews incidentally served under Sir Roger during the War.

Congratulations

To E. H. Carpenter, of King's Langley, on his success at the King's Langley Horticultural Show. He entered five birds and took four prizes, including a Silver Medal for the best bird in the Show, a Rhode Island Red pullet. This is the third time in succession that he has taken the Silver Medal at this Show. In the Floral Section Mrs. Carpenter was also successful, taking thirteen prizes with sixteen exhibits, and a special prize of a pair of fur-lined gloves for the most meritorious exhibit. In other Shows recently, Mrs. Carpenter has secured with six table decoration entries five first prizes and one third, including a silver cup.

To J. Hughes, of Streatham, who has passed his Silver Medal Examination for Elocution at the Incorporated London Academy of Music.

To E. Sheppard, of Bellingham, who has won second prize in the Disabled Ex-Servicemen's Garden Competition organised by the Lewisham Gardens Guild between four districts. Sheppard has reason to be proud of his success, for he has only been in his present house for not quite two years and when he took it over the garden was in a very bad state, and he had to put in a great deal of hard work before he could start planting.

To Miss Blodyn Brook Simon, of Ruthin, N. Wales, who has secured two prizes at the Royal National Eisteddfod—a first for hand-knitting, and a first for machine-knitting. The local newspaper said: "It is gratifying to note that two first prizes in the art section of the National Eisteddfod of Wales, held this year at Bangor, came to Ruthin. The winner was Miss Blodyn Simon, of Clwyd Street, whose achievement in winning first prizes for men's socks in Welsh yarn and for men's sports stockings is all the more creditable because she is totally blind, having lost her eyesight in a munition factory during the war."

To R. J. Williams, of Southwick, on his success at the Southwick Show. He won the Diploma for the third year in succession for his mats, and also second prizes for marrows and apples.

White Sticks for the Blind

HERE is the remainder of the many letters we have received on the subject of "White Sticks." As announced in the Editorial of the July number, a summing up of the situation will appear next month.

This letter comes from J. Kirkham, of Bishop's Waltham:

"Just a word about white sticks, badges, white gloves, red flags, etc.

"While I appreciate the kind thoughts of the 'Safety First' Association, I do not agree to any of the above signs, as we should be more conspicuous than we are at present, and I firmly believe that the dark glasses, which have been worn for many years, are quite sufficient. As has already been stated in the 'Review,' we cannot expect motorists to keep looking out for these signs. I have been blind for fourteen years, and have found the dark glasses enough. When I travel alone I always wear them and have always found the general public willing to help. If I go out with my wife or any friends, I keep them in my pocket and in that case I have to put up with a bump or two because the public cannot tell. I think that the public deserve many thanks from us for their help and support of St. Dunstan's as a whole. I have travelled many times by train, tram, motor-coach and bus by myself and I have always had ready help, so my suggestion is—keep to the glasses and St. Dunstan's badge; one will get all the help and attention necessary."

W. Dimond, of Radnage, says:

"I am writing with reference to the expression of opinions by fellow St. Dunstaners arising out of a letter received by St. Dunstan's from the National 'Safety First' Council referring to better safeguards for blind persons in view of the increasing traffic problem. As many of my St. Dunstan's comrades think so do I—that blind persons are noticed quite enough now, a thing which we wish to avoid as much as possible if we are to live up to the great standard of our beloved chief, the late Sir Arthur Pearson. We have always had plenty of assistance from the police and passers-by in the past and I feel sure that we always shall in the future."

H. C. Ollington, of Earlsfield, S.W.18, has a suggestion to make:

"I, for one, do not think you can beat the good old-fashioned dog guides, for as they have already proved a great success with other blind communities, why not with St. Dunstaners? I am sure that we all like to be independent, but at the present time with so many reckless drivers on the road, I am convinced that white sticks, etc., are of no use."

The next (rather sarcastic) letter comes from A. J. Radford, of Castle Cary, Somerset:

"Truly, as your correspondent remarks, we must wage ceaseless war on 'abnormalities.' Being warriors, it is not becoming that we should carry a white stick, white being a sign of weakness. Let us forget that the 'Contemptible Old Army' carried white gloves, presumably for use in dire necessity. Let us laugh to scorn the white gloves of that 'cop' who stoops to stir the traffic jam, and, if we do carry a stick, let it be a sign of the nobility of our calling. Motorists do not want to knock a man down they didn't see, so as they can easily see the white facings of the A.A. man, or the white gloves of the policeman, when we want to cross the road, let us raise our white stick, and 'hey presto,' we are, as M.P.'s, able to saunter across the road at leisure."

Another sarcastic note from F. G. Braithwaite, of Guildford:

"I should suggest that all non-sighted people be dressed in white suits, white boots, white bowler hats, and carry a very large megaphone."

G. Fallowfield, of Leytonstone, favours some code, but thinks a stick might be rather a nuisance:

"Whilst out with T.B. men at Brighton, we have proved that a T.B. man could get about better than I can, as although I have some sight, I am totally deaf. My opinion, therefore, regarding the question put to us by the National 'Safety First' Association might not suit all.

"I think that all blind and S.S. people ought to have a recognised code so that if it became necessary they could hold up or warn traffic while they crossed a road.

"Although owing to the fact that my companions have to use their hands, and in most cases one of mine to carry on a conversation, I become 'attractive' when in public vehicles, etc., and have to ignore it, I think a white walking stick would be rather in the way, something we didn't want when not in use. I think something that we could carry in our pocket and just stick on each arm with a pin just below the shoulder would be best. But it is very important that a motorist should be able to see whatever it was at a good distance."

