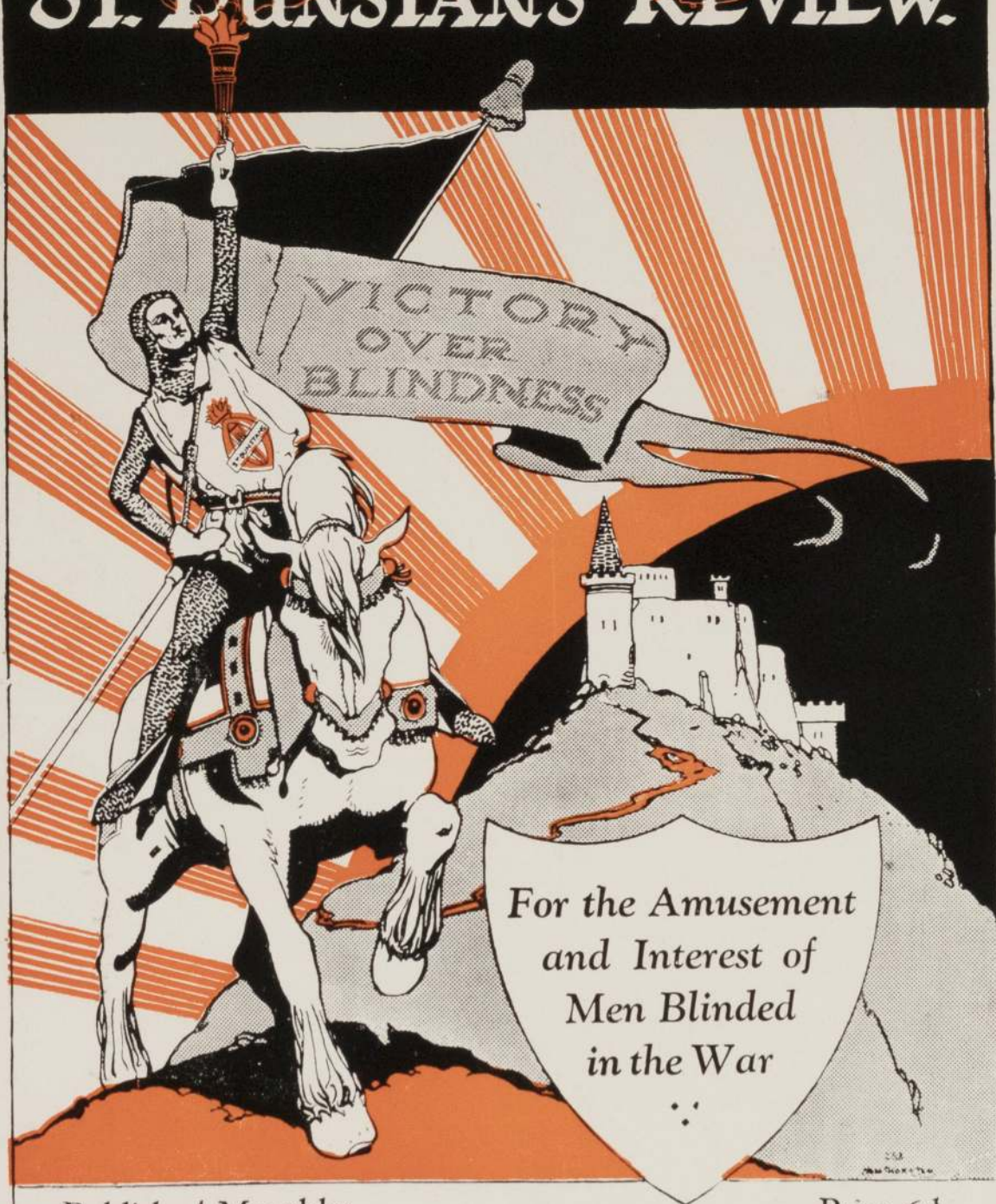


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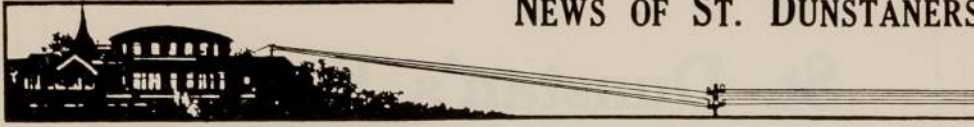
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EDITORIAL NOTES

Captain Ian Fraser, M.P.

ONE result in the General Election which has just taken place must have given unqualified pleasure to every St. Dunstaner—one might say, indeed, to every blind person in the British Isles. That is, the success of Captain Ian Fraser in winning North St. Pancras for the National Government by a majority of more than 10,000 votes. Every St. Dunstaner—every blind person—will have keen memories of the splendid work done for their cause by Captain Fraser when he sat for the same constituency from 1924–29. In sponsoring the Bill which provided blind people with free wireless licences, he won for sightless men and women a boon of which they themselves know the real worth. On this occasion, Captain Fraser was described as “the listeners’ representative,” a description which he showed he merited every time a discussion of B.B.C. programmes came up. Always, knowing how great a part wireless plays in a blind person’s life, he pressed for programmes with as wide and varied a range as possible, so that the person without sight might be kept in close touch with life and modern thought. Again, on any question regarding ex-Servicemen, he brought to the discussion a point of view appreciated by ex-Servicemen of all ranks, unsentimental, but absolutely fair and sincere. For these reasons, and also because of the stimulation which such a career as Captain Fraser’s gives to all blinded people and the increased interest and confidence in the blind which it inspires in sighted men and women, the congratulations of every St. Dunstaner will be his. If the personal element of pleasure that our Chairman has been successful in the contest and that St. Dunstan’s will again be represented in the House of Commons creeps in—well, that is only natural.

NEWS OF ST. DUNSTANERS



A NEW hobby is always a source of interest, and J. Robjohns, of Tiverton, is getting keen enjoyment from his latest venture—the keeping of racing pigeons. His eldest son is also an enthusiast and they have been spending many happy hours building houses for the birds and planning future improvements.

Another St. Dunstaner who has struck out in a fresh direction is W. Carnell, of Bampton, who has made a start—and a very good start—at bee-keeping. Carnell spent his holiday this year at Newcastle and on his way home broke the journey at Leeds to meet again the many friends he made when he was in hospital there during the War.

A prank played recently by the four-year-old son of A. Dembenski, of Cheltenham, might have had disastrous results had it not been for Dembenski's quick action. The boy managed to get hold of a box of matches and a bedroom was well alight before he called for his father. Dembenski very pluckily put most of the fire out himself and then, fortunately, some workmen who had seen the blaze also came to the rescue.

A. Brown, recently of Sidmouth and now of Exeter, has been taking advantage of the fine autumn and has had some splendid walks. He is lucky in the fact that he is able to get into the country in a very short while.

One of our Colonial St. Dunstaners, A. Cooper, of Toronto, is now in England, and hopes to be over here, mainly in Cardiff, until June. Cooper tells us that Toronto St. Dunstaners were very proud of the deep impression which Captain Fraser made upon the people of that city during his recent visit and adds that they spent a good deal of time at their wireless sets hoping to hear him giving one of his public speeches.

