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For Blinded British Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen

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“ A ” and “ B ”

THE prize of One Guinea for new descriptions of St. Dunstan's sportsmen goes to CHARLES MCINTOSH, whose solution—Section “ A ” for the old S.S. and Section “ B ” for the old T.B., has been adopted by the Chairman.

Captain Fraser has given instructions to the Sports Department that these terms are to be used in all programmes and announcements in future, and asks all sportsmen to fall into line and try as far as possible to forget the old terms and adopt the new.

McIntosh's letter supporting his suggestion is as follows: “ I suggest that Section A and Section B should be used in sports programmes in future. These have the advantage that the public are less likely to be curious about such symbols, and for our own purposes they may be memorized as ‘ A ’—Almost, and ‘ B ’—Blind.”

Below are some other interesting suggestions sent in by other readers:

For the old T.B.

B.B. Black Blind.
D.B. Dark Blind.
“ Blank.”
“ Final.”
B. Blinded.
N.O. Nil-Optics.
Section 1, or Class 1.
Q.B. Quite Blind.
N.D. No degree of sight.
N.V. No Vision.
N.S. Non-Sighted.
S.T.G. Sight Totally Gone.
Q.B. Quite Blind.
D. Darkness.
D. Dims.
A.B. Absolutely Blind.
B.
A.I.
Black.
B.B. Black Blind.
Close Event.

For the old S.S.

W.B. White Blind.
L.B. Light Blind.
“ One Pip.”
“ Semi-Final.”
O.V. Obscure Vision.
S.O. Semi-Optics.
Section 2, or Class 2.
V.B. Virtually Blind.
S.D. Small degree of sight.
S.V. Slight Vision.
D.V. or S. Defective Vision or Sight.
N.B. Nearly Blind.
S.B. Semi-Blind or See-a-Bit.
S.V. Slight Vision.
G. Glimmers.
N.I.B. Nearly in Blindness.
A.
A.2.
White.
L.S. Light Seeing.
Open Event.

Royal Interest in St. Dunstan's

The following is an extract from *The Scotsman*, of 3rd November:—

"For the seventh successive year an exhibition and sale of goods made by war disabled men is being held at the Imperial Institute, South Kensington, London. Some 27 stalls, representing many organisations, have on view a large variety of useful household articles, including leather and metal goods, toys, rugs, furniture, and basket-ware.

"Her Majesty the Queen, who, with other members of the Royal Family, has always supported this show, again set a good example to the rest of the country by doing some of her Christmas shopping early.

"Her Majesty inspected all the stalls in turn, and on reaching the St. Dunstan's stand, which presented a very colourful array of goods she spoke for a few minutes with one of the officials, and expressed her admiration of the work, and also the manner in which it was displayed. She bought several trays with teapot stands to match, a woollen rug, and other articles, including 'Mickey Mouse' trays, which depict that famous cinema 'star' in various scenes.

"The St. Dunstan's factory has recently supplied two white woollen rugs with green borders for the King's bathroom."

St. Dunstaner and a Neon Sign

FASHWORTH, of Gorleston-on-Sea, was provided by St. Dunstan's with a Neon trade sign. It was installed and had the unexpected result of drawing a letter from the Harbour Master, who pointed out that such a red lighted sign was liable to be confused with the harbour lights exhibited for the safe navigation of vessels entering the harbour.

Ashworth suggested that the side that could be seen from the sea might be made another colour, and the Harbour Master agreed. Objection was only taken to red or green, the colours used by the Port Commissioners. He then communicated with St. Dunstan's, who are taking up the matter—an example of the unusual and varied tasks undertaken by Headquarters.

We were very sorry to hear that the daughter, son-in-law, and grandchild of C. Aplin, of Warley, were recently involved in a motor-cycle accident, and rather badly injured. We hope, however, that by now all the invalids have recovered.

A New Competition

IT is thought that a monthly competition to which is attached a small prize in money might be popular with our readers, and this month we submit the first of a series of little "teasers" called "TRIANGLES."

