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Mr. Kessell Retires

AT the end of this year Mr. Ernest Kessell, C.B.E., is retiring from the office of Treasurer of St. Dunstan's on account of his attainment of the age of sixty-five years. Sir Neville Arthur Pearson, Bt., has been appointed Honorary Treasurer of St. Dunstan's, dating from 1st January, 1933.

Mr. Kessell has been Treasurer for eighteen years, for he was one of the small band of people, including Mrs. Bates and Mrs. Fraser (then Miss Mace), who were Sir Arthur Pearson's immediate advisers and helpers in the founding of St. Dunstan's.

No one was more closely identified with Sir Arthur Pearson's business and philanthropic activities than Mr. Kessell. They had, as will be seen in a special article in another place in this issue of the REVIEW, worked together for over thirty-six years. One of Mr. Kessell's most treasured possessions is the memory of his life-long association with Sir Arthur and of the friendship and trust which was reposed in him. This is illustrated by a letter which was written to him by Sir Arthur in December, 1921, shortly before his death. It runs as follows:—

"A little line of grateful appreciation of the admirable work which you have done for St. Dunstan's. Nothing in its way could, I think, be more splendid than the manner in which St. Dunstan's spirit of unselfish helpfulness to the men who come here has been maintained. I know that all of them would like, if they could, to join me in this expression of gratitude to you."

The following Resolution was proposed by Lady (Arthur) Pearson, seconded by Captain William Appleby, and carried unanimously at a Meeting of the St. Dunstan's Executive Council, over which Captain Fraser presided, on Tuesday, 4th October, 1932:—

The Executive Council of St. Dunstan's, on behalf of the Organization as a whole, and on behalf of the officers and men who were blinded in the War, express their regret at the retirement of the Treasurer, Mr. Ernest Kessell, C.B.E., on the attainment of the age of sixty-five years.

The Council recognizes with very deep appreciation the services rendered to St. Dunstan's by Mr. Kessell, from the earliest days of its foundation in 1915, to the present time, and in particular his valuable assistance in the provision of accommodation for men and staff during the time when the organization was growing rapidly to meet war-time demands, his supervision for many years of the money-raising

activities, his valuable and ready advice to the Council, Chairman and his fellow officials, and his deep personal interest in the welfare and happiness, entertainment and comfort, of all at St. Dunstan's.

The Council thanks Mr. Kessell most warmly for his hard and devoted work, and places on record its indebtedness to him, as the senior official of the organization, for his most valuable contribution towards its success.

The Council wishes Mr. Kessell health and happiness in his retirement.

We feel sure that St. Dunstaners and their wives all over the Empire, and many thousands of people who have worked at or for St. Dunstan's during the last eighteen years, will echo the terms of Sir Arthur Pearson's letter and of the Council's Resolution.

Captain Fraser, who was asked to give a message for the REVIEW about the retirement of Mr. Kessell, said: "No one has had the interests of St. Dunstan's more at heart than Mr. Kessell, and no member of the staff has enjoyed a greater personal popularity. His friends and colleagues concerned in the administration will look back upon many years of friendly and valuable work, and will recall many kindnesses. I myself can testify to the very great value I attached to Mr. Kessell's co-operation, assistance and advice, when I took over the Chairmanship of St. Dunstan's, and ever since. Mr. Kessell retires after a long life of hard and useful business and philanthropic work, of which any man might be proud."

Sir Neville Pearson Appointed

Sir Neville Pearson, who will shortly take up his duties as Honorary Treasurer of St. Dunstan's, has already placed the organization deeply in his debt by many years of most valuable work. Shortly after Sir Arthur Pearson's death, Sir Neville Pearson was appointed a Vice-President of St. Dunstan's and joined the Executive Council and the Finance Committee. He has always taken a deep interest in the well-being of St. Dunstan's men, and in the business and financial administration of the organization, and has been one of the most regular members of the Finance Committee, on which his advice has always been of the utmost value.

Sir Neville has taken a particular interest in the business administration and accounts of St. Dunstan's, and his acceptance of the duties of the Honorary Treasurership will, therefore, confirm him in an appointment the responsibilities of which are already familiar to him.

Sir Neville is President of the Fresh Air Fund, and a Director and Vice-Chairman of the very important and well-known publishing houses of Messrs. George Newnes, Ltd., and C. Arthur Pearson, Ltd.