J. E. Davies, of Llandyssul, has been working very hard planning and carrying out improvements in the house and out-buildings.

E. Found, of Bideford, is bearing the sad loss of his father in his own brave way. He has been cheered by the fact that in spite of the bad harvest his Festival Service was as great a success as ever, so that he is able to carry on his wonderful work in Hoxton as before.

W. J. Gilbert, of Barnstaple, has been visiting F. W. Thompson, of Tavistock, to their mutual pleasure. In the course of long chats of old times, they discovered that they had worked together in the making of the Lynton railway over thirty years ago.

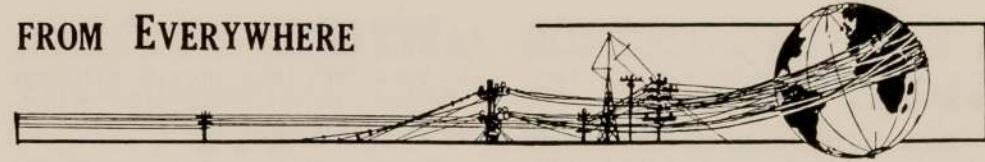
J. L. Brooke, of Crossflats, Leeds, who is very fit and flourishing, is held in high esteem by the drapery firm for whom he works as telephonist, and an article written by him for the firm's magazine appears on another page of this "Review."

H. Gunson, of Batley, and C. Dennison, of York, have recently made exchange visits to one another, both thoroughly enjoying each holiday.

By a strange coincidence, the wives of two St. Dunstaners living in Batley had the misfortune to be taken ill either on the eve of or during their holiday. Mrs. P. Dixon developed quinsy just as she and her husband were preparing to go to Scarborough, and Mrs. T. E. Skelly was taken ill while she was actually on holiday there. We hope that both Mrs. Dixon and Mrs. Skelly are by now quite recovered.

C. Roach, and T. Carter, of Darlington, have both been busy lately planning and making new poultry houses, while a very ingenious scheme has been keeping R. Westwood, of Bellerby, occupied. It seems that there is water practically beneath his runs, so Westwood has

FROM EVERYWHERE



cleverly dug down and made a natural well in each run.

D. Gibson, of Rosyth, is in splendid fettle and says he has never felt so fit.

T. Scotland, of North Mount Vernon, has been busy in his leisure moments sawing up a load of wood which he has acquired. He recommends it to other St. Dunstaners as excellent exercise.

The little daughters of S. Wright, of Wilsden, have taken up music—one is learning to play the piano and the other the violin—so that later on they can accompany their father on his 'cello.

G. W. Francis, of Morley, had a splendid holiday with his family at A. Welton's boarding house at Cleethorpes.

Speaking of holidays—F. J. Guiseley, of Harden, and his wife and small son spent part of theirs in a caravan this year, and thoroughly enjoyed it, although the floods brought it to an abrupt finish, and their temporary home became mud-bound. Guiseley has invented a game, particulars of which we hope to give later on in the "Review."

"Fit and well" is the reassuring news of L. Hardy, of Morley, and S. Brazier, of Airedale, near Castleford. The latter has spent a happy time this summer meeting his old chum, A. Thompson, of Sprotborough.

One of St. Dunstan's telephonists, J. Deegan, of Brixton, had the unique honour some weeks ago of getting the Majestic in mid-Atlantic en route to New York.

British Legion activities are keeping C. Durkin, of Putney, very busy these days. He has been appointed a member of three committees of the Legion, Metropolitan Area.

J. Elder and J. Mitchell, both of Leith, are very well. Mitchell and his wife

spent their holiday hiking, and keenly enjoyed their experience.

J. Wood, of Grange-over-Sands, is rapidly settling down in his new house, and is happy and fairly busy.

J. A. Dunlop, of Bonnyrigg, has been working hard as usual, his little baskets for cheese proving to be particularly popular with customers.

S. A. Worlidge, of Keelby, has again added to his many poultry successes by carrying off the second prize for the best pen of Rhode Island Red pullets at a local show.

"All well" is the report from A. T. Brookes, of Bournemouth, and S. K. Jerome, of Christchurch. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Jerome who have been awarded a Christ's Hospital Presentation for their son.

W. H. Whiteside, of Lytham, is a walking enthusiast, and does at least six miles each day. Perhaps this accounts for the brief but cheerful message from him, "Very fit and happy."

C. H. Brown, of Burton-on-Trent, is very well and thoroughly enjoyed the Reunions. His poultry is flourishing and he is working hard.

W. C. Smith, of Melbourne, was very disappointed that at the last moment he had to miss the meeting. Smith has just had in a very attractive stock of Christmas novelties which should go very well—all British made!

In spite of a run of bad luck a month or so ago, A. Rowe, of Burslem, is very cheerful and hopes that things will now be brighter. His small daughter had to have an operation for appendicitis on the first day of their holiday, and four days after they returned Mrs. Rowe scalded her foot badly.

All animal-lovers will sympathise with F. Ralph, of Purley, and his wife, whose dog, which they have had ever since they were married, has just died.

The loss of their doggy pal has also made the family of W. Newland, of Hever, very sad.

Wireless is still a joy to A. W. Grocott, of Ladbroke Grove, but although he confesses that the temptation is a big one, he firmly refuses to put the earphones on while he is working in case, as he says, he decreases when he should increase, and vice versa. Wise man!

The little daughter of E. G. Wilcocks, of Tottenham, has now moved into the big girls' class at school. When asked how she liked it, her only reply was, "£ s. d.", which mysterious utterance meant that she now does sums with pounds instead of with only shillings and pence.

All St. Dunstaners will be glad to hear that E. J. Burgess, of Bristol, was able to recover his War medals, tarnished but otherwise intact, from the ruins of the fire which destroyed his premises some months back. Burgess is having a busy time now helping to re-build his shop so that he can carry on his tobacco and sweet trade.

More orders for rugs have come along for W. H. Reid, of Belfast, as a result of his work at the British Legion Flower Show at Cregagh and he is going strongly ahead with them.

A. Gribben, of Belfast, takes a keen interest in his work for the local branch of the British Legion, of which he is an official, and gets plenty of enjoyment from the company of his fellow-members.

The Armistice Week Display is keeping S. Holmes, also of Belfast, very busy preparing a good display; while E. P. Horan, of Dublin, has had considerable success with some new coloured trays of his own design.

L. Bride, of Dublin, has been having instruction in mat-making and is making good progress, while J. Goodison, and R. Bell, both of Sandymount, are in fine form.

Basket-making is keeping D. McLean, of Brimpton, busy, and what spare time he has is fully taken up with addressing meetings. He is a good speaker and consequently in demand in the district.

We are very glad indeed to report that Mrs. Clewlow, of Brighton, is now very much better. Mrs. Clewlow would like to thank, through the "Review," all the St. Dunstaners and their wives who have so kindly enquired after her health; there have been so many of these that she regrets it is impossible for her to reply personally to each one.

Lives Saved by a St. Dunstaner

WE give below a cutting from the *Evening News* of 16th October, relating to an action of great resource on the part of a St. Dunstaner.

