

# ST. DUNSTAN'S REVIEW

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## Our Chairman Honoured by the King

ALL St. Dunstaners will rejoice at the honour of Knighthood bestowed on our Chairman (Captain Ian Fraser, C.B.E., M.P.) in the recent Birthday List. The honour was well deserved and hardly earned. The position of Chairman of St. Dunstan's, which Sir Ian has filled since the death of the founder, Sir Arthur Pearson, in 1921, is no easy one, and all who have had personal dealings with our Chairman, or, in other words, 100 per cent of St. Dunstaners and 100 per cent of those interested in St. Dunstan's from the outside, will agree that his working day is one that is long and full of sustained effort.

He is in his office at Headquarters every morning by about 10 o'clock, and there he deals with one problem after another until lunch time. He continues his work until it is time to go to the House, if it is sitting, and often resumes his work on behalf of our men after his return late at night. During the recess he is at work either at St. Dunstan's or in his constituency all the time.

When it is reflected that, in addition to being a Member of Parliament, which inevitably takes up a good deal of time, he is also concerned with other organizations dealing with blindness and with the British Legion, it can be seen that he leads, in the truest sense, what Francis Bacon called a "full life." Appreciations of the remarkable work he has carried out follow; but, perhaps, the best appreciation is that uttered by one of you on the very day that his honour was made known. This man was at Headquarters when it opened, and, when asked why he was so early, said that he wanted to be the first to congratulate him, and said that he knew that the Chairman "would see him."

That sums up the work that Sir Ian Fraser does. He is an extremely busy man, and yet, when one of his own men calls, it is always a certainty that he will "see him."

His activities in connection with the War-blinded have led Sir Ian to take a general interest in the welfare of the blind, and, in addition to being a member of the Council of the National Institute for the Blind, he is also a Governor of Worcester College for the Blind. He also did much work for the Wireless for the Blind Fund, and in his Parliamentary capacity was the author of the Free Wireless Licence and the Blind Voters Acts, and other amendments to the law for the benefit of blind people and ex-Servicemen.

LADY (ARTHUR) PEARSON, D.B.E., President of St. Dunstan's, and Sir Neville Pearson, Bt., Honorary Treasurer, write:—

"Well may St. Dunstan's be proud of the honour which has been conferred upon Sir Ian Fraser. Of all efforts which the Nation has made to clear up the aftermath of the Great War,



no effort has been more complete or more successful than St. Dunstan's. We all rejoice that through this honour, recognition has been given to the splendid manner in which for over twelve years Sir Ian has shown himself the mainspring of this great brotherhood. Glad in his gladness, we wish both to himself and to Lady Fraser a future filled with renewed triumphs and fresh success."

Lieut.-Colonel Eric Ball, senior member of St. Dunstan's Executive Council and Chairman of Brighton Home Sub-Committee, also writes:—

"In my humble opinion, no honour bestowed by His Majesty the King has been more richly deserved than that of our beloved Chairman's. As Captain Fraser's oldest colleague, and as one of his and Mrs. Fraser's closest friends for the past eighteen years, I have had an unique opportunity of studying their work and worth. Personal voluntary social service is far too rarely recognized in this country; Captain and Mrs. Fraser have for years been the personification of this service, and all interested in, or connected with, the Blind World (not least St. Dunstaners themselves) will rejoice in the glorious news of his impending Knighthood."

Among the references in the Press to the honour conferred on our Chairman are the following:—

*Daily Telegraph*.—"Splendid service to those blinded in the war and in civil life is honoured in the case of Captain Ian Fraser, M.P."

*Morning Post*.—"The inclusion of Captain Ian Fraser's name in the King's Birthday Honours List is a happy recognition of unselfish public service. What the blinded victims of the War owe to him as director (in succession to the late Sir Arthur Pearson) of St. Dunstan's will never be fully known."

