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Remembrance Day

BEFORE the next REVIEW appears, Poppy Day will have come and gone. All St. Dunstaners will hope it will be a success, on the general ground that it is an important National contribution to the well-being of all ex-Servicemen, and incidentally because St. Dunstan's participates in the proceeds. I know that many St. Dunstaners and their wives lend a hand with the Poppy Day organization in their localities. I am sure they will do their best again, and I thank them in advance for their interest in this admirable National effort.

Each year I hear of a great many St. Dunstan's officers and men who attend Remembrance Services at War Memorials, in Church or Chapel, etc. I hope all who can will continue this practice. As old soldiers we should certainly make it convenient to join with those who yearly pay this tribute of remembrance to our fallen comrades.

Write to the Editor

A letter from a South African St. Dunstaner in this Magazine suggests that each Overseas comrade should make a point of writing a line to the Editor once a year, telling of his progress and views. I commend this suggestion to our Overseas readers in particular, and also to readers at home. In my opinion the REVIEW has too much local Headquarters matter in it, and not enough matter from the men themselves. The Editor cannot remedy this, but St. Dunstaners can.

Trade Recovery

Everyone must have the greatest sympathy with, and the greatest admiration for, the millions of people who suffer so bravely from unemployment and inadequate incomes, particularly during the winter. Apart from political party bias, we must all hope that the Government of our country will pursue a policy that will bring back British Trade. If consistently with this some measure of additional relief can be given during the hard winter months, such a course would undoubtedly be welcomed by a large body of opinion. During the few days the House has reassembled I have made a number of inquiries about this subject and learn with pleasure that an announcement is likely to be made soon of a

change in the administration of the Means Test. By the time these words appear I expect the details will be known. The reform will probably be to authorize the Government to make a regulation under which the Public Assistance Committees all over the country are to carry out the Means Test and these regulations will insist that certain assets, such as a war pension, a workman's compensation and small savings must in whole or in part be excluded from consideration when determining the amount of relief.

I can claim with due modesty to have had some small part in urging these reforms, for I have spoken three or four times on the matter in the House during the past few months, and was responsible for organizing a meeting of Members interested in ex-Servicemen to make representations to the government. Moreover, as reported elsewhere in this magazine, I said at the Conservative Conference at Blackpool recently that war pensions should not be taken into account as if they were ordinary relief.

The removal of these injustices will go a long way to allay discontent and I am glad the Government is acting promptly in the matter. I have read during the past few days a number of articles and speeches in which the Government is encouraged to increase various methods of public relief and abandon cuts and economies altogether. May I venture a word of personal advice to my comrades in this connection—considerable care should be taken lest a drastic change of policy should take us out of the frying pan into the fire. More State relief certainly does seem to be the easiest way to relieve hardship. But the probability is that an excessive move in this direction would land the nation in just the same kind of trouble we had last year, with the threat of unbalanced budgets, valueless currency, loss of savings and national bankruptcy. This would not only make unemployment more widespread than ever, but would render ultimate recovery all the more remote. Apart from some special concession to meet winter hardship, it looks to me as if we ought to lend our support for what it is worth to the maintenance for some time yet of the more difficult policy of reducing taxation to give trade a chance.

I myself am convinced that the trade recovery will come and that we are pursuing the right policy to bring it about. But I am also sure we shall have to go through a difficult winter. It would be a profound pity if the financial stability gained at such great cost by the sacrifices of the people as a whole, were to be prejudiced before there is time for the trade recovery to set in.

On personal grounds, too, all disabled ex-Servicemen who receive State Pensions should realize that the best guarantee for their financial stability and for the maintenance of their financial position and that of their families, is a balanced budget and a solvent State.

I do not write these lines from any political, much less party political point of view, but I think it may interest St. Dunstaners occasionally to hear something about ex-Servicemen's matters as they come under my notice in Parliament.

IAN FRASER, *Chairman.*

Armistice Dance

The Armistice Dance will be held on Tuesday, the 8th November, from 8 to 11.30 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.

