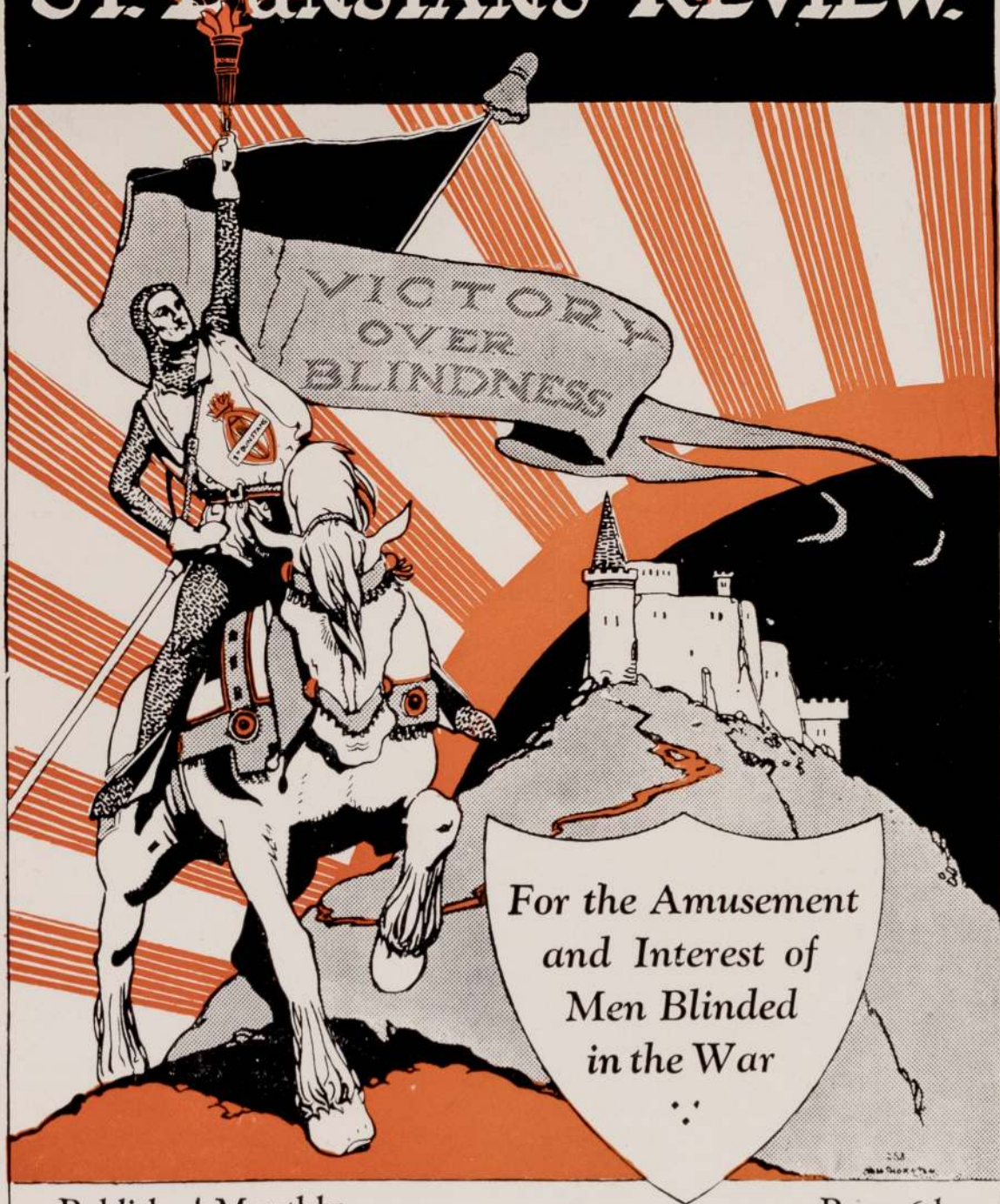


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## EDITORIAL NOTES

### Blind Voters

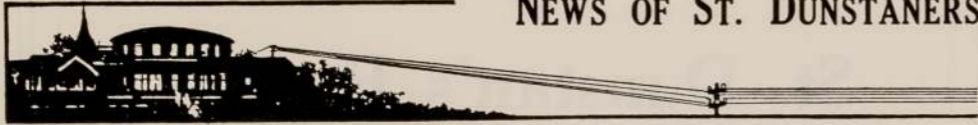
THE letter from Captain Fraser which appears on another page of the "Review" could not have come at a more opportune moment. On the very morning on which this editorial is written the announcement of a General Election has been officially made. Before the end of the month, probably on the 27th or 28th, polling will have taken place. And once again blind people will have had to record their votes by the method which has always been customary—a method which as Captain Fraser says, is "a constant irritation to some blind people."

As things are at present the blind man is not allowed to take a relation or friend to mark his paper for him, but has to give away the secret of his choice in the polling booth, with the danger perhaps of being overheard by persons other than the one he is addressing. In a country which prides itself on the secrecy of its ballot this is manifestly unfair. The blinded man, in requesting that his way of voting be kept as private as is in his case humanly possible, is only asking for the same privilege as is enjoyed by all other British citizens.

But, in this matter as in all others, vague complaints made perhaps to one's friends or in the home circle are of little value. No injustice can be remedied—nor can one fairly ask that it should be remedied—unless the demand is widespread and articulate. The necessary legislation will only be set on foot if a very large number of blind British citizens show that their weight is behind the proposal. So Captain Fraser's request to those who are anxious to see the law amended, that they record the evidence of specific cases and send it to him, is one to which it is hoped all blind voters will accede. In this way only will the authorities be convinced that there is both the need and the desire for a change in the existing procedure. It is up to the blind themselves to gain such a change. Let them co-operate, let them make their voices heard, so that those who fight their cause may fight with strong weapons.



## NEWS OF ST. DUNSTANERS



SINCE coughs and colds are the order of the day, it is not surprising to hear that many St. Dunstaners and their families have fallen victims. C. R. Gray, of Cheltenham, who spent a very happy time at the Cardiff Reunion with his Welsh friends, was unlucky enough to catch a very severe chill soon after he returned to Cheltenham.

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Reports from all parts of the country show that St. Dunstaners have been very successful this year in their gardens—and this in spite of the heavy rains. C. Williams, of Llanvapley, has had a wonderful crop of vegetables; A. Hinton, of Malvern, has produced some fine roses; and G. E. Gale, of Yeovil, has every reason to be proud of his handiwork, to mention only a few.

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S. W. Wain, of Derby, is always in great demand in connection with the local chapel activities, particularly bazaars, and he has also given quite a number of addresses there lately.

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W. Williamson, of Denton, looks very well after his holiday at Bournemouth, and better still, has quite a large number of orders coming along.

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C. T. Otway, of Wimbleton, is very proud of his little daughter, who has been doing great things lately in the way of swimming.

