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Death of Miss D. I. M. Ayre

IT is with deepest regret that we have to announce the death at Oxford on 24th July last of Miss D. I. M. Ayre, after an illness lasting only a few days. Miss Ayre was St. Dunstan's Social Visitor for the West Country and Wales, and had worked with us continuously for eighteen years. Her life, in every sense and in every way, had been devoted to the welfare of St. Dunstan's men who, with their families, will mourn the loss of one who was so much more than a friend to them. Her vivid personality, capable common-sense, and friendly, motherly way, made her an ideal worker for St. Dunstan's, and an invaluable help to its work in the very large area in which she paid her constant visits.

The following is a copy of a letter sent to Miss Ayre's brother, Mr. D. J. H. Ayre, by Captain Sir Ian Fraser.

25th July, 1934.

Dear Mr. AYRE,

I heard with very real personal regret and with peculiar sadness, too, for the St. Dunstan's men, of your sister's death.

I spent about a year in 1917 visiting blinded men back from the theatres of war in the military hospitals, before they came to St. Dunstan's, and on practically all these visits was accompanied by Miss Ayre, so that I have very special personal recollections of her devotion to the care of these men and of her kindness to me.

Since those days she has been the friend of many hundreds of the blinded soldiers whom she knew and corresponded with and met at our various gatherings, and particularly of the men in her very large area in the West Country and South Wales.

I happened to be at the Brighton Convalescent Home this morning, and the contents of your letter was telephoned to me. I told the men there the sad news and they unanimously expressed their affection for Miss Ayre, their regret at her death and their sympathy with her relatives. I said I would convey this message to you.

Miss Ayre was one of the senior members of the staff, her service extending to eighteen years, and her work and herself will be remembered with admiration and affection not only by the blinded soldiers and their wives and families but by practically all the members of the staff who knew her personally and dealt with her in relation to the men's affairs.

I am commanded to go to Buckingham Palace to-morrow, and cannot therefore pay my last respects to your sister, as I should have liked to do. Mr. Askew, the principal officer of St. Dunstan's and Secretary to our Council, has expressed the wish to attend, and will represent the Executive Council. Although short notice renders it

difficult, we are communicating with Miss Ayre's particular friends amongst the visitors, and with some of the blinded soldiers in and near Oxford, as we believe they too would like the opportunity of attending.

I think it most appropriate that her coffin should be covered by a Union Jack. The Headquarters flag has been sent immediately to Mr. Burden.

My wife joins me in expressing our deep sympathy with you and the other members of your family.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) IAN FRASER, Chairman.

The funeral took place at Oxford on 26th July, and among the mourners were Mr. Askew, Sister Goodey, Sister Lloyd, Miss Warren, Miss Woolrych, and several St. Dunstaners. A wreath from St. Dunstan's in the form of the torch made in British Legion poppies, was one of the many tributes, with the following inscription: "From Captain Sir Ian Fraser and his fellow blinded officers and men of St. Dunstan's, in affectionate remembrance of one of their truest and loyal friends and devoted helpers." There was also a wreath from the members of the Headquarters Staff, another from Brighton St. Dunstan's, and another from Mr. W. H. Ottaway and the Social and Technical Visitors of St. Dunstan's.

NEW ARRANGEMENTS

The following letter was sent out on 5th September to every St. Dunstaner in Miss Ayre's area by Captain Sir Ian Fraser:—

As you may have read in the West Country papers Miss Ayre, the After-Care Visitor, died very suddenly in Oxford a short time ago.

Miss Ayre was suddenly taken ill and died from pneumonia in a very few days, so there was not time to let her many friends know, but St. Dunstan's and St. Dunstan's men were represented at her funeral, of which you will see full particulars in the next ST. DUNSTAN'S REVIEW.

Miss Ayre was a wonderful friend to St. Dunstan's and to St. Dunstaners, and will be missed by all, but more especially by the men in the West Country whom she has helped so much.

At Headquarters we have given very anxious thought to the appointment of a successor, and have made numerous inquiries to find someone to take Miss Ayre's place. It is very difficult indeed, but I believe we have found just the right person for a new visitor and that she will gain your confidence and be able to work for you and St. Dunstan's in the same way as Miss Ayre did. The new visitor's name is Miss Oliphant, and she lives at Warminster in Wiltshire, which is fairly central for the Western district, and she was a V.A.D. at the College and the Bungalow for some time many years ago.