News of Young St. Dunstaners

A scholarship valued at nineteen guineas, which entitles her to one year at a Bradford commercial school, has been awarded to the daughter of S. Wright, of Bradford.

Tom Hill, the son of our St. Dunstaner, H. E. Hill, of Devizes, has won a scholarship and obtained a free place in Devizes Secondary School. Hill has also heard from his son's old schoolmaster that he has done extremely well in his exams.

Our Post-Bag

WAR MEDALS AND REUNIONS

To the Editor:

DEAR EDITOR,—I have just had the current issue of the REVIEW read to me, and I think in reference to the wearing of medals you ought never to have published such an insulting letter as that of J. Jerome's in the REVIEW. Apparently Jerry thinks very little of his medals, if any, and the gibes at the St. Dunstan's badge by Jerry are to my mind an insult and an outrage. While I have no desire to appear in public laden with my medals, I cherish them, and as I take, like Jerry, all the advantages which St. Dunstan's offers, I respect the badge. I take it Jerry gets all the benefits the same as the rest of us, although he would have the badge where I think his brains must be.

I was indeed surprised for you as Editor to allow such muck and trash to appear in the REVIEW. Such medals are not unlike the various letters which appear after the names of the great men who wield the pen instead of the sword.

If such things are allowed to go unchallenged you will soon have men of Jerry's mentality insulting the Flanders Poppy.—Yours faithfully,

D. J. McLOUGHLIN, Dublin.

To the Editor:

DEAR SIR,—The custom of wearing medals at reunions and other functions was in vogue years before the Great War was thought of. I therefore fail to see how the wearer can be accused of making himself prominent, or conspicuous. We are all at liberty to please ourselves on the subject.

For petty squabbling and back-biting, ex-servicemen are ten times worse than a pack of gin-tipping old washerwomen.

Your correspondent's remarks about Crimean veterans and nose-rings contain neither sense nor humour. There is no need to wear badges, medals or red-seated trousers to become conspicuous. One has only to start making silly remarks. If your correspondent wants us all to be so modest about our medals, why does he not set us the example by resigning his membership of St. Dunstan's?

The men who fought in the Crimea were not mere soldiers, but lions, and they did not have to use nose-rings to lead them to the charge at Balaclava, like they did in the last war to get some men into the army. And their medals were not buckshee, like some of ours are.—Yours etc.,

T. Z. JONES, Brighton.

NEWS FROM SOUTH AFRICA

To the Editor:

DEAR SIR,—I observe from the REVIEW which reaches me regularly every month, that you receive very little news from St. Dunstaners residing in the Overseas Dominions, so I thought that a short contribution from South Africa might be of interest to your readers. I think it

would be an excellent idea if each St. Dunstaner, residing in places outside the United Kingdom, would send at least one communication a year to the REVIEW. This would not only tend to bring St. Dunstaners into closer touch with each other but would give some idea of what is being done in the various Dominions in the interest of the men of St. Dunstan's. Now for a little news.

There is a very fine ladies' committee in Pretoria which undertakes the collection of funds in aid of St. Dunstan's and quite a substantial amount is raised annually. This is done by the aid of a street collection, bridge drives, dances and concerts. Mr. Robert Hamilton, a local merchant, has lent one of his shops to this committee for the sale of the articles produced by our men in South Africa, and the windows of the shop are very attractively dressed for the purpose of enticing the shopping public. A different member of the committee attends at the shop daily for the purpose of selling and taking orders. The inauguration of this shop is a step in the right direction and the results so far have been most encouraging and our men have benefited by increased sales. Specimens of the work of many of our men were also exhibited at the Annual Pretoria Agricultural Show which has just concluded and the various articles were much admired by visitors to the show and many orders were given. The thanks of all South African St. Dunstaners are due to Mr. Robert Hamilton for his generosity in lending the shop to the local committee. I may mention that the monthly rental of these premises, when let, runs into three figures, they being situated in one of the main thoroughfares. Mrs. H. P. Veale is the President of our local committee and this lady is very ably supported by Lady Wessels, Lady Truter and Mesdames N. G. Nicholson, Battle, Jenson, R. Goddard and Schomler.

