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### THE ROYAL FAMILY AND ST. DUNSTAN'S

CT. DUNSTAN'S has always been fortunate in the interest taken in its work and in St. Dunstaners by members of the Royal Family. We acknowledge with a sense of honour and pleasure four instances of Royal favour which have been bestowed on our organisation during the past few weeks. Such gracious and kindly actions as those recorded below do much to bind in ever more loyal association the members of St. Dunstan's brotherhood and the thousands of sympathisers with our work throughout the land.

#### THE KING'S MESSAGE TO SCOTSMEN

This year St. Dunstan's Scotsmen were guests of the Lord Provost and Council at Perth, where the Reunion was held. The following telegrams were read :

On behalf of the Scottish blinded soldiers under the care of St. Dunstan's, who are assembled at their annual Reunion in the City Hall, Perth, as guests of the Lord Provost and City Council. I ask your Majesty to be graciously pleased to accept loyal greetings and good wishes for continued health and happiness.

IAN FRASER.

The King has received with much pleasure the loyal message from the Scottish blinded soldiers who are guests of the Lord Provost and City Council of Perth to-day, and sincerely thanks them for their good wishes. His Majesty trusts that they will have a very enjoyable Reunion.

PRIVATE SECRETARY.

#### THE PRINCE OF WALES INSPECTS ST. DUNSTAN'S WORK

The Prince of Wales visited St. Dunstan's Stand at the Grocers' Federation Nation's Foods Exhibition last month. The Prince was met by Captain Fraser, and representatives of the Brighton Grocers' Association, who were generously helping at the Stand, and K. C. Gattrell, St. Dunstaner, were presented. His Royal Highness took a great interest in St. Dunstan's work.

When H.R.H. the Prince of Wales attended the Bath and West Show, at Yeovil, on 27th May, F. J. Westaway, who was one of the British Legion guard of honour, was pointed out to him as a very skilful mat-maker. Westaway told a representative of a local paper : "The Prince said he was very pleased I could make mats so well, and asked if I was a St. Dunstan's man. I told him 'yes.' "

At the Devon County Agricultural Show at Tavistock, which was held a week previously, H.R.H. Prince George, during the course of his visit, chatted to several ex-Servicemen, among them being F. V. Thompson. His Royal Highness was particularly interested in our St. Dunstaner and expressed sympathy with him.

### Chairman's Notes

VISITING Brighton the other day I was asked by one of the men if I would revive my old habit of writing occasional notes for the "Review." I said I would try and fit in time now and then to make some jottings by the way. Not to make any special announcement, but just by way of commenting upon current events.

The organisation of St. Dunstan's does not lessen its calls upon my time, and it is as much as one can do to fit in the many engagements that arise, particularly at this time of the year, when committee meetings and the annual meeting and the regatta and a number of outdoor events all have to be crammed in a few weeks in addition to one's regular day-to-day duties and attendance at the House of Commons.

### REUNIONS

However, I found time to go to a number of. After-Care meetings during the last month or two, and I was delighted to see how much these functions are enjoyed. I think perhaps they are more than ever needed now, in view of the reduction in the amount of visiting.

I went to the Irish Free State and Northern Ireland-I am ashamed to sav for the first time—a few weeks ago, and found Irish St. Dunstaners in the same cheerful mood as their British comrades. The Scotsmen I met, too, at their Reunion, which was held in Perth this year, where the Lord Provost and City Council entertained us as their guests. This was a good idea and we must see if we can get some of the English mayors and councils to follow the example and make of the St. Dunstan's Reunion something in the way of a civic event. It is a compliment to St. Dunstan's and a good advertisement for our organisation.

#### WAR PENSIONS

In the House of Commons many very important matters have been dealt with, but this is no place for discussing them. I will only mention two matters that may particularly interest "Review" readers.