"A sufferer like themselves, he has instilled into them a courage fitly expressed by Milton's lines:

"I argue not  
Against Heaven's hand or will, nor bate a jot  
Of heart or hope; but still bear up and steer  
Right onward."

*Daily Mail*.—"Everyone will commend the knighthood bestowed upon Captain Ian Fraser, the blind M.P., who has worked hard for St. Dunstan's."

*Star*.—"A knighthood well earned is that bestowed on Captain Ian Fraser (M.P. for St. Pancras), who was blinded in the War, and for some years has done wonderful work as Chairman of St. Dunstan's."

*Birmingham Post*.—"In the House of Commons there will also be satisfaction at the knighthood for Captain Ian Fraser, the blind Member for St. Pancras, who, as Chairman of St. Dunstan's, has been tireless in the interest of all who share his affliction."

*Belfast News-Letter*.—"It is gratifying to find the name of Captain Ian Fraser in the new Knights. Captain Fraser was blinded in the War, but his affliction has not prevented him from undertaking public work, and both as a Member of Parliament and Chairman of the Executive Council of St. Dunstan's Hostel, he has been a staunch and powerful friend of blind people."

*Glasgow Herald*.—"Among the new Knights is Captain Ian Fraser, M.P., the Chairman of St. Dunstan's, who, himself blinded in the War, has done much to help blind ex-Servicemen."

The extracts which follow are representative of the hundreds of other congratulatory messages which have poured in from all parts of the British Isles, while of particular interest may be mentioned also those from the Council and Staff of the National Institute for the Blind, the Chairman and Council of the Metropolitan Area of the British Legion, and Worcester College for the Blind:—

"I was delighted to see the announcement of your Knighthood in the Honours List this morning. I know that it will give great satisfaction to your many friends both in the House and elsewhere, and we in the Ministry of Pensions are especially pleased knowing as we do your keen and active interest in all ex-Service matters."

G. C. Tryon

(Major the Rt. Hon. G. C. Tryon, M.P., Minister of Pensions).

"As an old colleague in the Commons and a fellow citizen in St. Marylebone, I hope you will let me tell you how very pleased I am to see your name in the Birthday Honours. No one can have deserved it better, and no recognition will be more universally approved."

Hailsham

(The Rt. Hon. Viscount Hailsham, Secretary of State for War).

"I cannot tell you how very delighted I am to see to-day's news. I know of no one who deserves recognition more; and I feel sure that everyone who knows you and your great work will be as delighted as I am."

Ian Macpherson

(The Rt. Hon. Sir Ian Macpherson, K.C., M.P., late Minister of Pensions).

"I write on behalf of the Area Council, British Legion, Irish Free State, to convey their sincere congratulations at your recent Knighthood, and to say how much they appreciate this very signal honour conferred on you for services rendered not only to the blind ex-Serviceman, but to the whole ex-Service community."

J. J. Tynan,

Organizing Secretary, Irish Free State Area, British Legion.

"May I just send you a little line of warm congratulation on your appearance in the Birthday Honours List. I am sure everyone will be delighted that your services on behalf of the blind have thus been recognized."

O. I. Prince,

Secretary and Librarian, National Library for the Blind.

"It gives me great pleasure to offer you my congratulations on the high honour conferred upon you. Not only must the distinction be regarded as a recognition of the great services which you have rendered, and are rendering to the blind, but as adding a distinction to all of us in the blind community itself of which all its members may feel proud."

Mary Jameson.

And here are a few extracts from the many letters received from St. Dunstaners all over the country:—

"My sincere congratulations. It is a distinction well deserved and one which, apart from its personal nature, is of considerable importance to St. Dunstan's, in that it will both renew and create interest in our unique organization."

"Please accept my humble but very hearty congratulations on your Knighthood. To me and other St. Dunstaners, your place in our hearts will be to still look to you as our gallant Captain, ever leading us on in our victory over blindness."