All interested in St. Dunstan's will, we are sure, welcome the new appointment, and will thank Sir Neville for undertaking this responsibility.

Mr. Ernest Kessell, C.B.E.

FRIEND OF ST. DUNSTANERS AND LITTLE CHILDREN

MR. KESSELL started work at an early age as a journalist on a Cornish paper. He retires fifty years afterwards, after a career of varied interest, devoted to business and philanthropic work of high importance.

Through the greater part of his life he was the friend and confidant and loyal assistant of Sir Arthur Pearson.

Mr. Kessell and Mr. Pearson, as he then was, found themselves together as young men in the office of Mr. George Newnes, proprietor of *Til-Bits*, which was then in its infancy. Soon Mr. Pearson broke away, to make a career of his own which was subsequently to rank with those of our leading publicists and newspaper proprietors. *Pearson's Weekly* was started, and the first member of the staff of this journal was Mr. Kessell. When later

Mr. Pearson started the *Daily Express*, the subject of these notes helped him and remained an important member of the staff of the daily paper until the beginning of 1915, when St. Dunstan's was founded.

In this enterprise, too, Mr. Kessell was the right-hand man of the founder, and the early St. Dunstaners will recall the extremely valuable work he did in those early and difficult days. St. Dunstan's grew from a small Home with a dozen or so blinded soldiers to what amounted to a small township in Regent's Park, with its workshops, schoolrooms, dormitories, annexes, etc. Mr. Kessell played a leading part in all this development, supervising the general administration of the organization, the building up of accommodation, the provision of supplies.

Then as Treasurer of St. Dunstan's, Mr. Kessell came to be more closely identified with the actual work of raising funds for the organization, and as time went on this was his main responsibility.

Mr. Kessell is the only man who has been connected with the work of St. Dunstan's in a position of high responsibility from the beginning until the present time, and the contribution which he has made towards its success cannot be easily measured.

But devotion to duty, experience and capacity for his work were not his only qualifications. He took besides the most kindly interest in the social life of St. Dunstan's. In the early days he was personally responsible for the amusement and entertainment of the men, and took a keen interest in their sports and games.

It is well known to St. Dunstaners that Sir Arthur Pearson began his interest in philanthropic matters at an early age, when forty-one years ago he founded the FRESH AIR FUND, which has benefited millions of poor children. Here again, Mr. Kessell was with him, for he was the first Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer of this splendid organization, a position which he still occupies.

The number of blinded soldiers of St. Dunstan's and children of the Fresh Air Fund, and helpers and subscribers to both funds who hold Mr. Kessell and his work in high esteem must be legion.

On 3rd June, 1929, Mr. Kessell was appointed a Commander of the Order of the British Empire by His Majesty The King, in recognition of his public services.

Appointments at St. Dunstan's

MR. KESSELL occupied the position of Treasurer of St. Dunstan's, and Appeals Organizer. As has been said, Sir Neville Pearson becomes Honorary Treasurer. As regards the post of Appeals Organizer, it is extremely important that a suitable man should be chosen for this work, and it would be of the greatest value if an existing member of the staff proved to have the right qualifications.

Accordingly the Council have made a temporary arrangement for the work to be carried on, in order to give time for full consideration. As a result the following temporary appointments and transfers are made:—

Mr. Swain, Manager of the After-Care Department, to be temporarily transferred to the office of Appeals Organizer.

Mr. Ottaway, Superintendent of Workshops and Stores, to be temporarily transferred to the office of Manager After-Care Department at Headquarters, in which capacity he will be responsible for After-Care Reunions, Technical and Social Visiting, and all technical matters in connection with the trades followed by St. Dunstaners.

Mr. Bennett, Sales Manager, to relieve Mr. Ottaway temporarily of his Managerial duties at Raglan Street.

A part of Mr. Kessell's work being of a definitely secretarial nature will be transferred to the Department of Mr. Askew, Secretary of St. Dunstan's.

Mr. Askew becomes head of the staff, and as such will be responsible to the Chairman and Council for the conduct of all Departments. It is hoped that all St. Dunstaners will co-operate to make these changes work smoothly.

Special Notice

ARRANGEMENTS FOR MEMORIAL SERVICE TO SIR ARTHUR PEARSON

AS was announced in the REVIEW last year, the Memorial Service to the late Sir Arthur Pearson, which has hitherto been held at Headquarters, will this year and in future be held at Brighton in view of the fact that this is the centre where the largest number of blinded soldiers are present at any one time.