"The Chiswick Memorial Club for ex-Servicemen was badly damaged by fire early to-day. The outbreak was discovered by a blind man, Mr. Foxon, brother-in-law of the Club's steward, Mr. Saunders.

"Mr. Foxon was asleep in a room adjoining that in which the fire started—used by local Scouts and called 'Eagles' Corner.' He, Mr. Saunders and his wife escaped after dressing hurriedly. Firemen put out the flames in about two hours."

A letter has since been received from Mr. Saunders himself, saying how much he and his wife have appreciated Foxon's act. He says:—

"He certainly saved our lives, as the ceilings were falling in when he roused us. There was £1,500 worth of damage done in two hours. Mr. Foxon is quite well and has just restarted his allotment."

A Poultry-Farmer's Success

ONE of our poultry-farmers, G. C. Jackson, of Kingsnorth, Ashford, Kent, has recently gained the following awards at a local Show:—

Five First prizes,
Three Second prizes,
Three Third prizes,
and the Cup for the best bird in the Show—
out of thirteen entries.

These successes follow on many other successes which Jackson has had in previous years. A splendid record, of which every St. Dunstaner will feel proud.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Tenth Anniversary of the Death of Sir Arthur Pearson Memorial Service at Headquarters

ON Wednesday, 9th December, 1931, at 6.45 p.m., a Service in memory of Sir Arthur Pearson will be held in the Lounge at Headquarters. The Very Rev. E. N. Sharpe, Archdeacon of London, Honorary Chaplain to St. Dunstan's, will conduct the service, with the help of the Rev. J. E. Williams. Sir Neville Pearson, Bart., will read the lesson.

This being the Tenth Anniversary of the death of Sir Arthur Pearson it is believed that all St. Dunstaners and friends of St. Dunstan's who can possibly attend this service will desire to come, and join in honouring the memory of the Founder of the Organization.

In order that the necessary arrangements may be made, St. Dunstaners who can come to this Service are asked to send a postcard to Captain Fraser at Headquarters notifying him of their intention to be present.

As usual, a deputation of St. Dunstaners will proceed to Hampstead from Headquarters on the morning of the 9th to lay a wreath on Sir Arthur's grave. Subscriptions of not more than 1s. towards the wreath should be sent to Mrs. Bates' office.

A Prize-Winning Garden

A ST. DUNSTANER, E. Sheppard, of Bellingham, was among those who received awards at the hands of the Mayor at the distribution of the Lewisham Gardens Guild prizes at the Town Hall last month.

In commenting on his success, the *Lewisham Borough News* said:—

"Mr. Sheppard lost his sight in tragic but heroic circumstances. He had crawled on his stomach to an enemy dug-out and surprised sixteen German soldiers who became his prisoners. He was a Lewis gunner, but rather than fire on them he called upon them to surrender. This they did, but hardly had he turned his back than he found himself looking into the muzzle of a revolver. As he turned his head the gun was fired, the bullet blinding him in both eyes.

"Although he has only been at Bellingham for two years, Mr. Sheppard has achieved remarkable results with his back garden. He has a neat centre bed containing geraniums and gladioli surrounded by a lawn on the borders of which are Michaelmas daisies and other flowering plants. 'He has done all the work himself,' Mrs. Sheppard told one of our representatives, 'even to the rustic arch and the birds' bath. We have had more than twenty pounds of tomatoes from plants which we grew. Next year we shall enter for the Gardens Guild competition in earnest.'

"Mr. Sheppard, who was led up to the platform by a friend, was congratulated by the Mayor. As he received his bronze medal he was given a great ovation from the body of the hall, to which he returned smiling."

Congratulations, Sheppard!

St. Dunstan's Singers

SINCE their successful broadcast in January, the St. Dunstan's Singers have been in great demand. After hearing them on the wireless, the Hon. Mrs. W. S. Cornwallis offered them an engagement at two concerts to be given in aid of the Maidstone Ophthalmic and Aural Hospital. The Singers, however, very generously gave their services, and contributed to both the afternoon and evening programmes. At each performance they were received with a round of applause—applause which was intensified at the conclusion of each part-song or solo. In reporting the concerts, the *South-Eastern Gazette* said:—

"The St. Dunstan's Singers, men blinded in the War, famous for their broadcast concerts, are a merry party of optimists, in spite of their great handicap. As Capt. Cornwallis announced, they left their work at one o'clock that day and came down to give a helping and to the Hospital quite gratuitously. They sang many of the old songs, the sort that go straight to the heart—'The Old Brigade,' 'Annie Laurie,' 'Bonnie Dundee,' 'The Admiral's Broom'—as well as rousing choruses—'Men of Harlech' and the 'Soldiers' Chorus' from *Faust*. In lighter vein were 'The Army, the Navy, and the Air Force,' 'Exercise,' and the humorous trio, 'Three Married Martyrs,' as well as other items.

"The choir commands a fine range of vocal powers and numbers in its ranks several excellent soloists. Mr. Charles Thomas's rendering of the 'Flower Song' from *Carmen* (Bizet) was greatly appreciated."

Book-Review Magazine in Braille

WE have received the following account, from the American Braille Press, New York City, of a book-review magazine which is to be published in braille. Although the publication is American, books by writers of all nationalities will be reviewed, and it is hoped that the blind in every part of the world will be interested.

Publication, in braille, of a monthly literary magazine for the blind—the first of its kind—devoted to reviews of new books, biographies of contemporary writers, and essays on literature, is being sponsored by the American Braille Press and the Henry F. Homes Fund of the New York Public Library. Although the first regular issue will not appear until January, 1932, a sample issue of sixty-four pages is being published this month (November).

The new periodical, called the *Braille Book Review*, is edited by Lucille A. Goldthwaite, Librarian of the Department for the Blind in the New York Public Library. It is distributed free of charge, except for a small registration fee, to blind readers throughout the world.

"While every effort is made to cultivate reading among adults who see, little has been done to tempt the reader who is blind to develop the same habit," says a Foreword in the sample issue of the magazine. "This new monthly magazine has a definite service to offer. Its aim is to stimulate an interest in reading among those who read by touch. This field has not been covered by other braille magazines in America, for the majority of these are concerned with affairs of general interest and none have specialised in literary news."

The introductory issue contains biographical sketches of three authors whose books, in braille, are popular with blind readers—Sinclair Lewis, Mary Roberts Rinehart, and Robert A. Millikan.

Babbitt by Sinclair Lewis, and *Science and the New Civilization* by Professor Millikan, are in demand by blind readers. Biographical sketches of other writers

whose works have been embossed in braille will be published from month to month.

Congress recently passed a \$100,000 (£25,000) appropriation for the publishing of books in braille. Between 120 and 130 works, unavailable to the blind heretofore because of the large investment required for braille printing and because of lack of profit to publishers, will be printed from the appropriation. All of the books published through this subsidy will be reviewed in the *Braille Book Review*. The first two, reviewed in the introductory issue, are Woodrow Wilson's *George Washington* and Willa Cather's *Shadows on the Rock*. Other braille books, distributed by the Library of Congress through the subsidy, and which will be reviewed in later issues, are:—

The Rise of American Civilization. Charles A. Beard.