"Please accept my heartiest congratulations on the honour conferred on you by His Majesty the King. I feel sure that not only the large family of St. Dunstan's but the whole of the blind community are justly proud of the acknowledgment of your services on their behalf."

"I would like you to know that in one home at least this morning's news caused great satisfaction. I am confident, however, that the general public will be delighted that His Majesty has desired that this honour should be yours. You will no doubt receive countless congratulatory messages but please believe that none can be more sincere than this small note from one of your own men."

"It is with real pride that we learn that the one whom we so highly esteem and to whom we owe so much has received the approbation of the King."

"We would like to offer our congratulations to both yourself and Lady Fraser on the honour which has been conferred upon you. It is certainly no more than you deserve, for we St. Dunstaners owe you a great deal—more than we can ever hope to repay—so that recognition in this way makes us feel very happy indeed."

"Will you please accept my heartiest congratulations upon receiving such an honour. I am sure all St. Dunstaners, the civilian blind, and also ex-Servicemen will be pleased at the news, as you have worked so hard for us all."

"Dear Sir Ian Fraser,—It gives me much pleasure in being able to address you thus, and my wife and I both congratulate you. We both think you have worked very hard, not only for us boys and our home affairs but for the blind in general. We both wish you and Lady Fraser long life and happiness, as I feel sure that Lady Fraser has played no small part in your latest success."

### A St. Dunstan's Limerick

LIEUT. E. MAURICE LITTLE, who lives in Australia, and is now on a visit to this country, was awarded a prize of half-a-guinea offered by the *Morning Post* for a limerick based on a Personal Column advertisement in that paper.

The advertisement chosen was this appeal by St. Dunstan's:—

EMPIRE DAY falls to-morrow. Think of the men who lost their sight while fighting for the Empire during the War. There are still nearly 2,000 War-blinded ex-Servicemen, and all are under the care of ST. DUNSTAN'S.—All information can be obtained from Captain Ian Fraser, M.P., Chairman, St. Dunstan's, Inner Circle, Regent's Park, London, N.W.1.

And this was the limerick:—

"A fellow I know went to fight,  
And somewhere in France lost his sight,  
He says that 'affliction'  
Is not in his diction—  
'Twas 'St. Dunstan's' that showed him  
the light."

Lieut. Little was so badly wounded during the War that he was sent straight back to Australia from hospital in Egypt. In addition to his blindness, he has lost an arm and a leg.

Immediately upon receiving his prize, Lieut. Little most generously sent it to St. Dunstan's as a donation.

### Personal

"If the St. Dunstaner who attended the Bedford Reunion would like his brown soft felt hat, he can have this if he will return mine to me at Brooklands House, off South Street, Leighton Buzzard."

A. CHAFFIN.



### Who to Write to at St. Dunstan's

SIR IAN FRASER in his Chairman's Notes last month referred to the reorganization of the duties of the staff at Headquarters necessitated by the death of Mr. Hegarty.

We are pleased to say that it has not been found necessary to make a new appointment from outside St. Dunstan's, as it has been possible to arrange for Mr. Doughty to be transferred from Raglan Street to Headquarters, and to re-arrange the duties of Mr. Banks, already working at Headquarters, in order that they may both give the whole of their time to the general welfare of St. Dunstaners.

Mr. Doughty will be assisted by Miss Wilson and become responsible for the men residing in the areas visited by Miss Wood, Mrs. Dunphy, Miss Pease, and Mr. Macauley, and the combined areas of the Misses Gough, Hodgson and Nelson.

Mr. Banks, with the help of Mrs. Paul, will be responsible for those men residing in London and the South and West of England.

The four members of the staff named above have all given long and faithful service to St. Dunstan's and are well known to the men, and the arrangements outlined above have been operated by them since Mr. Hegarty's death, and have worked well.