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A change of shop premises has been made by F. G. Braithwaite, of Guildford. Braithwaite, by the way, was given a splendid report in an issue of the *Industrial World* some months ago. The article gave various details of both the retail and wholesale sides of his business, and concluded: "Mr. Braithwaite's specialisation in this class of business for fourteen years has given him unusual

experience, while his unquestionable integrity and sound enterprise have gained for him a high reputation both in the trade and among private customers. Indeed, he has every reason to be proud of his accomplishments, and to feel gratified also by the many proofs of confidence he continues to receive from a widespread connection." A photograph of Braithwaite's shop also appeared.

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H. R. Pratt, of Wandsworth, thoroughly enjoyed his holiday in Holland. We should very much like to hear of his experiences abroad.

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Congratulations to M. Mulvaney, of Whitley Bay, on his appointment as a member of the local branch of the British Legion.

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Legion activities too are keeping A. Urry, of Dunswell, as Chairman of his branch, very busy these days.

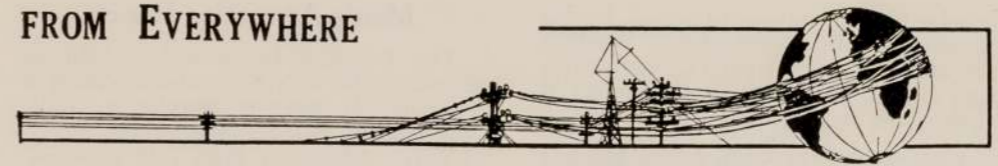
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C. Temperton, also of Dunswell, has been looking forward to a tour of the battlefields with members of his old regiment, and will have returned by the time the "Review" appears. He will have another St. Dunstaner as a fellow-traveller, because T. Chamberlain, of Hull, is also going on the trip.

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Local orders are keeping A. Coman, of Dunswell, hard at work. It is his policy to present one of his best mats occasionally in aid of local charities, and quite a number of orders is often the result. Coman had a narrow escape from serious injury recently. He was attending the first match of the season of Hull Football Club when some boarding which had rotted gave way under him. He hurt his leg rather badly, but as he says: "It might so easily have been broken."

## FROM EVERYWHERE



F. W. Rodwell, of Tring, has an exceedingly good position for his tea gardens, and business is coming along well.

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At a show recently, W. Stamp, of Keelby, won a first prize with a designed mat, together with a certificate. Stamp tells us that he has orders for his mats coming from places as far distant as the Isle of Axholme, Scotland, and Rutland, while trade is distinctly improving for him in the boot business. This is cheering news in these difficult times. May similar reports pour in soon from St. Dunstaners all over the British Isles!

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Joan, the little daughter of P. Sparkes, of Grimsby, has passed a scholarship enabling her to start next term at the Secondary School. There were 375 candidates, and Joan came out thirty-fifth in the whole of Grimsby. She is only 10 years old and competed against girls of 12 years.

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W. Nash, of Lowestoft, has been busy organising a whist drive at Kessingland in aid of the funds of St. Dunstan's. Although there was a poor attendance owing to the very bad weather, the effort was quite a success. "The prizewinners," said the local newspaper, "were highly delighted as the prizes were made by St. Dunstan's men."

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The son of J. W. Spink, of Boxmoor, was badly hurt in a motor-cycle accident recently, but luckily is now making a good recovery. A drunken pedestrian stepping off the footpath was the cause of the accident.

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An unusual order for a mat was executed by L. Thomas, of Rawdon, a short while ago. It was for one to be used on a

"shoot" at a local fun fair. The finished article looked fully prepared to stand a great many "ups and downs." Mr. and Mrs. Thomas are keen walkers—indeed, they are real open-air enthusiasts—and Thomas puts their fitness down to this.

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A. Anderson, of Forfar, is of an inventive turn of mind. He has made one of his poultry windows slide up and down by means of pulleys, and he has also been hard at work lately raising his poultry houses from the ground.

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The little son of W. Chapple, of Bush Hill Park, is a true "chip of the old block." With odd pieces of wood from his father's shop, he contrives to make all manner of things. Chapple's daughter is doing well at school and shows great talent in painting. Chapple himself has just finished a really beautiful china cupboard for his wife.

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E. C. Slaughter, of Harringay, looks well after his holiday. He sang at the reception given recently by the Baroness Bush, on the occasion of her daughter's wedding, and there met Mrs. Philip Snowden, who congratulated him on his singing. Slaughter, by the way, is a very good hand at croquet, and won a competition while he was at Southbourne.

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T. Stratful, of Barnet, has been finishing off a large wardrobe to complete a bedroom suite which he has had on order. Both he and Mrs. Stratful (who has done the polishing) are to be congratulated on a really splendid piece of work. The finish is excellent.

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We hear from T. Waldin, of Winchester, that his daughter, Jean, has now won a



scholarship for the County School, having passed two stiff examinations. Waldin's son also won a scholarship a year or two ago, so that Waldin may well be proud of these young St. Dunstaners.

T. W. Walton, of South Ealing, has had exceptional success with his tomatoes this year, his score to date being two hundred from only six plants.

J. Marriott, of Soham, is now comfortably settled in his new surroundings, and has done wonders with his ground. Considering the rough state of the land when he first took it over, he must have worked very hard to make it look as it does now.

We hear from A. G. Briggs, of Norwich, that his eldest son, Albert, has been awarded a Medal for the highest marks in Norfolk in the Intermediate Examination for 1930 of the Victoria College of Music for the Violin.

### An Air Trip

DURING his holiday at Weston-super-Mare this year, W. Coleman, of Islington, had the interesting experience of going up in an aeroplane. On 26th June there was an aircraft display and Coleman had the pleasure of going up with Captain Barnard for a twenty-mile flight in his machine *The Spider*. This was originally a Fokker air liner. It was used on a trans-Atlantic attempt and on several subsequent record-breaking flights including that taken by Captain Barnard when he flew from England to the Cape and back, a distance of 19,500 miles, in just over twenty days. Here is Coleman's impression of his trip.

"What did it feel like? First you feel yourself running along the ground, then you feel as though you were going up in a lift, and then a funny feeling comes over you as though you were dropping into space. Next you roll from right to left like a boat at sea in rough weather, and then you soar upwards. There was only one regret. It was over all too soon."

Coleman adds that Clapham and Dwyer, of wireless and music hall fame, were at Weston-super-Mare at the time. Dwyer spoke through a megaphone on the sands, causing roars of laughter, while Clapham was in the air with another flier looping the loop.

### Men's Armistice Dance

The Armistice Dance will be held on Tuesday, the 10th November, from 8 to 11 p.m., at the St. Marylebone Hall, Marylebone Baths, Marylebone Road, N.W.1. Admission from 7.30 onwards. St. Dunstaners wishing to attend should apply to Sister Goolden at Headquarters for tickets (one escort for each man). It is regretted that children under 14 years of age cannot be admitted.

