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Lord Harewood and St. Dunstan's

IN a speech to open an auction sale at Ripon in aid of St. Dunstan's, the Earl of Harewood said that he had great pleasure in coming to open the sale, and above all in doing something for the men blinded in the War.

When the War was first over, in the first year or two, there was great enthusiasm all over the country in the effort to look after all those who suffered, and especially those who were disabled as a result of the War. But it was a long time since the War ended, and he was afraid there was no concealing the fact that more and more we tended to forget the troubles which had fallen upon certain people as a result of the disabilities incurred during the war period.

It had become necessary to make a special effort from time to time to remind the country of the obligations which the people of the country so readily undertook about the years 1919 to 1920, and which they were now so apt to forget.

When the needs of St. Dunstan's men were first brought before us, many of those present would be amongst the first to acknowledge their obligations to those blinded men. The object of the effort that day was to remind us once more that our obligations had not ceased. A great deal had been done to make those men self-supporting but it was very difficult to bring that about entirely.

Contrasting the disabilities of the blind and the deaf, Lord Harewood said a deaf person was at his worst when he was in society. He was then the least able to enjoy the presence of those around him.

On the other hand, a blind person was most unhappy when he was alone, and was at his best in society when people were talking to him and helping him to forget his trouble. When we thought about the number of hours we spent without conversation with others, we realized that our eyesight was the most important of our senses for our everyday enjoyment.

Lord Harewood concluded: "I appeal to you to do your best to support this effort, and to remember that the sums you may give are not more than the fulfilment of an obligation which you and the whole country were so ready to undertake immediately the War ended."

A Successful St. Dunstan's Canadian

TOWARDS the end of July Captain Ian Fraser attended, as a distinguished visitor, the Sixth Biennial Conference of the BRITISH EMPIRE SERVICE LEAGUE, where he met representatives of ex-servicemen's organizations from all parts of the world, many of whom have for many years taken active steps to support St. Dunstan's and help St. Dunstaners.

One of the delegates, representing Canadian Ex-Servicemen, was Captain E. A. Baker, M.C., himself a blinded Canadian officer who came to St. Dunstan's in the early days.

The following is an extract from a letter received by Captain Fraser from Major John S. Roper, M.C., K.C., the Dominion President of the Canadian Legion :

"I have told Eddie Baker that when my term of Office as Dominion President of the Canadian Legion is through, and my duties toward the Legion are over, I intend to devote myself to the wonderful work which is being done by The Sir Arthur Pearson Club, and the Canadian Institute for the Blind, towards bettering those who lost their sight during the Great War.

"When a person with two eyes thinks of the little troubles that beset him and compares it with the mountain which the blinded men have crossed, their troubles are as nothing.

"I am a great admirer of Eddie Baker; I am a great admirer of the work he has done. My personal contact with him during the last two or three years, and my closer contact with him on the boat coming from Canada and during the Conference, has enabled me to understand the great work which Sir Arthur Pearson started at St. Dunstan's and which is being carried on by yourself. The little things that we do are small in comparison with what this great Institution has done.

"Be assured that when you come to Canada you will have a warm welcome from us, whether we are in office, officially, or not."

Honour for a St. Dunstaner

WHEN the Duke of Beaufort unveils the Gloucester City Memorial on 21st October, and has placed his wreath, he will escort A. W. Bundy when our St. Dunstaner places a wreath on the Memorial on behalf of all ex-servicemen of Gloucester.

Brighton Notes

PRESENTATION TO MR. R. G. PORTE

A DELEGATION of representatives from St. Dunstan's, Brighton, and members of the St. Dunstan's Committee of the Thomas Tilling and Southdown Motor Services, Ltd., visited Mr. R. G. Porte on 22nd September to wish him God-speed on the occasion of his retirement from the Committee on leaving Brighton for his new appointment in the West of England.

On behalf of Brighton St. Dunstaners, A. C. Brignall then presented Mr. Porte with a tray engraved: "Presented to R. G. Porte, Esq., by the Boys of St. Dunstan's, Brighton, in appreciation of his valuable services on their behalf, 1926 to 1933."

Mr. Porte has been Chairman of the St. Dunstan's Outing Committee for over seven years, and his help has undoubtedly made the outings a great success.

Mr. Porte expressed his keen appreciation of the gift, and paid tribute to the men of St. Dunstan's.