Mr. Ottawa's duties will, of course, remain unchanged, but it should be borne in mind that it is necessary for him to spend a great part of his time away from Headquarters, and the foregoing arrangements enable matters to be dealt with promptly. In addition to the frequent visits Mr. Ottawa pays to the Raglan Street Stores and the Brighton Home, and to attending all the Reunions held in London and the Provinces, it is felt that he should pay an increasing number of visits to men in their homes in the general interest of the welfare of the men, which he superintends.

Letters which have in the past been sent to Mr. Thomson Brown, Mr. Fobbs, Mr. Howlett, Mr. Lale, and Mr. Mace, should, of course, continue to be sent to them as their duties have in no way been changed. Men are reminded, however, that they should continue to write to Raglan Street Stores on all matters connected with their trades.

W. A.

### Result of Derby Sweepstake, 1934

THE draw for our Sweepstake was made in the Lounge, at Headquarters, on Thursday, 31st May, by P. Sainty, of Sydenham, and L. Heren, of Shadwell, in the presence of Mr. Askew, Mr. Swain, Mr. Fobbs, the Editor of the REVIEW, and members of the staff.

The number of tickets sold was 1,336—only 32 less than last year—and, after deducting printing and postage expenses, a sum of £159. 12s. 6d. was left for distribution in accordance with the published rules.

The result of the Sweepstake was as follows:—

WINDSOR LAD

**A. Seal**, Weymouth, £79. 16s. 3d. Ticket No. 180.

EASTON

**F. A. Cole**, Birmingham, £31. 18s. 6d. Ticket No. 783.

COLOMBO

**W. W. Walters**, Plymouth, £15. 19s. 3d. Ticket No. 1036.

The holders of the remaining sixteen runners drew £2 each, and were:—

F. Humphries, Brixham (492), Admiral Drake; S. Duncan, Sutton (746), Alishah; A. Brown, Christchurch (367), Badruddin; J. Knights, Trimley (1067), Bondsman; J. H. Matthews, Rhyl (1239), Baron Munchausen; H. Hermon, Oxford (486), Fleetfoot; J. Nolan, Hinstock (43), Hornsey Rise; T. Waldin, Winchester (1129), Medieval Knight; S. W. Taylor, Shepshed (1211), On Top; J. Johnson, Bishops Stortford (247), Patriot King; J. W. Roylance, Atherton, Manchester (472), Pride of the Chilterns; J. Collinson, Blandford (1051), Primero; W. A. Underwood, Hartford (564), Rathmore; W. Lowings, Eastleigh (178), Tiberius; A. Northcott, N.W.10 (561), Umidwar; A. Hurrell, Whitstable (1071), Valerius.

Those drawing non-starters were C. Hutchinson, Bradford (1298), Achtenan; F. A. Rhodes, N.W.6 (1112), The Ruthless Abbott, and W. Sheridan, Wanstead (304), Lo Zingaro. J. W. Clare, Brockenhurst (434) drew The Field.

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St. Dunstaners will hear with regret that Sister Goolden has been obliged to resign her position of Sister-in-Charge at Headquarters, owing to illness. Her friends at St. Dunstan's will wish her a speedy and complete recovery.

### News from the Colonies

ONE good result of our Derby Sweepstake is that it brings us news of our men in the Colonies.

Writing for tickets, Whaley Austin, of Ontario, says: "Best wishes to St. Dunstan's and the REVIEW. It is indeed a pleasure to receive this bit of news of St. Dunstaners, and each month brings a reminder of the good times and efficient after-care I received there."

"Kind regards and best wishes to all the boys at St. Dunstan's," writes H. Woodfield, of Victoria, B.C., and E. Denny, of Pretoria.

News of S. J. Curtis, of East Perth, reaches us through one of his sons. "I am pleased to say," he writes, "that Dad is doing AI at net-making. He has a good round of customers, including shops. Mother is in good health as also are all the family. I am in an office in the City, Albert is away on a sheep farm in the gold-fields, Arthur attends the Junior Technical School, James is now in the top class in the State school, and Loveday is in Standard IV. This letter cannot close without begging that you convey our love and gratitude to all St. Dunstaners where possible."