The following example should give an idea of what "TRIANGLES" are, each dot representing one letter of a word:—

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b c

ba=A loutish country fellow.
bc=Something that is useful to the blind.
ac=The act of telling a story.

The answer is—

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   P   R
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This month's example is—

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b c

ba=Something that begins at home but does not end there.
bc=Association with elections.
ac=A slang term for a race of people fond of slang themselves.

As this example has purposely been made an easy one, it has been decided to award two prizes of half a guinea each. Entries must be addressed to—The Editor, "St. Dunstan's Review," Inner Circle, Regent's Park, and will be received up till the first post on Saturday, 2nd December. The first two correct solutions opened on that day will be awarded the prizes.

No correspondence on the matter will be entertained.

"In Memory"

Sergeant CHARLES F. BUTLER
(The Buffs—East Kent Regiment).

WE deeply regret to record the death of C. F. Butler, of Bellingham. Butler served in the Great War, and as a result of this lost his sight. His health had always been very poor, so that he was not able to take advantage of any training at St. Dunstan's. He was, however, habitually cheerful, in spite of increasing ill-health. This year he became much worse, and died at home on the 24th September.

The funeral took place a few days later, and was attended by five representatives of the local branch of the British Legion; Mr. and Mrs. Shinnars, local St. Dunstaner friends, were also present. The coffin was covered with the Union Jack, and the wreaths included one from Captain Fraser and his comrades at St. Dunstan's.

Butler leaves a widow and five children, to whom we extend our sincere sympathy.

Private THOMAS HENRY DENNISON
(North Staffordshire Regiment)

WE very much regret to record the death of T. H. Dennison, of Longsdon, Stoke-on-Trent. Dennison was wounded in France, as a result of which wounds he became totally blind, and the following year came to St. Dunstan's. He first took up poultry farming, but eventually gave this up and concentrated on mat-making. His health, however, had never been very good since his experiences in France, and this year he seemed to be anything but well. In September he was hurriedly admitted to hospital, and underwent a very serious operation, from which, however, he appeared to be making a good recovery, so that the news of his death on the 6th October came as a great shock to everybody.

The funeral took place a few days later, and among the wreaths was one from Captain Fraser and his comrades at St. Dunstan's.

Dennison leaves a widow and one small daughter, and to them we offer our sincerest sympathy.

Private WILLIAM HILL
(York and Lancaster Regiment)

WE regret to report the death of W. Hill, of Hull, on the 11th October. Hill went to France with his Regiment, and there was wounded to such an extent that he became totally blind, and had to have his left foot and lower leg amputated. Owing to these very serious wounds he was unable to take up much training at St. Dunstan's, and had to do light occupational work only. His health had never been very good since the War, and this autumn he was admitted to hospital for an operation, from the effects of which he died.

The funeral took place in the Northern Cemetery, Hull, on the 14th October, and was largely attended. His fellow members of the "Buffaloes" Lodge were present, and conducted a service. St. Dunstan's was represented by Miss Pease. His coffin was covered with the Union Jack and bore a wreath from Captain Fraser and other members and comrades of St. Dunstan's.

Hill leaves a widow and two sons to mourn his loss, and we offer them our sincere sympathy.

Births

CHIVERS.—To the wife of C. Chivers, of Dow-lais, on 18th October, a daughter.
CLOVER.—To the wife of A. Clover, of Long Melford, on the 5th November, a daughter.
EXALL.—To the wife of H. R. Exall, of Peckham, on 4th October, a daughter.
HODGMAN.—To the wife of A. W. Hodgman, of Southsea, on November 12th, a daughter.
SMITH.—To the wife of C. Smith, of Walsall, on 21st October, a son.
SCOTT.—To the wife of W. T. Scott, of Streat-ham, on 18th September, a son—Derek Ashton.
TOMKINSON.—To the wife of H. Tomkinson, of Kilburn, on 6th October, a daughter—Shirley Margaret.

