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THE DUKE OF GLOUCESTER AND THE EMPIRE'S BLINDED SOLDIERS

THE Duke of Gloucester on 7th November attended the Empire Blinded Soldiers' Conference at Melbourne where he was welcomed by our Chairman. He also met Clutha Mackenzie, the son of a former Prime Minister of New Zealand, who has done such good work for the war-blinded in New Zealand, and Captain Frank Marriott, who is still a member of the Tasmanian Parliament and who also has worked on behalf of the war-blinded in Tasmania.

SIR IAN FRASER'S BROADCAST

A RECORDED version of part of our Chairman's speech from Melbourne on 9th November was heard from the London Regional programme on Friday night, and for the benefit of those St. Dunstaners who were unable to listen, we print it below:—

"As a soldier, the Duke of Gloucester received a soldier's welcome at the Conference of the British Empire Service League, and great was the excitement when he read a message from the Prince of Wales bearing his goodwill, his understanding, and his sympathy with his fellow ex-servicemen gathered together in this Conference. Representatives of all the Empire countries were there. From Canada, from South Africa, from New Zealand, from all the States of Australia, from as far away as Sierra Leone and Malaya, and from Ceylon, and I am proud to say that the representatives of the ex-servicemen in all these distant parts of the world asked me to-day in their Conference if I would give a message to the ex-servicemen in the Old Country, to members of the British Legion, and of St. Dunstan's, conveying their goodwill and all good wishes.

"It is a very remarkable country, a most hospitable country. We visitors from the Old Land have had a most remarkable time. We have been shown everything. We have been given every opportunity of meeting the people and many things have seemed to us quite remarkable. Most remarkable of all perhaps, is the transformation which has taken place from rough, wild nature to this extremely civilized, cultured, verdant Victoria.

"I do not know what has struck me most about my few days here, but perhaps it is the meetings of old soldiers which I have attended.

"There was the Conference of the British Empire Service League—there was a little Conference which was held by representatives of the blinded soldiers from the Dominions in these parts at which their problems were discussed. And here I may mention that the

Duke of Gloucester showed his understanding of the feelings of these men in a most remarkable way. It has not been his practice to have presentations in any great number or to shake hands with many people, for it is profoundly difficult to do this in an immensely hard day's work such as he is undertaking, but there, realizing that these men did not see him and could not appreciate him as fully as others, he shook hands with every one of the fifty who were gathered in a Reunion two or three days ago, and said a personal word to each of them.

"There have been Diggers' Concerts and 'Smokers' as they call them, where you sit around at small tables with beer, and smoke. I have attended all kinds of gatherings of old soldiers in the Old Country and I have always been amazed and moved by the spirit of comradeship and friendliness which characterized them. There is something about an old soldier gathering which you meet nowhere else; a feeling of common sacrifice and common service engenders it. Well, that feeling is felt here and it is felt in abundant measure, and along with it, too, is the less serious aspect, that appreciation of the more humorous side of life which did so much to make conditions of war-time tolerable.

"I find the Australians remember 'Mademoiselle from Armentières' as well as we do—they sing to her recollection. They know Old Bill and his prototype, Bill the Sailor. They swap tales—the tales you and I have heard before—and, I may tell you, some amazingly good new ones, but they must wait until we meet in appropriate circumstances.

"Wherever old soldiers gather together, you get this measure of sentimental patriotic feeling, comradeship, and friendliness, and this human appreciation of all the extraordinary circumstances in which we found ourselves so many times—and here you have it in abundance."

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 Sunday, 9th December. Lady (Arthur) Pearson, Sir Neville Pearson, Lt.-Col. Eric Ball, and others will attend, and all at the Brighton Annexe will join in the Service. The Ven. Archdeacon of London, a member of St. Dunstan's Executive Council, 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.

As usual a deputation of St. Dunstaners will proceed to Hampstead from Headquarters on the morning of the 9th December to lay a wreath on Sir Arthur's grave. Subscriptions of not more than 1s. towards the wreath should be sent to Mr. Askew at Headquarters.

At the conclusion of the Memorial Service, the Archdeacon of London will dedicate a St. Dunstan's standard, which has been presented by Lady (Arthur) Pearson. The standard has been designed by the College of Heralds and consists of the St. Dunstan's badge with its flaming torch imposed on a background of blue silk, surrounded by a fringe of blue and

gold. Replicas of the standard have been presented to the Organisations responsible for the care of blinded soldiers in Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and South Africa, and it is hoped that the dedication in the Dominions of these standards will also take place on Sunday, the 9th December.

High R.A.O.B. Honour for a St. Dunstaner

AT the Guildhall, Winchester, on 29th October, W. J. F. Lowings was exalted to the Fourth Degree Roll of Honour of the Royal and Ancient Order of Buffaloes by the Grand Primo of England, Bro. Mervyn Payne, R.O.H., in the presence of nearly three hundred Brethren from all the provinces. This honour is one of the highest in the Order. Lowings has done excellent service for his own Lodge, the Minden Rose No. 4350, in the Winchester Province, and has also done good work for the Order in general, having occupied the highest position in his Province.