All these cheery greetings, we know, are sincerely reciprocated by all the boys at home.

### A Royal Message

AMONG the wreaths sent for the funeral of King Albert of Belgium in February was one in the form of the Torch of St. Dunstan's with the inscription:—

"In memory of a gallant soldier King; a token of respect from British blinded soldiers to our Belgian comrades."

Captain Fraser has now received the following message from the members of the Belgian Royal Family:—

"D'après les ordres de Sa Majesté La Reine Elisabeth, de Leurs Majestés et de Leurs Altesses Royales, le Grand Maréchal de la Cour, vous exprime Leurs sentiments de gratitude émue pour la pieuse pensée que vous avez eue d'adresser des fleurs à l'occasion des funérailles du ROI ALBERT.

"Ce suprême hommage rendu à Sa mémoire Les a profondément touchées."

Palais de Bruxelles.

### Death of Colonel C. Alston

IT is with very deep regret that we announce the death on 11th May, of Colonel Conyers William Alston, who for a number of years was a member of St. Dunstan's Committee in South Africa.

Colonel Alston had been in England for several months, and the many St. Dunstaners who met him at our Armistice Dance in November last, will remember him as a very fine old soldier.

The following appreciation appeared in the *Times* of 16th May:—

"Colonel Conyers William Alston, who died last week at the age of 61, at King Edward VII's Hospital for Officers, Grosvenor Crescent, after an operation, was the fourth son of the late Sir Francis Beilby Alston, of the Foreign Office. He enlisted in the ranks, obtained a commission and during the South African War was for some time in command of an independent section of guns, being afterwards appointed to the Headquarters Staff. At the end of that war he settled in the Eastern Transvaal as a farmer, but when the Great War broke out returned to duty. He commanded a battery at Ypres, and in 1916 was severely wounded. He was mentioned in dispatches by Lord Allenby, and was awarded the Order of the Nile by the King of Egypt. Afterwards he was gazetted Honorary Colonel of the Cape Field Artillery. At the close of the War he returned to South Africa and settled in the Banhoek Valley, at Stellenbosch, where he devoted a great deal of his time to the interests of ex-Servicemen. For a number of years he was a member of St. Dunstan's After-Care Fund for South African blinded soldiers."

The funeral took place on 16th May, at Sharnbrook, Bedfordshire.

A beautiful wreath was sent from the chairman and members of the St. Dunstan's Committee in South Africa and the blinded soldiers in the Union, and a poppy wreath in the form of St. Dunstan's Badge was sent from Captain Ian Fraser and the blinded officers and men of the British Empire.

A Memorial Service to the late Colonel Alston was held at St. John's Chapel, Pimlico, London, on the morning of Wednesday, 16th May.

Captain Ian Fraser (accompanied by Mrs. Fraser) attended to represent the Council of St. Dunstan's and the blinded officers and men of the British Empire; Mr. Ferdinand Kayne (a South African blinded soldier living in England) attended to represent the war-blinded men of the Union and Rhodesia.



### Brighton Notes

FREEMASONS ENTERTAIN ST. DUNSTANERS

FROM the *Sussex Daily News*, 10th May:—

"Brighton Freemasons once again proved themselves good friends to St. Dunstan's last night, when the annual entertainment, provided by the generosity of a number of the Local Lodges, was held at the Old Ship Assembly Rooms.

"No entertainment of the kind has ever been more successful, and W. Bro. H. Gainsford Heise, Hon. Secretary of the Organizing Committee, and those associated with him must have felt well rewarded for their hard work in this best of causes.