British Legion Rally

ON 9th September a party of twenty-four St. Dunstaners, headed by Captain Fraser, took part in a rally of the Metropolitan Area of the British Legion in Hyde Park, the Lord Mayor of London taking the salute at the march past.

The "boys," looking very smart and complete with badges and medals, received a fine ovation. There were about two thousand men on parade, including fifty V.C.'s, Chelsea Pensioners, disabled men from the Poppy Factory, and members of all branches of the Metropolitan Area.

After the parade many of St. Dunstan's party journeyed to Knightsbridge Barracks—where the Life Guards are stationed—and there made up an informal concert party, rendered very pleasing harmony, met many old friends, and made many new ones. One of our party was placed in The Cells—only in fun, of course—by me. Playing at "Home," so to speak.

W. A. T.

"In Memory"

ARTHUR KEAN
(Royal Navy)

It is with deep regret that we record the death of A. Kean, of South Hayling, which took place on the 4th September. Kean served during the Great War on H.M.S. "Implacable," and took part in the Dardanelles campaign. He was invalided from the Royal Navy in 1916, and eventually lost his sight as a result of his War service. He then came to St. Dunstan's, and was trained as a boot repairer, in which trade he proved very successful at Hayling Island. For some time, his health had not been good; during the past twelve months it was noticeable that he was not improving, but at the same time, his death came as a shock to his wife and friends.

The funeral took place at Ann's Hill Cemetery, Gosport; the coffin was draped with the Union Jack, lent by the Hayling Island branch of the British Legion, members of which formed a Guard of Honour. Many relations and friends attended the funeral, also representatives of St. Dunstan's. There were numerous wreaths, including one from Captain Fraser, and his comrades at St. Dunstan's.

Kean leaves a widow and three children, to whom we offer our sincere sympathy in their bereavement.

DRIVER FREDERICK WILLIAM HENNING
(South African Veterinary Corps).

We deeply regret to announce the death of this St. Dunstaner. Henning, after serving in South Africa, was admitted to St. Dunstan's benefits in June, 1930, when he had settled in England, but his health would not permit him to receive training. Although he had been ill for some time with heart trouble and asthma, his death at Morden, Surrey, on 4th May, was sudden and unexpected. Among the many wreaths at the funeral was one from Captain Fraser and his comrades at St. Dunstan's.

Henning leaves a wife and little step-daughter, to whom we extend our deepest sympathy. It is regretted that this report was inadvertently omitted from an earlier issue of the REVIEW.

Births

COATES.—To the wife of H. Temple Coates, of New Longton, on 4th September, a daughter.
CURNOW.—On 23rd September, to the wife of J. Curnow, of Camborne, a son.
HANCOCK.—To the wife of C. A. Hancock, of West Drayton, on 21st September, a son.
JONES.—On 27th September, to the wife of B. F. Jones, of West Greenwich, a daughter.
JORDAN.—To the wife of M. Jordan, of Gateshead (trainee), on 29th September, a son.

Deaths

We offer our sincere sympathy this month to the following :—
COOK.—To the wife of R. Cook, of Hitchin, whose father passed away on 18th September.
McAVOY.—To J. McAvoy, of Mauchline, Ayrshire, and his wife, who lost their eldest son, Peter, on 3rd September, aged 28 years.
MOORE.—To T. W. Moore, of Miles Platting, Manchester, and his wife, whose only son, William Thomas, passed away on 17th September, aged 20.
TIBBS.—To G. Tibbs, of Kentish Town, N.W., who lost his father on 10th September. He was 96 years of age.
WESTAWAY.—To the wife of F. Westaway, of Yeovil, who has suffered a third bereavement within ten months by the death of her mother on 25th September.

Silver Weddings

CONGRATULATIONS to F. A. Cole, of Acocks Green, Birmingham, and his wife, who celebrated their anniversary on 27th September; to P. Sheridan, of Glasgow, and his wife, whose anniversary was on 1st October; to W. Joyce, of Manchester, and his wife, whose anniversary was on 10th October, and to W. G. Cox, of Woodstock, Oxford, and his wife, whose silver wedding will fall on 31st October next. In writing to us of his anniversary, Cox enclosed an interesting press cutting announcing his marriage twenty-five years ago.

A certain amount of Christian Science literature, both in Braille and in printed type, has been kindly placed at our disposal by some friends of St. Dunstan's. If any St. Dunstaner is interested and would care to borrow any of the books, Miss Woolrych at Headquarters has full particulars.