I have heard no word in ministerial or parliamentary circles about any question of cutting pensions, but one or two newspapers have pointed out that War Pensions cost forty-five millions a year, and that in any general scheme of economy, ministers could scarcely avoid giving consideration to this large block of expenditure. They may give consideration to it, but I hope they will decide that these pensions should not be touched. Towards the end of the 1924-1929 Parliament, I asked Major Tryon, the Minister of Pensions, a question about war pensions, and he replied that the Government would stabilise them at the present figure. I hope conditions will not arise which will lead to an alteration of this policy. In any event, I will watch the position closely and take steps to put the badly disabled soldier's case as forcibly as is necessary. I have already had a long private talk with Major Tryon about the matter, and he told me that the question of cutting disability pensions had not been considered, and was not under consideration by the Government.

#### BLIND VOTERS

One other little matter touching upon public affairs. As a result of the correspondence with a number of St. Dunstaners and other blind people, I took up the question of the method of voting for the blind, and found that some years ago the Ministry of Health Advisory Committee had passed a resolution declaring that they saw no reason for changing the present system. This is a very important committee, and the Government would not be disposed to make any amendment so long as this resolution stood. Moreover, there were three blind persons upon this Committee, and they all concurred in the view that the present method was all right. Accordingly approached the Committee and put before them the views which I have expressed already in the "Review." I particularly pointed out to the blind members that they were men active in public affairs whose politics were well known and who did not care who knew which way they were voting. Therefore they had no interest in a change, and I thought they had probably made the mistake of looking at the matter rather from their own point of view than from the point of view of thousands of blind people who really did care, and who

wanted their vote to be a secret shared only by wife or friend. I am glad to say that the Advisory Committee agreed, rescinded their previous resolution, and passed a new one recommending a change which would make the vote more secret. The next step is to take the matter to the Home Office which is responsible for our electoral law, and secure their sympathetic consideration of the change. After that, there will probably have to be a little Private Bill which I hope will be noncontroversial, and will slip through without opposition.

#### BRAILLE

I use Braille notes occasionally to remind me of matters I wish to attend to, or of names of people with whom I wish to get into touch, or of agendas of committees and so on. But I do not use them for speech-making, partly because it is rather difficult to read Braille in the middle of a speech, and also because I think it is a mistake to call attention to one's self by this unusual method of looking at notes. I think one would divert the audience from the speech to the Braille reading.

Writing about Braille leads me to repeat advice which I have given before, namely, that every blind person should take to Braille and master it. For my part, I neglected Braille for five or six years after I had first learned it. Then I began to sleep rather badly and took to keeping a book at my bedside. After a few months I picked it all up again and now I read fluently and always have a book at hand. Even though I am very busily occupied I wouldn't be without my Braille book to fill in an odd half-hour, and it must be of much greater importance still to those who have a little more spare time. I would encourage any blinded soldier who has let his Braille slip to take it up again. The effort is really worth while, and the reward that it brings of pleasure and independent occupation is worth working for.

#### BRITISH LEGION

At the British Legion Conference on Whit Sunday and Monday, I met a great many old friends of St. Dunstan's and made many new ones. Relations between St. Dunstan's and the British Legion are cordial and friendly. I think this is to the advantage of both organisations. Early this year some of my friends put my name forward for the office of Vice-Chairman of the Metropolitan Area of the British Legion, and I was duly elected. This is an interesting job which puts me in touch with the British Legion's work and broadens one's outlook on ex-Service matters. On the Council of the Metropolitan Area I met one of our men, Durkin by name. He is a most energetic member of the British Legion and is Hon. Secretary of a Metropolitan district. A good many St. Dunstaners take part in Legion work, and it may be an encouragement to some to hear of Durkin's success in his responsible office. I. F.

#### Births

BREWER.—To the wife of G. Brewer, of Redruth, on the 1st June, a daughter.

MATTHEWS.—A son, on the 12th June, to the wife of G. Matthews, of Peterborough.