The Memorial Service this year will be held at St. George's Church, Kemp Town, Brighton, at 3.30 p.m. on the afternoon of 9th December. Lady (Arthur) Pearson, Sir Neville Pearson, Captain and Mrs. Fraser, and others will attend, and all at the Brighton Annexe will join in the Service. Any blinded soldiers living in Brighton and Hove or the immediate neighbourhood are cordially invited to attend the Service at St. George's Church, if they wish.

As usual, a deputation of St. Dunstaners will proceed to Hampstead from Headquarters on the morning of the 9th December, to lay a wreath on Sir Arthur's grave. Subscriptions of not more than one shilling towards the wreath should be sent to Mr. Askew at Headquarters.

The Queen and a St. Dunstan's Masseur

DURING the visit of the Queen to the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, F. H. Hughes, of Norwich, was presented to Her Majesty. We take the following from the *Eastern Evening News* of 18th October:—

"The great number of patients who at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital have come under the skilled blind masseur, Mr. F. H. Hughes, will have read of his being presented to the Queen on Saturday with sincere pleasure. His personality, coupled with his exceptional gifts in his own profession, win him the trust and regard of all who are commended to his care.

"Chatting with him at his home at 24 Grove Avenue, last night, I found him delighted by the way her Majesty received him and the many questions she asked him about his work. All day he had been receiving congratulations from present and former patients."

News of Young St. Dunstaners

WE send our congratulations to the parents of the clever young people mentioned below.

The small daughter of W. H. Harding, of Finsbury Park, has won first, second

and third class swimming certificates. Joan, who is only ten years old, is the youngest in her school to win all three awards together, and is now hoping to compete in swimming galas.

With splendid marks in every subject, the son of A. W. Hall, of Selsey, has matriculated at the age of 15.

Betty Lowings, daughter of our St. Dunstaner living at Eastleigh, has won a scholarship and is now attending the same school as her sister Joan did. Of all the girls from her school who sat for the scholarship, Betty was the only one to get through.

Births

JARMAN.—To the wife of T. Jarman, of Portsmouth, on the 25th October, a daughter.

PETERS.—On the 28th October, to the wife of W. Peters, of Liverpool, a daughter.

Deaths

We offer our sincere sympathy to the following:—

HERRING.—To C. Herring, of Sheffield, who lost his father, aged 79 years, on the 21st October.

Silver Wedding

We send our congratulations to W. B. Gill, of Ripon, and his wife, who will celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of their wedding on the 17th of November.

"In Memory"

SERGEANT BENJAMIN THOMAS ADAMS
(6th Inniskilling Fusiliers)

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

Adams entered the Army at an early age and after serving for the full period of service including the Boer War, he again rejoined the Army at the outbreak of the Great War. He was wounded at Gallipoli in 1915, was discharged in 1916, and came to St. Dunstan's, totally blind. Here he was taught poultry-farming, which occupation he followed very successfully at Aldringham, so much so that he was looked upon as an authority on poultry breeding and, as a member of the National Utility Poultry Society, gave many lectures under its auspices in the district.

For the last few years, his health had not been too good and eventually he had to be removed to hospital where he died on the 9th September.

The funeral took place on the 15th September and was very largely attended. The coffin was borne by six of Adams's Buffalo comrades of the "Lord Nelson" Lodge while forty-eight representatives from four other Lodges preceded the cortege. St. Dunstan's was represented by R. Davies, of Sweffling, and among the many wreaths was one from Captain Fraser and his comrades at St. Dunstan's.

Adams leaves a widow and three children to mourn his passing, to whom our deepest sympathy is extended.

PRIVATE GEORGE HENRY BARRATT
(Essex Regiment)

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of G. H. Barratt, of Old Kent Road, London, S.E.

After serving for one year with the Forces in France, Barratt was wounded in 1917, and as a result became practically blind, but it was not until two years later that he came to St. Dunstan's. Here he was taught boot-repairing and by hard work and great industry built up a good business.

During the past few years his health was not very good, and early this year it became obvious that it was not improving. In spite of every care and attention, medical and otherwise, he died on the 24th September.

The funeral took place on the 29th September at Forest Hill Cemetery. Many beautiful wreaths were received from friends and local tradespeople who knew him well, and there was also a wreath in the form of St. Dunstan's badge from Captain Fraser and his comrades at St. Dunstan's.