F. Steward, of Poplar, writes:

"In reference to the dog-guide, white stick and red badge controversy, I have been blind twelve years and I, for one, am quite content with the way in which I have always carried on. I get out quite a lot and I have also had a dog for the past three years. I find, however, I can get along better without him. I live

in a main road, and I find no trouble whatever in crossing the road, for wherever I have been, I find people ever ready with a helping hand."

D. J. Thomas, of Cardiff City, speaks from his experience as a motor driver:

"As a motor driver for thirty years, before the War and during, I do know the difficulty the motor drivers have to-day, but I should like to know what drivers can notice a badge or white stick or red flag in the middle of crowds of people. From my own personal point of view—not pity's sake or sympathy, but as something to be proud of—I would have every blind person dressed in blue uniform, black braid and buttons. All civilian blind, whether N.I.B. or welfare, should wear their badges, and all ex-servicemen should wear St. Dunstan's badge. These uniforms should be issued by the State. I have spoken to hundreds of motorists in our city; they all acknowledge my idea."

W. Coleman, of Islington, comes out strongly in favour of white sticks:

"It seems to me that there could not be any better suggestion than the use of white sticks for all blind persons. We are at present at the mercy of everyone, besides running a very great risk of being injured or killed. I see there seem to be not many in favour of a real and great advantage, instead of the old same stick-in-the-mud way of depending on others. Some in their letters say that we should be noticed too much, or cause too much notice. I maintain that it would not be any more noticeable than white gloves, bigger badges, little red flags or any other suggestion. Now, in suggesting a white stick, I propose that it should be a neat, thin cane, curved at the top, and by no means a big, heavy scaffold pole like some men carry. Above all we should always wear our St. Dunstan's badge. I, personally, have found that to go out without the badge is to find one's self overlooked by the general public, especially when entering a bus or tram. Now, in speaking of these conveyances, I must raise my hat to the conductors and drivers, who are, almost without exception, more than courteous to we fellows. A white stick would be a Godsend to the men who live in London or other big towns. It would do away with all bumping and the well-known phrase, 'I'm so sorry' would disappear. People would see us coming at some distance and would make room for us instead of waiting until we bumped into them. When we get to the kerb we should remember that people cannot see our St. Dunstan's badge from the back. The white stick would save time, as naturally a stranger has to be very close in order to read our badge. I do really think that my suggestion should be given a trial, and that the Press should be made aware of the new system. The white stick would be a great advantage on country roads, as motorists could see at a great distance that they were nearing a blind man, and they would certainly go more slowly."

"In conclusion, do not let us condemn it till we have given it a trial. I am sure it will be a blessing in disguise. You will say that we have done all right up to now without a white stick, but there is always room for improvement."

L. Jackson, of Rock Ferry, on the other hand, is against the idea:

"Let me at once state that I am dead up against the idea, and for many reasons—the first and most important of these being that we are already marked men, all of whom are endeavouring to hide the fact, many with great success. The red badge, to my mind, is a wash-out, as I for one do not like to be dressed up with a plaster of badges. I wear one—St. Dunstan's—that I am proud of, and will not forgo it in favour of any other. No white stick for me, although that does not say that I do not like a stick. On the contrary, I am very fond of a walking stick. I always carried one when I had my sight and I still like to carry one."

E. Glew, of Victoria, Australia, writes:

"I have been interested in the subject of the white stick and red badge controversies which have appeared in various numbers, but as we are so far from the centre of things, I will suffice to say that I do not hold personally with any of these ideas as assistance to blind persons. As has been expressed by many other writers, there are a lesser aggregate of blind persons coming to grief in London or any other part of the world from accidents, than is the case of sighted persons.

One St. Dunstaner, who prefers to remain anonymous, sends his contribution to the controversy in verse:

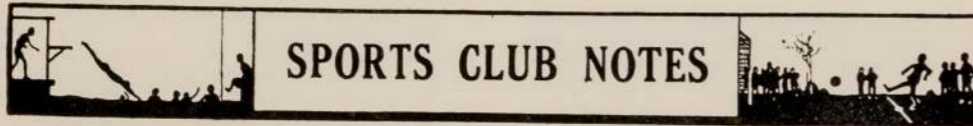
ALLEZ-VOUS-EN.

On Lovers' Strand

He stood and breathed a deep—ha, ha!
He laid a stick across his hand
And addressed it thus:—"Bah! Bah!"
He looked at it with sightless eye;
He flung it in a flower-bed;
He heaved a full relieving sigh,
And thus he said:—

"My staff, ye suffer the bidding
Of Fate. I say to thee—Good-bye,
And think ye fortunate at ridding
Thyself of such a gossoon as I.
Thy 'bright' support, though somewhat
meagre,
Hath much about it to commend;
Don't ask why I'm so pulsing eager
To cast so provident a friend.

"The man who calls no stick his master,
Nor bows his head to crooked rods;
Who leads a dog, and goes the faster,
And never murmurs at the odds:
Although his progress from its beginning
Marks only bump succeeding fall—
Let him fight on, and trust to winning
CONFIDENCE—the richest prize of all."



Sports Meeting

OCTOBER 6TH

The Sports Meeting will be held in the Lounge at Headquarters on Tuesday, 6th October, at 7 p.m., to discuss the Winter programme, and will be followed by a dance at 8 p.m. We hope that all our sportsmen will be present at the meeting.

Annual Regatta at Putney

The Regatta was again held at Putney on Wednesday, 15th July. The Members of the Vesta and Thames Rowing Clubs very kindly placed their Club rooms at our disposal for dressing and tea accommodation.