Miss Oliphant is in a post at present and will not be able to join our staff for a few weeks, and even then it may be a little time before she gets round the whole of her very wide area, but I hope and believe that as you get over the strangeness of having a new visitor, and as Miss Oliphant gets to know you, you will get on very well indeed and find the new arrangement satisfactory.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) IAN FRASER, Chairman.

Brief Notes

A PHOTOGRAPH of "Jerry" Jerome standing by some beehives appeared recently in the *Reading Mercury* with the following article: "These beehives and sections form part of a collection of fifty made during the winter months by S. K. Jerome, of Wokingham, who is here seen with them outside his workshop.

They are a remarkable achievement for a man who has only the partial use of one eye and who is further handicapped by the injuries received to his left arm and hand at Gallipoli."

For the second year in succession, G. J. Smith, of Leicester, was awarded the First Prize for Tulips in the Guild of Blind Gardeners Class at Chelsea Flower Show.

Armistice Dance

THE Armistice Dance will be held on Friday, 9th November, from 8 to 11.30 p.m., at the St. Marylebone Hall, Marylebone Baths, Marylebone Road, N.W.1. Admission will be from 7.30 onwards. St. Dunstaners wishing to attend should apply to Sister Sutcliffe at Headquarters for tickets (one escort for each man). It is regretted that children under 14 years of age cannot be admitted.

St. Dunstaner Cycles through New Mersey Tunnel

SHORTLY after its opening, a St. Dunstaner, W. T. Monaghan, of Birkenhead, cycled tandem with his wife through the new Mersey tunnel, and thus claims to be the first blind man to have done so.

In a letter to the Editor, Monaghan describes his journey as "a real, good thriller," and goes on to say: "The sensation is of going down into a big hole in the ground. Owing to the roar of the various machines, it is not possible to talk normally. Down and down we went, cyclists in front and a cycling club behind us, but everyone taking great care. Then came the level at the bottom and away we had to pedal. The upward slope got more pronounced until at last, after steady climbing, daylight appeared. It is just about enough for any ordinary cyclist to manage, especially from Liverpool to Birkenhead, for there the slope upward seems to be more pronounced than the Liverpool side.

"I hope my cycling comrades will try this new experience should it be possible."

His Majesty and a St. Dunstaner

DURING the King's visit to Liverpool to open the new Mersey Tunnel, W. Shayler, who was one of the Guard of Honour at the invitation of the British Legion, had the honour of being presented to His Majesty, who chatted with him for some little while.

Young St. Dunstaners

IT is regretted that owing to lack of space a great number of successes of young St. Dunstaners have had to be left over until next month.

Braille Book Competition

THE high standard of entries in this competition made judging very difficult. Eventually it was decided to award the prize of ten shillings to J. C. Robbins, of Kenton, for his review of Erich von Remarque's "All Quiet on the Western Front." The following entries are highly commended:—S. A. Chambers, of King's Norton ("The Charm of Birds," by Earl Grey of Falloden); J. G. Healey, N.W.1 ("Tom Fool," by F. Tennyson Jesse); F. E. Parker, of Fareham ("Utopia," by Sir Thomas More); R. J. Vine, of Ewhurst ("The Impostor," by H. Bindloss), and D. Warden, of Shepherd's Bush ("These Twain," by Arnold Bennett).

The success of this competition calls for another. A prize of ten shillings will be awarded again this month for the best review of a Braille book obtained from the National Library.

Competitors are reminded that what is wanted is a brief notice giving their reasons why they did or did not enjoy reading a certain book.

Entries should be from 250 to 300 words in length and must be sent in not later than 1st October.

St. Paul's Cathedral Service for St. Dunstaners

From the *Daily Express*, 23rd July:—

Twenty men walked into St. Paul's for Evensong yesterday with senses of hearing, taste, touch and smell infinitely more acute than those of the average man.

Strangely intent, they hurried up the aisle, looking neither to right nor to left, a hand on the arm of a wife, sister, or child, into the seats reserved for them—St. Dunstan's brave blind.