Barratt leaves a widow and four children to mourn his loss, to whom we offer our sincere sympathy.

PRIVATE HAROLD FLATT
(15th Australian Light Trench Mortar Battery)

It is with deep regret that we record the passing on 30th July last of our Colonial St. Dunstaner, H. Flatt, of Mitcham, Victoria.

Only a year after he had arrived in Australia from England in 1914, Flatt enlisted and was drafted to France. In December, 1916, he was blinded by shrapnel in addition to sustaining other wounds, and in 1917 came to St. Dunstan's where he was trained in netting and poultry-farming. On his return to Australia he adopted the latter profession and quickly became recognized as an expert judge of high-class poultry. Flatt was invariably cheerful and a valuable worker for any concerns connected with ex-servicemen.

About a week before his death, Flatt was taken suddenly ill; pneumonia followed and this combined with his war injuries, undermined his resistance, despite his remarkably tenacious spirit.

The funeral was largely attended, many returned soldiers, including members of the Blinded Soldiers' Association, being present. The Rev. W. I. Fleming conducted the service and a tribute was also paid by Mr. P. J. Lynch, Hon. Secretary of the Victoria Blinded Soldiers' Association. The "Last Post" was sounded at the graveside.

We extend our sincere sympathy to Flatt's widow and son.

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

DEAR SIR,—It would indeed be a favour if you would grant me a little space in your next issue of the REVIEW.

By now, all the mat-makers in the Northern counties are no doubt aware that I am no longer their technical visitor.

I have very reluctantly been compelled to relinquish this post which I have held for approximately thirteen years. The cause of the trouble has been my general ill-health and my already defective vision becoming worse.

I feel I would like to say a word in praise of St. Dunstan's and its staff as employers, and as an employee I could not have wished to have worked for a better organization.

As regards St. Dunstan's men, particularly those with whom I came in personal contact by reason of my position as technical visitor, I am pleased to know that I made friends amongst many of them.

As I cannot hope to communicate with each one personally, I am taking this, the only opportunity afforded me, of thanking them for their friendship and loyal co-operation. On almost every occasion, I was a welcome visitor, and it was a great pleasure to me to receive such a welcome at the hands of my men. I have spent many happy hours with them both in and out of their workshops, and they have allowed me to be one of them, a thing I had so much desired.

I feel I cannot close without a word of thanks and praise to the wives, mothers, or sisters, who have on occasions seen to my comforts at meal times, often when there has been no place where one could, if he so desired, obtain a meal.

It will be apparent to all, I think, that I feel the position very much indeed, but I must try to resign myself to it and take a pattern from the men I have been so closely connected with.

Wishing them, their wives and families, all future success and thanking you, Sir, in anticipation.—Believe me, Faithfully yours,

H. HAY.

73 Gevaint Street,
Princes Park,
Liverpool.

War Medals and Reunions

To the Editor:

DEAR EDITOR,—I admire your broadmindedness for publishing the two letters on War Medals which appear in the last REVIEW but as they take the form of personal attacks upon myself from men I have never met, I feel I am entitled to have my answer published too. My critics have evidently lost their tempers so I will be mild and bantering.

I feel that you would never have published my first letter had you not known perfectly well I had not the smallest intention of being

insulting to St. Dunstan's. When I was at Headquarters the other day "the troops" were congratulating me upon my effort to brighten the pages of the REVIEW, and I feel they will think it is up to me to make my reply now.

The two sulphuric masterpieces—I understand they arrived in singed and smouldering envelopes—which take the form of frenzied attacks upon myself and my personal appearance, have exceeded my wildest expectations! I have now succeeded in creating a mild interest in the topic under discussion which, after all, was "The Wearing of Medals at Reunions," and not my mentality and personal appearance, interesting though it may be.

First I shall reply to McLoughlin, who so affectionately refers to me by my pen-name. I believe him when he says, "I have no desire to appear in public" (Dublin presumably?) "laden with my medals" (if any)—it would take a man with a much bigger sense of humour than he appears to possess to do anything so foolhardy. I strongly advise him to continue to cherish them (in private).

The part of his letter which really rings true to me is the passage, "I take . . . all the advantages which St. Dunstan's offers . . . I get all the benefits the same as the rest of us." Surely he realizes that my remarks with regard to medals have nothing to do with my loyalty to St. Dunstan's and do not disentitle me from sharing, if I want to, in any of the benefits of St. Dunstan's.