### A Fine Piece of Work

DURING this year our Sales Department have had gradually increasing calls for a baize-covered collapsible table, with two legs. A leather handle is fitted on the side of the table, so that, when closed, it can be carried easily to any part of the house or garden. In use, the legs are firmly held in place, and the side of the table opposite the legs rests on the knees of the person using it. By the fire-side it can be used for playing draughts, chess or cards, and in the garden for a book or writing materials. Perhaps the designer had in mind, when producing the article, the particular value it would be to blind people when reading Braille books, as these are rather bulky to hold on the knee.

These tables are regularly sold by the Army and Navy Stores, at exhibitions throughout the country, and at the Imperial Institute, at the Disabled Men's Exhibition, held in November.

We wish to express our acknowledgment to A. V. Law, of Gotherington, the St. Dunstaner who had this idea, and generously placed it in the hands of St. Dunstan's.

G. H. Barratt, of Old Kent Road, has recently gained a second prize for a window display advertising Cock's sole leather. There were 3,000 entries in the competition, so that Barratt has every reason to be proud of the result. He is very wisely following this up with a further display, informing his customers of his success.

### Blind Voters

THE Editor of the "Review" has received the following letter from Captain Ian Fraser, C.B.E. :—

5th October, 1931.

To the Editor, the "St. Dunstan's Review."

DEAR SIR,

The method of voting at present in force is a constant irritation to some blind people. I have frequently heard the complaint that the blind man does not know to whom he is imparting the secret of his choice of candidate, or who may be present in the voting room and overhear. Many blind persons would I know be happier if the law was amended so as to enable them to take a relation or friend whom they trusted to the polling booth to mark the paper for them.

On two occasions in the last few years, when Bills affecting the representation of the people have been before Parliament, I have endeavoured to get an amendment included. Various reasons were advanced against the proposed amendment, one of which was that there was no specific evidence of complaint by the blind persons themselves. I believe there is a widespread complaint, but it is true, I think, that no particular complaints from particular persons have been collected.

The object of this letter is to ask all blind persons who are willing to help, to make a point of observing precisely what procedure is adopted by the officials in the polling booths when they go to vote in the forthcoming election, and to record this evidence and express their view about it.

May I ask those who are anxious to see the law amended, to co-operate by recording the evidence of specific cases, which will I think be so valuable in convincing the authorities, and to send it to me in due course.

Yours faithfully,

IAN FRASER.

An editorial on this matter appears on page 1 of the "Review."

### Mr. and Mrs. Carlin's Party

AGAIN this year our men living in Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Carlin, at a party at Moor Grange, Chaddesden. The afternoon of 27th August was bright and sunny, and the arrangements which had been made for their enjoyment were much appreciated by the guests. Teas were served in a large marquee erected in the grounds, and

the members of the Derbyshire Red Cross Society, who had undertaken the transport of the guests, stayed and helped with their entertainment. After tea, Miss Hodgson, who had motored all the way from Stratford-on-Avon to be present at the party, organised skittles and cricket ball throwing for the guests, with Mr. Cecil Armitage, the County Director of the Red Cross Society, and Captain Mosley, acting as scorers.

The editress of the "Woman's Diary" in the *Derby Daily Express*, wrote the next day: "I wish you could have seen Alan and Freddie Butler who had travelled with their father and mother from Long Eaton. Not yet two years old, these twins were one of the especial joys of the party. Yesterday's party was supposed to stop at six o'clock. But Mr. and Mrs. Carlin are the kind of hosts whose parties are very difficult to leave. Finally, of course, like all good things, it did come to an end, and the guests, with many good-byes, drove away in their cars."

In the same newspaper appeared a general photograph of all the guests, together with a picture of a group consisting of Mr. and Mrs. F. Handley, Mr. and Mrs. H. Bridgeman, and S. W. Wain, and his son, all of Derby.

### Typewriting Notes

We heartily congratulate the following men on passing the Typewriting Test: C. Walker, H. N. Rand, W. Baker, S. Tarlton, F. West, J. Roughley, H. S. Miller, A. A. Green, P. W. Draper.

### Braille Notes

Very many congratulations to G. Brewer, A. Herriot, T. J. Warren, on passing the Braille Reading Test, and F. Coates, J. Coupland, H. Tarling, T. Duncan on passing the Braille Writing Test.

We are sorry that the name of R. Tooth was omitted when he passed the Braille Writing Test last October.

M. H. R.



## White Sticks for the Blind

IN the March issue of the "Review" appeared the following letter, from the General Secretary of the National "Safety First" Association:—

"I beg to inform you that this Association have had before them a proposal that all blind people should carry white walking sticks, so that such a stick may become a recognised sign of a blind person, and thus obtain for him or her the help and care of other road users. My Committee, therefore, would be very much obliged if you would let them have for their information your opinion on the value of such a suggestion."

We asked then for St. Dunstaners to send their views on this question, so that we could give a reply to the Association on behalf of the men of St. Dunstan's. From the very day the "Review" was published the letters began to flow in. It was very quickly seen that the matter was arousing serious attention and interest, and that St. Dunstaners were not only talking about it among themselves, but in some cases were very wisely consulting sighted people, both pedestrians and motorists.

As has been pointed out in a previous issue, the question is doubly important because it does not concern St. Dunstaners alone. If white sticks are finally adopted by the rest of the blind world, St. Dunstaners must fall into line or take upon themselves the risks of a protesting minority. I may be told that the risks, as regards road accidents, are not very great, and it may again be brought to my notice—as it has been in several letters—that the proportion of blinded people who are knocked down by motor cars, etc., is much smaller than that of sighted people. But, nevertheless, I think I may say, without fear of contradiction, that if motorists ever become so accustomed to the sight of blind people carrying white sticks that they naturally think that the man without such a stick is sighted, in the case of an accident the motorist may well feel himself free from blame. The pedestrian too would soon begin to look for the white stick, and even to feel irritated if he knocked into a blind man who was without the customary signal.

In this matter the whole of the blind world must stand together. There are signs that at the present moment they do not. In one district of London white sticks have been given to sightless men and women, and hardly a week goes by that the newspapers do not report some town or village which has adopted the plan. In one case, even, sticks were given to the blind of her district by a woman who wished to help the cause of the blind, and considered that no way was better than this. Even now; however, only the fringe of the blind of the whole country has been touched. Some such society as the National "Safety First" Association, with the backing of the whole of the blind institutions of the country, would have to take up the idea seriously, and to publish it far and wide, before it could be looked upon as an accomplished fact, accepted by sighted and blinded alike.

From the correspondence which we have published, it is perfectly clear that the idea does not appeal to St. Dunstaners. With very few exceptions, they are determined to throw their weight against the proposal that a blinded man shall be known by the stick he carries. But before going on to the arguments used by the "cons" let me give the reasons advanced by the—very few—St. Dunstaners who would like to see the plan, or some similar plan, put into practice. They are:—

(1) That something is necessary to prevent accidents in these days of crowded streets and congested traffic.

(2) That even where assistance is necessary, and advisable, in crossing roads, the white stick would notify one's need of an escort and so save time.

(3) That the use of a white stick would carry with it the same authority as the wearing of white gloves by a policeman (this is an argument against the view of many St. Dunstaners who think a white stick would be a mark of contempt), and that it would be put to the same purpose—that of holding up traffic.