The Venerable E. N. Sharpe, Archdeacon of London, held the service specially for them.

They could not see the high dome above them, but once or twice a man's head fell back as though staring into it. "The air smells different under heights," they told me after service.

"Brothers, we are debtors," rang out the archdeacon's text from the pulpit. "You, my friends of St. Dunstan's, will be the first to echo me in that. You are indebted to the man—himself blind—who determined that no officer or man blinded in the last war should ever suffer the injustice and misery endured by those who were blinded in the Boer War.

"St. Dunstan's has fitted you with trades. St. Dunstan's has looked after 2,000 blinded soldiers, sailors, and airmen, and their dependents. St. Dunstan's will help you all the days of your life."

A Braille Chess Quarterly

WE wish to draw the attention of all those of our readers who are interested in chess to a new venture. For a considerable time now there has been a demand for a periodical Chess Magazine in Braille, and the National Institute for the Blind has now decided to publish a quarterly entirely devoted to chess. Mr. R. W. Bonham, College for the Blind, Whittington, Worcester, has undertaken the editorship, and will have the assistance of a number of leading British chess amateurs.

There will be a special section run for beginners by R. D. Wormald, who has had considerable experience in coaching young players.

The magazine will be of a high standard and should prove to be of outstanding service to players of all strengths. As the first number is to be issued in October, names of intending subscribers should be sent in as early as possible. If any St. Dunstaner would like to receive the magazine and will send in his name to Headquarters, we will arrange for it to be sent to him.

St. Dunstaner's House Struck by Lightning

W. T. SCOTT, of Streatham, had an unpleasant experience on 26th July. At the height of a thunder-storm his house was struck by lightning. Much damage was done and the roof was set on fire, but luckily no one was injured although Scott's three children were asleep in an upper room.

Mrs. Carlin's Party

ST. DUNSTANERS from the districts of Derby and Nottingham spent another enjoyable day on 23rd August when Mrs. Carlin gave her annual party at Moor Grange, Chaddesden. Tea had been prepared in a marquee while music was provided by gramophone records broadcast from a van. After tea there were competitions for goal-kicking and throwing the cricket ball. All the guests were served with delicious ices before leaving.

Forthcoming Events

- Sept. 20th. NEWCASTLE REUNION. Tilly's Restaurant, Blakett Street; 2.30—6 o'clock.
- „ 26th. LIVERPOOL REUNION. Reece's Café, Parker Street. 1—6 o'clock.
- „ 27th and 28th. MANCHESTER REUNION. Burlington Café (opposite Manchester University). 1—6 o'clock.
- Oct. 5th. CARDIFF REUNION. Carlton Restaurant, Queen Street. 12—5.30.
- „ 10th. TRURO REUNION. Fortitude Lodge of Freemasons, Union Place. (This is the same place as last year, but is now under a different proprietor.) 12—5 o'clock.
- „ 12th. EXETER REUNION. Trinity Church Hall, Friars Hill, South Street. 2—6.30.
- „ 17th. NOTTINGHAM REUNION. Circus St. Hall. 2.30—6.30.
- „ 31st. GLOUCESTER REUNION. Botherways Café, Cadena Cafés, Ltd. 2—6 o'clock.
- Nov. 9th. ARMISTICE DANCE. St. Mary-lebone Hall, 7.30.
- „ 16th. BRISTOL REUNION. Queen's Café, Tramway Centre. 2—6 o'clock.

Ordering Raw Materials

WHEN the "Cash with Order" system was introduced, an arrangement was made for the convenience of men, that during the last week of each month Raw Material could be ordered without cash when Finished Goods had been received at the Stores, the cost of the Raw Material being then deducted from the payment for Finished Goods.

As this arrangement has proved helpful, it has been decided to extend it to apply to any time of the month *provided that Finished Goods have been received*, otherwise cash must be sent with order.

Holiday Apartments

SOUTH HAYLING: Mrs. Kean, Avondale, Elm Grove, South Hayling, has rooms to let during the month of September for holidays. Terms on application.