The day was not ideal, but the racing and sportsmanship was outstanding. The judges were Messrs. G. C. Drinkwater, O.U.B.C. and Leander, F. G. Long, Thames R.C., W. H. March, Vesta R.C., A. Cruikshank, Vesta R.C., C. E. Rose, S. Parsons, Commander C. E. Neate, R.N., E. Kessell, C.B.E., and they, with Captain Williams, had some very desperate close finishes to adjudicate upon.

Our old friend Charlie C. Gibson again acted as starter. He will be remembered by many old boys as our Rowing Coach and now acts in a similar capacity to the Westminster Schools.

There were three single sculling races for trainees and the winners of each sculled in a special race for Mr. Huskinson's cup. Rand from the Brighton Annexe won by half a length.

There were Open T.B. and S.S. single sculling events, a race for veterans, double sculls, pair oar, one-armed pairs.

In the open fours, in addition to two crews from London, one each from Birmingham and Manchester, an invitation was extended to the N.I.B. and Stone's Athletic (the latter being a sighted crew) to compete. There were two heats of three, with four boats in the final. After

a grand race, Stone's A.C. won by one length from the Manchester crews, with London (Robinson's) third.

THE INTER-CLUB CUP EVENTS

The cup which is perpetual for this event was generously given by Miss Grace Stacey, who will be remembered not only as Sports Sister, but also as a very good friend to St. Dunstaners. We were all sorry she was not well enough to be with us and wish her a speedy return to her normal health. Crews from Manchester, Birmingham and London took part in these events, which were pair oar and double sculls. In the pair oar, after a terrific struggle, Manchester beat London and Birmingham by three feet; in the double sculls, London beat Birmingham and Manchester by one length: London thus winning the cup with ten points, Manchester eight, and Birmingham six.

The coxswains for the races, enthusiastic as ever, in addition to Mrs. Fraser and our regular V.A.D. staff, were augmented by the ladies from Bedford College. They are always very popular with us, for not only do they assist at the Regatta, but they are ever ready to help in the early morning training on the lake at Regent's Park.

Captain Ian Fraser had a very busy afternoon congratulating and generally entertaining the boys and their friends on the river bank.

THE DINNER

We were rather late in arriving at the Connaught Rooms where Mr. Ernest Kessell, our Treasurer, had arranged a splendid dinner for the competitors and officials. Throughout the evening, an excellent orchestral and vocal entertainment was provided and arranged by Mr. Raymond De Courcy of British Broadcasting fame. Everyone agreed it was the jolliest regatta ever. Never before have the boys been in such spirits, and that is some assertion.

Captain Fraser, on rising to thank all helpers, said he had a surprise for everyone. He said it gave him great pleasure to announce that on his right he had a guest, Colonel Sir Kenyon Vaughan-Morgan, who had very generously defrayed the cost of the dinner. Bill Shakespeare from Birmingham, who had earlier on won the Veterans Race, returned thanks on behalf of all the boys in a very concisely worded speech. Colonel Sir Kenyon Vaughan-Morgan, in replying, laid stress on the value of sportsmanship in every walk of life, and after congratulating the competitors on their performances, said, if the dinner gave them as much satisfaction as it gave him to be amongst them, he was more than happy.

At the end, Sir Neville Pearson presented the prizes to the successful competitors, with a hearty handshake and a cheery word.

The details of every race and incidents space does not allow, but appended below are the complete results.

RESULTS

Single Sculls Trainees Race 1.—1, J. Yuill, cox, M. Dongray; 2, S. Tarlton, cox, M. Drury; 3, W. Lacey, cox, M. Harrison. One length.

Single Sculls Trainees Race 2.—1, T. Duncan, cox, M. Alexander; 2, A. Rees, cox, M. Young. One length.

Single Sculls Trainees Race 3.—1, N. Rand, cox, M. Harrison. Easily.

Single Sculls T.B.—1, S. Webster, cox, M. Alexander; 2, J. Greaves, cox, M. Hutchings; 3, B. Ingrey, cox, M. Dongray. One and a half lengths.

Single Sculls S.S.—1, P. Conlin, cox, M. Harrison; 2, T. Williams, cox, M. Young; 3, Mr. Ogg, cox, M. Balaam. One length.

Single Sculls Veterans.—1, W. Shakespeare, cox, M. Hodgson; 2, J. Mellor, cox, M. Balaam.

Single Sculls Trainees Special Race.—1, N. Rand, cox, M. Alexander. Half length.

Double Sculls.—1, J. McFarlane, S. Webster, cox, Mrs. Fraser; 2, B. Ingrey, G. Fallowfield, cox, M. Woolrych; 3, J. Treby, J. Clarke, cox, M. Pegg. Quarter length.

Pair Oar.—1, H. Prior, P. Nuyens, cox, M. Stein; 2, A. Craigie, J. Harrison, cox, M. Morris; 3, P. Cashmore, A. Alexander, cox, M. Hodgson. Two feet.

One Armed Pairs.—1, R. Young, T. Stratfull, cox, M. Nelson; 2, N. Downs, J. Meighan, cox, M. Woolrych. Half length.

Open Fours.—1, J. Hixson, R. Howlett, C. Allen, J. Pitman, cox, M. Pegg (Stone's Ath. Club); 2, A. Smith, W. Christian, A. Craigie, J. Harrison, cox, M. Nelson; 3, P. Nuyens, H. Prior, G. Taylor, W. Robinson, cox, M. Stein. One length.

INTER-CLUB CUP EVENTS

Pair Oar.—1, Manchester (W. Christian, J. Harrison, cox, M. Pegg); 2, London (G. Taylor, W. Robinson, cox, M. Stein); 3, Birmingham (R. Edwards, J. New, cox, M. Hodgson). Three feet.