(4) That it would do away with the old "stick-in-the-mud" habit of depending

on other people, and would lessen the embarrassment of sighted people, who so often bump into a blinded person because they cannot see his badge.

(5) That white sticks would be a great advantage on country roads, as motorists could see at a distance that they were nearing a blinded man and could go more slowly.

(6) That the idea should not be condemned before it is given a trial, and that it might prove a blessing in disguise.

That, I think, sums up the case for the "pros." Now for the "cons"—a numerous flock.

(1) That the blinded man does not want any distinguishing mark which will signal him out from other men. (This argument has been advanced by almost all the men who have written on the subject, so that it can be seen how strongly it is held.)

(2) That St. Dunstaners already wear one badge that they are proud of, and that this badge has always proved and will always prove itself sufficient.

(3) That it has always been the aim of St. Dunstaners "to be normal" and that in this they are following the advice of their great friend, the late Sir Arthur Pearson.

(4) That accidents are not as numerous among blind people as among sighted. (One man suggested that therefore it is the sighted who should use the sticks.)

(5) That no device, sticks or any other, would do away with the necessity for an escort when crossing roads.

(6) That all sighted people, policemen, bus conductors, and other pedestrians, are always ready to give assistance, and that no difficulty in this way is encountered.

(7) That the dark glasses worn by many blinded people are all that is necessary, combined with the wearing of the St. Dunstan's badge.

(8) That many St. Dunstaners have been travelling about for thirteen or fourteen years without sticks, and that they do not need them now.

And that, I think, close the case for the "cons." As I have said, voting has been against the white stick in something like the proportion of twenty to one. When we reply to the National "Safety First" Association, therefore, our answer must be that St. Dunstaners are against the

proposal. Whether the rest of the blind world will be for it we do not know. We must just wait and see.

### From Mr. Kessell's Holiday Notebook

OUR Treasurer, Mr. Ernest Kessell, has just returned from a motoring holiday, as usual with a number of interesting and amusing experiences to relate. Here are two of them.

He had taken his car across by ferry from Liverpool to Rock Ferry, and was motoring through a very remote part of Cheshire. When he and Mrs. Kessell wanted lunch they were in a tiny out-of-the-way village, just a few cottages and shops and one little inn. They inquired at the inn if they could have something to eat, and, after a long consultation, were told that they could have eggs and bacon (it was the sort of inn which very likely only saw half a dozen strangers in a year). Mr. and Mrs. Kessell went into a tiny sitting-room to wait, and they had not been there two minutes before who walked in but—a St. Dunstaner, T. Eames, of Rock Ferry. Imagine Eames's surprise when he was clapped on the back and greeted—in that back-of-beyond spot—by the Treasurer of St. Dunstan's. One can picture the scene which followed, the talk, the laughter, with half the village coming in to share in the excitement, and to exclaim about the coincidence of these two meeting in such a place—because, of course, it was not Eames's home any more than it was Mr. Kessell's.

And here is the second story. When, still on his holiday, Mr. Kessell was motoring from the north, about six or seven miles before reaching Wolverhampton, he passed an inn called "The Summer House," and the name of the inn-keeper was Will Winter. (Mr. Kessell: "Please note I *passed* the inn!")

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The son of E. Lupton, of Kirkham, near Preston, has gained an Honours Degree in Science, and attended the British Association Centenary Meeting, and a reception by the Chancellor, the Court, and the Senate of the University of London, last month.





## Six Mile Sealed Handicap Outer Circle Walk

### Three Mile Novice Walk

5TH DECEMBER

THE Six Mile Handicap Walk, together with a Three Mile Walk for Novices, provided there are sufficient entries for the Novice Race, will take place on Saturday, 5th December, at 2.30 p.m. Will all entries please reach the Sports Office by 25th November.

#### SPORTS MEETING

6TH OCTOBER, 1931

An excellent meeting was held at Headquarters on Tuesday, 6th October, when Captain Williams presided over a well-attended gathering of our London sportsmen. We were all so sorry that Captain Fraser was unable to be with us, but he sent a kindly message to the meeting, regretting his absence owing to two long standing engagements.

There was a very full agenda, but the humour and sportsmanship of those present carried things through expeditiously. The items dealt with were as follows:—

#### 1. MERIT CHALLENGE CUP.

Through the kindness of Miss Stacey, a Merit Challenge Cup has been offered to the best all-round sportsman in the London area during the present year. A scheme of points awarded has been drawn up, and copies can be obtained on application to Miss Woolrych. The points cover:

- (a) Walking.
- (b) Swimming.
- (c) Tuesday Sports.
- (d) Rowing.

The winner will hold the cup for one year, and three successive wins makes the cup his own. The cup will be duly engraved and placed in the Lounge. On the proposition of H. Gover, seconded by H. Thompson, it was carried unanimously

that the thanks of the meeting be extended to Miss Stacey for her kindness. Miss Stacey in her reply, said that as they had heard her voice so often she would not inflict a speech upon them. Nevertheless, her remarks were listened to with appreciation and loudly applauded.

#### 2. CHALLENGE CUP EVENTS.

The results of the Year's Inter-Club Competitions were read out as follows:— The Walking Cup was won by Birmingham whilst London won both the Sports and Rowing Cups. We heartily congratulate those men who represented the clubs on their success.

#### 3. SPORTS.

*The Winter Sports Programme.* It was decided to carry out the usual programme under the usual conditions. It was also decided as regards the socials to hold a dance on the first Tuesday of every month, a whist drive on the second Tuesday (except in November, when it should be the third), and on the other two Tuesdays either a whist drive or entertainment.

#### 4. WALKING.

A letter was read signed by nine of the walkers requesting that the judges be asked to judge each race as strictly as an open-sighted event, and that each judge be kindly informed.

*Distance.* It was decided to hold four races:—

- (a) 6 Miles with 3 Miles Novice Race, provided sufficient Novice entries were received. This race to take place on 5th December.
- (b) 9 Miles event probably at the end of January.
- (c) 15 Miles event probably in March.
- (d) 25 Miles event at Maidenhead early in May.

Regarding the 9 Miles race it was proposed that our handicapper should give an open handicap for this race alone. The matter has been referred to Mr. Donoghue for consideration. Regarding the Maidenhead

## Practical Demonstrations

THE Sales Department have recently arranged a number of demonstrations of mat- and basket-making in some of the leading Stores in different parts of the country.

The object is, of course, to renew and extend the public interest in the work of St. Dunstan's and the products of its men.

Demonstrations of this sort have formerly been arranged in connection with exhibitions, but with shops it is an entirely new feature. Those arranged so far have been particularly successful, and it is found that they not only stimulate trade, but encourage the right feeling and a more sympathetic understanding amongst the sales people who come in contact with them.

Moreover, the men who have been to these demonstrations have found the work a pleasant change in different surroundings and have enjoyed being among the bustle and business life of the houses concerned. Needless to say, they have been treated with every possible courtesy and consideration.