"In Memory"

PIONEER HENRY ALLEN CRITCHELL
(Royal Engineers)

It is with very deep regret that we have to record the death of H. A. Critchell, of Hockley. Critchell served in the Great War and as a result of shell shock in France his sight failed. He then came to St. Dunstan's and took up the occupation of mat-making, at which he was quite successful until his health caused him to give it up. During the past year his health became gradually worse and he passed away on the 14th July.

The funeral took place at Hockley on the 19th July and was attended by many relatives and friends. Among the floral tributes was a wreath from Sir Ian Fraser and his comrades at St. Dunstan's.

Critchell leaves a widow, three sons and two daughters, to whom we extend our very sincere sympathy.

Births

- ALLEN.—To the wife of W. Allen, of Morecambe, on the 25th July, a daughter.
- BRAY.—To the wife of H. Bray, of Wythenshawe, on the 25th July, a son. (See "Deaths.")
- WORLIDGE.—To the wife of S. A. Worlidge, of Doncaster, on the 14th August, a son.

Deaths

- We offer our deepest sympathy to the following:
- BALLANTYNE.—To J. Ballantyne, of Enfield, whose daughter, Ellen, passed away on the 26th August, at the age of 21.
- BRAY.—To H. Bray, of Wythenshawe, who has suffered a double bereavement by the death on 11th September, of his wife, and of his little son, born on 25th July, who lived only a few hours.
- BROWN.—To A. Brown, of Christchurch, who lost his wife on 8th August.
- CHIVERS.—To C. Chivers, of Dowlais, and his wife, whose thirteen-year-old son, Caleb, was killed in an accident near his home on 31st August.
- FEARN.—To the wife of E. Fearn, of East Kirkby, whose mother passed away on 9th August.
- HESKETH.—To the wife of F. V. Hesketh, of Greenford, who has recently lost her mother.
- PULLEN.—To E. Pullen, of Woking, who lost his wife on 13th July.
- WILSON.—To T. A. Wilson, of Hyde Park, W., whose wife passed away on 3rd September.

Silver Weddings

Congratulations this month to W. A. Robinson, of Hull, and his wife, whose anniversary was on 25th July; to F. W. Brooker, of Brighton, and his wife, who celebrated their anniversary on 31st July; to G. Eames, of Rock Ferry, and his wife, whose silver wedding was on 16th August; to R. Graves, of Hampstead, N.W.6, and his wife, whose anniversary falls on 20th September; and to J. H. Twigg, of Cockermonth, and his wife, who will celebrate their anniversary on 3rd October.

National Laying Test

Report for the 11th period of 4 weeks, 23rd July to 19th August.

Position.	Name.	Test Score	Value.
1	Smith, W. Alan	...	1208
2	Jarvis, A.	...	1193
3	Hamilton, B.	...	1082
4	Westwood, R....	...	1081
5	Watson, W. W.	...	1067
6	Yates, H. W.	...	1051
7	Carpenter, E. H.	...	1032
8	James, G.	...	996
9	Chaffin, A.	...	960
10	Burtenshaw, W. A.	...	938
11	Campbell, J.	...	921
12	Stock, C. H.	...	916
13	Lea, J. H.	...	838
14	Condon, C. T.	...	823
15	Woodcock, W. J.	...	774
15	Knopp, H. A.	...	774
17	Brown, M. Watson	...	767
18	Cork, W. F.	...	746
19	Ashwell, R.	...	723
20	Holmes, P.	...	653
21	McLaren, D.	...	634
22	Melling, D.	...	614
23	Jackson, G. C.	...	564
24	Roach, C.	...	365

Two Accidents

ST. DUNSTANERS will sympathize with A. Hayes, of Nottingham, and his family, who were involved in an accident while on their way to Mrs. Carlin's party. Luckily no one was badly hurt, although Hayes' son received a severe blow on his head and the rest of the passengers were so shaken that they had to give up all thought of the party and return home.

The little daughter of G. Polley, of Elsenham, was knocked down by a car at the end of July. She was very badly bruised but has now quite recovered.

Brighton Notes

TWO very enjoyable outings took place during July, thanks once again to those good friends of St. Dunstan's, the employees of Messrs. Tillings and Southdown Motor Services, and the members of the Brighton, Hove and District Grocers' Association.

BUSMEN'S OUTING

This took place on 11th July, when 160 St. Dunstaners were entertained at Midhurst.