"The guests were brought to the Old Ship Hotel in motor coaches, and the first event in a generous programme was an excellent dinner. The Mayor of Brighton (Councillor Miss Margaret Hardy, M.B.E., J.P.), the Mayor and Mayoress of Hove (Councillor Victor R. Hudson, J.P., and Mrs. Hudson) and Colonel Eric Ball, a member of the Executive Council of St. Dunstan's, were among those at the head table.

"The Mayor of Brighton, who had to leave early for another engagement, wished 'the boys' a happy evening in one of her delightful speeches.

"Voicing the thanks of St. Dunstan's, Colonel Ball spoke with all the greater heartiness because he himself is a Mason of many years' standing, and his father, aged 89, is one of the oldest members of the Order in London. Such a gathering, he said, was an example of the Masonic benevolence that went on unostentatiously all the year round throughout the world. 'We, of the Executive Council of St. Dunstan's, know how often, at the end of a Masonic banquet, the gift box is passed round and the proceeds given to headquarters, but nothing appears in the Press, and there is no show about it.'

"W. Bro. Heise spoke words of warm welcome and assured the guests that the work of organizing the entertainment was a labour of love. He thanked W. Bro. Yeoman for his valuable assistance as M.C., Bro. Horace Webb for arranging the musical programme and the brethren who had acted as stewards.

"Miss Thellusson, Matron of St. Dunstan's, who is absent on holiday, sent a telegram of good wishes."

### Congratulations

to C. Thomas, of Cricklewood, who has followed up his success at the London Musical Festival by winning the Gold Medal for the tenor class at the Stratford and East London Musical Festival. He scored 90 marks out of a possible 100, the next competitor gaining 80. The adjudicator remarked: "A most effective and enjoyable performance. The mood and dramatic significance of the song fully understood."

### Brief Notes

T. W. Chamberlain and J. Hopper, of Hull, were welcomed as new members to the Hull and District Branch of the East Yorkshire Regimental Association on 18th April.

During the winter months A. Smith, of West Hartlepool, carried off six prizes at whist drives.

Mrs. Heeley, wife of G. H. Heeley, of Wakefield, tells us that her parents celebrated their golden wedding on the 25th March last.

W. Lowings, of Eastleigh, and R. Tooth, of Christchurch, both attended as delegates of their branches at the Convention of the Ancient Order of Buffaloes, held at Torquay during Whit week.

E. S. Hayter, of Kingston-on-Thames, recently wrote to the *Shoe and Leather News* in connection with an insurance scheme in that journal. Referring to his letter, the paper said: "Mr. Hayter's is a testimonial worth preserving. He is a St. Dunstan's man. He has been in business at Kingston for about nine years, and is well respected by all who know him. He has the reputation of putting up a very presentable job."

### Births

GROCOTT.—To the wife of A. W. Grocott, of North Kensington, on 11th June, a son.

MILLS.—To the wife of E. Mills, of Walsall, on 31st May, a son, Derek Howard.

PULLEN.—To the wife of F. Pullen, of Old Woking, on 18th May, a daughter, Vera Mary.

### Deaths

We extend our sincere sympathy this month to the following:—

BRYER.—To E. E. Bryer, of Gloucester, who lost his only brother in April.

DANCE.—To F. T. Dance, of Bishop's Stortford, whose father passed away on 15th May.

ENGLAND.—To W. England, of Brighton, who lost his sister a week or so ago.

JONES.—To W. T. Jones, of Slough, whose mother passed away on 5th June, after a long illness.

PATERSON.—To R. Paterson, of Thirsk, whose mother has recently passed away.

WOODCOCK.—To W. J. Woodcock, of Rickling Green, whose wife died on 27th May after only a few days' illness.

We also extend our sincere sympathy to F. Mowtill, of Cramlington, who lost his mother in December last. We much regret that Mowtill's loss was not noted in a previous REVIEW.

### After-Care Reunions

BEDFORD

THE Bedford Reunion was held on 16th May, and was very largely attended.