Congratulations

TO W. Scott Pearey, of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, and G. A. Brown, of Cricklewood, who, at the annual general meeting of the Chartered Society of Massage and Medical Gymnastics, on 28th September, were elected to the Council of the Society.

Armistice Dance

THE Armistice Dance was held at the Marylebone Hall on Friday, 9th November, when about two hundred and fifty St. Dunstaners were present with their wives and friends. As in past years the St. Dunstan's Orchestra played for the dancing and the evening was a great success. Colonel Eric Ball, senior member of St. Dunstan's Executive Council, who is acting as Deputy Chairman in the absence of Sir Ian Fraser, and Sir Neville Pearson, Bart., were present. Sir Neville, in a short speech of welcome, conveyed to the St. Dunstaners present the message of good wishes from ex-servicemen of the Empire countries which Sir Ian Fraser had broadcast from Melbourne during the afternoon. His speech was received with enthusiasm.

The First St. Dunstan's Child

WE were very interested indeed to have the following letter from Mrs. Duxbury, the wife of our St. Dunstaner, W. Duxbury, of Manchester:

To the Editor,

SIR,—You state in this month's REVIEW that Margaret McCairn, who recently got married, was the first child born to a St. Dunstan's man after he came to the notice of St. Dunstan's. I beg to state my husband was blinded in October, 1914, and came in touch with Sir Arthur in November, 1914; our son was born in December, 1914, while my husband was in London with Sir Arthur. We had many letters of congratulation upon the birth of our son, including one from Sir Bruce Bruce Porter, so I think he can claim to be the first St. Dunstan's child. This boy is now studying at a University, having won scholarships since he was 11 years old, and passed a final scholarship to the University for four years.

Yours faithfully,
MARY DUXBURY.

Vegetable Seeds

MANY messages have reached us from our gardeners concerning their crops.

One tells of a carrot weighing 1½ lbs., and another of a beetroot of 7½ lbs.—this latter if not "too good to be true" is probably "too big to be good" as size often takes away from quality.

We have been glad to notice that our list of men who will be able to make use of seeds which will shortly be sent has increased by over one hundred.

The Queen and St. Dunstan's

THE QUEEN made a private visit to the eighth annual exhibition and sale of goods made by war-disabled men at the Imperial Institute, South Kensington, on 7th November, the day before it was officially opened, and visited and made a number of purchases from the St. Dunstan's Stand which, in the words of *The Times*, "has an extensive display of useful articles."

December in the Flower Garden

ALL bulbs should be in by now. Have you tried planting forget-me-nots over your tulip beds? Plant them six to eight inches apart. The effect of the tulips coming out of a sea of blue is really beautiful. If you have not done this already there is still time to plant the forget-me-nots during a mild spell.

I hope you have some anemones planted, St. Briged for preference; if not, you can plant these in the spring for autumn blooming. You can still transplant wall-flowers if mild; there is such a lovely variety of colours to choose from: Cloth of Gold, Primrose King, Blood Red, Scarlet Emperor, Fire King, and Eastern Queen. Any good nurseryman should keep these. Always group your colours for a border, say seven of each colour (blending carefully), until your border is completed; the result is very effective. If you are planting in small beds, it is advisable to put all one colour in each, or if you have one large bed, they look very nice mixed.

Roses can be planted now; to name a few good varieties, General McArthur, Duchess of Atholl, Covent Garden, Shot Silk, Mrs. George Shawyer, Lady Sylvia, Madame Butterfly, etc. See that all standard roses are firmly staked and tied in case of gales. If mild, broom all lawns, and double cut, first down and then across, then roll in the same manner.

If you have an odd corner, keep leaves and grass cuttings, as when rotted down this makes a good fertilizer for beds.

Now is the time to have a general tidy up in the garden, as the bedding out should be completed.

C. F. VIGAR.

National Egg Laying Test

A PARTICULARLY enjoyable evening was spent on Thursday, 25th October, at the Grand Central Hotel, Marylebone, on the occasion of the Annual Dinner of the National Utility Poultry Society.

At this function the prizes were presented to the winners of National Egg Laying Test, 1933-34.

Owing to the courtesy of Mr. Leigh, the Manager of the Test, a table was reserved for the St. Dunstan's party, and a very happy one it proved to be, consisting of the three prizewinners, their wives, Mr. and Mrs. Thomson Brown, Mr. Yates, and Messrs. Walden, Balkwill and Edwards.

Mr. Yates, himself a competitor in the trials, came along specially to congratulate the winners—a particularly sporting action.

The prizes were as follows:—

1st, W. Alan Smith, who won £5 *Daily Mail* cash prize; £5 cash prize for the best pen of White Wyandottes in the Section, given by Mr. Walter Bradley, St. Dunstan's Challenge Cup, with Silver replica, and Gold Medal given by the National Utility Poultry Society.