A St. Dunstaner, C. Brignall, writing in the *Brighton and Hove Herald*, said: "There was not a dull moment from the word 'Go.' If ever outings have to be organized on a national basis, the powers that be would be well advised to make Mr. Mark Richards their first Minister, with his committee filling the immediate subordinate positions.

"Captain Masters, of the local branch of the British Legion, has much to do with the arrangements at his end for the comfort and pleasure of us St. Dunstan's men. He welcomed us this time with the same sincerity on behalf of the people of Midhurst.

"We spent the evening as usual with Mr. Winterton. Tillings' Band played to us. Mr. Albert Sammons, the celebrated violinist, was there, and, with Miss Norman as his accompanist, gave us several renderings which we thoroughly enjoyed.

"The busmen of Brighton and Hove display their good feelings towards us, especially by their kind attentions when we travel on the buses. Nothing ever seems too much trouble to them when they are doing something for us, and on behalf of my blinded comrades I wish to thank them publicly."

GROCERS' OUTING

The weather was not so kind to St. Dunstaners when they were the guests of the Brighton grocers a fortnight later, but although climatic conditions were rather wet, the spirits of our men were not damped.

The rendezvous on this occasion was Firle Park, kindly lent by Viscount Gage, but owing to rain tea was served in the riding school.

The President of the Brighton Association (Mr. W. H. Budge) welcomed the guests on behalf of the members of the Association. He had often noticed the great success of all the treats organized for the St. Dunstan's "boys." The wholehearted way the "boys" entered into the spirit of the affair encouraged the organizers, and he had yet to see a happier party anywhere than the blinded "boys" of St. Dunstan's.

Mr. W. A. Yeoman read several messages that he had received wishing the "boys" a very happy time, including one from H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

After tea, as the grounds were too wet for the sports to take place, various games were organized for the "boys," and the time quickly passed, bringing to a close another very successful and happy excursion.

A Meeting and a Sequel

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

Forty-two years ago two young band boys of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment bade each other a sad farewell at Dover. They were good friends. One was an Irish boy named Dunn; the other Johnny Higgins, who was leaving England for foreign service.

Dunn remained in England, but soon made up his mind—and the minds of his officers—that he was meant for better things. So it proved to be. Dunn went to Kneller Hall, the centre of the best musicians in the Services, and to-day is known all over the British Isles and on the Continent as one of the most talented and most popular directors of music in the British Army—Lieutenant W. J. Dunn, M.C.

Every year since 1910 he has played at Brighton. In this present fortnight he and his band are playing to big audiences on the Palace Pier.

Last Monday the band was playing sea chanties—with vocal choruses.

Among the audience was an elderly man, who followed the music with all the eagerness of one who is blind. Suddenly he started. One of those voices was re-awakening a memory of the past, a memory of Dover and a boy named Dunn.

And so these two old friends were re-united: the one a famous musical director, the other Johnny Higgins, a St. Dunstaner, blinded in the Great War.

"I was so touched by this amazing happening, that I have decided to commemorate it," Lieut. Dunn told a *Sussex Daily News* reporter yesterday. "On Monday the men of St. Dunstan's will be among my audience at the concert beginning at eight. We shall play all their old regimental marches."

SPORTS CLUB NOTES

Sports Meeting

TUESDAY, 2ND OCTOBER

The Winter Sports Meeting will be held in the Lounge at Headquarters on Tuesday, 2nd October, at 7 p.m. A dance will follow at 8 p.m.

W. A. TOVELL.

BIRMINGHAM

Results of Points Competition, including meeting, 15th August:—

Hines ...	264	Trott ...	50
Shakespeare ...	255	Shaw ...	40
Clampett ...	200	Thomas ...	33
Brown ...	185	Vernon ...	25
Castle ...	172	Wicken ...	25
Dimmock ...	170	Whitten ...	25
Giles ...	146	Wheeler ...	25
Varley ...	117	Moss ...	25
Cooke ...	113	Cashmore ...	25
North ...	73	Sherndon ...	25

Three meetings have been held at the Alexander Ground. In May a bus outing to Stratford was arranged, the programme including a trip up the river, sports, and tea at the Legion.

BRIGHTON

The Brighton Club is having a successful season, and five summer meetings have been well attended. Results of the points competition appear below.