ROBERTS.—On the 13th May, to the wife of H. Roberts, of Stalybridge, a daughter.

#### Deaths

We offer our sincere sympathy this month to the following :---

DEEGAN.—To J. Deegan, of Brixton, and his wife, whose youngest child, Peter, died on Saturday, the 11th June, aged 4 years.

DENNIS.—To G. Dennis, of Grimsby, and his wife, whose son died in University College Hospital, on the 20th May. In 1930 he obtained his B.A. degree with honours, and was making exceedingly good progress in his new post.

GILLIBRAND.—To G. Gillibrand, of Manchester, who lost his mother on the 12th May, aged 76 years.

GREEN.—To F. L. Green, of Gosport, whose father passed away on 15th May, at the age of 73 years, after a short illness.

PARNELL.-To W. J. Parnell, of Bridlington, whose father died on the 18th May.

KNOTWELL.-To the wife of A. Knotwell, of Portsmouth, whose eldest sister has just died.

#### Silver Weddings

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. J. Dutton, of Ormskirk, who celebrated their silver wedding anniversary on 7th April; to Mr. and Mrs. H. Smith, of Chesterfield, whose anniversary occurred on 1st April; to Mr. and Mrs. J. Benson, of Boroughbridge, who celebrated their silver wedding on the 12th February last; and to C. T. Condon, of Basingstoke, and his wife, who celebrated their silver wedding anniversary on 9th June.

### We Hear That-

C. R. Newell, of Cheltenham, has had a stroke of very bad luck owing to the recent floods. More than 150 of his three-weekold chicks were drowned when the water came over his garden, and Newell is particularly upset at his loss as he had only moved the chicks a day or so before. He thinks that had they been in their previous position he might have saved some of them.

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A. Cooper, our Canadian St. Dunstaner, who has been visiting this country, has now returned to Canada.

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All is well with W. V. Clampett, of Banbury, and his family; business also is picking up.

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The little daughter of I. Butler, of Waterford, was admitted to hospital recently suffering from a severe head injury, caused by a stone thrown in the street which accidentally struck her. Her condition, happily, is now improving.

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T. W. North, of Walsall, is cheerful and busy, and has been getting out a great deal by himself. He often makes the journey by bus to Cannock to see his old chum, G. H. Hawkins. 55 55 55

A pair of blackbirds have nested in a bush in the back garden of W. V. Sargent's house at Bedford. There are now four young birds and Sargent says that while the mother looks after them, the male bird is very busy bringing food for his little family. The Bedford Daily Circular, commenting on the brave little pair, said : " It is really quite remarkable that these essentially woodland birds have chosen this site for their nest, as it is in the midst of a thickly-built-on neighbourhood, and there are two streets (one within a few feet) on which there is heavy traffic at all hours of the day.

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T. Bowen, of Llanelly, has two very enterprising sons. The eldest knows the boot-repairing trade very well ; the youngest is a very promising pupil, and between them they have started a fine little business. 新新新

Eddie, the son of E. T. W. Millis, of Sevenoaks, is camping out this year with the Boys' Brigade, and Violet will go with the Girl Guides. Eddie has already won this year five badges and a book for good conduct and long service; while Violet's company has been awarded the Divisional Standard as the best of twenty-four companies. 紧紧紧

On Whit-Monday, J. Attrell, of Polegate, and his wife were run into by a car, which, however, was travelling slowly at the time. Both Attrell and his wife suffered from slight shock, but were fortunate enough to escape serious injury.

F. Chorley, of Exeter, is wonderfully bright these days, but he very much misses his two sons; one has just married, while the other has been transferred to the Bristol branch of his firm.

新新婚 W. Raine, late of Tiptree, is now living at 36 Baldslow Road, Hastings. Mrs. Raine is willing to have boarders, and would also be pleased to take children without their parents at any time, for change of air or convalescence.