The men who have so far assisted in these demonstrations are as follows:—

| <i>Demonstrator.</i>       | <i>Town.</i>     |
|----------------------------|------------------|
| A. C. E. Matthews, Dover   | } Portsmouth     |
| F. Cooper, Fareham ...     |                  |
| J. S. Bailey, Ramsgate ... | Margate          |
| J. Francis, Battle ...     | Bexhill          |
| A. J. Cole, Sholing ...    | Southampton      |
| G. Burnett, Wimbledon ...  | Croydon          |
| B. E. Ingrey, Letchworth   | Bury St. Edmunds |

Several firms have written to us at the close of the demonstration, and the following are one or two very brief extracts from these letters:—

"We feel sure you will be pleased to know that it has created an extraordinary amount of interest. There has been a marked increase in direct sales and numerous inquiries, which no doubt will lead to business in the near future."

"Our impression of the demonstration is really excellent, and we trust that you are satisfied with the result."

"We should like to say that we consider the demonstration was a success from every point of view, and we are confident that the sales of our fibre mats will be materially affected. Regarding the expenses, I am instructed by the General Manager to inform you that we

walk, Mr. Roberts, of the Maidenhead Club, very kindly attended the meeting and welcomed our sportsmen to Maidenhead for our big walk. Mr. Roberts expressed the opinion that a 25 Mile walk was the ideal distance for the walk. A vote of thanks to the Maidenhead Club and to Mr. Roberts was proposed by P. Ashton, and seconded by H. Boorman, and carried unanimously. It was proposed by H. Thompson, and seconded by A. Brown, that it would be a graceful act on the part of our walkers to offer a race of 7 to 10 miles to our regular escorts, the prizes to be supplied by the men themselves. The question regarding the rules of the Walking Association for this event was considered. Inquiries will be made as to the possibility.

#### 5. SWIMMING.

Mr. Jones informed the meeting that the Marylebone Baths Committee has kindly offered 4th November, at 7 p.m., for our annual gala. The following events are being arranged:—

- One Length T.B. open style.
- Two Lengths S.S. open style.
- Open Plunging.

Will all those men entering please inform the Sports Office no later than the end of the month. Swimming Classes will be held at the Baths, Wednesdays and Fridays, at 6 p.m.

#### 6. FOOTBALL.

We are very grateful to Chelsea and Fulham Clubs for their continued generosity. We are this year also indebted to Tottenham Hotspur Football Club for their offer whenever possible to those of our men who make application before the day of the match.

#### 7. SPORTS CONCERT.

It was decided to give an informal concert to the wives and friends some time after Christmas, and it was thought that it would be opportune to arrange for this upon the evening of the escorts' walk if possible.

A generous expression of thanks, proposed by H. McSteel, and seconded by P. Conlin, to Captain Williams for his kind offices as Chairman, was carried unanimously.



would like to have the privilege of paying all expenses incurred, as a slight appreciation of your interest in this matter."

"We are keeping all the cocoa-fibre mats; the demonstration went very well, hundreds of people watching the process of making."

It is hoped that an extension of these arrangements will be equally successful.

W. H. O.

### News from Overseas

From Mauritius comes more news of our old friend, Paddy Park. In a very interesting letter to Mr. Kessell (dated 24th June), Paddy says:

"I am getting on here O.K. and I like the island very much. I am not sorry that I left England and don't think I will ever regret it, that is, of course, if things carry on all right. It is winter here now, but so far we are not getting it too cold. I hate the cold weather and am looking forward to the old sun returning to us again. I am very happy here and have got to know a lot of nice people. Everyone is more than good to me. . . . The only fault with this place is the mails. We have not had any English mail for over a month. One of the Clan boats is somewhere on the East African coast with our April mail on board. She was due to arrive here on the 17th of this month and has not arrived yet. Anyway, roll on next week, for there will surely be a mail in by then. We live for the mail out here.

"The Navy are coming here on the 27th of July and then we will have some fun. There will be lots to do then. One of the items is a football match between the Navy and the Army in aid of St. Dunstan's: I think I have got to kick off for them.

"I have never felt better than I am now. I am always ready for my food and have lost at least a couple of stone in the year, for which I am very pleased. I get out every afternoon for a good walk and every Thursday and Sunday morning one of the soldiers from the Camp calls for me and we have a good eight or ten miles walk. There is no doubt about it—this is an ideal spot to live in. The climate is just right; it is never cold and in summer it is never too hot. Of course, it gets pretty hot down country, but up here in Phoenix we are about 1820 feet above the sea so we get a nice cool wind blowing nearly all the year round. Just think of it. When you are starting with your nasty old cold winter we shall have finished with our cool one, starting with our second summer! There is one thing it can do in Mauritius and that is rain. I think all the rain for all over the world is made over us, and when countries forget to put the order in St. Peter won't keep it for them and gives it to us! There is a small place about four miles from us called Curepipe and the rainfall there last year was 140 inches. But really we don't mind it; in fact, we don't notice it."

### Another Stick Suggestion

J. Attrell, of Polegate, as a St. Dunstaner living in the country, but near the main London road, where there is considerable traffic, sends the following suggestion for a walking stick, which is of interest since it refers to the use of a stick for night-walking, as well as during the day:

The head of the stick has on it the owner's address or, in the case of a St. Dunstaner, our badge. A red reflector measuring four inches is fixed by means of half-inch screws into screw sockets roughly half-way up the stick, while the lower part of the stick is painted white.

### A Poultry Winner

B. Hamilton, of Brookville, informs us that his birds competing in the Norfolk County Laying Trials were successful in gaining first and third positions. He was first in the light breed section with a pen of White Leghorns, and third in the heavy breed section with a pen of Rhode Island Reds. This is the fifth consecutive year that he has been amongst the prize-winners, and speaks exceedingly well for his stock.

### Good Business

J. T. Jones, who moved to Faversham in January last year, has gradually been developing his business, which is a very assorted one, consisting of leather and boot sundries and hardware; he also has a lending library. He has backed up his fellow St. Dunstaners by disposing of a number of articles made by them. He has steadily increased his stock, fixed up a stall outside, and is a very keen salesman. No one should visit him unless he is prepared to make a purchase, as he would find it a very hard job to get away without doing so. Jones himself would be the first to say that the improvement in his trade is due, in a large measure, to his wife's assistance, who is no doubt the person responsible for the smart appearance of the shop.

### Shikar

WE are indebted to "The Iron Duke," the magazine of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment, for the following article:—

Four of us, being more than a little fed up with Ahmednagar's blazing sun and gritty winds, decided to go big-game shooting in the cool leafy jungle. Two, at least, of the party set forth with the idea that a shikari tied up a "thing-uma-jig" in a tree and a wretched beast under the tree and a tiger came to eat the wretched beast and you shot it—too easy! Well, he doesn't, nor does the tiger, nor alas, do you!