Mr. Swain received a huge welcome, and directly his presence was made known, three cheers were called for. Mr. Swain, in his speech, read a letter from Captain Fraser, wishing them a very happy Reunion, and then gave them the latest news of St. Dunstan's, finishing up with some interesting advice on married life. At the conclusion of his speech, Mr. Swain announced the sad news of Mr. Hegarty's death, after a very short illness, and asked the meeting to stand for one minute in silence in memory of a very true friend to St. Dunstan's and all St. Dunstaners.

Mr. E. H. Carpenter proposed a vote of thanks to Captain Fraser, and expressed the regret of those present at the death of Mr. Hegarty, and also their regret that Mr. Ottaway was unable to be present through illness. This was seconded by L. Hardy, of Morley, near Leeds, who was staying in the neighbourhood, and came along to the Reunion.

The competitions were won by P. Maynard and Mrs. Spencer.

D. E. G.

NORWICH

IT was a glorious day for the Norwich Reunion, which was held on Empire Day, 24th May. There were not quite so many present as in previous years, it being decided that it would be more convenient for the men in and around Ipswich to attend the Colchester meeting.

Mr. Swain, who was deputizing for Mr. Ottaway, who, unfortunately, was unwell, received a very warm welcome, and, after tea, read a letter from Captain Fraser, sending his good wishes. In a short speech, Mr. Swain told them the latest news of St. Dunstan's, and presented Miss Pease—who most of them had met at one time or another at the Brighton Annexe—who would shortly be taking over the area from Sister Goodey.

T. A. Williams proposed a vote of thanks to Captain Fraser for his good wishes, and to Mr. Swain for presiding at the meeting, and said what a great pleasure it was to

them all to have him once again amongst them. B. Hamilton seconded, and said how greatly pleased he felt that in spite of being married Mr. Swain had not lost his powers of speech.

An excellent orchestra played for dancing during the afternoon, and there were various competitions which were won by A. Gwyn and Mrs. Cubbit.

Towards the end of the meeting, Mr. Swain broke the sad news of Mr. Hegarty's death, and asked those present to stand for one minute in silence in memory of a very true friend to St. Dunstan's and all St. Dunstaners.

D. E. G.

IRELAND

THE Irish Reunions took place in the Metropole Hotel, Cork, on Tuesday, 29th May; in Jury's Hotel, Dublin, on Thursday, 31st May; and in the Carlton Restaurant, Belfast, on Friday, 1st June. At these meetings Mr. Macauley, on behalf of the men, expressed to Mr. Ottaway their pleasure at his recovery from his recent illness, and presence with them again.

Mr. Ottaway gave the men a message of welcome and good wishes from Captain Ian and Mrs. Fraser, who were unable to be present this year.

Sympathetic references were made at all these meetings to the lamented death of Mr. Hegarty, and at the Dublin meeting on the motion of D. J. McLoughlin, of Dublin, a vote of sympathy was passed to Mrs. Parsons, on the death of her husband, Richard Parsons, who had passed on since the last reunion.

Votes of thanks to St. Dunstan's for the reunions were duly proposed, seconded, and passed with acclamation.

At Cork Mr. Ottaway and Mr. Panton, Mat Instructor, were presented with Irish blackthorn walking-sticks by the Cork mat-makers, and at Belfast Mr. Panton was made the recipient of a pipe and pouch from the Northern Irish St. Dunstaners as a recognition of his kindly services to them at the past nine Annual Reunions in Belfast.

Several competitive games were enjoyed, including musical parcels, which was played with such enthusiasm that there were a couple of minor casualties!

Mr. Barnes, Chairman of the Cork Branch British Legion, was present there



as our guest, and our good friends, Mrs. Strain and her daughter, assisted with the Dublin meeting. Lady Turner, J.P., had hoped to be present at the Belfast meeting, but was detained in England, and sent a letter of apology and good wishes to the men and their wives. N. S. M.