### **A Brutal Attack**

THE sympathy and admiration of all St. Dunstaners will be extended to the mother of A. W. Cima, of Wraysbury, on whom a cowardly attack was made recently by a man who had demanded money from her in her shop at Tottenham. Mrs. Cima put up a very gallant fight against her assailant, who managed to escape at the time in spite of her attempts to detain him, but who, we now learn, was arrested the following night.

We are very glad indeed to hear from Cima that his mother is recovering from her injuries, and we sincerely hope that it will not be long before she has quite recovered from the shock of her terrible experience.

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ST. DUNSTAN'S REVIEW

# "In Memory

PRIVATE ALFRED HENRY ACKLAND (19th London Regiment)

It is with deep regret that we have to announce the death of A. Ackland, on the 22nd April last. Ackland came to St. Dunstan's in 1916, and was trained as a basket-maker, but on account of indifferent health (he spent many months in various hospitals during his training period) he was compelled to give up this work. He then took on a small general business which, with the assistance of his wife, became a prosperous little concern.

At the beginning of April this year, his health became considerably worse, and he was admitted to hospital, where he passed away.

The funeral took place on the 27th April, at Kensal Green Cemetery at 2 p.m., and was attended by many friends and relatives, including a fellow St. Dunstaner who was in Ackland's regiment, R. Graham, of Tottenham, and his wife. Many beautiful wreaths were received, among them being one from his old comrades of the 19th London Regiment, and another from Captain Fraser and his many comrades at St. Dunstan's.

#### We offer our sincerest sympathy to Mrs. Ackland. GUNNER JAMES HUTTON DAVIES

#### (60th Canadian Field Artillery)

We deeply regret to announce the death on the 16th May of our Canadian St. Dunstaner, I. H. Davies

Davies enlisted in 1917 and was badly wounded at Arras in September, 1918, sustaining in addition to the damage to his eye, wounds in his left leg and arm. He came to St. Dunstan's in the following December, where he was trained as a boot-repairer and netter, and while over here married an English girl. He returned to Canada in September, 1919, his wife following him later. His health began to fail some seven or eight years ago and in 1929 he came to England with his wife for a holiday. Soon after his arrival, however, he was taken ill and operated upon, but he never properly recovered, being under practically continuous treatment during the last three years and suffering greatly.

The funeral took place at Kensal Green Cemetery and Davies was buried in the ex-Servicemen's Section beside the Canadians who died in this country during or since the War. A Union Jack covered the coffin and there were many floral tributes, including a wreath from Captain Fraser and his comrades at St. Dunstan's, and also one of maple leaves, roses and narcissi from Captain Edwin Baker, M.C., and his Canadian comrades.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Davies's wife and little child. PRIVATE JAMES C. HOLGATE

### (Machine-Gun Corps)

We very much regret to announce that J. Holgate died on the 9th April, 1932. He was unable to come to St. Dunstan's for training owing to very poor health-he suffered greatly, but was always most patient and cheery. At the beginning of this year he went down to our Brighton Annexe in the hope that the change would benefit him, but he rapidly became worse and was admitted to hospital, where he passed away,

The funeral took place at Scarborough and was attended by many relatives and friends. Included among the numerous wreaths was one from Captain Fraser and his comrades at St. Dunstan's.

We extend our sincere sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Holgate and family in their bereavement. GUNNER LEWIS STRAW

(45th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery)

We deeply regret to announce the death of this St. Dunstaner.

While serving as a corporal in the R.F.A. during the big German push in March, 1918, Straw received terrible wounds which resulted in his blindness. He was awarded the Military Medal for gallantry during that retreat.

On leaving Hospital at Epsom (he underwent fourteen operations to his face) he came to St. Dunstan's and was trained as a mat-maker and boot repairer. He gave up the latter trade, but made excellent progress at mat-making, and set up a good connection in his town, being extremely popular with everyone.