Gardening

ST. DUNSTANERS have always taken a great interest in out-of-door activities, and many are keen gardeners. Sports are not possible for all, but many who cannot take part in sports can indulge in gardening, and its varied character and useful and practical results make it an almost ideal form of healthy recreation.

As some slight encouragement to the many gardeners among St. Dunstaners, a gift of a collection of vegetable seeds has been or is being sent to each man known to be interested, together with a letter from the Chairman. At the same time it has been arranged to publish each month in the REVIEW a series of practical gardening hints. These are being compiled by D. Mackin, of Wallsend, who is a keen gardener. His notes for October follow:—

OCTOBER IN THE GARDEN.

Now is the time to turn the garden up; roughly dig well down so that it will let the frost get through the soil and kill the grub and also sweeten the soil for next season.

Cabbage plants can be put out now to stand the winter for next spring. If you do, put them down to the neck, each one six inches apart, so that they will protect each other during the cold weather, and in March shift every other one—that makes a foot apart—and shift each other row, so that it will make your rows eighteen inches apart. That gives you a chance to hoe them up.

If you have perennial flowers, which come every year, now is the time to shift them into fresh land if you want to. They should not be kept longer than three years in the one place, and then you should split them up through the centre with the spade, so that you will get bigger blooms the following year.

If you have carnations, take the young shoots off the old plants and clean them to the second joint; cut the end of the joint, cross over, nick your first joint with a penknife, and then put your shoot down to the neck in the soil. That is the best way, if found out, to strike them, but don't forget to put them in a shady place.

Now is the time should you want to shift any kind of berry bushes so that it will give them a chance to take hold before the winter comes in.

All kinds of bulbs can be put out now, such as tulips, daffodils, narcissus (six inches apart), crocuses (three inches), and irises (three inches). I strongly recommend the Dutch iris, because it is all bloom and also very cheap to buy.

For Sale.—Pianola piano, with about 30 rolls. In excellent condition. Price £40. Originally cost £200. Apply: Frank A. Rhodes, 128 Harvist Road, London, N.W.6.

The Newcastle Reunion

THE following extracts from a special article in the *Newcastle Journal*, written on the occasion of the Newcastle After-Care Reunion on 28th September, give a good idea of what others think of St. Dunstan's—and St. Dunstaners:—

"It was with some misgivings I attended an ex-Service men's reunion in Tilley's Restaurant, Newcastle, yesterday. As a rule such gatherings are becoming somewhat stereotyped, curious minglings of laughter, reminiscences and tragedy, but the invitation yesterday was to meet over 70 ex-Service men, all of whom were blinded in the War.

"I wondered how to meet such men. I knew it was never wise to be patronisingly sympathetic, but was astounded to find that such a thing is impossible, for these ex-St. Dunstan's men from the Northumberland and Durham area, and even further afield, turn the tables on one and they appear as the strongest people in the room. They have conquered a disability; they are cheerful and courageous. We others are full of disabilities of our own creation, lacking in optimism and not too full of courage these days.

"I found them greeting each other as easily as if they had sight and many of them had not met for a year or more. True, they entered the restaurant from the street under the guidance of their wives and, in some cases, their children, but once installed, once they had walked round the big room and annexed they faltered no more. They walked easily to settees and chairs, were, in short, completely at ease.

"Some of the blind ex-soldiers told me how their other senses had developed, especially smell, touch, and taste. They all agree they can "feel" a person approaching them. One man said that he could not explain how it was, but he usually formed a mental picture of people to whom he talked, and was rarely wrong. He described my own appearance fairly accurately, even if flattery was one of the achievements he has lost with his sight.

"I found that most of them smoke—contrary to popular belief. All of them, without exception, whether they were musically inclined or not before, enjoy music, and they are a critical audience. . . .

"Sir Arthur Pearson did a great thing when he founded St. Dunstans.

"W. L."

Liverpool and Manchester Reunions

4th, 5th, 6th OCTOBER.

REFERENCES to the old workshop days were very frequent at these gatherings. Following upon these, the men were keenly interested in a brief

outline of the development of St. Dunstan's, and it was most encouraging to receive such a hearty welcome from many men whom I had not met for a number of years.

W. H. O.

Plays in Braille

A LETTER FROM CAPT. FRASER

To the Editor.

13th September, 1933.

SIR,—I like reading plays in Braille. I should like more plays, but I hear the demand is small.