Double Sculls.—1, London (H. Thompson, P. Conlin, cox, M. Woolrych); 2, Birmingham (J. Gimber, J. Dennick, cox, M. Nelson); Manchester (J. Yarwood, J. Worthington, cox, M. Eames). One length.

POINTS

London 10, Manchester 8, Birmingham 6.

Sports Points

END OF SUMMER TERM

W. Birchall, 55; H. McSteel, 39; F. Winter, 30; H. Thompson, P. Conlin, 29; B. Ingrey, 24; J. Meighan, 15; J. Deegan, 14; J. McFarlane, G. Fallowfield, 13; S. Webster, 10; H. Prior, 9; P. Martin, 8; H. Gover, P. Ashton, 7; T. Duncan, 6; Mr. Channing, T. Meredith, 5; G. Taylor, 4; S. Dyer, 2; N. Downs, 1.

Old "Reviews"

The Editor thanks all readers who have so kindly responded to the appeal in the July issue for old issues of the "Review." The only numbers now required are those from July, 1915, to May, 1916, and if any readers can spare these, the Editor will be grateful to receive them. Parcels should be addressed to the Editor, carriage forward.

Brighton Sports Club Notes

Cup Winners.—The Spurs (W. Lacey, P. W. Draper, W. Whithouse, F. Martin (Capt.)).

Runners-up.—The Wildey's (A. A. Green, J. Yuill, A. Smith, W. E. Freeman (Capt.)).

Highest goal scorer.—J. Yuill with 28 goals.

FINAL LEAGUE TABLE

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Spurs ...	24	13	5	6	93	70	32
Wildey's	24	11	10	3	87	84	25
Rochfort's	24	9	9	6	79	78	24
Morris ...	24	5	14	5	64	92	15

Very keen sport has been witnessed during the term although the table does not point to it, due to the teams being reduced in strength and the Spurs winning their last eight games: considering that during part of the term some of the teams have been represented by one man only they have all done remarkably well to carry it through so well.

The General Sports

finished up on Saturday, 15th August, with the following results:—

1st.	T. McGuire.	155.
2nd.	J. Yuill.	140.
3rd.	W. Lacey.	137.

We have had a very good term of sports, and as it was the first time the field sport events for the shield competition have been held down here it made things doubly interesting. The day was a great success, although it was inclined to rain. The band from Warren Farm School gave a very good selection of music during the afternoon. The results of the competition were as follows:—

LONDON

Cricket Ball. F. Winter. 65 yards.
Single Jump. J. Meighan. 8 ft. 4 ins.
Treble Jump. W. Birchall. 25 ft. 2 ins.
Putting Weight. J. McFarlane. 25 ft. 6 ins.

BRIGHTON

Cricket Ball. T. Dickinson. 52½ yds.
Single Jump. R. Wass. 8 ft. 4 ins.
Treble Jump. W. Lacey. 19 ft. 11 ins.
Putting Weight. A. A. Green. 25 ft. 8 ins.

MANCHESTER

Cricket Ball. J. Worthington. 52 yds.
Single Jump. W. Yarwood. 8 ft. 1 in.
Treble Jump. J. Greaves. 23 ft. 6 ins.
Putting Weight. R. Cook. 28ft. 1 in.

BIRMINGHAM

Cricket Ball. W. Wheeler. 47 yds.
Single Jump. P. Holmes. 7 ft.
Treble Jump. P. Holmes. 19 ft. 6 ins.
Putting Weight. J. Bowering. 28 ft. 7½ ins.

POINTS

London, 1st, 8½ pts.; Brighton, 2nd, 6½ pts.; Manchester, 3rd, 6 pts.; Birmingham, 4th, 3 pts.

Brighton Notes

The men of St. Dunstan's have no better friends than the members of the grocery trade and it was to the Brighton, Hove and District Grocers' Association that the Brighton "boys" were indebted for a splendid outing which took place on 12th August, when a party of 150, comprising St. Dunstaners, members of the staff, and friends, were taken to the Abbotsford Garden and Aviaries at Burgess Hill. The excursion was favoured with lovely weather and the outing was a great success. A special feature was the participation in the proceedings of 30 members of the Greater London Council and their friends.

The party left West House at 2 o'clock in fine large Southdown motor-coaches, with the London visitors in the coach that had brought them to Brighton. Miss Thelluson (Matron of St. Dunstan's) was in charge of the men, with the assistance of a number of members of the staff. A round-about route to Burgess Hill was chosen, via Shoreham, Bramber, Steyning and Cowfold, and so across country to the destination. Mr. W. March enlivened the journey by expertly performing on a coach horn. The Rev. H. A. Eyton-Jones, Vicar of St. George's and Chaplain of St. Dunstan's, was a cheery member of the party.

The beautiful Abbotsford Garden, with its wide spaces, gay with flowers and its aviary full of exotic birds with brilliant plumage, made a delightful impression on the party.

Tea was served on the private lawn, with its giant monkey puzzle tree, soon after arrival. Afterwards, the Rev. H. A. Eyton-Jones voiced the thanks of the guests to their hosts.

Replying for the Federation, Mr. G. Birmingham said he was asked to say that the Federation highly appreciated the work the Brighton Association were doing on their behalf, and a scheme was under consideration whereby more would be done for the "boys" of St. Dunstan's.

Mr. J. F. Gosling conveyed greetings from members of various London Associations, and thanked the Brighton Association for the opportunity of meeting in those lovely surroundings and seeing the smiling faces of the St. Dunstan's "boys."