The Old Wives' Tale. Arnold Bennett.

The Nemesis of American Business. Stuart Chase.

Canterbury Tales. Chaucer.

English Synonyms, Antonyms and Prepositions. James C. Fernald.

The New Map of Asia. H. A. Gibbons.

The New Map of Europe. H. A. Gibbons.

Humanity Uprooted. Maurice Hindus.

Les Miserables. Victor Hugo.

The Human Habitat. Ellsworth Huntington.

Finding the Trail of Life. Rufus M. Jones.

The Conquest of Happiness. Bertrand Russell.

The Standard Operas. George P. Upton.

The Causes of the War of Independence. Claude H. Van Tyne.

In addition to the *Braille Book Review*, ten other magazines for the blind are published by the American Braille Press, of which William Nelson Cromwell is the Founder and President. The organisation co-operated in sponsoring a World Conference on Work for the Blind in New York City last spring.

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On Armistice Sunday, E. J. Squires, of Ringwood, had the honour of placing a wreath on the local War Memorial on behalf of the Lodge of the R.A.O.B. of which he is a member.

The Armistice Dance

"ONE of the jolliest dances we have ever had." That was the verdict on the Armistice Dance, which took place on the evening of Tuesday, 10th November. Every man who could possibly come was there. The room was crowded with laughing, chattering people, who only stopped talking to dance, and who started to talk again the moment each dance came to an end. The band—a band of St. Dunstaners, of course—seemed to play more gaily and tunefully than ever before, the supper seemed even more than usually delicious—in short the whole affair went with a swing from the first moment to the last.

The entrance of Captain and Mrs. Fraser was the signal for an attentive silence. Lieut.-Col. Eric Ball, who accompanied them, spoke of the pleasure which everyone present must feel in Captain Fraser's election success, and led the room in three hearty cheers. Captain Fraser then spoke in his usual earnest, sincere way. He thanked the men for their congratulations, and said that now he represented two constituencies, as he always looked upon St. Dunstan's as his first. He promised that in his work in Parliament he would always remember St. Dunstan's, and that as he happened to be the only M.P. who was actively interested in ex-servicemen's organisations, he would do his best for all ex-soldiers, and first and foremost for St. Dunstaners.

He then went on to mention the presence beside him on the platform of "Sister Pat," the well-loved first Matron of St. Dunstan's, and said how pleased everybody would be that she was able to be present. Loud applause greeted this remark, and also the following one of pleasure in the presence of Miss Thellusson, our present Matron.

Later in the evening the ex-Mayor of St. Pancras (Mr. H. E. Capes), who has always taken such an interest in St. Dunstan's, came and spoke to the men. He was given an exceedingly warm welcome.

Of course, Instructor Tovell's work as M.C. must not be omitted. Surely he was born for the job—and for half a hundred others!

Ideas For a Competition—Who Has Them?

A PRIZE of five shillings is offered for the best suggestion for a competition to be run in the "Review." What is wanted is some form of effort which will provide interest and amusement for winter evenings, and in which every St. Dunstaner can join. Will readers please send their suggestions to the Editor in envelopes marked "Competition" as quickly as possible. It must be remembered, of course, that the Editor's decision will be final, although all the various ideas will be printed in the "Review."

In the event of more than one man sending in the same suggestion, the form of the letter and the clearness of the explanations will be taken into account.

All entries should reach the Editor not later than Monday, 7th December.

Blind Poet and His Typewriter

AS almost every St. Dunstaner is an expert at tapping the keys of a typewriter, the following story, which is taken from a New York trade paper *Office Appliances*, will be of interest:—

"Dr. Lee Chapman, of Lancaster, Ohio, while practising medicine at Columbus, Ohio, five years ago, suffered the loss of the sight of both eyes in an explosion. He was then fifty-eight years old. Since that time he has occupied himself almost wholly in writing verse, using a Remington typewriter which he has owned for twenty-eight years and which is still producing good copy. He has just published some of his work in book form.

"In one of his poems, he pays tribute to his faithful 'mill' as follows:—

" MY REMINGTON

"For many years, my Remington
To me has been a treasure;
To kiss its keys with finger-tips
Is nothing short of pleasure.

"My Remington is full of pep,
And likes to join in speeding;
It's also full of useful thoughts,
The busy world is needing.

"But when I want to get some stuff
That's good enough to pickle,
My difficulty seems to be
To know which keys to tickle."



Six Mile Outer Circle Walk Three Mile Novice Walk

5TH DECEMBER

INTENDING entrants should note that entries for either of these two events should reach the Sports Office not later than 25th November. The walk will start from Headquarters at 2.30 p.m.

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Birmingham St. Dunstan's Sports Club

The Tenth Annual Meeting will be held at Queen's College, Paradise Street, Birmingham, at 6 p.m., on Wednesday, 25th November.

The Annual 14-Mile Walk will take place on Saturday, 9th April, 1932.

Swimming Notes

ANNUAL GALA

THE Annual Gala was again held at the St. Marylebone Baths on Wednesday, 4th November.

The events were: One Length Handicap, T.B., Two Length Handicap, S.S., and an open Plunging Handicap. Heats were necessary in both the swimming events and the very close and exciting finishes in all the events bear splendid testimony to the handicapping of Instructor Jones. We were fortunate in having as Judges, Mr. Ellis, the Bath Superintendent, who is ever ready to assist us at all times, Councillor Leonard, and Messrs. C. Waite and F. Bates, all well-

known in the sporting and swimming worlds. Just one word about the prizes. We sincerely thank the donors for their very generous gifts and assure them that their kindness is greatly appreciated by all at St. Dunstan's. Mr. Waite gave a cut glass jug and six tumblers to match, Councillor Leonard, a cut glass salad bowl with glass servers, Mr. Whur, two clocks, Mr. Chapple, a set of hair brushes in case, and Mr. Mappin followed Mr. Chapple's example and also presented a set of brushes.

Some splendid racing was witnessed; H. V. Thompson eventually won the T.B. race from W. Birchall by six inches, with W. Birch 3rd, 1 foot away—off 7, 9 and 8 respectively. The S.S. heats provided some rare struggles. In the final, A. Peckham just got the better of C. Thompson and H. McK. Steel, half a yard separating these three—off 13, 11, and 9. The Plunging was won by W. Birchall., 41 feet 9 inches., Mr. Channing, 2nd, 40 feet 0 inches, A. Brown, 3rd, 39 feet 10 inches.

Mr. Ellis presented the prizes in his usual good-humoured manner. Steel then thanked the prize-givers and all who had officiated, whereupon the party adjourned to where the first London omnibus used to start (no prize for the solution of this!), where Councillor Leonard and Mr. Charles Waite distributed further prizes.

And so ended yet another jolly fine evening. I often wonder if some of our old swimmers, scattered up and down the country and in the Colonies, ever look back on some of our wonderful nights. I very often do.

W. A. T.

Braille Notes

Many congratulations to G. Jordan on passing the Braille Reading Test.