With regard to my other critic, T. Z. Jones, of Brighton, I fear I have unwittingly touched this gentleman on the raw. He is evidently an old Crimean Veteran himself, though, I should judge, a very bad one. I do not know if his argument about St. Dunstan's and gintipping old washerwomen is apt or not, because I do not know any of these ladies—perhaps he does.

If his last lot of medals were "buckshee" ones, as he seems to suggest, then I think he is about the only man in St. Dunstan's who possesses these curiosities.

I certainly don't intend to set Mr. Jones "an example" (as he calls it) "by resigning my membership of Dunstan's." Let me point out that St. Dunstan's is not a residential club—although I have no doubt one or two would like to use it as such. I intend to remain a very active member; also to keep up my reputation for writing provocative letters putting the wind-up explosive old dug-outs for the good of their souls! Next gentleman, please!—Yours,

JERRY JEROME.

Wokingham.
27th October, 1932.

A little controversy of the right sort is welcome in the REVIEW and it seems only fair to give Jerry his chance of answering his critics. However, in future,

the Editor would like to receive letters which make their arguments as forcibly and even pungently as may be necessary but without introducing personalities.

To the Editor:

DEAR SIR,—I wish to protest strongly against J. Jerome's remarks anent the wearing of War Medals and his unforgivable ridicule of our noble badge. Does he ignore the memory of the illustrious man who is immortally enshrined in its configuration, Patrician, Patriot, and Pal—Sir Arthur Pearson?—Yours, etc.,

W. E. BROOKES.

Southampton.
27th October, 1932.

Press Cuttings

From the Derby Evening Telegraph, Oct. 7th.

"When holders of the D.C.M. rally at Blackpool to-morrow from all parts of the country it will fall to the honour of Derby's blind D.C.M., Mr. H. Bridgeman, to lay the national wreath on the Blackpool Cenotaph.

"There are approximately 3,000 D.C.M.s living, and at least 1,000 are expected at the rally."

From the Bury Free Press, Sept. 24th.

"A newcomer to the Bury St. Edmunds Trades Exhibition who is attracting a great deal of well deserved attention is Mr. C. H. Smith, who is demonstrating the art of fibre mat making. The demonstration and finished products show beyond all doubt that these hand-made mats are far superior to machined work, and experience will prove that the wear is far longer."

From the Daily Mirror, Sept. 29th (extract from reader's letter).

"When my parents (who have lived in Germany since 1920) were in England two years ago, they bought a teapot stand made by blind soldiers of St. Dunstan's for an old German soldier friend who was also blinded in the War. His family say it is one of his most treasured possessions, and practically everyone in Plankstadt has seen it."

From the Berwick Journal, October 20th.

"We are pleased to see back to the old town for a few days' holiday Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Mathieson, from Brighton. Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Young, Askew Crescent, they have returned to Tweedmouth every year since the termination of the Great War. Serving in the Seaforth Highlanders Regiment, Mr. Mathieson, like our 'Twempie' friend, had the misfortune to be blinded by shrapnel. Each later made their acquaintance in St. Dunstan's Hostel, London, since when a concrete relationship has been established between them."

Armistice Dance

AS popular as ever was this year's Armistice Reunion and Dance which took place on Tuesday, 8th November, at the St. Marylebone Hall.

Captain Fraser and Mrs. Fraser were warmly welcomed when they arrived during the evening. Among those present were Sir Neville Pearson, Col. Eric Ball, Miss Hamar Greenwood, Mr. Askew, Miss Thellusson.

The extension of time for dancing from 11 o'clock until 11.30 was greatly appreciated.

After-Care Reunions

LIVERPOOL, MANCHESTER AND NOTTINGHAM

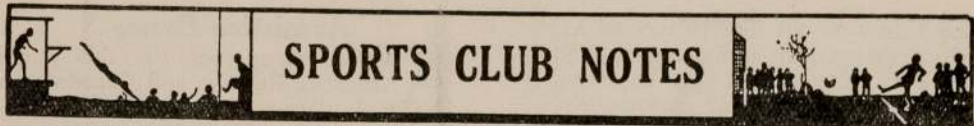
MOST successful Meetings were held at Liverpool and Manchester on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 5th, 6th and 7th October. Captain Fraser attended the Liverpool Meeting and the second Manchester Meeting, and received a very warm welcome.