Have blind readers considered the advantages of plays in Braille? Descriptions of scenes and actions are not always literature, but are brief and create mental pictures and atmosphere. A complete story of three or five volumes in Braille becomes one or two volumes as a play.

Those who have been able to read with their eyes can never quite get away from the feeling that finger-reading is slow and accordingly the fewer words used to convey an idea the better.

May I suggest to those of your readers who have not done so to try reading plays. I believe they will enjoy them.

IAN FRASER.

A St. Dunstaner Takes Up Golf

ONE of Newcastle's keenest golfers is a St. Dunstaner, J. Aitken, who although he only adopted the game about a month ago, can now drive a distance of 130 yards. With a limblex ex-Serviceman as his caddie, Aitken enjoys a round every morning, his friend tapping the metal casing of the hole to direct him when he plays his putts. In an interview with a representative of the *Newcastle Evening Chronicle*, Aitken said: "I don't go all round the course, but I cover a good number of holes every morning. At first I had to use two balls because I missed the first by about two inches. When I found I missed by the same distance every time I tried another way. Now I play with a tee, and can drive about 130 yards. My caddie and I get on well together, and enjoy ourselves immensely."

The Chairman tells us that during the time he knew him, Sir Arthur Pearson was far too busy to play golf, but that Sir Arthur told him that in the earlier days of his blindness he used to get a good deal of amusement and exercise from driving golf balls off a tee, at which he became very proficient.

Pyramid Patience

THIS new game will, we think, be of great interest to blind people, if we can judge from the interest which was taken in it at the Liverpool and Manchester Reunions, and at another Competition held on a Tuesday evening at Headquarters.

There are three pegs. The game starts with eight wooden squares of graduated sizes, in a pyramid on one end peg: the squares are moved one at a time, and no larger square can be put over a smaller one. The game is finished when the squares are moved to the opposite end peg, in the same position as when they started.

The British Games Company have introduced this game to the public; the price is 2s. 6d., but they have generously made arrangements whereby St. Dunstan's can issue them to its men at 1s. each. Men wishing to have one of these games should write to Miss Woolrych, at Headquarters, enclosing cash with their letter.

N.I.B. Annual Literary Competition

IN view of the success of the former Literary Competitions, the National Institute for the Blind has decided to run a third Literary Competition, open to the blind throughout the world.

Competitors will be divided into three classes and prizes amounting in total to £49. 10s., will be awarded to the senders of (a) the best lyrics and (b) the best essays. The subjects in Class A (over 21 years of age) are as follows:—

	Prizes		
	1st	2nd	3rd
1. LYRIC. Subject:—			
Either "To a Lady"			
or			
"Myself" ...	£7	£5	£2
2. ESSAY. Subject:—			
Either "What broadcasting means to me"			
or			
"Literary masterpieces of to-day which should become classics" ...	£7	£5	£2

Full details of the rules of the Competition may be obtained from the Editor of the REVIEW.

Major Astor and the Freedom of Dover

THE Freedom of Dover has been presented to Major The Hon. J. J. Astor, M.P. for Dover, a member of the Council of St. Dunstan's. At the same time Lady Violet Astor, his wife, was admitted as an Honorary Freeman of the Borough, this being probably the first time that a wife has received the Freedom of a town at the same time as her husband. The ceremony took place at the Dover Town Hall and the Mayor of Dover, Councillor F. H. Moorcroft, presided. During the course of his speech the Mayor referred to the fine work that Major Astor had done in connexion with the British Legion.

Major Astor has been M.P. for Dover since 1922.

Honour for Boy Scout at St. Dunstan's Headquarters

AT a meeting of the Committee of the Royal Humane Society held at Watergate House, York Buildings, Adelphi, W.C.2, on 18th July, Admiral Cresswell J. Eyres, D.S.O., being in the Chair, it was resolved unanimously that

ALBERT G. WRIGHT

is justly entitled to the Honorary Testimonial of this Society inscribed on vellum, which is hereby awarded him for having on the 5th June, 1933, gone to the rescue of a boy who was in imminent danger of drowning in the River Thames at Woolwich Free Ferry, and whose life he gallantly saved.

The certificate was signed by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, President of the Royal Humane Society, and Admiral Cresswell J. Eyres, Chairman.

Armistice Dance.

ST. DUNSTANERS are reminded that applications for tickets for the Armistice Dance on 10th November should be made as soon as possible to Sisten Goolden at Headquarters. Each man is allowed a ticket for one escort, but it is regretted that children under 14 years of age cannot be admitted. Admission to the dance will be from 7.30 onwards.