Mr. E. C. Parsons thanked the Greater London Council and hoped before long it would be possible to provide more than one summer outing and more than one winter entertainment. He read a telegram of good wishes from Mr. J. F. Mellor.

The thanks of the guests were expressed by Mr. Hunt of St. Dunstan's and Miss Thelluson, at whose call three hearty cheers were given for the hosts.

SPORTS RESULTS

Sports in the playing field resulted as follows:—

Throwing the Football.—Totally blind: 1, Dickenson; 2, Martin; 3, Young. Semi-sighted: 1, Roden; 2, Birley; 3, Milner.

Throwing the Cricket Ball.—1, Lacey; 2, Roughley; 3, Green.

Putting the Weight.—Totally blind: 1, Dickenson; 2, Martin; 3, Barnes. Semi-sighted: 1, Milner; 2, Roden; 3, Moore.

Single Jump.—1, Yuill; 2, Lacey; 3, Roughley.

Three-Legged Race.—1, Lacey and Maguire; 2, Smith and Rogers; 3, Yuill and Roughley; 4, Young and Dolby.

Cigarette Race.—1, Lacey and Miss Crowley; 2, Maguire and Miss England; 3, Doubler and Miss Bobby.

Band Race (with instruments).—1, Smith; 2, Ford; 3, James. *Without instruments.*—1, Parkes; 2, Rogers; 3, James.

Tug-o'-War.—Trainers beat After Care by two pulls to none.

Miss Thelluson presented the prizes, and there were more speeches of thanks and cheers afterwards.

Miss Thelluson was presented with a bouquet.

The band of the Warren Farm Schools, under Mr. H. M. Carr, enlivened the proceedings with much appreciative music.

The return journey was begun at 8.30, and Brighton was reached soon after nine, with everybody in the best of spirits.

Messrs. Parsons and Yeoman were untiring in their efforts to promote the happiness of the St. Dunstaners, and they received the heartiest support from the other members of the Association present.

Marriages

CLARKE—BERRILL.—On the 28th August, S. Clarke, of Beenham Green, near Reading, to Miss Mabel Berrill, at St. Andrew's Church, Lambeth.

GLOVER—HOLLEST.—At Cliftonville Church, Hove, by the Rev. S. Blomfield, F. Glover, of Hove, to Florence E. Hollest, on the 1st August.

MILLWARD—WILLIS.—T. Millward, of Sheffield, to Miss Annie Mary Willis, on the 15th August. The following extract appeared in the *Sussex Daily News* of the 17th August: "A popular member of St. Dunstan's, Brighton, was married on Saturday, and a number of his blind colleagues attended the church to wish him and his bride well."

"He was Mr. Thomas Millward, 58 Toftwood Road, Crookes, Sheffield, who was blinded in the war in 1915, and he was married to Miss Annie Mary Willis, who has long resided with her family in the town and is well known in many connections."

"The marriage took place at St. Thomas's Church, Davigdor Road, the Rev. H. M. Harries officiating. The Matron of St. Dunstan's (Miss Thelluson) and Sister Boyd Rochfort were among those present."

"The bride was given away by her youngest brother, Mr. Frederick Willis. Mr. Horace Walker was best man."

"Following a reception at the home of the bride, the happy couple left for their honeymoon in Yorkshire."

A photograph of the bride and bridegroom also appeared in this paper.

RANDALL—EVANS.—On the 31st August, at St. John's Church, Bristol Road, Brighton, T. Randall, of Brighton, to Miss Margaret Ellen Evans, who has also resided in Brighton for some years. A short honeymoon was spent at Eastbourne.

THOMPSON—DAVIES.—On the 24th August, J. Thompson, of Bolton, to Mrs. Davies.

"In Memory"

PRIVATE WILLIAM GAY
(Royal Engineers)

We regret to announce the death of W. Gay, who passed away in Hospital in Dublin on the 16th July. Gay was admitted to St. Dunstan's in May, 1930, and was in training at Brighton when he became seriously ill and had to return to his home in Dublin. He rapidly became so ill that he had to be sent to Hospital.

Gay joined the R.A.M.C. in September, 1914, and transferred later to the Royal Engineers. Early in 1918 he was blown up and buried, and the resultant shell shock caused him to lose his sight eventually.

The funeral took place on the 18th July at Glasnevin Cemetery in Dublin, and amongst the tokens of remembrance was a large wreath in the form of St. Dunstan's badge from Captain Fraser and his comrades at St. Dunstan's.

Our sympathy is extended to his wife and children.

PRIVATE A. HUGHES
(Labour Corps)

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of this St. Dunstaner. After suffering for some long time from very poor health, Hughes became considerably worse a few months ago and in June he was admitted to Hospital where he had two operations. He did not recover from these and we regret to state that he passed away on the 15th July.

Hughes was trained at St. Dunstan's in basket-making, and due to his interest and hard work, in spite of indifferent health, he developed a steady little business.

The funeral which took place on the 17th July at 3 p.m., at Charlton Kings Cemetery, was attended by several relatives and friends, and among the numerous wreaths and flowers received was a wreath from Captain Fraser and his many comrades at St. Dunstan's.

TROOPER FRANK NASH
(Royal Bucks Hussars)

We deeply regret to announce the death of F. Nash. Nash was a member of the old Royal Bucks Hussars and was drafted to Egypt at the outbreak of the War. He was wounded in the throat at Gallipoli by a poisoned bullet, and was discharged as medically unfit for service in 1916. In the same year, he volunteered as a driver to the British Red Cross, and went to Boulogne, where he remained until the end of 1918.