Deaths

We offer sincere sympathy this month to the following:—
AVEY.—To J. Avey, of Dudley, who lost his father on 6th October.
BROWNFOOT.—To E. Brownfoot, of Hampstead, whose father died suddenly on 7th November.
DEE.—To T. W. Dee, of Hull, who lost his father on 20th October.
DENNIS.—To G. Dennis, of Portsmouth, and his wife, who lost their little daughter Olive on 2nd October, at the age of 12 years, after an illness of only a few hours.
JOHNS.—To P. Johns, of Chesterfield, who lost his mother on the 9th October.
KENNY.—To J. Kenny, of Cork, whose brother passed away on 12th October.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Memorial Service to Sir Arthur Pearson

THE Memorial Service this year will be held at St. George's Church, Kemp Town, Brighton, at 3.15 p.m. on the afternoon of Saturday, 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. Sir Arnold Lawson, K.B.E., F.R.C.S., Chairman of St. Dunstan's Advisory Board, will give the address. 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 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.

St. Dunstaners in the News

FROM the *Peterborough Citizen*, 3rd October:

One of Westwood Works F.C.'s most ardent supporters is Mr. Henry G. Boorman, a blind ex-Serviceman, who operates the telephone switchboard at Messrs. Baker Perkins. He attends all the Club's matches at Alma Road, 1st XI and Reserve, and follows the games by the shouts of the crowd, and by the aid of a friend who explains how play is progressing.

Mr. Boorman has been at the Peterborough branch of the firm since Easter, and previously he was at the Willesden branch, where he was in sole charge of the switchboard. Altogether he has been with Messrs. Baker Perkins for ten years as a telephone operator. When working at Willesden he resided at Hammersmith and followed the Chelsea football team.

Mr. Boorman was trained as a telephonist at St. Dunstan's, and while there he became an exceptionally fine road walker. St. Dunstan's actually started road walking in 1922, and Mr. Boorman has taken part in every road walk held by St. Dunstan's with the exception of two. He competed in their first four full London-to-Brighton walks. On the first occasion, he covered 46 miles, the second 25, on the third he finished sixth, and the fourth he was fifth.

The 15-miles' road race is the longest event held by St. Dunstan's now, and Mr. Boorman has won it for the last three years. This year it was held a week after he had moved to Peterborough, and he went to London, and his time for the race was 2 hours 20 minutes 21 seconds.

From the *Bedfordshire Times*, 20th October:

On passing through Woburn and proceeding along the road to Leighton Buzzard, passers-by can see an attractive stone-built lodge just off the main road. To the right of the dwelling is a poultry farm. The lay-out of the farm strikes the eye at once by virtue of its first-class planning. The place is Pinfold Lodge, on the Duke of Bedford's Woburn estate, and the tenant is Mr. Percy Holmes.

There may seem nothing remarkable in know-

ing about poultry and making the business a successful commercial proposition; but Mr. Holmes is blind, and he has triumphed over that very great handicap. Like most blind people he is remarkably cheery, and an hour spent in his company is like a tonic in these worrying days. Aged forty-one years, he is a finely built man of about six feet in height and is married. He has been at Pinfold Lodge since 1919.

After twelve months' training St. Dunstan's gave him a start at Woburn by giving him three or four poultry houses and about three dozen birds. Since then Mr. Holmes has gone on from strength to strength, and now has over two hundred head of poultry, not to speak of a few goats. He is very particular about buying the best birds possible and specializes in White Leghorns, Rhode Island Reds, and Wyandottes. He is the proud possessor of numerous gold and silver medals and also silver cups won in connection with egg-laying trials promoted by St. Dunstan's, and recently he took first prize for six White Leghorns in the Bedfordshire Egg-laying Trials at Kempston. He is very proud of his latest achievement.

Everything has not been smooth-working for him, for in 1924 he lost about three hundred birds in a flood. That was a serious setback, but by dint of hard work he gradually improved his position. He did all the work himself until three or four years ago, when he engaged a youth to help him.