The first thing to insure an ample supply of in a big game shoot is drink, and the second is food. Do not run away with the idea that by drink I necessarily mean alcohol—that *that* is necessary goes without saying, when your whole daily water supply comes some forty miles in a rusty tank and is borne to your bungalow in two antiquated copper pots and consists largely of red mud—you feel strongly with Mr. Kipling that "When it comes to slaughter you will do your work on water, and lick the blooming boots of 'im that's got it." However, coolies do not wear boots and would misunderstand your intentions, so you wire to the nearest town for soda water and use the red mud for washing.

Having insured a plentiful supply of the amenities of life—you then proceed to find something to shoot. Tigers are rather like Alice's jam, tiger yesterday and tiger tomorrow, but never tiger to-day. You see tiger's pug marks (skilfully made by a little wooden instrument possessed by every real shikari), you are shown tiger-mauled buffaloes which obviously died of rinderpest at least a week previously, and, after an enormous amount of argument, you get the man to tie you up a rickety machan on a slender tree that any self-respecting tiger would take in his stride. In this you sit all night, soaked to the skin, and eaten by mosquitoes, for the sole purpose of being a sort of night nurse to the immature and half-starved bait tied below.

When you have sloughed off all your preconceived ideas of big game shooting, you adopt quite original ones of your own and the game simply flows in.

The smallest member of our party was fired with a desire to shoot an elephant. He said in the morning, "I am going to shoot an elephant to-day," and in the evening, "I have shot an elephant to-day." Quite Napoleonic!

After a little persuasion we learned that he had seen a herd of elephants across a "ride" in the jungle, had deliberately gone up to the largest tusker, poor unsuspecting beast, and had shot it behind the ear. The impertinent creature had the effrontery not to die—but had risen to its knees and looked at the little man with malice in its eye, thereupon it received a blast of lead such as only a skilled machine gunner could deliver, and gave up the unequal struggle.

The largest member of the party unsuccessfully chased cheetal from cover to cover until exhausted, then lolled back in the car while his wife drove him home through the gathering dusk. Suddenly she saw a panther cross the road, and having at last persuaded her somnolent spouse it was not a joke, got him out of the back of the car while she drove on, a willing victim, into the jaws of the snarling beast. Mercifully the largest one shot well and truly, else this story would never have been written, and after much poking by a bamboo pole the panther was taken for its first and last car ride.

Our youngest one scoured the jungle day and night, frightened everything in it, including his shikari, and, at last, after the worst thunderstorm experienced in the memory of man, succeeded in slaying one bemused jungle cock, at least, he *said* he shot it; unanimous opinion, was that it was drowned!

We returned home at the end of the fortnight after a tearful parting with our "bait," which had become so affectionate that it leapt into the cars when the doors were opened. The total "bag" was:—

Largest one: One panther, 7ft. 2½ in.; one cheetal, 32½ in.; one peacock; sundry jungle fowl and such small deer.

Smallest one: One elephant, 18½ in. tusk, 22½ in. tusk; sundry jungle fowl; one snake.

Youngest one: One jungle fowl (probably drowned); one ants' nest (flitted); one pig (frightened). S. K.



## "In Memory"

PRIVATE EDWARD BEVANS  
(4th Battalion Middlesex Regiment).

We regret to have to announce the death of E. Bevans, on the 24th August, 1931. When Bevans first came to St. Dunstan's in 1916 he was trained in basket-making, but gave this up for a time and carried on with netting. He was re-admitted for a refresher course of basket-making in 1919, and made fairly good progress at this work in spite of his poor health. He gradually became worse and was admitted to Hospital at the beginning of 1922, and again in June, 1923, where he remained until his death.

The funeral took place on 29th August, and the coffin was draped with a Union Jack. Among the numerous floral tributes received, was a wreath in the form of our badge from Captain Fraser and his many comrades at St. Dunstan's.

PRIVATE R. DUNN  
(2nd Border Regiment)

All St. Dunstaners who knew Dunn, will be very grieved to learn of his sudden death on the 3rd September, 1931.

Dunn was wounded at Ypres in October, 1914, and after spending considerable time in various Hospitals, he came to St. Dunstan's in September, 1917, for training in boot-repairing and clogging. In 1924 he gave up this work and learnt mat-making, in which he took a keen interest, and through his perseverance and hard work set up a steady little business in Burnley.

For some years Dunn must have suffered a great deal of pain in his head as a result of his wounds, but he never complained. At the end of August, however, he became very ill, and was compelled to give in. He was admitted to Hospital where he died a few days afterwards. A sad feature of the case is that Dunn had made all arrangements for his marriage to take place the week following his death.

The funeral took place on the 7th September, at Burnley Cemetery, the Rev. T. Williams officiating, and was attended by many relatives and friends. A wreath in the form of our badge from Captain Fraser and his many comrades at St. Dunstan's was among the numerous floral tributes received.

ROBERT GLASSON  
(4th New Zealand Machine Gun Corps)

We deeply regret to announce the death of our New Zealand St. Dunstaner, Robert Glasson, which took place at Auckland on the 31st July last.

Glasson received very severe head wounds during the War, from which he always suffered and from which his death has resulted. He came to St. Dunstan's in 1916 and returned to New Zealand in 1918, marrying five years later. He was a splendid fellow and tremendously plucky and always cheery, in spite of the ill-health and suffering with which he had to contend, and which prevented his undertaking any active work—a worthy St. Dunstaner in every way. Glasson was 36 years of age and leaves a widow, to whom we extend our sincere sympathy.

PIONEER WALTER GODING  
(Royal Engineers)

It is with regret that we have to announce the death of this St. Dunstaner.

Goding was invalided in September, 1915, to England for shell shock; he went out to France again in March, 1916, and was buried at Armentières in July, 1916, in a shell explosion. From that time his sight failed rapidly, and he came to St. Dunstan's in 1919 for training in mat-making. After leaving headquarters Goding set up a brush dealing business, which he carried on in addition to mat-making and made good progress. In 1923, Goding's wife died after a long illness, and his sister came to look after him and his children.

In May of last year his health began to fail and he was admitted to Hospital in October, 1930; he was discharged after fifteen weeks feeling considerably better; but in July of this year he was taken ill again and admitted to Hospital, where he died on the 22nd August.

The funeral took place on the 26th August, at Welford Road Cemetery, Leicester, and the service was conducted by the Rev. T. Pickering of St. Mary's Church, Leicester, the coffin being draped with the Union Jack. A wreath in the form of our badge from Captain Fraser and his many comrades at St. Dunstan's was among the many floral tributes received.

SAPPER WILLIAM KNOTT  
(R.E. Road Construction Company)

When Knott came to St. Dunstan's in November, 1917, he was trained as a basket-maker, but on account of his indifferent health he was compelled to give this up, and carry on with netting and wool work. A few months ago Knott's health became worse and in July he was taken ill with pneumonia; he appeared to be recovering from this and we were making arrangements for him to be admitted to our Brighton Annexe for convalescence when he had a relapse, and passed away on the 20th August, 1931.