In 1921 Nash was admitted to Wingfield Orthopaedic Hospital, then Orpington Hospital and the Shepherds Bush Surgical Hospital. Later he entered the Queen Alexandra Hospital Home, Roehampton. His sight gradually failed and in June, 1927, he became a St. Dunstaner. In addition to his blindness, Nash had to have both his legs amputated, but he bore his great afflictions with unflinching fortitude. During the past few months he became worse and passed away on the 26th July. He frequently expressed his gratitude for all that was done for him by the Medical and Nursing Staffs at Gifford House and St. Dunstan's.

The funeral took place on the 30th July at St. Mary's Cemetery, the service being conducted by the Rev. F. J. Howard. The coffin was draped with the Union Jack, and four members of the Royal Bucks Yeomanry acted as bearers. The Last Post and Reveille were sounded by Trumpeter Wisker at the graveside. Among the very large number of wreaths and flowers received, was a wreath in the form of our badge from Captain Fraser and his many comrades at St. Dunstan's.

Nash leaves a wife and little girl to mourn him.

PRIVATE HARRY PRICE
(Machine Gun Corps)

It is with deep regret that we have to announce the death of this St. Dunstaner. Price came to St. Dunstan's in 1917 and was trained as a boot-repairer and mat maker. On account of very indifferent health, however, he was unable to make much progress at his work, and in 1927 he was compelled to give up altogether.

In June, 1929, Price lost his wife and after this his health gradually became worse. He was admitted to Hospital in May of this year for a short time, and afterwards went to live with his sister at Sheffield, where he died on the 14th July.

The funeral took place at Burngreave Cemetery on the 17th July. The coffin was draped with the Union Jack, and among the numerous wreaths received was one in the form of our badge from Captain Fraser and his many comrades at St. Dunstan's.

GEORGE SCOTT
(New Zealand Forces)

It is with very deep regret that we have to record the death of our Colonial St. Dunstaner, George Scott, of Mosgiel, Otago, which took place at Stafford Hospital, Dunedin, on the 7th June, following an operation.

Scott left New Zealand with the Ninth Reinforcements, and was severely wounded at Passchendale in November, 1917, as a result of which he lost the sight of both eyes. He came to St. Dunstan's and trained as a poultry farmer from February, 1918, until May, 1919. On returning to New Zealand he carried on a small poultry farm for some years but was compelled, owing to the state of his health, to give this up some time ago. "Mr. Scott," says *The New Zealand Traveller*, "was one of Otago's best-known Rugby players of the period immediately before the war. He represented Otago for six successive years—1909 to 1914 inclusive—and played in twenty matches for the South Island against the North in 1910-11-13. He was a very popular footballer and a thorough sportsman on and off the field. . . ."

Scott leaves a wife and his parents to mourn him, to whom we extend our sincere sympathy.

Births

BARRATT.—To the wife of G. H. Barratt, of Old Kent Road, on the 15th July, a daughter.

DOUGLAS.—To the wife of G. L. Douglas, of Osterley, Middlesex, on the 25th August, a daughter.

FARMERY.—To the wife of W. Farmery, of Waltham Chase, Southampton, on the 17th July, a daughter.

LAW.—To the wife of A. V. Law, of Gotherington, near Cheltenham, on the 17th August, a son.

RICKABY.—To the wife of W. Rickaby, of Clapham, on the 17th August, a son (John).

SAINTY.—To the wife of P. Sainty, of Sydenham, on the 18th August, a daughter.

Deaths

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

BOYCE.—To J. Boyce, of Belfast, whose sister died a short time ago.

CASON.—To J. Cason, of Somerton, Som., whose wife died in hospital on the 1st September. She had been ill for some time.

CATLOW.—To S. Catlow, of Nelson, who lost his mother on the 14th August. She was 64 years of age and died very suddenly.

COX.—To J. Cox, of Felling-on-Tyne, and his wife, whose baby son, Clifford, died on the 14th July, aged eight weeks.

FERRAND.—To the wife of H. Ferrand, of Bradford, who lost her mother on the 14th August.

GILBERT.—To W. J. Gilbert, of Barnstaple, whose wife passed away very suddenly on the 19th August. Mrs. Gilbert had been occupied with her domestic duties as usual during the morning, being accompanied in the house by her little grand-daughter. She was taken ill very suddenly; medical aid was immediately summoned, but the doctor could only pronounce life to be extinct. Unhappily, Gilbert

was travelling with his wares in another district at the time, and it was not until his return in the evening that he heard the sad news. Mrs. Gilbert was 72 years of age and had resided for over fifty years in Barnstaple. General sympathy has been extended to her husband and his six sons in their bereavement.

HILL.—To A. B. Hill, of Bristol, who lost his mother on the 29th July.

MILLWARD.—To W. Millward, of Stratford-on-Avon, whose four-year-old daughter, Pearl, was run over by a motor cycle and died in Stratford Hospital on the 20th August.

MORTON.—To C. Morton, of Rotherham, whose wife passed away in Rotherham Hospital on the 20th July.

PIMM.—To A. Pimm, of Wickford, who lost his wife on the 15th August.

SIMPSON.—To J. Simpson, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, whose sister died on the 8th August. On returning home from his sister's funeral, Simpson received the news that his aunt had also passed away.

WALTERS.—To the wife of W. W. Walters, of Plymouth, whose mother died on the 10th August at the age of 79 after a long illness.

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Mrs. M. Paterson, sister of the late David Ironside, wishes to thank the many St. Dunstaners and friends who have written expressing their sympathy with her in her sad loss. Mrs. Paterson writes: "I have received so many letters of sympathy from many St. Dunstaners and Sisters too, I am unable to answer them all personally. I would deem it a great favour if you could thank them for me for all the kindness and sympathy they have extended to us at this time."