There was a record attendance of competitors at the June meeting, 28 in all. I still feel there are more men in Brighton and district who might come along: the more the merrier. Just think how cheery it would be if we had 50 at each meeting!

A. HODGSON,

Hon. Sec.

"B" SECTION

Name.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Total
Dickinson	125	35	95	65	70	= 390
Robinson	55	55	90	45	—	= 240
Scott	60	90	50	25	75	= 300
Read, B.	45	55	40	75	35	= 245
Wass	65	40	25	60	40	= 230
Taylor	25	25	45	25	70	= 190
Newman	25	25	55	55	65	= 225
VanNiekerk	—	40	25	65	25	= 155
Bullock	25	25	25	25	25	= 125
Jacklin	25	25	25	—	—	= 75
Wheeler	25	25	25	25	—	= 100
Cook	—	25	25	—	—	= 50
Mitchell	25	—	25	—	—	= 50
Read, E.	—	—	—	25	—	= 25

From the *Sussex Daily News*, 14th August:—

On the Palace Pier, Brighton, last evening, at the concert given by the Royal Horse Guards ("Blues"), 130 men from St. Dunstan's, Brighton, were the guests of honour, and the programme was directed principally to their enjoyment, including as it did the classic songs of war-time and the regimental marches which brought back memories of those thrilling days.

They were complimented, too, by having a new composition played to them for the first time. This was a military march just written by Lieut. W. J. Dunn, M.C., musical director of the "Blues," which he has entitled "Heroes All," and dedicated to them.

The whole evening, and possibly this particular march, was inspired by the meeting, already described in the *Sussex Daily News*, of Lieutenant Dunn and a comrade of 40 years ago—Johnny Higgins, blinded in the war and now numbered among the St. Dunstan's men at Brighton. He was prominent in the proceedings of the evening.

An immense crowd of holiday-makers and others listened to the music both inside and outside the great hall, and their enthusiasm was aroused to a high pitch.

As the St. Dunstaners filed down the aisles and took their seats, cheers re-echoed through the building.

Then came the start of the programme with "Heroes All," a swinging, rollicking piece which set a thousand feet tapping to its tuneful melody. There followed such well-remembered songs as "Tipperary," "Keep the Home Fires Burning," and "Pack up your troubles."

And so to the long series of regimental marches. As each regiment was announced one blind man—sometimes several—typical of the regiment, stood up to acknowledge the tribute. What a cheer when "The Duke of Wellington's" was announced. Up stood Johnny Higgins, in conjunction with the director, and it was a touching sight to see these two, who had been band boys together, long years ago, paying this tribute to their old regiment.

Then the Right Hon. J. H. Thomas, M.P., the Dominions Secretary—who was present with his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Gerda Thomas, and Sir Harry and Lady Preston—had a word to say.

Mr. Thomas expressed the thoughts of everyone when he thanked Lieut. Dunn and the band for "an evening we shall never forget." He warmly thanked the musicians, and then, turning to the St. Dunstan's "boys," acknowledged the wonderful example of courage and cheerfulness which they were giving to all who had escaped their misfortune.

Lieut. Dunn, in reply, spoke of the generosity of Mr. Oliver Dalton and the Palace Pier Company in allocating the proceeds of the occasion to the cause of St. Dunstan's; of the Southdown Motor Services in providing free transport for the St. Dunstan's men themselves; and of Miss Boyd Rochfort, of St. Dunstan's, who had done so much to assist.

Mr. Boyd expressed the grateful thanks of the "boys," and this closed an evening which must long remain in the memories of all present.

"A" SECTION

Name.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug. Total
Martin	95	75	60	45	25 = 300
Clewlou	45	100	25	35	— = 250
Russell	35	—	55	110	55 = 255
Freeman	70	25	40	25	35 = 195
Fallowfield	50	35	25	40	50 = 200
Cook	—	—	75	75	— = 150
Crabtree	50	50	45	25	— = 170
Pyke	25	45	65	—	35 = 170
Triggs	40	35	35	25	25 = 160
Rouse	25	25	45	35	95 = 225
Williams	25	35	25	35	— = 120
Anderson	25	25	—	25	25 = 100
Smith	—	—	25	50	55 = 130
Daley	25	—	—	—	— = 25
Gannaway	40	25	50	—	— = 115
Higgins	25	—	25	—	75 = 125
Vorley	25	—	—	—	— = 25

MANCHESTER

The Annual Sports were held on 1st September. Once more we were very kindly lent their Recreation Ground by the Manchester Ship Canal Company, and once more we were met with wonderful kindness from their staff. Apart from a shower just as everyone was arriving, the rain held off until after the Sports were finished. The prizes were distributed during a real good thunderstorm.