Young St. Dunstaners

THE eldest son of A. Knight, of Heathfield, Sussex, who sat for his examination for apprentice in the Royal Air Force, has passed, and entered into that branch of His Majesty's Service on 5th September.

ERIC MASKELL, son of P. T. Maskell, of Rochester, has won a Free Place Scholarship to the Sir Joseph Williamson Mathematical School. He finished top of his class at his old school, which gave him the splendid record of ten first places out of thirteen examinations, so that his family are looking to him to do great things in the future.

MICHAEL COONEY, son of J. Cooney, of Worthing, has this year won the Worthing Schools Diving Championship. In addition he holds swimming certificates for all distances up to a quarter of a mile, the Royal Society's Life-Saving Certificate, and can also swim the mile.

Nottingham and Derby Party

MR. and Mrs. Carlin gave a delightful party once again this summer to all St. Dunstaners and their wives in their neighbourhood. We had an even better time than ever this year. Tea was served in a marquee in the garden while a wireless set played many well-known tunes. Before tea there was lots of time for meeting old friends and exchanging news. After tea the Lord Mayor of Nottingham, Mr. Seely Whitby, who was accompanied by his wife, spoke to the company. A vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Carlin was proposed and seconded by W. Biggs and G. Swindell. Sports followed and before leaving, everybody was served with most delicious ices.

Miss Bright had a fleet of beautiful private cars to convey the Nottingham party sixteen miles home. Mr. Armitage, assisted by the Fannies and many private cars, took all the Derbyshire men to and from their homes.

A really delightful party which was so much enjoyed by everybody.

SPORTS CLUB NOTES

Sports Meeting

3RD OCTOBER.

THE Annual Sports Meeting to consider the winter programme was held at Headquarters on Tuesday, 3rd October, when Captain Williams presided over an excellent attendance of sportsmen.

Captain Fraser, who was accompanied by Mrs. Fraser, opened the meeting with a cheery word of greeting, and wished the company the very best of good wishes for a successful session of sports. Captain Fraser's visit and remarks were greatly appreciated by all present.

The meeting then considered and finally adopted the following arrangements for the coming session.

1.—WALKS.

Five-Mile Walk—sealed handicap—for Novices as well as ordinary entries. The walk will include one lap of the Outer Circle and the finish of the distance in the Inner Circle.

Nine-Mile Sealed Handicap.

Twelve Miles Open Handicap.

Fifteen Miles Open Walk at Natappro Club.

The dates for these walks will be announced later. A very kind letter was read from Mr. W. Roberts, of the Natappro Club, cordially inviting us again to take our 15-mile walk from their Sports Headquarters. The offer was very gratefully accepted.

It was thought that perhaps a Sunday stroll would be appreciated. Will those who desire to take part in an organised walk one Sunday please let the Sports Office know. As soon as the numbers of those desirous of taking part are obtained, the date and place of meeting will be decided.

2.—SPORTS. The winter Sports programme will include Weight, Jumps, Target, Quoits, and Physical Jerks, if desired. One point will be allowed for attendance and the handicaps will be as usual. It was decided to measure the jumping as from toe to heel.

3.—SOCIALS. Every effort will be made to ensure that the Tuesday evenings after the sports will be as interesting and

enjoyable as possible. There will be a Dance on the first Tuesday of every month except November, when it will be on 21st November; Whist Drives and any Entertainments on all other Tuesdays.

4.—SWIMMING. We hope that all interested in swimming will avail themselves of the opportunity provided by Instructor Jones at the Marylebone Baths. Practice nights, Wednesday and Friday, from 5.30 to 6.30 p.m. The Gala will be on Friday, 24th November. Programme will be duly announced.

5.—FOOTBALL. The leading Clubs have been most generous again in granting us admission. Particulars can be obtained from Instructor Tovell regarding entrance to the Chelsea, Fulham, and Spurs matches.

6.—MERIT CUP. The Merit Cup generously presented by Miss Stacey, has again been won by W. Birchall with 52 points. Birchall deserves our heartiest congratulations upon his splendid performances. Miss Stacey very kindly presented the cup—duly filled—and the opportunity was taken of wishing her God-speed and a safe and happy holiday in South America. We will greatly miss her, but we know that our sports will be in her thoughts.