In his sitting-room some half-dozen or more attractive silver cups are displayed—mementoes of athletic successes. The most prominent trophy commemorates his three victories in six years in the now famous St. Dunstan's 25-mile walk. In 1928 he covered the distance in 4 hours 42 minutes 10 seconds, and last year he won in 4 hours 35 minutes 35 seconds—a very fine achievement. Most of the other cups, not to speak of medals, dinner services, and a chair, were also won in walking events. At Putney Regatta in 1918 he also won cups in competition with other St. Dunstan's men in the maiden sculls and the single sculls. Lately Mr. Holmes has been troubled with sciatica and lumbago, but hopes to be fit to compete in the annual St. Dunstan's walk next year. Mr. Holmes's motto in life is "Be of good cheer," and he certainly lives up to it.

Brighton News

OUR Armistice celebrations began with the annual memorial service held in the Dome under the auspices of the British Legion. The huge building was packed to overflowing, but 20 seats were reserved for our use. Canon James, M.C., who was in charge of the service, appealed to the large congregation to give generously to the collection, which was in aid of distressed ex-service men. After the address, which was given by the Chaplain-General to the Forces, Madame Dorothy Welling stirred the whole assembly to its very depths by her rendering of "Land of Hope and Glory," and the singing of the National Anthem brought to an end a most impressive service.

On November 11th, everybody in the annexe gathered in the big lounge for a very short and simple service led by Matron, and at 11 a.m. the wireless was turned on in order that we might observe the two minutes silence and join in the hymn and the singing of "God save the King" with those who were gathered round the Cenotaph in Whitehall, after which we all formed up outside the annexe and marched to the Memorial in the Old Steine, where Gunner Rose and Macpherson placed our tribute to the memory of those comrades whom we were honouring.

Dinner was a lively affair; over port and cigars Sir Cooper Rawson, M.P., kept everybody in roars of laughter with a stock of new jokes.

As of yore, the trainees were entertained at tea by Mrs. Broughton, assisted by "Mr. H." with other friends.

In the evening Matron and a party of the boys attended a service at St. George's Church, at which were the Mayor (Miss Margaret Hardy, M.B.E.), and Sir Cooper Rawson, both of whom read the lessons. During the service a hymn was sung which had been written by our Chaplain, the Rev. Eyton Jones and dedicated to St. Dunstan's.

A char-a-banc conveyed another party to the Hove Town Hall, where community singing, including the old marching songs, stirred our memories and brought back to us days that were not always dull. Our men received a great ovation.

Visitors to the annexe are always loud

in their praise and admiration for our little chapel. Its beauty has recently been enhanced by the addition of a beautiful stained-glass window, which is in three panels, the centre representing the Good Shepherd, that on the right St. Elizabeth of Hungary, and on the left, St. Alban, Soldier and Martyr. The window has quite a little history; until our members became too meagre to necessitate a church, it adorned our chapel in London and when this was pulled down, Sir Arthur conceived the generous idea of presenting it to the Rev. Mr. Gibbs, one of our own men, but before Mr. Gibbs could find room for it in his own church, he heard of our chapel in Brighton and unselfishly offered it to us.

Deaf-Blind Reunion at Brighton

A NOVEL feature of St. Dunstan's social life was a holiday reunion of deaf-blind members, held at the Annexe during the first week of October. The gathering was small but rich in happiness. The deaf ones present were that grand old stalwart, S. Jordan, G. Fallowfield, G. Parrick, G. J. Wheeler and R. White. Unfortunately, R. Williams, of Southwick, was unable to arrive until the last day. Altogether the occasion was a great success. Thanks to the generosity of St. Dunstan's, a day trip was taken to Eastbourne on 20th October. Together with Mrs. Broughton, Sister Mason, Mrs. Durranty and Mr. R. J. Cox (who admirably served as escorts), the deaf ones spent a most enjoyable day. The party lunched at Saffery's Imperial Café. Each member of the party selected their own courses from the elaborate menu-de-luxe provided. After luncheon the party then rambled out to Beachy Head to enjoy the afternoon sunshine. Later on they returned to the café for tea.