Last year his health began to fail, and he gradually became worse ; then, in April of this year he was admitted to hospital, where he died on the 5th May.

The funeral took place on the 9th May, at Bulwell Cemetery, the Rev. E. Taylor officiating. Some of Straw's fellow St. Dunstaners attended-H. Foxwell, G. Swindell, A. Smith and G. Parker, of Nottingham-and they stood to attention in the porch as the coffin, which was draped with the Union Jack, was borne into the chapel. Councillor H. Seely Whitby also represented St. Dunstan's. There were many beautiful wreaths, including one in the form of our badge from Captain Fraser and his many comrades at St. Dunstan's.

Straw leaves a wife and two children to mourn his loss, and to whom we offer our keen sympathy.

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### **After-Care Reunions**

PORTSMOUTH AND BOURNEMOUTH

**D**OTH meetings, which took place on 27th and 29th April respectively, were very successful, and particularly well attended. A vote of thanks to and confidence in St. Dunstan's was proposed at Portsmouth, by W. Lowings, of Eastleigh, and seconded by W. E. Brookes. of Southampton; and at Bournemouth, a similar vote was proposed by F. Reason, of Bockenhampton, and seconded by J. Clare, of Brockenhurst. A presentation to Mr. Swain was made at the latter meeting by H. Sims, of Basingstoke, as a mark of the men's appreciation and esteem. W. Lowings' dance band played delightfully at both Reunions.

#### BEDFORD AND NORWICH

After - Care Reunions were held at Dujohn's Café, Bedford, and St. Giles Parish Hall, Cow Hill, Norwich, on the 12th and 18th May, respectively. Both meetings were well attended. At Bedford a vote of thanks was proposed by A. Chaffin, of Leighton Buzzard, and seconded by P. Holmes, of Woburn, and at Norwich by B. Hamilton, of Brandon, and seconded by A. G. Wise, of Fakenham.

#### DUBLIN AND BELFAST

Captain and Mrs. Ian Fraser, accompanied by Mr. Swain, attended the Irish meetings, on the 5th and 6th May, at each of which they received a rousing welcome. This was the Chairman's first visit to Ireland.

The Lord Mayor of Dublin, and the Lord Mayor of Belfast respectively, honoured St. Dunstan's and the men by taking the Chair at the luncheons.

At the Dublin meeting, J. Murray proposed and B. Martin seconded, a vote of thanks to Captain and Mrs. Fraser, and a vote of confidence in St. Dunstan's; while at Belfast, these votes were sponsored by J. Boyce and A. Gribben. At the conclusion of his remarks, J. Boyce presented Captain Fraser with a blackthorn stick, as a memento of his first visit to Northern Ireland, and Lady Turner, who is so well known to us all, on behalf of the wives, presented Mrs. Fraser with some beautiful Irish linen handkerchiefs. The Chairman responding, said that he and Mrs. Fraser were deeply touched by these gifts.

The arrangements for the meetings, which were admirably complete and much appreciated, were carried out by Mr. Norman S. Macauley, St. Dunstan's representative in Ireland.

The splendid musical entertainment given at Belfast was arranged, as in previous years, by Mrs. Norman Macauley.

### **Result of Derby Sweepstake**

THE draw for our Sweepstake was made in the Lounge at Headquarters, on Thursday, 26th May, two T.B. St. Dunstaners, J. G. H. Healey and A. T. Iddiols, drawing for the horses in the presence of Mr. Fobbs, Mr. Banks, Sister Goolden, the Editor of the "Review," and a group of other St. Dunstaners and members of the staff. The total number of tickets sold was 1,461, and after deducting printing and postage expenses, £174. 18s. 6d. was left for distribution. The result of the draw is given below, together with the amounts of the prizes :-

First Prize.	£	s.	* <i>d</i> .	No.		
APRIL THE FIFTH Second Prize.	87	9	3 G. F. HALL, Bedworth	424		
DASTUR Third Prize.	34	19	9 C.V. RUSSELI Chiswick	2, 475		
MIRACLE	17	9	10 H. HOTSON,	1226		