7.—SUMMER SPORTS RESULTS. The following is the record of our sportsmen's activities and the winners have our heartiest congratulations:—

Birchall ...	84	Biggs	...	38
Lacey ...	74½	Winter	...	
Thompson ...	69½	Fleetwood	...	36
Scott ...	69	McSteel	...	27
Roden ...	53	Martin...	...	20
Gover ...	48	Hughes	...	19
Fallowfield ...	47	Ingrey	...	12
		Conlin	7

PRIZE-WINNERS.

Section 1.		Section 2.	
1. H. Thompson	69½	1. T. Roden	...
2. W. Birchall...	63	2. W. Scott	...
3. W. Lacey ...	60½	H. Gover	...

A very happy and enjoyable meeting was concluded with a very kind and generous vote of thanks to Captain Williams for presiding, and to Mr. Ottaway, Miss Woolrych, and Corporal-Major Tovell for all their splendid help. This was carried with more generous applause. The Chairman, in thanking the sportsmen, said how much such kindly thought was appreciated.

Five-Mile Sealed Handicap Walk

and Five-Mile Novice Walk round the Outer and Inner Circle, Regent's Park, will take place on SATURDAY, 2ND DECEMBER, at 2.45 p.m.

Will all entries kindly reach me not later than 20TH NOVEMBER.

L. WOOLRYCH.

Birmingham

FINAL POINTS.

Wheeler	285	Cook	145
Clampett	267½	Shakespeare ...	127½
New	240	Hines	105
Castle	217½	Giles	100
Varley	202½	Wicken	100
Brown	155	Cashmore	85
Trott	150	North	50
Dennick	147		
Sheridan, Johnson, Harris, Newall, } Lea, Williams			40
Moss			35
Taylor, Bundy, Batchelor, F. Brown, } Street			20

Manchester

THE final Sports Meeting of the season was held on 11th October. Unfortunately it was a very wet, stormy day but eight brave sportsmen turned up and so we had a small but enjoyable meeting. It was very nice to have Miss Hodgson and Mr. Osborn with us.

It has been a most successful season. The meetings have been well attended and all the events keenly contested. The handicaps (kindly made by Miss Hodgson) have worked well, and I hope that men who consider themselves too old for sports will notice that W. Joyce and W. Chambers, who claim to be two of the "ancients," have attained 3rd and 7th places respectively. Next year I hope we shall have even larger "fields."

K. V. M. I.

FINAL POINTS.

Davies	388	Salt	110
Walker	337	Ryan	105
Joyce	305	Caldwell	100
Boothman	285½	Debnam	70
Coupland	190	Roughley	65
Greaves	170½	Killingbeck ...	55
Chambers	162½	Robinson	52½
Worthington ...	140	Illingworth ...	50
Cook	133	Williams	45
Birley, Johnson, Pannifer, Radley, } Rutter, Taylor, Scott, Lupton, Yarwood }			20

Rowing

ON Saturday, 7th October, on the River Lea, a St. Dunstan's Four—W. Robinson, J. McFarlane, P. Conlin, and W. Scott—rowed against the Amalgamated Press Four (who, by the way, have won the Press Rowing Championship for the past four years). The course was over a distance of about three-quarters of a mile. The race resulted in a win for the St. Dunstan's Four by a quarter of a length after a great race, both crews being practically neck and neck throughout the race, and all out at the finish. At the tea which followed, the Hon. Secretary of the Press Rowing Club said they hoped to make this race an annual event, and paid keen tribute to the style and sportsmanship of the St. Dunstan's crew. Plated alarm clocks were presented as souvenirs to the winners. W. Scott replied and thanked all present for their kindly expressions and cordial reception. This very enjoyable afternoon's sport was brought about by our good friend, Charlie Harrison.

Swimming

FOR the fourteenth year in succession, a race for St. Dunstaners was again a feature of the annual swimming gala of Surrey Ladies' S.C. on 6th September, at Kingston-on-Thames.

Our men were given a wonderful reception and after the Lady Mayoress of Kingston had presented the prizes, F. Jackson replied on behalf of St. Dunstan's, thanking the Secretary, Committee and members of the Club for their continued interest.

The race was a good one, W. Birchall winning by a foot and a half from J. McFarlane. F. Rhodes and F. Jackson took third and fourth places, two yards only covering the first four.

To Chess Players

R. J. VINE, of Milkhill Villas, Ewhurst, near Guildford, Surrey, would like to get in touch with other St. Dunstaners who play chess, with a view to having games by post.