The funeral took place at Heaton Cemetery, Bolton, on the 25th August, at 3.30 p.m. Among those present were Mrs. Dunphy (social visitor), Mrs. J. Walsh (wife of our St. Dunstaner), and several representatives from the "Old Comrades of Bolton."

Several beautiful wreaths were received from friends and relatives, including one in the form of our badge from Captain Fraser, and his many comrades at St. Dunstan's.

Our sympathy is extended to Knott's wife and family.

PRIVATE R. C. WATT  
(Royal Army Medical Corps)

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of R. C. Watt.

For many years Watt suffered from poor health and had to undergo several operations. He was therefore, unable to carry on with his trade of joinery, although he did a little wool-rug making when fit enough. At the beginning of September he was admitted to Hospital for a further operation, and we deeply regret to state that he passed away on the 16th September.

Watt was buried in Histon Road Cemetery on the 19th September, and the funeral was attended by many relatives and friends. The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. W. W. Partridge, vicar of St. Luke's Church.

Numerous floral tributes were received including a wreath in the form of our badge from Captain Fraser and his many comrades at St. Dunstan's, and one from his fellow St. Dunstaner, S. Bagstaff, Cambridge.

Our sympathy is extended to Watt's wife and family.

## Births

- CHIVERTON.—To the wife of A. Chiverton, of Fareham, on the 7th September, a daughter.
- CLAMP.—On the 15th September, to the wife of W. J. Clamp, of Wolverton, a son.
- DODDS.—To the wife of R. Dodds, of Whickham, Co. Durham, a son, on the 26th September.
- ECCLESTON.—On the 21st September, to the wife of J. Eccleston, of Leigh, a son.
- GROVES.—To the wife of A. F. Groves, of Bilsington, near Ashford, on the 26th September, a daughter.
- JARMAN.—On the 1st October, to the wife of T. A. Jarman, of Copnor, Portsmouth, a son (Victor Reginald).
- JORDAN.—On the 16th August, to the wife of A. Jordan, of Holloway, a son (Leslie).
- LOVERIDGE.—To the wife of A. Loveridge, of Hartow, a son, on the 20th September.
- SMITH.—On the 2nd September, to the wife of J. H. Smith, of Bolsover, a son (John Harvey).
- TRUSSLER.—To the wife of A. Trussler, of Pas de Calais, France, on the 18th September, a daughter (Marguerite Noémie Marie).
- WENBORN.—On the 13th September, to the wife of F. W. Wenborn, a daughter (Dorothy Olive).
- WICKEN.—To the wife of V. Wicken, of Birmingham, on the 11th September, a daughter.

## Deaths

- We offer our sincere sympathy this month to the following:—
- DUTTON.—To J. Dutton, of Ormskirk, whose brother has been killed in an accident. The deceased leaves a widow and eleven children.
- FERRAND.—To the wife of H. Ferrand, of Bradford, who recently lost her mother.
- FOUND.—To E. Found, of Bideford, whose father died on the 6th September, the result of an accident about two years ago.
- MEADER.—To F. Meader, of Barnet, whose mother died on the 2nd October, after a long and trying illness.
- MUIR.—To the wife of W. Muir, of Leeds, whose brother died on the 4th October.
- ROUGHLEY.—To J. Roughley, of Weaverham, near Northwich, who lost his father on the 3rd September. The deceased, who was 79 years of age, was greatly respected in Ashton and the surrounding district.

## Silver Wedding

Congratulations to A. Artingstall, of Ashton-under-Lyne, who we now hear celebrated his silver wedding anniversary last year.



T. Rogers sends us from Brighton the following interesting historical article, and expresses the hope that other St. Dunstaners will follow his example and send contributions from time to time for the "Review."

### William the Conqueror

IF King Alfred had not driven Rollo the Norseman (from whom the Normans take their name) from the coast of England and compelled him to seek an outlet for his predatory instincts by attacking the Northern coast of France to such good purpose that Charles III, the reigning King of France, was glad to compromise by granting him money and land, thus enabling him to settle in that part of France known to this day as Normandy, it is safe to say that England would never have held sway over one-fifth of the world's territory as she now does. This Rollo was the ancestor of William the Conqueror, whose advent was to prove so great a blessing to the Anglo-Saxons.

It is generally accepted that William I was ruthless, but he only adopted ruthless measures when all other methods failed. This stands out in the way in which he not only obtained the promise of the English crown from Edward the Confessor, but in the manner in which he entrapped Harold, the recognised heir, into promising to assist him in following Edward as King of England. Even before obtaining the throne he showed his turbulent spirit in the manner in which he treated Matilda of Flanders when she ridiculed him on account of his ignoble birth, his mother being Arlette, the daughter of one Fulbert, a tanner. He administered chastisement to Matilda, but this evidently did not deter the lady from eventually giving him her hand in marriage.

The battle of Senlac (frequently called the battle of Hastings) is too well known to need comment; suffice it to say that it led to his obtaining his long-cherished ambition for the English throne.

His mental equipment was far above his fellows, as may be evidenced when one considers how he met the laws prevailing at the time and bent them to his will by pure tact and strategy. The fact of his evolving a scheme of what was practically

a census of his new dominion in the form of Domesday Book shows his great organising skill. It should be remarked that although his barons were granted land in recognition of their services to him, such tenure was only held as fiefs on condition that they supplied William with soldiery when he required it of them.

This man, who was characterised by his ability to rule his subjects and sway them to his will, was unfortunately not so happy in his domestic circle: his sons were constantly plotting against him and his Queen ranged herself on their side in their struggles with their father.

It almost seems that a turbulent fate dogged William to the grave, because even at his obsequies there was strife on account of his debts to those who supplied the ground for his burial. They refused to allow the coffin to be lowered until promise of payment was fulfilled by his heirs.

Thus ended the life of the man who, with a little stretch of imagination may be termed the "Father of the British Empire."

### An Appreciation

THE Sales Manager at Raglan Street has received the following letter from the recent purchasers of goods made by St. Dunstaners:—

Teddington, Middlesex.  
8th October, 1931.

DEAR SIR,—

We cannot refrain from writing to thank you for the combined folding tea stand and fire screen and the oak bed table, which have all reached us now safely. We like them very much indeed, and admire the finish and style immensely.

We congratulate you right heartily upon their excellence.

Very faithfully yours,  
(Sgd.) J. T. and M. CHELL.

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### What It Is Like to be Blind

THE following extracts are taken from an article by Captain Fraser which appeared in the *Sunday Express*. We should very much like to hear from St. Dunstaners how far their experience has tallied with that of Captain Fraser:—

"From my experience—and it is backed up by that of my blinded soldier friends—I can say that the blind man does not ordinarily live in a world of darkness. The totally blind, of course, see nothing in the sense that there are no pictures of objects photographed upon the retina and carried by the optic nerve to the sight centre of the brain for translation.

"But this does not mean that things always look black. My horizon, apart from any particular picture which I may conjure up in my mind's eye, is a very pleasant, rosy one, rather like what I remember seeing when in the old days I looked up at the sun with my eyelids closed.