Brough Eighteen runners

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(2s. 3d. added to total to make a round sum.) Those drawing starters were as follows :-C. Atlin, Great Warley (228) Portofino; T Bowen, Llanelly (380) Celebrator ; T. Campbell, Brighton (229) Wyvern ; W. Christian, Douglas (1095) Andrea; B. Chalk, Bournemouth (1098) Orwell; J. Cox, Felling (88) Jackdaw the Second; R. W. Horsley, Purbrook (1343) Royal Dancer; G. Moore, Folkestone (579) Summer Planet; G. W. Pell, Surbiton (545) Spenser; F. Rodwell, Tring (631) Totaig; C. A. Stevens, Ashford (400) Bacchus; W. T. Scott, Streatham (884) Cockpen; J. Spinks, Ashton-under-Lyne (1107) Jiweh; T. Thorpe, Torrisholme (608) Firdaussi; J. V. Tweedie, Wimbledon (1460) Peter Planet; C. G. Williams, Hampstead (163) Buckle; S. W. Wain, Derby (334) Corcy;

E. G. Willcocks, Tottenham (968) Hesperus; N. McDonald, Glasgow (734) The Field.

In offering our sincere congratulations to all prize-winners, we must particularly mention G. F. Hall, to whose family a big prize has gone for the second time. It was in our first sweepstake that a ticket in the name of Mrs. Hall drew Diolite which finished third.

Hall has most generously sent a donation of  $\pounds 10$  to the Sports Fund so that other St. Dunstaners may share in his good fortune, and this sum has been very gratefully accepted for use in connection with our Sports Day on 25th June.

### A Holiday Adventure

→ FALLOWFIELD, of Leytonstone, had an exciting half-hour during a recent week's holiday at Canvey Island. After he and his family had taken an apparent short cut across a bay, they found that the tide was coming in rapidly, cutting them off from the shore. Taking his youngest child on his shoulders, Fallowfield made for land, but without a cap to shade his eyes, and with the reflection of a bright sun upon the sea, he was unable to use his slight degree of sight, and soon found that he was going deeper. Fortunately, a woman who saw his predicament waded out to him and with her help he was able to put the little one on the shore and return to assist his wife and the other child. Fallowfield says that his only fear was that he would lose his balance-an easy thing for a deaf person to do, particularly with a strong wind and waves beating against him. Apart from this adventure, Fallowfield had an unexpectedly fine holiday, with rain only on their last day.

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A very jolly programme marked the end of the Adair Wounded Fund's 1931-2 season at the Scala Theatre a fortnight ago. There was a surprise when the lucky draw was announced, no fewer than four St. Dunstaners carrying off prizes. They were : J. P. Meighan, of Dollis Hill; A. J. Burtenshaw, of Walthamstow; H. R. Prior, of Chelsea; and G. Kilsby, of Cricklewood.

## **Braille Notes**

We heartily congratulate A. Wilson on passing the Braille Reading Test.

### **Typewriting Notes**

Very many congratulations to W. H. Timbrell, G. M. Riseley, R. W. Greenacre, and P. Ryan, on passing the Typewriting Test.

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### Braille Books in the United States

BLIND readers who use Braille books now have a total of approximately two thousand different titles from which to select their reading fare. This is disclosed by a complete catalogue, issued by the American Braille Press, of all Braille books that have been published in the United States since the establishment in 1918 of a uniform style of embossing known as "grade one and a half."

Although the cost of publishing the complete directory is several dollars a copy, it is being sold to the blind for 50 cents, the difference being supplied by the funds of the American Braille Press.

Many best sellers are listed in the new catalogue, including *Shadows on the Rock*, by Willa Cather, and *Cimarron*, by Edna Ferber.