I am the only St. Dunstaner resident in Pretoria so I always appreciate visits from other St. Dunstaners. In February last Mr. and Mrs. Albert Mason of Pietermaritzburg visited Pretoria and were given a reception by the local committee. I think they both enjoyed their visit but I can say without fear of contradiction that we were all very sorry when their visit came to an end.

Last week we received a visit from our popular Organizing Secretary, Mrs. E. M. Chadwick Bates, O.B.E. Let me mention that the visits of this wonderful lady are eagerly looked forward to by all St. Dunstaners and members of the various committees throughout South Africa, she having endeared herself to everybody with whom she has come in contact. Since her arrival in South Africa some two years ago she has performed yeoman service on behalf of St. Dunstan's and has carried out wonderful work in connection with reorganization, etc., which is already proving of immense benefit to St. Dunstan's in general and to the South African St. Dunstaners in particular. We are all very grateful to Captain

Fraser for permitting this lady to remain in South Africa and feel that she has proved herself a most worthy successor to Mrs. C. H. Vintcent, O.B.E., who worked for so many years on our behalf.

On the occasion of her present visit, Mrs. Bates was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Owen, of Johannesburg, and an "At Home" was given in their honour and during the afternoon songs were rendered by Mrs. Harold Denny, my daughter-in-law. This lady recently broadcasted from the Johannesburg Station of the African Broadcasting Company and received shoals of congratulatory telegrams and letters.

It may interest your readers to know that I listened in to the opening of the Imperial Conference at Ottawa and also to the unveiling ceremony of the Somme War Memorial. On both occasions everything came through most clearly and the minutest detail was distinctly audible.

I will conclude by sending you, Mr. Editor, and all St. Dunstaners my kindest regards and best wishes.—Yours very truly.

E. DENNY, Pretoria.

Brighton News

ON 25th August last, at St. Matthew's Church, Kemp Town, Brighton, Mrs. Annie Wootley, widow of the late George Henry Wootley, of Maulden, was married to W. H. Collins, of Baldock, another St. Dunstaner. We wish them both every happiness in the future.

Births

ALDRIDGE.—To the wife of A. Aldridge, of Chadwell Heath, on the 8th September, a daughter—Peggy Joan.

HEALEY.—To the wife of J. Healey, of Bradford, on the 15th October, a son.

PINK.—On the 18th September, to the wife of A. Pink, of Catherington, near Horndean, a daughter.

Deaths

We extend our sincere sympathy to the following:—

EVANS.—To W. T. Evans, of Gresford, N. Wales, whose sister passed away on the 15th October.

GATTRELL.—To K. C. Gattrell, of Wandsworth, whose father died suddenly on 9th October, at the age of 82.

MONAGHAN.—To W. T. Monaghan, of Birkenhead, who lost his father on the 30th August.

War Pensions and Work for Ex-Servicemen

Chancellor Warned Off

AT the Conservative and Unionist Conference held at Blackpool on 6th October, a resolution dealing with War Pensions and other matters relating to ex-Servicemen, the text of which was given in last month's REVIEW, was passed unanimously.

In moving the Resolution, Captain Ian Fraser, M.P., who was received with cheers, said they could not emphasize too strongly the widespread feeling that war pensions and other services, benefits and preferences for ex-Servicemen should continue without abatement. Old age, and middle-age, aggravated the handicap arising from disability or war service, and the State should do all it could to look after its old soldiers. (Applause.)

A war pension was compensation for injury received. It was not a subsistence allowance, but was intended to cover provision of amenities and even small comforts. A war pension was not poor relief or public assistance—there should be no confusion in this matter. (Applause.)

The best help an ex-Serviceman could have was a job of work, and it was the duty of all to try and get one for him. In particular the Government should set an example by continuing the generous preference in the matter of employing ex-Servicemen, and by giving contracts only to firms on the King's Roll. He believed the Conference would agree that Great Britain was neither too poor nor too neglectful of its old soldiers to continue to care for them adequately. (Cheers.)