"I have not had the opportunity of talking to many people who have been blind since infancy, and I do not know what they 'see' or if they see at all, though there are many I have met who do not appear to be handicapped by this lack of visual experience, and have an amazing knowledge of the world, which perhaps they cannot even conceive.

"Those of us, however, who have seen the world, even though it may be as long as twelve or fifteen years ago, have stored up visual impressions which can be recalled at will and which apply with modifications to the objects and scenes of to-day.

"To take a very simple illustration. During last winter's cold spell I recall walking from my office to my house in a slight snowstorm. I had no hat, and felt the snowflakes falling on my head and face. I had never, in fact, set eyes upon my particular house, but I know its shape and contour because I built it, and went over the plans, and have talked about it and walked around it.

"I immediately saw my house and garden in my imagination, covered with snow and the snowflakes falling and obscuring the view. I pictured the sky as overcast. Maybe my picture was a great deal more pleasant than the reality, for where I imagined beautiful white snow there was probably slush, but that was not wholly a disadvantage.

"Many blind people do not sleep very well, and I share this experience, particularly when I am overworked. This may be to some extent a physical phenomenon, for though my daily round does not differ very much from that of any other sedentary worker, I probably move about less quickly, and walk less far to and from the office and about the place than one

who can see and who is engaged in precisely the same activities.

"But it is also, I am sure, partly a matter of the mind. There is something restful and suggestive of sleep about the act of closing the eyes or turning off the light. A stimulus to the mind is removed, and partly by habit partly by suggestion, the mind composes itself to sleep. The sighted are accustomed to thinking and living with their eyes open.

"The moment their eyes are shut, or the light is turned out, they lose their usual landmarks, and cease to be interested in a world which has disappeared. When, therefore, there is no unusual worry or cause for wakefulness, sleep comes easily and quickly.

"With the blind man this change is absent. There is no shutting off of the world outside to induce sleep. He has got to wait for his mind's eye to close up—until it does so of its own accord. It cannot be encouraged; it is not open to persuasion. Those sighted people who have failed to respond to the suggestion to sleep which is made when the light is put out, and find themselves thinking and worrying and perhaps counting sheep, will know what I mean.

"I do not think blindness changes a man's character or outlook upon life very much. It is sometimes supposed that the blind are suspicious because they never can be quite sure what is going on around them. Unhappily, the majority of blind people are poor.

"Despite the fact that a good deal of help is afforded them in these times by comparison with a generation ago, they have to look out for themselves, and worry and scheme, and this may make them appear to call the world in question. But I think that their misgivings arise more because of their surroundings and their difficulties than because of their blindness.

"On the whole, I should say that blindness in itself does not induce an abnormal outlook on life. A blind man sees what he wants to see. His outlook is happy if he is happy.

"The great thing to do is not to grieve too much about him, never to grieve to him, but to give him an opportunity of interesting himself in the things that interest everybody."

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M. Carey, of Tottenham, has recently been effecting considerable improvements in his shop; he has put in another counter, made a bigger display of leather and sundries, has had the shop electrically lighted, and installed a motor for his finishing machine. He has also been developing trade by the addition of second-hand boots to his stock. He is to be congratulated on the improvements.

His little family are very bonny and healthy, one of the boys being a remarkable player on the accordion for his age.



### After-Care Reunion

STOCKTON

THIS year the Northern Reunion was held at Stockton-on-Tees, on Thursday, 10th September, in the Brunswick Rooms, and about 120 took advantage of this opportunity of gathering together to enjoy social intercourse and renew old friendships. After a most enjoyable tea, we had the pleasure of listening to a talk by Mr. Swain on "St. Dunstan's." Mr. Swain's speech is one of the great events of our Reunion, and the quiet attention given to him and the occasional outburst of applause which greeted many of the things he said was an indication of the keen interest we of the North have in St. Dunstan's and its work.

A. Garbutt, of Stockton, in replying to Mr. Swain, said:

"We would like to express our thanks to St. Dunstan's for all the pleasure such a gathering as this gives us. It was a very happy idea on the part of someone to commence these Reunions, for they meet a real need in the lives of St. Dunstaners, and I feel sure that we all look forward with great pleasure to these annual meetings. We are glad there ever was such a place called 'St. Dunstan's,' and for the great service it has rendered us, and if it had done nothing more than retrain, re-equip, and reinstate us into life it would have done a great work, but it has done more than all this, and this gathering to-day is only one of the many evidences of the real interest St. Dunstan's has in us. I am happy to think that St. Dunstan's holds a great place in the thoughts of the people of this country, and they have a fine sense of admiration for us men, and they are ever ready to help us when in difficult situations. Our badge will do more for us than a white stick. Probably by the time the next Reunion comes round we shall all have our white sticks (cries of 'Perhaps'). There are certain names associated with St. Dunstan's which will always live in our midst: Sir Arthur, the one who has done for us more than any other man ever did; Captain Fraser, who is bravely carrying on; Mrs. Bates, who has been as good as a mother to us, and who has given some of the best years of her strength and

thought to our well-being; Mr. Swain, and by the way, this is the first time we have met Mr. Swain since the great event, and I want to say that in doing what he did, he did wrong. I am not suggesting that he was wrong in taking to himself a wife, but he did wrong in not giving us the opportunity of showing our appreciation of him in a real practical way, for we have learnt to admire Mr. Swain. On coming into this tea-room, I heard a lady say that Mr. Swain looked younger than ever, and so I would say to all unmarried St. Dunstaners present, if you wish to know the secret of perennial youth, take to yourself a wife. We would like Mr. Swain to tell St. Dunstan's how much we appreciate this Reunion gathering."

W. Nelson, of Newcastle, seconded this vote of thanks in a few well-chosen words, and asked Mr. and Mrs. Swain to accept our best wishes for their future happiness.

Mr. George Hepper, of Stockton, the entertainer, and Mr. Watson, the singer, delighted us with songs and humour.

Mrs. Maclaren presented the prizes to the successful competitors of the stop-watch competition:—

*Ladies.*—1st, Mrs. Allen; 2nd, Mrs. Harkness.

*Men.*—1st, J. Aitken; 2nd, T. Cockburn.

We were glad to meet Miss Wood and the technical instructors, and we all returned home after an enjoyable Reunion.

NORTHERNER.

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The following little tribute to St. Dunstaners appeared in a recent issue of the *Brighton Evening Argus*:

ST. DUNSTAN'S MEN AT BRIGHTON

CHEERFUL THOUGH SIGHTLESS

Blinded ex-Servicemen daily take walking exercise on the Brighton Front. Two of them, coming down from St. Dunstan's, Kemp Town, yesterday afternoon, were led by a passer-by across to the esplanade. They appeared to be then able to find their way by the railing. They were finely-built men, and their cheerfulness in conversation was a lesson to grouzers who are blest with sight. They laughed, and the writer of this note could not help laughing, as one of them, taking the other's arm, and tapping on the rail with his cane, said in a bravely humorous voice: "Let us go as far as the Aquarium and see how many people we can knock down!" But everybody moved out of their way!



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