At the Liverpool Meeting, a vote of confidence in Captain Fraser and his policy at St. Dunstan's was proposed by T. ap Rhys and seconded by G. Killingbeck. W. Murphy presented a bouquet of flowers to Mrs. Fraser.

Votes of confidence were proposed and seconded at the first Manchester Meeting by W. Joyce and C. Molloy, and at the second by P. Bolton and F. Dyson.

A most enjoyable Reunion was held at Nottingham on the 20th October. Votes of confidence were proposed and seconded by G. Swindell and W. Robinson. Our very hearty thanks are due to the 32nd Detachment of the Nottingham Branch of the British Red Cross Society for their splendid help at this Meeting. T. E. S.

TWO brothers, George and Leo Prideaux, who on the 18th July last, gallantly went to the rescue of our blinded soldier, A. W. Blaker, and two companions when their boat capsized—Blaker and another man survived, but their friend unfortunately was drowned—were on the 25th October presented at Lancing Parish Hall with a framed picture by the Royal National Lifeboat Institution for their prompt action.



Six Miles Sealed Handicap Walk and Three Miles Scratch Walk, closing date for Entries Nov. 21st.

Swimming Galas

LAST month our swimmers were showing their paces at various outside club galas. The Surrey Ladies' Swimming Club at Kingston Baths again kindly invited us to take part in a one-length Race, which F. Jackson (Jacko) just won from W. Robinson, a novice who has only recently learned to swim. J. McFarlane was third, with F. Rhodes fourth.

A new invitation arrived from Dartford Swimming Club where our team put up a grand show and were given a wonderful reception. F. Rhodes won, with H. Kerr second, F. Peckham third, and M. Burran fourth.

At the Annual Gala of the St. Pancras Leander Club at Kentish Town the programme included a display by several champions of the day, but none received a better reception than our boys, who, after putting up a splendid race, practically finished together. Billy Birchall from scratch was first, H. Kerr second, Jock McFarlane third, "Nobby" Clarke fourth.

Birmingham Club

THE final sports meeting of the year was held on the Alexander Ground, Wednesday, 12th October. Throughout the field sports competition, handicaps have been used.

After tea in the Pavilion the prizes were presented by Mr. Cooling.

RESULT OF ANNUAL FIELD SPORTS COMPETITION

<i>Points.</i>		<i>Points.</i>	
J. R. Brown ...	350	W. Giles ...	100
W. Shakespeare ...	180½	A. Taylor ...	97½
P. Cashmore ...	160	W. Hines ...	95
J. Dennick ...	159	W. McMahon	65
T. North ...	150	E. Varley ...	60
W. S. Castle ...	140	E. H. Moss ...	55
W. Trott ...	125	V. Wicken ...	25
G. Wheeler ...	110	J. H. Whitten	20

SKITTLES COMPETITION

1st. J. R. Brown.
 2nd. { T. North.
 { W. S. Castle.

Manchester Club

THE first meeting of the Winter season was held at the Y.M.C.A., Peter Street, on 2nd November. Twenty-one members were present. After tea the Annual Meeting was held. Mr. P. M. Oliver, the President of the Club, was in the Chair. Mrs. Irvine read the Annual Report and Mr. Oliver presented the Accounts for Mr. Irvine, who was unable to be present. "That the Report and Accounts should be passed" was proposed by Birley and seconded by Killingbeck.

Mrs. Irvine thanked Mr. Oliver for having consented to become President of the Club and the meeting was closed.

After the Annual Meeting there was a Domino Tournament, which was won by Joyce.

At the end of last year the financial position of the Club became very acute, and it was decided to try to set up a Finance Committee. Mr. Oliver was approached and he kindly consented to act as Chairman, and a strong Committee has now been formed, with Mr. Stephen Holmes as Honorary Treasurer. I feel sure that they will be most successful and I am very grateful to them for coming to our aid and taking such a load off my shoulders.

Please, Lancashire and Cheshire troops, do all you can to make the Club a very real success.

The following men were present on 2nd November: Birley, Chambers, Davies, Debnam, Gellibrand, Housden, Joyce, Jones, Killingbeck, Lupton, Macauley, McCarthy, Peeling, Radley, Robinson, Salt, Saxon, Walker, Williams, Yarwood, Rev. C. M. Rogerson.

K. V. M. IRVINE.