An Extract

from the letter of a very busy joiner who collected from the railway station a bundle of moulding measuring about 12 ft. long :

"I should have had my material on Saturday morning but it was not until six at night that I heard that the goods were at the station, and, being fit for anything, I got somebody to get me down there. My word! There was some warm work, but the real fun started when I got the moulding on my shoulder to bring away. Talk about being hot and bothered. You see, when I was coming out of the parcel office, there being plenty of people about, first one spoke to me, and turning to him I knocked a man's hat off. Coming back to his voice I cleared two more off and nearly their heads as well. Putting the moulding on the floor I upset a woman's basket of black currants and the other end of the wood went on a man's corns. After I had done my best to say that I was sorry, etc., I picked the moulding up again to get out of the station and, being careful, hit a man on the side of the head. He, quite annoyed, pulled at the moulding and down I went and then some more people got hurt as well. Well, someone carried it outside and all went well for a good time. I wanted to change shoulders and did so, hitting a man behind me a good tap. You may be sure by this time I felt anything but right. The boy leading me was a bit scared and I felt a bit funny. I have to go some distance along the main road when I turn round by the Council Offices, and it was here that I felt that I must be very cautious, so I took the bundle off my shoulder and carried it under my arm. I did so. My hat! First I hit a pram in the front, and then nearly knocked a head off at the back. I never knew the people in this town could speak so rapidly. When I got righted again I had not gone far when a person seemed to hop on to the other end of the wood. Of course up in the air went one end and the moulding wrenched out of my arms. It fell on a lady's foot, and the man at the other end said a few words. Well, a few people got round and at the finish I was not allowed to carry it any more. Some man put it on his own shoulder and turning a corner quickly knocked a chap off his cycle. Oh my, there was some fun then. I was blameless this time so I did some inward chuckling. Wonderful words flowed thick and fast, but the crowning piece was at the last. We got to the street where I lodge and I said to the man: 'I will go in and get the keys; you rest the bundle by the wall.' He did so and he turned round to talk to someone, I suppose, and the bundle of moulding slipped sideways and cracked him a good old whack on his nut, and tickled the other man whom he was speaking to at the time up as well.

"I was glad to get the refractory moulding in the shop and stopped until I had sown up

and glued up eight half frames. I worked very late on Saturday night, but I thought it was best. I have made a definite stand to say that I am never going to carry anything long up from the railway station again."

A Blind Journalist

ST. DUNSTANERS will be interested in the following extract from *The Times*, which reveals yet another instance of a blind man's splendid conquest of his handicap:—

Mr. John Whall, who had been editor of the *Middlesex Chronicle* since 1891, died in Hounslow Hospital on Tuesday following an operation. He was 78 years of age. The son of a Crimean veteran of The Royal Scots, he was born in Carlisle Fort, Co. Cork, and received his early training in military schools. At the age of 13 he lost his sight, and from that time continued his education at one of the London colleges for the blind. When overtaken by blindness he adopted as his motto, *nil desperandum*, and he frequently declared that this proved the inspiration of all his work and helped him through a host of difficulties.

He first became a teacher of music, and was successively organist of St. Stephen's Church, Hounslow, and of Cranford Parish Church. While he was thus engaged a close friendship began with local pressmen, and eventually he entered journalism, working as a reporter for several local journals before being appointed to the editorship of the *Middlesex Chronicle* in succession to the late Mr. William Le Queux. For many years he had been Hounslow correspondent of *The Times*. In his reporting work Mr. Whall adopted the Braille system for the taking of notes and he prepared his copy on a typewriter.

Silver Weddings

Three St. Dunstaners celebrated their silver wedding anniversary in August and therefore have been sent St. Dunstan's special gift of one guinea. 12th August was the anniversary of R. McCluskey, of Crewe, 15th August that of E. Pannifer, of Weaste, Manchester, while J. W. Simpson, of Leeds, celebrated his on the 22nd August.

News from Overseas

A LETTER from Australia is always an event, and here is a recent one from E. Glew, of Bentleigh, Victoria. The first part of his letter deals with the subject of white sticks and is quoted elsewhere.

"I note in the May issue that a member out in Vancouver receives the Sunday talks from London and also hears Big Ben of Westminster chime out its midnight at a distance of 6,000 miles. We out here in Melbourne, Australia, have also received the 11 p.m. to midnight session of 2LO London, and have heard Ben chime out the midnight over double the distance of Vancouver from London, which goes to show what a wonderful thing the wireless broadcast is—to be so universal. Big Ben's midnight is received in Melbourne at 9 a.m. owing to the daylight saving being an hour less than the difference of time between London and Melbourne of your winter schedule.

"Also, I noted a letter from Paddy Park who has lodged himself out at Mauritius, so I have written to him by this outgoing mail and trust that it will help him feel that he is not altogether away from the world in general. Owing to my being run down in health earlier in the year, I decided to relinquish my position of Hon. Secretary to the Victorian Blinded Soldiers' Association, after twelve years of office, and Mr. P. J. Lynch has succeeded me in this position. Within a week of our annual meeting, I started for North Queensland with my wife and family and had a wonderful trip, visiting Brisbane, Townsville, Cairns and Kuranda, also the Green Island in the Great Barrier Reef, all of which were very interesting as the tropical scenery is really beautiful. My family were quite taken with the growth of fruits such as bananas, pineapples, paw-paws, custard apples, and granadillas, which we sampled right from the palms or trees, and were all the more delicious as we only get these fruits down south in Melbourne after weeks of storage and transport. We brought back souvenirs from Green Island of coconuts, coral and shells, and on return from the Island to the steamer by rowing boat, we passed over the reef and saw fish, shells, coral, sponge, and other marine growth of all colours and shades, making a beautiful spectacle through the glass bottomed boat and glass floats along the side of the boat. We also visited a sugar mill and viewed the mill in full working order, seeing the cane arriving, and the process of manufacture to its being bagged and ready for transport oversea, or to other mills for further refinement. We made the trip north to Cairns, a distance of about 2,250 miles, from Melbourne by train, being a four-day journey, and on return came by boat from Cairns to Brisbane, and then on by train, a two-day journey, as Brisbane is about half way to Cairns from Melbourne. We had a very

wonderful holiday and we all enjoyed it and came back feeling quite the full benefit of it.