Mr. Neville Chamberlain, Chancellor of the Exchequer, speaking later in the Conference on an economy resolution, observed that the Conference had already had something to say about war pensions, and had warned him off them. (Applause.)

T. Stamper, of Middlesbrough, has won a prize of a year's season ticket to the Middlesbrough football matches in a Sunripe cigarettes competition.

"In Memory"

PRIVATE HENRY JOHN BROWN
(Royal Irish Regiment)

It is with very deep regret that we have to announce the death of H. J. Brown, of Kinson, Bournemouth. Ever since Brown was discharged from the Army in 1916 he had been in poor health, and when he came to St. Dunstan's in 1928 he was only able to take light training in basket-making; then, later on, he took up poultry farming in a very small way. Although he suffered so greatly, he insisted on carrying on with his work until a few months before his death on the 10th August.

The funeral, which took place on the 13th August, at St. Andrew's Church, Kinson, was attended by several relatives and friends, including two fellow St. Dunstaners—E. Alexander (and his wife) and W. A. Bowring. Many beautiful wreaths were received, among them being one from "Alex and Billy" (the two St. Dunstaners mentioned) and one in the form of our badge from Captain Fraser and his many comrades at St. Dunstan's.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Mrs. Brown and her three children.

RIFLEMAN H. HAGUE
(9th Bn. King's Royal Rifles)

We were all deeply grieved to learn of the very sudden death of H. Hague, of Ashton-under-Lyne. He was taken seriously ill on the 12th August and admitted to hospital; shortly afterwards he appeared to take a turn for the better, but a relapse followed, and he passed away on the 18th August.

Hague was trained at St. Dunstan's in 1916 as a boot-repairer, and afterwards he learnt mat-making at home. He took a keen interest in his work, and due to great perseverance, built up a fairly good connection in his district.

The funeral took place at Hurst Cemetery on the 22nd August, at 2 p.m., a short service being held in the house. The coffin, which was draped with the Union Jack, was borne by a platoon of the 1st Manchester Regiment from the Ladysmith (Ashton) Barracks. The "Last Post" and "Reveille" were sounded at the graveside. Many relatives and friends attended, including a fellow St. Dunstaner and his wife (J. E. Booth) and Mr. Hay, St. Dunstan's technical visitor.

Our sincerest sympathy is extended to Mrs. Hague.

PRIVATE STANLEY TARLTON
(Labour Corps)

We deeply regret to announce that S. Tarlton, of Chesterfield, passed away on the 2nd September, after only one day's illness.

Tarlton joined the Army at the age of nineteen and was wounded in June, 1916, at the battle of the Somme, receiving severe injuries to the head and stomach which afterwards necessitated many operations. He recovered sufficiently to enter St. Dunstan's in 1930, although his health prevented him from taking up any serious training. He did, however, do a little wool rug-making and was also engaged in poultry-farming. He was very interested in rowing as a pastime and last year was successful in winning a Cup.

Tarlton was taken seriously ill on the 2nd September and admitted to the local hospital, where, in spite of every effort to save his life, he passed away that night.

The funeral took place on the 6th September and was attended by many friends, amongst whom were a fellow St. Dunstaner and members of the British Legion. The coffin was covered with the Union Jack and amongst many floral tributes was a wreath from Captain Fraser and his many comrades at St. Dunstan's.

We extend our sincere sympathy to Tarlton's widow and her two little children in their loss.

PRIVATE CHARLES SHEPPARD
(Coldstream Guards)

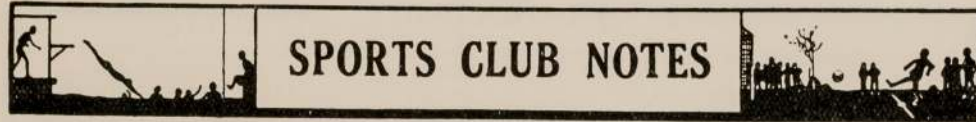
The death of C. Sheppard, of Warminster, which occurred very suddenly on the 13th August, came as a severe blow to all who knew him. He had not been in very good health for some time and at the beginning of August went to stay with relations at Swindon for a rest and change. Whilst there he was taken ill and did not recover.