M. H. R.

A Challenge—and a Reply

SOME interesting facts have come to light as a result of a casual remark in the letter from D. J. Thomas, of Cardiff, on the subject of white sticks, which appeared in the September "Review."

Thomas wrote: "As a motor driver for thirty years, before the War and during, etc."—a statement which was challenged by G. Fallowfield on the grounds that less than thirty years ago the motor was practically unknown. He wrote: "Could Mr. Thomas tell us what type and make of motor vehicle he was driving thirty years before the end of the War, and what type and make of motor vehicle he was driving thirty years to-day?" We have asked Thomas to reply to the challenge and here is his answer:

"There was a little error in the previous letter published in the 'Review.' I did not mean I was driving motors thirty years before the War—my age wouldn't allow that. I meant thirty years ago.

"But with regard to the inquiry made by my fellow St. Dunstaner, you can tell him for me that the first car my employer had in commercial posting work, between Fishguard, Pem., and Haverfordwest—that was before the G.W.R. passenger traffic either in Fishguard or Letherstone—was a Bennis car of French make. I was then about twelve years old and was employed as a stable boy. It was in 1897 that I started driving. Our cars then were of Napier make, made for passengers and mails, between Newport, Pem., Dinas Cross, Pem., Fishguard and Haverfordwest. That was my work for years. Since then I have, I may say, driven nearly every make of motor—petrol and steam.

"I trust I have made it clearer this time and regret the error, but I do know that my employer's first car was of French make and that was thirty-five years ago. Regarding horse power, I'm afraid I cannot say, having no record."

A Question of Confidence

AS a point of interest, we bring to the notice of our readers a casual remark made by a St. Dunstaner who has artificial eyes, that he feels more confidence in getting about when he is wearing his glasses. Although until now we have not heard of a St. Dunstaner experiencing a similar confidence, it would be interesting to have the views of other readers on this unusual point.

Who Wants It?

WHAT do you think of this offer, young St. Dunstaners? A grown-up St. Dunstaner had a model railway as a hobby, but some of it got smashed, and he does not now feel so much interest in it. However, it sounds as if there is plenty of it left—about 40 inches of straight rails, including half and quarter pieces, about 30 inches of curved rail, cross-overs, points, buffers, etc., and a few pieces of rolling stock. It is Hornby make—what that means every boy knows. The St. Dunstaner naturally wants a young St. Dunstaner to have it, and is sending it to Headquarters for us to choose the recipient. We have decided to hold a ballot and to give it to the winner—and a splendid Christmas present it will be. Will all young St. Dunstaners who want to chance their luck, therefore send in their names to the Editor by 7th December, marking their envelopes "Railway Ballot." The fortunate winner will be notified within one week from the closing date.

A True Story—And a Good One

AS ST. DUNSTANER was coming to Headquarters the other day. He got off a 'bus in Marylebone Road opposite York Gate and stood by a lamp-post waiting to be able to cross the road. Apparently he looked in danger, for suddenly he felt his arm seized and an excited voice—I wish I could imitate the Cockney accent as well as this St. Dunstaner when telling me the story—said: "Look out, guv'nor. You're blind, ain't yer?" The St. Dunstaner said that he was, and the voice went on, "You're marvellous, you chaps. Seem to be able to find your way about anywhere." The traffic still continued to rush past, and the two men, the St. Dunstaner and the little Cockney, stood waiting. "This road's a blooming death-trap," the voice still went on excitedly. "You know, I'm a good bit hard o' hearing myself, and it's a bit of a nuisance sometimes. But all the same" (in a burst of confidence) "what I always think is, *I'd rather have my hard o' hearing than your sight!*"

"In Memory"

PRIVATE H. HUGHES
(11th Battalion Royal Warwicks)

We regret to have to announce the death of H. Hughes, a St. Dunstaner who enlisted in 1914 at the age of 36. For many years Hughes was troubled with very poor health, and although he was trained as a mat-maker, he was unable to carry on with this work. He spent various periods of convalescence at our Brighton Annexe, but in spite of all that was done for him, he became considerably worse and was admitted to hospital in September, where he passed away on the 20th September, 1931.

The funeral took place on the 26th September, and was attended by many relatives and friends, including several fellow St. Dunstaners—W. H. Hines, W. Castle, E. Read, J. H. Whitten, E. Moss, W. Shakespeare, and W. Trott, all of Birmingham.

Numerous beautiful floral tributes were received, and among these was one in the form of our badge from Captain Fraser and his many comrades at St. Dunstan's, and another from the Birmingham St. Dunstan's Sports Club.

We extend our sympathy to Hughes's wife and family.

PRIVATE W. DAINTER
(1st Worcesters)

It is with great regret that we have to announce the death of W. Dainter. Dainter was trained as a mat-maker when he came to St. Dunstan's in 1917, but owing to indifferent health, he was compelled to give this up and he did a little netting when fit enough. He was taken very ill at the beginning of September and developed pneumonia; he was admitted to hospital and passed away on the 19th September, 1931.

The funeral, which took place on the 26th September at Brandwood End Cemetery, was attended by many relatives and friends, 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. Our sympathy is extended to Dainter's wife and family in their bereavement.

Births

BURRAN.—To the wife of M. Burran, of Duke Street, W., on the 18th October, a son (John Michael Campbell).

COOKE.—To the wife of H. G. Cooke, of Birmingham, on the 16th October, a son.

HAMILTON.—To the wife of B. Hamilton, of Brandon, on the 10th October, a daughter.

HERITAGE.—To the wife of W. G. Heritage, of Banbury, on the 6th October, a son.

MORTIMER.—To the wife of H. Mortimer, of Hull, on the 9th October, a son.

ROUGHLEY.—To the wife of J. Roughley, at present in training at Brighton, on the 22nd October, a daughter.

ROUSE.—To the wife of J. T. Rouse, of New Botley, on the 14th October, a son (Raymond Leslie).

SCOTT.—To the wife of W. T. Scott, of Thornton Heath, on the 28th October, a daughter.

STEVENSON.—To the wife of E. W. Stevenson, of Brighton, on the 9th November, a son.

TRIGGS.—To the wife of J. Triggs, of Leaden Roding, on the 6th November, a daughter.

Deaths

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

BAUGHAN.—To W. T. Baughan, of Cirencester, who lost his only brother, aged 31 years, on the 15th October.

MCCARTHY.—To P. McCarthy, of Boyle, Ireland, who lost his wife on the 8th November.

MORGAN.—To F. C. Morgan, of Derby, who recently lost his daughter, aged 31 years. She leaves a husband and three small children.

NICHOLS.—To the wife of W. Nichols, of Scott Ellis Gardens, London, N.W.8, who has just lost her father.

TANNER.—To the wife of A. Tanner, of St. Ives, whose mother died on the 23rd October.

Silver Weddings

No fewer than five St. Dunstaners are claimants for our Silver Wedding guinea gift this month. G. Worgan, of Ruardean, celebrated his anniversary on the 14th October. He and his wife were married in 1906 at St. Paul's Church, Longton, Staffs. 23rd October was the anniversary of G. Colbeck, of Louth, and 29th October that of J. E. Booth, of Dukinfield. D. J. Thomas, of Cardiff, tells us that he celebrated his anniversary on 3rd November, while 4th November was the occasion of the anniversary of G. H. Gilpin, of Exeter.