"While in Brisbane, we met the following Queenslanders: Messrs. Barnett, Buckley and Burchell, ex-St. Dunstaners, also the Queensland Secretary, Bob Tredenick, and on our return journey had a 'phone conversation with George Watson of Sydney; Nick Carter and wife saw us off from Sydney central station. All the boys are keeping very fit and well despite the fact that at present there is little or no occupation for them owing to the stress of things generally. Nick Carter's baby girl was in hospital having been very sick, but was on the pick up when we saw him on the way back.

"All our members here seem to be jogging along well at present and are keeping fit and well and very cheery, all things considered. Trusting the above details may be of service and of interest, and with every best wish from the members of Blinded Soldiers' Associations in Australia.—Yours faithfully,

"E. GLEW."

A Spurs' Supporter

AMONG the many St. Dunstaners who are ardent followers of football is H. Saunders, of Tottenham, whose love for the game has been noted in a long article in the *Tottenham Weekly Herald*. Saunders did not miss a single home game last season, and supports the famous Spurs through thick and thin. The article says:

"He is a red-hot Spurs' supporter and often argues with those around him when they criticise any of the Spurs' players. He tells them that the team want encouragement when things are not bright, not barracking. When the Spurs score a goal he teases them unmercifully.

"He talks of the peculiar mannerisms, weaknesses, and strong points of all the Spurs' players as if his sight and memory were his strongest points. He can recall every outstanding incident of last Saturday's game, although they were hurriedly told him in the heat and excitement of the game with thousands of voices jarring his imagination.

"But he cannot understand why his little son repeatedly says, 'I am going to play for the Arsenal when I grow up.' That, to a Spur-ite of Mr. Saunders' fervency, is very galling."

After-Care Reunion

GLASGOW

THE Annual Reunion of the Scottish St. Dunstaners was held on Tuesday, 7th July, at the Cadora, Union Street, Glasgow. Captain Ian Fraser, Chairman of St. Dunstan's, presided, and was accompanied by Mrs. Fraser and Lord Provost Kelly of Glasgow. There was a large turn-out of St. Dunstaners and their friends. After a high tea, Captain Ian Fraser rose and with much feeling intimated that Mr. Ironside, a well-known St. Dunstaner, had been drowned whilst bathing in Canada; as a tribute to our dead comrade and in sympathy with his relatives the whole company stood with bowed heads and observed a one minute silence.

In introducing Lord Provost Kelly, Captain Fraser said that we were all proud to have with us that afternoon the Lord Provost of the second city of the Empire, and that we extended to him a hearty welcome to our Reunion. (Loud applause.) Lord Provost Kelly takes a keen interest not only in the welfare of the blind, but also in the welfare of all ex-Service men in the City of Glasgow.

Unfortunately, the Lord Provost had to leave us early so as to fulfil another engagement, but before leaving he thanked all present for their kindly welcome and said that he was indeed proud to be present in such a happy company; as the Lord Provost was leaving the room he was accorded a hearty send-off. Continuing, Captain Fraser spoke of the unselfish co-operation that has always existed between the management and the men of St. Dunstan's and was proud to say that the same spirit still prevailed. In these days of industrial depression it was difficult for St. Dunstan's to get a market for the goods which were coming steadily in, so Captain Fraser urged the men (in the meantime at least) to try and sell their goods locally if possible. Captain Fraser also spoke of his recent visit to America and Canada. While in Canada Captain and Mrs. Fraser met many St. Dunstan's men and both were present at the St. Dunstan's Reunion in Toronto. They

also met and conversed with many of the Scottish race and were much impressed by the kindness and hospitality extended to them, especially by the members of the Clan Fraser Society. There was an old saying but a true one, "that nowhere beats the heart so kindly as beneath the tartan plaid."

In proposing a vote of thanks to St. Dunstan's, Mr. William Strachan spoke of the good work which Captain Fraser did on behalf of the blind during the four years he was a member of the House of Commons, and hoped that Captain Fraser would be back on the floor of the House before our next Annual Reunion. Mr. Isaacs in a few well-chosen words seconded the proposal.

In the competition for the stopped watch the prizewinners were:—

First Prize.—Mrs. Dunlop; G. Swanson.

Second Prize.—Mrs. Brydson; V. Mackay.

During the afternoon the orchestra played some beautiful music which was much appreciated by all present, and so an enjoyable afternoon was brought to a close with the singing of the National Anthem.

ROSEMONT.

Netting Room Notes

The men at Brighton are doing well in the Netting Room. H. Green and F. West have begun netting, which, although slow work at first, they are mastering. P. Summers has had a short course in netting and S. Hayling some lessons in rein making, which he has picked up quickly. We congratulate N. Rand and C. J. Walker in finishing the full course of netting; they have both done well.

We are still busy at Headquarters, and receive orders for all kinds of netting oddments these days. The men have been splendid in making them successfully. Among other things, Mrs. Bates sent us a bowls bag from South Africa to copy, as she thought they would sell well out there.

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