In September, 1914, Sheppard joined the Coldstream Guards and went abroad on active service, but in March, 1915, he received wounds as a result of which he lost his sight. On returning to England he came to St. Dunstan's and was trained as a mat-maker, setting up a small business in his native village.

Practically all the residents of the neighbourhood attended the funeral at Longbridge Deverill Church on Tuesday, 16th August, when the service was taken by the Rev. J. D. Vincent; there was a full choir.

Many beautiful floral tributes were received, including one in the form of our badge from Captain Fraser and his many comrades at St. Dunstan's.

Our sincerest sympathy is extended to Sheppard's widow and four children.



6 Mile Sealed Handicap Walk and 3 Mile Scratch Walk

FOR novices and any competitor who has not taken first prize in a previous St. Dunstan's Walk.

These two walks will take place round the Outer Circle, Regent's Park, on Saturday, 3rd December, starting at 2.45 p.m. I shall be glad to receive all entries not later than 21st November. When sending entries, will each competitor state for which distance he is competing.

L. WOOLRYCH.

Annual Swimming Gala

THE above event will take place on Wednesday, 9th November, at St. Marylebone Baths.

Events.—One length T.B. Handicap; S.S. One Length Handicap; T.B. and S.S. Plunging Competition.

Entries to Sports Office not later than 2nd November.

Other swimming gala results are held over until next month.

Sports Meeting 4th October, 1932

THE usual Sports Meeting to decide upon the winter programme was held at Headquarters on Tuesday, 4th October, when there was an excellent attendance.

Captain Fraser occupied the Chair and made a most helpful and encouraging opening statement. He hoped that the sportsmen would heartily support the various branches of activity, but that whilst the range of sport would be maintained he wanted the question of economy to be considered. Captain Fraser then called upon Captain Williams to take the chair, whilst he himself very kindly remained during the greater part of the meeting, and helped with sound advice. Captain Williams expressed the gratitude

of the Meeting to Captain Fraser for his presence and remarks, and for the very sympathetic attitude he had always taken towards sports. This was unanimously endorsed by the meeting.

The agenda was lengthy, but the meeting was greatly helped by the general attitude of the sportsmen, who were keen upon doing their part towards its success.

1. WALKS.—The great question was the general programme of walks for the winter, and particularly the last and longest walk that usually closes the season. This walk has been held for the last six years at Maidenhead, through the great kindness of the Maidenhead Club and its representative, Mr. Roberts. In view of the fact that this walk of 25 miles took a whole day, and was rather costly, it was felt that it would be wise to consider the advisability of changing the distance and the course. The meeting was indebted to Mr. Donoghue and Mr. Roberts for their helpful advice on the subject. Both felt that a course nearer to London could be found and that the distance of the walk could be reduced with advantage. It was finally decided to hold a final 15-mile walk upon a London course; Mr. Roberts, Mr. Harris and Mr. Donoghue suggesting courses which will be duly considered.

(a) It was also decided upon vote that the other distances should be 6 miles (including a 3-mile), 9 miles and 12 miles; dates to be given later.

(b) The programme, therefore, for the winter is 6, 9, 12 and 15 miles. As these distances should be within the reach of all out walkers, it is hoped that the entries will be substantially increased. There is no doubt that walking is one of the most healthy of our sporting activities, and it has done a world of good to many men who have taken it up.

(c) Before the walking discussion was ended the Chairman expressed the gratitude of the meeting to both Mr. Roberts and Mr. Donoghue for attending and

helping so much with their expert advice—and upon the proposal of Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Ashton, and personally supported by Captain Fraser, a vote of thanks and appreciation to the Maidenhead Club and Mr. Roberts was unanimously carried. It was pointed out that the question of economy alone prevented the walk taking place at Maidenhead, the sportsmen being most grateful for all the many kindnesses the Maidenhead Club had extended to them.