A St. Dunstaner Tells the World

THE following is an article written by J. L. Brooks, of Leeds, which appeared in the *Caressa Chronicle*, a magazine of the firm at which Brooks is telephonist. This magazine is circulated among a number of large drapery establishments, and the article should do good work in letting people know the intricate jobs which St. Dunstaners are tackling and the success they are making of them. At the top of the page appears a photograph of a St. Dunstaner at work at his switchboard, and the article is given an appreciative introduction, as follows:—

"Mr. Brooks, our telephone operator, is a blind ex-Serviceman—trained at St. Dunstan's.

"In this little article he explains how it is possible for blind persons to acquire efficiency at this work.

"Mr. Brooks is quite one of the most popular members of our staff, and his efficiency at his work is well known to all who have reason to 'phone 29591."

Brooks himself then begins his account:

"The training of a St. Dunstan's man as telephonist was the opening of a new chapter in the life of the blind, and there are now nearly one hundred and fifty blind men (trained at St. Dunstan's) capably operating Branch Exchanges in various parts of the country.

"Much of the success of these men may be attributed to the careful training given to them at St. Dunstan's.

"My telephony training commenced by taking a course of Braille shorthand, thus enabling me to take down notes, telegrams, numbers, etc., accurately and as quickly as a sighted person.

"This course being completed, I was then given lessons on the correct way to operate an Exchange: the reception and transmission of long distance calls without waste of time and expense; and the general system upon which the telephone service is worked. Much time was spent in training the voice to a natural easy tone which, whilst pleasant to listen to, can be clearly heard. Such expressions as 'Who's that?', 'O.K.', 'Righto,' and 'Hello,' are considered undesirable and should be replaced by sensible phrases conveying more meaning.

"A small exchange with two Branch Exchanges had been erected for the practical side of the training. These exchanges were manipulated by the instructress and two trainees. In this way every type of call was received and transmitted, and, in fact, every difficulty which may present itself in the operating of a telephone exchange was rehearsed and the

best methods devised to overcome them.

"To acquire rapidity in picking up calls, and the general handling of the switchboard, a great deal of practice was necessary as it must all be done by sense of touch. In the event of numbers having to be dialled, a couple of notches in the dial suffice as a guide.

"With the final advice to accept as my motto, 'Speed, accuracy, civility,' the training was completed, and my experience tells me that many others would do well to accept the same slogan."

Social Club for Nottingham St. Dunstaners

THE Nottingham Branch of the British Red Cross Society has again undertaken during the winter to run social evenings for St. Dunstaners living in and near Nottingham. Any St. Dunstaner and his wife or an escort is welcomed. Postcards announcing these meetings will be sent to all men living in Nottingham and to any men living in Derby or the surrounding district who have said they would like to come.

May I point out that it is very difficult to prepare tea for an uncertain number, and that it will greatly help the organisers of these Socials if all those who receive a postcard will answer promptly "Yes" or "No." At the men's own suggestion a voluntary contribution of 6d. is made, to help with expenses. Sixpence includes tea for a man and his escort, but it is purely voluntary, and those who come from a distance and have fares to pay and feel any extra expense comes to more than they can afford are not asked to contribute anything. The Red Cross have generously offered to meet the balance of expenditure.

I know these parties are enjoyed by those who regularly attend. It would give the members of the Red Cross, who do all the work, more encouragement if a larger number made an effort to come; it makes a much jollier evening for everybody if there is a good attendance, so I hope all who can will come.

If the numbers drop to very few it is not really worth all the work involved, and I know the Socials would be missed by a great number of you.

A. HODGSON.

Clopton,
Stratford-on-Avon.

The Art of Shop-Keeping

FOR some years past F. Ashworth, of Gorleston-on-Sea, has been proving himself an exceptionally able business-man. He has steadily developed his sales, both to residents—some of whom need strong baskets for trade purposes—and also to visitors, who naturally purchase articles of a more attractive character, suitable for mementos and presents. He has sold a large number of stools, trays, tea-pot stands, etc., and has also made a speciality of a circular tray with a handle, of the exact size to contain a box of Chedlet cheeses. He is always ready to undertake any type of basket-work, and each year repairs a large number of hotel and other cane chairs.

In a letter received from Ashworth—which was accompanied by a fine photograph of his shop—he makes these points on the building of a successful business. They are so apt that we are publishing them, hoping that other St. Dunstaners will add to them from their own personal experience.

1. To have an attractive show window with an attractive show inside it, as near the road as possible where people cannot miss it; also, as I am a basket-maker, to have some baskets outside where people can examine them if they wish to do so without coming into the shop.

2. Always to be pleasant with your customers. It requires patience sometimes when they ask foolish questions or give you a deal of trouble, but if you can manage it, it pays in the long run.

3. To be willing to serve. To take on any job if you think you can do it, even if it will not pay you very well to do it. I have found it the best policy to do so if I can. In this way I have pleased my customers and in many cases it has led to better jobs from the same customer and has brought orders by recommendation.

I think the above points have led to the success I have attained during my seven year in business here. I might add hard work and the help of a good wife, which is not by any means the least necessary part of the business. And here are a few don'ts:—

Don't say you cannot do a job until you have had a good try.

Don't refuse to put new handles in foreign baskets for customers. You will only lose their custom and send them to buy others.

Don't keep your prices too high and depend

on sympathy. It is better to find a popular price and sell more, and, what is more important, gain the appreciation of your customers.

A Dickens Recital

St. Dunstaner's Lecture

THE following extract appeared in the *West Middlesex Gazette* of 10th October:—

"There was a splendid attendance at St. Thomas's Fellowship, when the gathering was entertained to a Dickens Recital, it being an abridged version of the famous novel, *David Copperfield*, as originally read by the famous writer himself. The lecturer was Mr. R. E. Larcombe, A.L.C.M., L.G.S.M., who is a St. Dunstan's man.

"The elocutionist delighted his audience by the manner in which he described the meeting of Mr. and Mrs. Micawber with David Copperfield in the latter's flat in town. The effort of Mrs. Micawber to raise the financial status of her husband was followed with much interest. Perhaps Mr. Larcombe excelled himself in the last chapter of the book, where he vividly described a great storm off the coast of Yarmouth, and the efforts of the simple hero, Ham, who was unsuccessful in trying to save the life of the man who had wrecked the whole of his life. At the close the audience were not slow to show their appreciation of Mr. Larcombe's talent and they warmly applauded him.

"On behalf of the Fellowship, the Chairman, Rev. H. J. Beck, thanked Mr. Larcombe for the splendid evening he had given them, and expressed the hope that he would visit them again at some future date."

Dangers of Braille

A. Loveridge, of Harrow, and C. G. Williams, of Hampstead, have both drawn our attention to the following amusing paragraph which has appeared recently in the newspaper press:—

An unfortunate misprint has been perpetrated by a volunteer writer working for the National Institute for the Blind.