In a brief speech, Wheeler rose to the occasion and thanked those who had organised the party on behalf of the deaf-blind. After this a start was then made for the railway station and then home to Brighton by train in a merry mood.

"CYCLOPS."

W. Burgin, of Thurgoland, tells us that at a Baby Show his little son, aged one year and eight months, took the first prize.

The Armistice Dance

(From "The Era").

THE annual St. Dunstan's Armistice Dance was held at the Marylebone Baths, on 10th November, and some 200 St. Dunstaners were present with their wives and friends. The dance music was played by the St. Dunstan's Orchestra, and Captain Ian Fraser, M.P., the Chairman, was present and made a short speech of welcome to the men. "Ian Hay" (Major Ian Hay Beith), another distinguished soldier who is a member of the Executive Council, was also present to say a few words. The majority of the 200 blinded men came from the Home Counties but there were representatives in addition from all parts of the country, so that these 200 were representative of the great body, ten times their number, of St. Dunstaners.

The scene when the dancing was in full swing was a memorable one. To one unaccustomed to such functions it might be imagined that it was also a poignant one. This was by no means the case. All those present were out to enjoy themselves. It is one of the boasts of St. Dunstan's that while it teaches its men to work hard, it also teaches them to play hard, both on the field of sport and on festive occasions like this. The success of its teaching can best be appreciated on an evening like this.

Indeed, the stranger entering the hall during a dance would not realize that all the male dancers were blinded. It was only when the music stopped that he would suddenly realise the true state of affairs. Then when the couples were standing waiting for an encore or the next dance, one man would hear the voice of another close to him whom he had not met for long and would make a dash for him. He would find him at once, of course—unless the ignorant stranger happened to be in between them and then and only then would that stranger realise that the man dashing across the floor could not see at all.

Otherwise it was difficult to realise the truth. Even during a round dance such as the "Paul Jones" everything went off without a hitch, a dance at which even the clearest sighted are liable to be suddenly bumped from unexpected quarters.

The dancing went on until nearly midnight and even then the 400 guests were loath to go, so thoroughly had they enjoyed their "evening out" together, but at length the last one had gone and the lights were lowered. The badge of St. Dunstan's is a torch intended to symbolise the light it has shed in what otherwise might have been utter darkness. That torch is only kept alight by some spark in St. Dunstaners themselves that flows back to it from them.

Letter to the Editor

DEAR SIR,

I am writing to ask if it is possible for you to make some effort to find out how many of our members are interested in the game of chess, with a view to forming a St. Dunstan's Chess League for correspondence matches, and perhaps an annual meeting for play over the board.

This highly intellectual pastime seems very popular among the civilian blind, and seems to be attaining greater popularity with the general public at large.

I am well aware that there are certain difficulties to be overcome, as our membership is a very scattered one. I know several St. Dunstaners who have a very crude knowledge of chess, but I am afraid they would not be able to put up much of a show against a scientific player.

What is needed is a few men with a fair knowledge of theoretical and practical play. I only know one but perhaps there are others. Moreover, if it were possible to form such a Chess League I should imagine its doings might help to maintain public interest in St. Dunstan's.

Trusting that this suggestion will receive your consideration.—Yours sincerely,

G. J. WHEELER.

Brighton.

29th October, 1933.

Young St. Dunstaners

In opening a bazaar recently, Capt. C. C. Erskine-Bolst, M.P., referred to the presence on the platform of "a charming little Blackpool girl, Joan Walch, whose father is a St. Dunstan's man." Joan had been chosen to make a presentation at the bazaar to the Cotton Queen of Great Britain.

Mrs. R. Paterson, of Thirsk, says that a short while ago Sheila, aged 8, ran in and anxiously inquired what rank her daddy was in the War. Paterson told her and she was most disappointed. If only he had been a general she knew where they wanted one. She had seen a notice, "Good General Wanted."

After-Care Reunions

LEAMINGTON.

18TH OCTOBER.