(d) A proposition proposed by Mr. Brown that in future a prize be awarded to the fastest loser instead of fastest time was gratefully accepted by the meeting.

2. SPORTS.—The usual programme for the winter was adopted—weight, jump, target and quoits. Also that the T.B.'s commencing handicap be the same as S.S., i.e. 21-14-7. A rather lengthy discussion took place over the suggestion that physical jerks be included in the programme. It was finally decided to have the jerks class at 6.30 (without points) and to commence sports at 7 p.m. It is hoped that the numbers attending this helpful physical jerks class will be greatly increased. The jerks will be rewarded with a plentiful supply of good health. It was thought advisable for T.B. and S.S. to form one class in sports, and the first four to qualify for prizes.

3. SOCIALS.—Dances would be arranged for the first Tuesday in each month, and whist drives, etc., arranged for the other nights. A suggestion kindly offered by Miss Hensley, that a speaker on Deep-Sea Diving should be heard, was welcomed.

4. SWIMMING.—The classes were now being held each Wednesday and Friday at 6 p.m. at Marylebone Baths, and it was hoped to arrange the annual gala some time during the first fortnight in November.

5. FOOTBALL.—Due to the generosity of the Chelsea, Fulham and Spurs Clubs parties would be arranged each Saturday upon application to Instructor Tovell.

6. MERIT CUP.—Miss Stacey has most generously presented a handsome cup to be awarded to the best all-round sportsman for the year. Not only did she offer

the Cup, but for the occasion she filled it as well! The meeting expressed its gratitude to Miss Stacey for her great kindness. The following list gives the names and points obtained, and it is seen that the cup is shared by W. Birchall and P. Conlin with 37 points. Both these excellent sportsmen deserve the heartiest congratulation. Miss Stacey presented the Cup amid loud applause.

In connection with the Merit Cup it is interesting to note that in the swimming W. Robinson put in 92 attendances at the baths during the year. W. Birchall was first in the handicap and scratch points for sports, and in walking A. Brown gained 14 points out of a maximum of 16. This shows the keenness of the competition and competitors.

The Meeting closed with a very generous expression of thanks to Captain Williams for presiding. Such a keen and helpful discussion speaks well for a very successful season—let us see to it that it is.

J. E. W.

Merit Cup Results

W. Birchall	...	37	W. Birch	...	11
P. Conlin	...	37	W. Nichols	...	10½
A. Brown	...	31½	M. Burran	...	} 10
P. Lacey	...	30½	H. Prior	...	
H. Thompson	...	28½	P. Martin	...	9½
J. McFarlane	...	28½	N. Downs	...	9
W. Robinson	...	28	R. Young	...	} 8
H. Gover	...	26	P. Nuyens	...	
B. Ingrey	...	23½	H. McSteel	...	6½
S. Welsher	...	} 21	J. Hughes	...	} 6
H. Kerr	...		A. Mumford	...	
G. Fallowfield	...	17½	F. Winter	...	5½
F. Rhodes	...	} 16	P. Costigan	...	4
P. Ashton	...		R. Cowley	...	} 3
W. Scott	...	13	T. Meredith	...	
A. Peckham	...	13	J. Mellor	...	} 3
F. Channing	...	} 12	C. Thompson	...	
G. Fleetwood	...		12	C. Walker	...
H. Boorman	...	} 12			
S. Dyer	...				

The race between the M.P.'s four and the crew of St. Dunstaners which took place at this year's Annual Regatta was very widely noted in the Press both in Great Britain and abroad. An example of this is afforded by a recent post which included cuttings from the Colombo (Ceylon) *Daily News* and *Le Soir*, Brussels.

Birmingham Club

Results of Special Sports Day, Alexander Ground, Perry Barr, 14th September, 1932.

CRICKET BALL.