In transcribing into braille a "History of English Law," required by a blind student, the writer came to a passage dealing with the Court of Common Pleas. By dropping a dot, which converted the braille "P" into braille "F," he produced the following, which considerably startled the blind lawyer:—

"When the Court left London, Common Fleas were not allowed to follow the King."

In another case the dropping of a dot changed the word "bows" into "beds," and led Homer to say, in the "Iliad," that "the warriors carried their beds into battle."

After-Care Reunion

CARDIFF

A VERY enjoyable meeting was held at the Soldiers' and Sailors' Rest, Bute Street, Cardiff, on Friday, 18th September.

After lunch had been served, Mr. Swain extended a hearty welcome to all St. Dunstaners, their wives and friends, and the social and technical visitors. He pointed out that Miss Lloyd had come down from London especially for this meeting, and that Miss Morris from the Brighton Annexe was also with us.

In the course of his speech, Mr. Swain emphasised the necessity of St. Dunstaners mixing more with the general public, especially with the section of the community who are unable to remember much about the War owing to their age at the outbreak. If we could only interest them in the work of St. Dunstan's, we would be assured of the support necessary to keep such an organisation in the public eye. He was sure that our wives would be only too pleased to see us get out more, and he pointed out the fact that he was now speaking from experience as a married man! This remark was greeted with loud laughter and brought the exclamation "so soon!!!"

He then read an apology from Captain and Mrs. Fraser, and Mr. and Mrs. Glenelg Grant, who all regretted their inability to attend, but wished the meeting every success. He wound up by saying that he would be very pleased to see anyone who would like to have an interview with him, and that a very good entertainment had been arranged by Miss Ayre.

A vote of thanks was proposed by A. C. Evans, and seconded by R. Viner, with a rider expressing the pleasure of all present on his marriage, and wishing him success and happiness. Mr. Swain then responded.

A. C. Evans then gave his report on the amount collected in connection with the appeal at the previous meeting for a presentation to Miss Ayre. He had bought a travelling case in leather, known as a blouse case, and called on R. Viner to make the presentation, and W. Last to support it. Viner pointed out that it was

made to show their appreciation of Miss Ayre's services outside her duties, and to show her in what esteem she was held, and this was enlarged upon by Last. One could detect in Miss Ayre's voice, when she replied, the pleasure it gave her. She thanked all present for their handsome gift, and said they could not have chosen a more useful article; it was just what she wanted, and she would always treasure it.

This brought us to the opening of the entertainment, and during the interval the usual guessing competitions took place. The prize-winners were:—

Cake divided between: T. Bowen
J. Lavell.
Men's Competition: A. J. Caple.
Ladies' Competition: Mrs. Hughes.
Pie divided between: Mrs. Lane
Mrs. Glanville.

This over, tea was served, and enjoyed. Mr. Swain proposed a vote of thanks to the entertainers, and to all who had made the meeting such a success, and thus ended one of the most successful and enjoyable meetings held at Cardiff. A. C. E.

LIVERPOOL

The Annual Liverpool Reunion took place at the Angel Hotel on Friday, 2nd October, and was attended by about sixty St. Dunstaners, their wives, and escorts. There was the usual buzz of excitement at the outset until Mr. Swain opened the proceedings by reading the names of those present. Everyone then sat down and did justice to a good lunch.

When we had all shown signs of having gratified our appetites, Mr. Swain rose and addressed the meeting. His speech was listened to with the keenest interest, and there was generous applause at the end. He gave us a message from Captain Fraser, regretting his absence, and hoping we would have a very enjoyable meeting.

Then came a great surprise in the form of a presentation made to Mr. Swain by George Eames. In a few well-chosen words, he said:—

"Ladies and Comrades: It is with pleasure I rise to move that a vote of thanks be accorded to Mr. Swain for the very able way in which he has presided over the meeting, for the

memories he has recalled, and for the cordial and lucid manner in which he has addressed us on the doings of St. Dunstan's and its affairs. After all, a vote of thanks, however sincerely expressed, is only mere words, so I will say in passing that to-day we have arrived at a more material way of showing our appreciation in the form of a present, but before asking Mr. Swain to accept it I should like to say a little about the many qualifications we have recognised in him. His sound judgment and staunch integrity are undoubted, his zeal of office, impartiality, and what we like most—the friendly way he meets each of us. His advice is often sought when we are in difficulties, in fact, he has unconsciously helped us out of a difficulty *re* the choice of a present, for, Sir, this gift was thought of over a year ago. Then you were a single man, and it is very hard to choose something to suit a bachelor, but you helped us greatly when you got married; everybody realises you can give a married man anything and know it will be acceptable. We boys up here have many whims and many differences of opinion, but there is one opinion in which we are all unanimous, and that is the confidence we have in you as Manager of the After-Care of St. Dunstan's.

"Now I have great pleasure in asking you, Mr. Swain, to do us the honour of accepting this cocktail set as a token of our goodwill and esteem, and I trust that these glasses will always clink merrily for you, both in your domestic and business life. We should very much have liked Mrs. Swain to be with us this afternoon, if only to let her see what we think of her husband, but we will look forward to that pleasure on some future occasion. In conclusion, may I say that by your courtesy and your thoughtfulness you have made the blind ex-Servicemen of Liverpool and District your friends for life."

J. Yare, of Liverpool, seconded this. He was supported by T. Devlin, who went on to say that he agreed with everything Mr. Swain had said, particularly the remark that St. Dunstaners should get out and about as much as possible and not stay too much at home, as the best of wives liked to see the back of their husbands occasionally!

Mr. Swain, in replying, said that this presentation had come as such a complete surprise that he felt at the outset that words were going to fail him in thanking them as he would wish to. He remarked upon the beauty of the gift and said that he had always wanted a cocktail set, but even as a bachelor had never been able to afford one, and since getting married naturally he had given up the idea alto-

gether. He particularly appreciated this coming from his Liverpool friends, as it was in Liverpool nearly thirteen years ago that he had started his work for St. Dunstan's, and had lived amongst them so happily for so many months. He concluded by saying how deeply he was touched by their generosity, how grateful he was to them, and how immensely he appreciated the friendly feeling which prompted the gift, and the good wishes which accompanied it.

Then everybody stood up and sang "For he's a jolly good fellow," which was followed by cheers for Mr. and Mrs. Swain, and Mrs. Dunphy, the Social After-Care Visitor.

There were the usual competitions, and the prizes were won by:—

Ladies.	Men.
1. Mrs. Rhys.	1. T. Milner.
2. Mrs. Hamlett.	2. C. Williams.

Mr. Yeoman Walker entertained us during the afternoon with humorous sketches, etc., assisted by his wife at the piano. Eames and Smith also gave some songs which were greatly appreciated, and everything went merrily till the end of the meeting, which came all too soon as it was the happiest reunion ever held in Liverpool.

DIGGER.

MANCHESTER

Two very enjoyable afternoons were spent at the Annual Manchester Reunions, which took place this year on Wednesday, 30th September, and Thursday, 1st October, at the Burlington Café, Oxford Road, Manchester. We were fortunate in having lovely weather on both days, and consequently a very large number of St. Dunstaners, their wives and escorts, turned up, the few absentees being prevented by illness.