ST. DUNSTAN'S men invariably receive a very kindly welcome from the caterers at our Reunion Meetings, and this has always been particularly the case at Leamington. This added very considerably to the very friendly and homely atmosphere of the afternoon. Everyone was very happily engaged in greeting old friends, trying out our new game of "Pyramid Patience," and chaffing one another generally.

NOTTINGHAM.

A most successful Reunion of St. Dunstaners took place at Nottingham on 19th October, when the Lord Mayor of Nottingham (Councillor H. Seely Whitby) invited all St. Dunstaners in the Nottingham area, together with their wives, to be his guests at the Council House, and to meet our Chairman, Captain Fraser.

The following extracts describing the occasion are taken from the *Nottingham Guardian* :—

"The whole of the guests were received by the Lord Mayor and Captain Ian Fraser and Mrs. Fraser, and music was dispensed by the orchestra of the Nottingham Association of Unemployed Workers, under the direction of Mr. Arthur Taylor.

"Tea was served in the reception room and afterwards a concert was provided by Madame Patti Regina (soprano), Mr. F. Batters (humorist), and Mr. Louis Sutondale (operatic tenor).

"In the course of a brief speech, the Lord Mayor said it was a proud moment in his life to be able to receive men of St. Dunstan's at the Council House. He was delighted because to him it meant the completion of forty years' work in connection with Crimea and Indian Mutiny veterans, work in connection with the Pearson's Fresh Air Fund and St. Dunstan's. Forty years ago he came into contact with three great men, Arthur Pearson, John Kirk and Ernest Kessell, who set out with the object of providing a day a year in the country for the poorest children of the country. The slogan was, 'Ninepence a day takes a child away,' and the result of the work was that 6,000,000 children had spent a day in the country. Then followed St. Dunstan's, which had done such great work for war-blinded heroes. They would always have a friend in St. Dunstan's, for Captain Ian Fraser was continuing the great work of the founder.

"Captain Fraser pointed out that the Lord Mayor of Nottingham had been responsible for bringing a large measure of support and help to

St. Dunstan's ever since the war. No one had done more, he said, and St. Dunstan's shared with Mr. Whitby the honour done him by the citizens of Nottingham in making him their Lord Mayor.

"Nottingham had a magnificent war record, and made its full share of sacrifice, and there were in and near Nottingham a large number of blinded soldiers. They came under the care of St. Dunstan's, as did all the blinded soldiers in the Empire, and the people of Nottingham had been extremely generous in helping the institution to look after them. St. Dunstan's had found them occupation and interest, had comforted them in their distress, helped them in their need, and taught them to work, to play and to be happy. In spite of bad times, St. Dunstan's was still going strong, and he believed a generous public would see to it that the plan succeeded so that every British blinded soldier would be looked after properly, and none forgotten.

"Captain Fraser added that it was not often that they were able to hold a re-union in civic headquarters. The Lord Mayor was always devising schemes to help forward St. Dunstan's, and his latest method was to accept the gift of a greyhound, which he named 'St. Dunstan's,' and decided that all its winnings should go to St. Dunstan's. In the last few months it had brought to the funds a sum of £250.

"The Lord Mayor, in the entertainment of his guests, had the assistance of the Lady Mayoress, the Sheriff (Councillor W. W. Weldon), Bishop Neville Talbot (vicar of St. Mary's), and the Rev. J. T. Hodgson.

"As the guests departed they received from the hands of the Lady Mayoress a gift for themselves and one each for the children at home."

CARDIFF.

27TH OCTOBER.

Everyone took full advantage of a larger room to move about freely, and have "a good gossip," as someone put it. Another said, "It is like going into the lounge at the old Bungalow." There was a very good muster of South Wales men, and a number of ladies, whose interest in the men never flags, called in to chat with and entertain them.

At the Annual General Meeting of the Dover Branch of the British Legion, J. Sheehy was elected Vice-Chairman of the branch. Sheehy already holds the following offices in the Legion: Vice-President, Kent Council; member B.L. and U.S.F. Fund Committee; Disabled Representative on War Pensions Committee, and delegate to the South Eastern Area Conference.