		Handicap.	Result.
		yds.	yds.
1st	Brown ...	46½ +	22 = 68½
2nd	Dennick ...	47 +	18 = 65

SINGLE JUMP.

		ft. in.	ft. in.	ft. in.
1st	Shakespeare ...	5 8 +	2 6 =	8 2
2nd	Cashmore ...	7 11	scr.	= 7 11

TREBLE JUMP.

		ft. in.	ft. in.	ft. in.
1st	Trott ...	21 9 +	1 0 =	22 9
2nd	Castle ...	20 6 +	1 9 =	22 3

WEIGHT.

		ft. in.	ft. in.	ft. in.
1st	North ...	15 9 +	13 0 =	28 9
2nd	Taylor ...	20 0 +	4 0 =	24 0

FOOTBALL.

		yds.	yds.	yds.
1st	McMahon ...	24 +	7 =	31
2nd	Giles ...	21.2 +	7 =	28.2
2nd	Moss ...	12.2 +	16 =	28.2

LADIES' RACE.

1st Mrs. Brown ; 2nd Mrs. Taylor.

CHILDREN'S RACE.

1st Miss Taylor ; 2nd Master Wheeler ; 3rd Master Dennis Brown.

It was a lovely day. 13 members attended the sports. Two prizes were awarded in each event, no man taking more than one prize.

Manchester Club

ANNUAL SPORTS

1st. Chambers ...	235	Robinson	...	82½
2nd. Worthington	225	Caldwell	...	} 70
3rd. Killingbeck	200	Boothman	...	
4th. Housden ...	192½	Williams	...	} 55
Debenham ...	167½	Yarwood	...	
Joyce ...	155	Salt	30
Birley ...	150	McClusky	...	25
Johnson ...	115	Rodley	...	25
McCarthy ...	112	Peeling	10
Illingworth ...	107½	Coupland	...	25
Lupton ...	95	Rutter	25
Cook ...	87½	Jones	25
Greaves ...	85			

There has been keen competition at all five Sports Meetings. The handicaps have made a close finish among the men who have attended regularly. It is impossible for men to do well in the points competition if they miss entries and meetings.

At the final Sports Meeting, on 4th October, after tea, the results were read out and prizes presented to the winners. A mouth organ concert followed. The party stayed on playing skittles until the groundsman appeared with the key and asked us to leave as he wanted to lock up. So ended a jolly season's sport and we are looking forward to a better next year, with increased entries.

A. HODGSON.

An Appreciation

THE following article has reached us from Mr. Wilfred H. Tinney, Editor of the *Rambob*—the official journal of the Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes. Mr. Tinney writes:—"In asking you to read this article, I only wish to say that (as I wrote it) I happen to know that it is literally founded on fact. With all my heart I dedicate it to St. Dunstan's Boys."

Memorabilia

I meet him at lunch most days of the week—and then, appetite merely "waits on pleasure." It's a joy to sit at the same table; for, of all humorous, laughter-loving, mirth-provoking and mirth-enjoying jokers, he's the cheeriest.

And yet I am too great a coward to be as he. Sightless for life. To me, the greatest tragedy that could befall. To him, merely—but let him speak for himself.

"Yes, it is a bit of a nuisance to have to lead my friend everywhere, but then we get a lot of fun out of everything. It's not nearly so bad as you'd think. You see, I'm a St. Dunstan's man, where they taught us 'compensations.'

"It's true I can't see the dawn, but I never did like getting up early; if I can't see the flowers, I can have one in my buttonhole and smell its sweetness all day; if I can't see it in my wife's eyes, I hear the love in her voice; if I can't see my kiddie's smile, I can feel his arms round my neck and his kiss on my lips; I certainly can't see the clouds, but then I don't have to watch the beastly rain. But that's enough of me: have you heard this one?"

I wish I had got your splendid courage, dear man—I should be the better for it. I wish I had your lovely perception of love, life and laughter—I should appreciate them so much more. Though I don't know your name yet, thank you for letting me know *you*—I've learnt a lot from our chance meetings.

EUGE.