Mr. Swain was given a hearty reception when he rose to address the company after tea, and his speech was listened to with great interest. He conveyed to us a message from Captain and Mrs. Fraser, regretting that they were unable to be present, and sending good wishes for successful and enjoyable reunions. We were also very sorry to hear that Mrs.

Irvine could not come to the meeting; we especially regretted that the reason was that her father was seriously ill.

Votes of thanks were proposed, at the first meeting by W. C. Scott, and seconded by T. Pannifer, and the following day by F. Dyson and seconded by W. Lilley. At both meetings Mr. Swain was congratulated by those present on his recent marriage.

As in previous years an excellent entertainment was provided by Mr. Yeoman Walker, ably assisted by his wife at the piano.

The usual competitions followed, and caused much amusement. The prize-winners were:—

1st Meeting.	Ladies:	1. Mrs. McNicholls.
		2. Mrs. Bolton.
	Men:	1. W. C. Scott.
		2. J. Worthington.
2nd "	Ladies:	1. Mrs. Roberts.
		2. Mrs. Heapy.
	Men:	1. J. H. Greaves.
		2. A. Forster.

E. D.

NOTTINGHAM AND DERBY

The Meeting was held this year in the Greyfriars Hall, Greyfriars Gate, Nottingham. The new room and arrangements on the whole were more satisfactory than the Elite Café. The room was larger and it was easier to move about and talk to old friends; there is so much conversation at this Reunion that entertainments and competitions seem really unnecessary.

It was a pleasant surprise to meet Miss Warren again, and also Miss Pease. Miss Bright, Honorary County Secretary for the Nottingham Branch of the B.R.C.S., and Mr. and Mrs. Greenacre, all old friends of the Nottingham St. Dunstaners, were very welcome guests.

The tea was prepared and served by members of the B.R.C.S. V.A.D. Notts. 32, who were in the charge of their Commandant, Miss Smith, and wore Red Cross indoor uniform. No trained waitresses could have served tea better. They were at work from 10 a.m. till the end of the Meeting, and we are most grateful for all they did.

At the conclusion of tea, Mr. Swain made a most interesting speech. H. Knopp

responded, and proposed a vote of thanks. He congratulated Mr. Swain on his marriage, and asked him and Mrs. Swain to accept the good wishes of all St. Dunstaners present. He also asked Mr. Swain to send the good wishes of the Meeting to Captain Fraser in the forthcoming Election. He was sure everyone wished him well; irrespective of party he was St. Dunstan's representative. He remarked that everybody had enjoyed the tea which he understood had been catered for by the After-Care Visitors, thus saving expense, and setting a good example in a policy of economy.

Mr. Swain then started interviews, and the tables were cleared and competitions were arranged. Passing the Parcel caused a lot of amusement, and was won by W. Taylor of Loughborough. The winner in the Ladies' Section was Mrs. Fearn. A very fine home-made cake was carried round, and the number of cherries in it was guessed correctly by W. Taylor, but as he had already won the other competition, it was decided to give the cake to the next nearest guesser, H. Bridgman. At 5.30 an orchestra arrived to play for an hour's dancing. So ended another happy Reunion. A. H.



THE following extract appears in a letter received from A. H. Billingham, of Northampton:—

"I can now report the bedstead finished and in use; I am really proud of it and I am not the only one. My boy, who is the owner of the bedstead, says it is the best in the town, without exception. I have put my best into it, and so has Mrs. Billingham. She has made it about the same colour as the loud speaker she stained and polished, but I have let myself in for something. I have got to make one for my little girl, and Mrs. B. says I have also to make a table for the boy's room. She says, after seeing me make the bedstead, I can do anything."

Congratulations, Billingham! It sounds a fine piece of work.

Have You Heard

the story of the Scotsman who accidentally dropped a two-shilling piece in the collection plate and for the next twelve Sundays said "Season"?

Brighton News

INVITATIONS for our men to assist in the Armistice Celebrations were as numerous as ever. The British Legion sent a general invitation for St. Dunstaners to take part in their Service of Remembrance held in the Savoy on 8th November. A splendid address was delivered by the Rev. J. H. Bateson, C.B.E., late Principal Chaplain to the Forces, the King's Cliff Quartette contributing a number of very enjoyable glees, while the singing of "Land of Hope and Glory," by Madame Edith Welling moved the huge audience to its very depths. A most impressive service was brought to an end with the singing of "God Save the King."

At about a quarter to eleven on Armistice Day, every member of the household gathered in the Big Lounge, where Matron conducted a short service until just before 11 a.m., when the wireless was turned on in order to enable us to observe the two minutes' silence with those at the Cenotaph in Whitehall. After joining in the singing of "Rock of Ages" and "God Save the King" we formed up outside the Annexe and with an escort of police, kindly provided by the Chief Constable, marched to the War Memorial, where Boswell, representing "After Care," and Roughley, "Present Care," placed a wreath in memory of those who made the supreme sacrifice. Dinner was a lively affair; every man was supplied with a cigar and a glass of port, and when Sir Cooper Rawson arrived in good form with a stock of new stories, things began to hum. After dinner a large party went to enjoy the talkies at the Savoy, where they were the guests of the management. In the evening a good number of the men accompanied Matron to St. George's Church, to assist in a most enjoyable service. Another party went to the Hove Town Hall for community singing; it was great to hear again the old marching songs sung with so much spirit; it reminded one of the time when the troops hunched their packs and swung along the roads of France or Flanders, singing lustily, though the world did seem unreal and the future hopeless!

On Thursday, the 12th, we had our Armistice dance and during the evening Matron read a telegram from Captain Fraser, hoping that everyone would enjoy themselves. (N.B.—Everyone did!) Lady Cooper Rawson, who was present, gave a short able speech in which she mentioned the fact that a German ship had just rescued the crew of a British man-of-war, which had sunk, remarking that the world needed this spirit of brotherhood. Lady Rawson concluded with a tribute to Matron for the work she was doing for St. Dunstan's and St. Dunstaners. She then distributed the prizes to the winners of the Spot March, who were Watson, Rogers, Stracey and Reynolds respectively. Supper was then served, after which the fun became faster, everybody singing with the dance music, streamers being thrown from all parts of the room, entangling the dancers. With the help of coloured lights the scene was a gay one, and it was with feelings of true regret that such a happy evening had to come to an end.

For Sale

F. J. Guiseley, of "Glen Rosa," Harden, near Bingley, has for sale a British general tuner, latest pattern, with aerial to grid and centre tapping. The tuner is quite new and Guiseley's reason for selling is the fact that as the new North Regional Wireless Station is only about twelve miles from his house, he is altering his set to screened grid valve, with which, unfortunately, the tuner cannot be worked.

When Guiseley fitted the tuner to his set a week or so before the new station was opened, it worked beautifully, and he had a very good range of foreign stations at his disposal when the British ones were not working. He says: "It will also separate the North Regional from the North National and London National, and is all round very satisfactory to anyone living a good distance from the North. Anyone living to the south of the Midlands will have very excellent results with this tuner. I am only too sorry that it will not work an S.G. valve."

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