November in the Garden

NOW is the time for pruning rose trees, currant bushes, and raspberry canes.

Cut the old wood well back so that they will give good fruit for next summer. Remove old soil from the tops of rose trees, put in a layer of old manure, then cover up soil again. Do the same with fruit bushes. The rain will wash the manure down to the roots to feed them.

If you are not likely to have time to make your cabbage beds in March, I would advise you to make them now. Spread a good layer of manure on the bed and dig it in. Your bed will then be ready for putting plants in when it is time.

I strongly advise readers to grow onions because they are useful for the house. This is the best way to make a bed, whatever its size. Take one half of the bed out first to a depth of 9 inches. Put in 6 inches of manure and beat it down hard. Throw the other half of the soil on top and put 6 inches of manure into that bottom. Beat it down and rake the soil back on to it, making 4 inches of soil on top of the manure. This should be done in December and I will tell you later when and how to put your onion sets in.

D. MAKIN.

Another St. Dunstan's Gardener

WE have received from A. J. Holland, of Rushden, a letter dealing with his gardening activities, from which we publish the following extracts:

I have been a gardener all my life. I was head gardener with a large staff of men before the War in one of the best-kept gardens in this country.

Gardening can be very interesting to those who, like me, are not able to see what they are growing. With regard to using tools, methods of planting and marking where the things are growing, I have found out quite a lot of new ideas which I should not have thought possible when I could see. All that I do I see in my mind's eye and I am always at work in my garden or field. At present I am cutting down a hundred yards of hedge.

There are two things that I specialise in. One is sweet peas grown on single stems. I have had very fine ones this year. The other, and the best, is the new sort of early flowering chrysanthemums, which are very fine; I have had a big bed of eighty plants this year. The flowers always sell well and are not hard to grow. I hope to grow even more next year, and to try and get a retailer to sell them to. I started to cut them on 1st August and have still got some left.

SPORTS CLUB NOTES

A 5 Mile Outer and Inner Circle Walk

and also a 5 mile Novice Walk, if there are sufficient entries, will be held on Saturday, 2nd December, at 2.45 p.m.

Swimming Gala

The Swimming Gala which was arranged for 24th November has now been postponed until next year. We shall hope to hold it in the early part of the summer, which will, we feel, be better for the competitors.

Christmas Dance

The Christmas Dance will be held on Tuesday, 19th December, in the Lounge at Headquarters, when we hope to have a very jolly gathering.

L. WOOLRYCH.

Brighton

A MEETING of the Brighton Sports Club was held on 21st October. There were present: Miss Boyd Rochfort, Mrs. Broughton and Miss Hodgson (in the Chair), Miss Rayson, Miss Wildie, Orderly Passival, Messrs. Clewlow, Dickinson, Anderson, Freeman, Gannaway, Jacklin, Newman, Pike, Scott, Taylor, Trigg, Williams, Martin, Vorley and Wass (St. Dunstaners).

Miss Boyd Rochfort read a telegram of good wishes to the meeting from Matron and Miss Stacey, who is on her way to South America.

Miss Hodgson read a list of points for the summer field sports, which are as follows:—

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1st	Dickinson ... 435	1st	Martin ... 395
2nd	Wass ... 390	2nd	Trigg ... 365
3rd	Scott ... 325	3rd	Pike ... 325
	Taylor ... 280		Williams ... 275
	Jacklin ... 240		Clewlow ... 270
	Newman ... 225		Freeman ... 255
	Anderson ... 215		Gannaway ... 255
	Ashe ... 165		Vorley ... 100
	Alexander ... 95		Smith ... 70
	Read ... 65		Anderson ... 50
	Bullock ... 50		Higgins ... 25
	Stevens ... 25		Stevenson ... 25

Silver Wedding

CONGRATULATIONS to T. W. Moore, of Miles Platting, and his wife, whose anniversary was on 26th October.