The Sports went off very successfully. Twenty-seven men entered for the events and there were many others as onlookers. It was a great pleasure to have Mr. Askew with us. He came in spite of being away on holiday, which we all thought was very sporting of him. The presence of Miss Hodgson and Tovell did much to create the atmosphere of the old sports gatherings at St. Dunstan's. Our Club President, Mr. P. M. Oliver, came intending to start the Walk, but unfortunately had to hurry off to an appointment before he could do so.

It was very nice to have a team from Birmingham with us and we congratulate them on their defeat of Cheshire and Lancashire. We hope they will come again to give us a chance of turning the tables on them. K. V. M. IRVINE.

RESULTS.

WALKING RACE.

"B" SECTION.

1st.	Worthington	...	...	Time	26.10
2nd.	Scott	...	...	"	26.54

HANDICAP.

1st.	Brown.	Allowance 1.30.	Handicap 24.31
		Actual time 26.01	

"A" SECTION.

1st.	Coupland	...	...	Time	25.00
2nd.	Cashmore	...	...	"	25.12

HANDICAP.

1st.	Rutten.	Allowance 3.00.	Handicap 24.48
		Actual time 27.48	

Distance about 2½ miles.

GENERAL SPORTS.

Single Jump.	Jump.	Handicap.	Result.
Haslam ...	7.8	1.3	8.11
Chambers ...	6	2.5	8.5
Wilson ...	6.4	1.11	8.3

Treble Jump. Open.

Haslam ...	22.6
Ryan ...	22.5
Coupland ...	21.6

Cricket Ball—Handicap.

Throw.	Handicap.	Result.
Worthington	54	15
Coupland ...	64	Scr.
Yarwood ...	57	7

PUTTING THE WEIGHT.

Handicap open to M/C and Birmingham.

Throw.	Handicap.	Result.
Cooke ...	29.9	5
Ryan ...	24.7	9
Killingbeck	26.0	6.6

Note.—14lb. Weight Handicap framed for 16lb.

THROWING THE FOOTBALL.

(Non-walkers only).

Davies ...	30 yds. 2 ft.
Yarwood ...	30 "
Roughley ...	28 "

(Veterans).

Chambers ...	26 yds.
Williams, C.	22 "

CHILDREN'S EVENTS.

Under 7.

Neville Debnam.
Freda Bentley
Betty Milner.

Girls over 7.

Boys over 7.

Marjorie Worthington.	A. Gaffney.
Eileen Milner.	Harold McAlanon.
Joyce Davies.	Jack Boothman.

POTATO RACE (WIVES).

Mrs. Bentley.
Mrs. Scott.
Mrs. Milner.

WIVES' PRIZE DRAW.

(For wives not in Potato Race).

Mrs. Debnam.

CIGARETTE RACE.

Worthington and Mrs. Worthington.
Roughley and Mrs. Roughley.
Salt and Miss Shaw.

TEAM EVENTS.

Cricket Ball.

Birmingham ...	Cashmore ...	...	63
Lancashire ...	Davies ...	...	61
Cheshire ...	Debenham ...	...	50½

Weight.

Birmingham ...	Cooke ...	...	32.2½
Lancashire ...	Illingworth ...	...	29.10½
Cheshire ...	Killingbeck ...	...	28.5

Single Jump.

Birmingham ...	F. R. Brown	...	7.0
Cheshire ...	Worthington	...	6.7
Lancashire ...	Scott	...	6.3½

Treble Jump.

Lancashire ...	Coupland	...	22.6½
Cheshire ...	Yarwood ...	...	21.4
Birmingham ...	Varley ...	...	16.4½

Points, Birmingham 10, Lancashire 8, Cheshire 6.