Eight other journals, in several languages, and also the *Braille Book Review*, are published by the American Braille Press, whose books, magazines, and music have been distributed among libraries and institutions for the blind in eighteen countries.

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Mrs. Nava, wife of Ercole Nava, our South African St. Dunstaner, in a letter asking for Derby Sweepstake tickets, says : "Mrs. Bates has just paid us a visit, and we were very pleased to see her.

"Everything is going on as usual with us. Nava still has to be wheeled about in a wheel chair."

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## SPORTS CLUB NOTICES

### Regatta

### WEDNESDAY, 13TH JULY

THE Regatta will take place on Wednesday, 13th July, at Putney, starting at 1.30 p.m. sharp. The closing date for entries is 28th June; but I should be glad to have them as soon as possible.

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

#### Programme

- 1. Single Sculls, Trainees.
- 2. Single Sculls, T.B.
- 3. Single Sculls, S.S.
- 4. Single Sculls, Veterans over 45.
- 5. Double Sculls, Open (at least one T.B. in a boat).
- 6. Pair Oars, Open (at least one T.B. in a boat).
- 7. Pair Oars, One Armed.
- 8. Inter-Club Cup Event, Pair Oar.
- 9. Inter-Club Cup Event, Double Sculls.
- Open Fours (at least 2 T.B.'s in a boat)
  (a) Winning St. Dunstan's London
  - Four v. House of Commons Four.
  - (b) St. Dunstan's Fours v. Stone's A.C.

#### GENERAL SPORTS DAY 25th June

May I remind you all that the Sports Day in Regent's Park will begin at 2.15 p.m. sharp, and that your tea tickets *must* be brought along with you. Only ticketholders will be admitted.

#### L. WOOLRYCH.

### Manchester St. Dunstan's Sports Club

THE first out-door meeting of the Manchester Club was held on Wednesday, 11th May, at the Y.M.C.A. Sports Ground, Alexander Park. Sixteen members attended. The rain was kind and held off until tea-time, and stopped enough to let us finish the sports after tea. A table skittles competition proved very popular.

The second meeting of the season was held on the same ground on Wednesday, 1st June, seventeen St. Dunstaners bein present. Several members were late, but what could one expect with the Derby being broadcast? There was keen interest in the sports as the team was being selected to compete in London on 25th June.

After tea an informal meeting took place. It was decided to try a different system of handicaps, similar to the one that had been tried in Birmingham for several years, and which proved very successful. Results appear below, but it was difficult to work the handicaps, as there were very few records for several competitors. Before next meeting they will be readjusted.

It was decided to row off the sculling heats at Boggart Hole Clough, to help choose the scullers for Putney.

Killingbeck kindly lent his car to drive the competitors to the lake. The party arrived five competitors strong with only one cox, but the park-keeper very sportingly started the races, got a friend to cox and another to judge, and so all went off well.

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2.	Housdon			521	÷	65	=	1171
3.	Worthing	ton		57ŝ	+	45	=	1123
4.	Greaves			35	+	50	-	85
5.	Chambers			45	+	30	=	75
6.	Birley			50	+	20	=	70
7.	Johnson		***	25	+	35	=	60
8.	Čook			20	+	30	-	50
9.	McCarthy			25	+	20	=	45
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11.	Yarwood			35	+	-	=	35
12.	Boothman	1		30	+	-	=	30
13.	Lupton			15	÷	10	=	25
14.	Caldwell				+	30	=	30
15.	Debenhan	n			+	20	=	20
16.	Robinson				+	20	=	20
17.	McClusky			25	÷	-	=	25
	T			25	+	-	=	25
19.	Salt				+	5	==	5

The next meeting of the Manchester Club will be held at the Y.M.C.A. Ground, Alexander Park, either on the 20th or 27th of July. Notices will be sent.

It is hoped to have a general sports day with competitions for wives and children, and a five-mile walk, if there are enough entries, on Saturday, 3rd September.

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