### Young St. Dunstaners

**A**STERNO, of Bath, tells us that his second and youngest son, George, has passed a scholarship with honours which will take him to a High School until he is sixteen.

Ethel Hill, daughter of R. E. Hill, of Tideswell, is another young St. Dunstaner who has just been awarded a scholarship.

### National Laying Test

**R**EPORT for the seventh period of four weeks—2nd to 29th April:—

Position.	Name.	Test score value.
1	Smith, W. Alan ...	770
1	Jarvis, A. ...	770
3	Hamilton, B. ...	710
4	James, G. ...	701
5	Westwood, R. ...	679
6	Campbell, J. ...	664
7	Carpenter, E. H. ...	656
8	Watson, W. W. ...	642
9	Stock, C. H. ...	635
10	Yates, H. W. ...	626
11	Burtenshaw, W. A. ...	617
12	Chaffin, A. ...	583
13	Knopp, H. A. ...	581
14	Lea, J. H. ...	569
15	Woodcock, W. J. ...	523
16	Condon, C. T. ...	513
17	Ashwell, R. ...	495
18	Cork, W. F. ...	490
19	Brown, M. Watson ...	475
20	Melling, D. ...	420
21	McLaren, D. ...	414
22	Jackson, G. C. ...	404
23	Holmes, P. ...	394
24	Roach, C. ...	326

**A**MOST ingenious idea has been carried out by our telephonist, H. Manning, by which an ordinary card-table can be converted to a tea-table within a minute. Manning's green-baize card-table is 24 inches square. He has taken a piece of 5-ply wood 29 inches square and to the under side of it has fixed a square of beading which fits tightly over the edge of the smaller table. The 5-ply square has been stained and polished and the result is a most useful piece of furniture, which can be fitted up or taken apart at will.

## SPORTS CLUB NOTES

### Regatta

WEDNESDAY, 11TH JULY

**T**HE Regatta will be on Wednesday, 11th July, at Putney, starting at 1.30 p.m. sharp. The closing date for entries is 27th June.

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

#### PROGRAMME

1. Single Sculls, Section B.
2. Single Sculls, Section A.
3. Single Sculls, veterans over 45.
4. Double Sculls Open (at least one B. man in a boat).
5. Pair Oars Open (at least one B. man in a boat).
6. Pair Oars, one armed.
7. Inter-Club Cup Event, Pair Oars.
8. Inter-Club Cup Event, Double Sculls.
9. Open Fours (at least 2 B. men in a boat).

(a) 2 Winning St. Dunstan's Fours v. Visiting Four.

(b) Open Fours.

### General Sports Day

23RD JUNE

May I remind you all that the Sports Day in Regent's Park will begin at 2.15 p.m. sharp. Please come early and bring your tea tickets with you.

L. WOOLRYCH.

### Holiday Apartments

**BLACKPOOL:** Comfortable accommodation for St. Dunstaners and friends. Children welcome. Terms very moderate.—S. SMITH, Sunbeam, 101a Powell Avenue, Blackpool, S.S.

**CLEETHORPES:** Comfortable apartments, minute Kingsway, promenade, bathing pool and boating lake. Board optional. Moderate terms.—Mrs. WELTON, St. Omer, 65 Bradford Avenue, Cleethorpes, Lincs.

**CLEVELEYS, Lancs.:** A. Altoft has accommodation for readers who would like to spend a holiday at Cleveleys.—A. ALTOFT, Belmont, Anchorholme Lane, Cleveleys, Lancs.

**NORTON, Suffolk:** Apartments, period or permanent. All home comforts. Holidays now booking. Please state requirements.—J. H. PORTER, "The Anchorage," Guest House, Norton, Suffolk.

**SOUTHEND-ON-SEA:** Room to let during August and September. Meals if required.—M. H. ALBERTELLA, 102 Ruskin Avenue, Southend-on-Sea.