2nd, A. Jarvis, who won £3 *Daily Mail* cash prize; £2 cash prize for the best pen in Section; £5 cash prize for the best pen of Rhode Island Reds in the Section, presented by Captain R. A. Todd; Silver Medal given by the National Utility Poultry Society, and a further Silver Medal for the Best Winter Record.

3rd, W. W. Watson, who won £2 *Daily Mail* cash prize, and Bronze Medal given by the National Utility Poultry Society.

The prizes were presented by the Hon. Florence Amhurst, herself a poultry enthusiast, and past President of the N.U.P.S.

As our men were escorted by their wives to receive their prizes prolonged applause greeted each, and many expressions of admiration were heard.

In conclusion we sincerely congratulate and wish all the competitors the best of luck in the current trials. May our Section once again prove to be one of the best Sections in the Test, and a credit to St. Dunstan's.

A list of those competing in the new Test will appear next month.

Braille Book Competition

LAST month's prize of ten shillings has been awarded to J. G. Healey, of Albany Street, N.W.1, for his review of "My Brother Jonathan," by Francis Brett Young. His entry is printed below.

Entries are invited for another competition this month, and should be received not later than Monday, 3rd December. The prize of ten shillings will be awarded to the writer of the best criticism of a Braille book obtained from the National Library. The review should be from 250 to 300 words in length.

"MY BROTHER JONATHAN."

This book is unusually interesting. Its depths of feeling, its dramatic situations, and its tenderesses, in spite of the sadness of the theme, gripped me tightly. Jonathan is a figure pathetic in its generosity, noble in its self-sacrifice, admirable in its perseverance and cleverness; a character so rare and yet so human. I think it is the latter quality which makes one almost love him, especially in his dealings with Ada and her infant in distress, and with Edie in her agony and his, an agony crying for words of grief and protest, which are denied to it. Even as one's admiring sympathy goes out to Jonathan, so it cannot be extended to the others, for in comparison they are petty, excepting Rachel; she is greatly in the background though her faithfulness to her father, and her unspoken love for Jonathan warm one towards her.

One's contempt for Mr. Dakers, unworthy of his son Jonathan; pity for the empty-headed Mrs Dakers; some anger at Harold; are feelings which testify to the excellence of the portrayal of those figures.

The story is eloquent of the struggles of a young doctor in acquiring a practice, and it is made the more holding because Jonathan's patients are mostly poor people, whose ways and needs are often naked and unashamed. When Jonathan is called upon in his professional capacity to pronounce on his beloved Edie's shame, he needs all that acquaintance with endurance and stoicism which he has made with his patients, to assist him.

The book ends on a poignant note. Jonathan dies a martyr to his profession, his only watcher being the woman who loved him, to whom fate had denied the opportunity of telling him so. It is a sad, but enthralling book.

List of St. Dunstaners' Telephone Numbers

FOLLOWING out Mr. Scott's suggestion at the Annual Meeting of the London Sports Club, would any St. Dunstaner like to send his telephone number in to the REVIEW for publication?

"In Memory"

Private WILLIAM BRUCE
(2/6th West Riding, Duke of Wellington's Regiment)

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of W. Bruce, of Skipton.

Bruce was wounded at Bapaume in 1917, and came to St. Dunstan's in December of that year—one of our early men who did very well indeed during his training and for years carried on with his boot repairing. Unfortunately three years ago chest trouble supervened and he had to give up work. Although he had been in indifferent health against which he had made a good fight for so long, his death on 4th October was sudden and unexpected. Bruce leaves a wife and one little son by whom he will be terribly missed. We offer them our sincere sympathy.

The funeral took place at Skipton on 6th October. Members of the Working Men's Club and the British Legion Club acted as bearers, and the coffin was draped with the Union Jack. Among the many wreaths was one from Sir Ian Fraser and his fellow St. Dunstaners. Unfortunately, on account of being a long distance away, Miss Pease was prevented from attending the funeral.

Private ALEXANDER TAYLOR
(Lancashire Fusiliers)

WE deeply regret to announce the death of A. Taylor, of Manchester. Taylor, who served with his regiment from 1914 to 1918, was gassed during the War. He was never actually trained at St. Dunstan's but was for some years in business, retiring shortly before his death. He was never in good health and suffered severely with his heart and this eventually led to his death.

The funeral took place at the Southern Cemetery, Manchester, on the 22nd October, a number of his fellow St. Dunstaners and their wives attending. Among the many wreaths was one from Sir Ian Fraser and his comrades at St. Dunstan's.

Taylor leaves a wife and one adopted child to whom we extend our deep sympathy.

Births

PATERSON.—To the wife of R. Paterson, of Thirsk, on the 30th October, a daughter—Patricia.

SEPHTON.—To the wife of S. Sephton, of St. Helen's, on the 27th October, a daughter—Philomena Rose.

MOORE.—To the wife of W. Moore, of Southport, on the 24th October, a daughter—Winifred.

Deaths

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

CAVANAGH.—To W. Cavanagh, of Sunderland, whose mother passed away on the 11th October after a comparatively short illness.

MARKWICK.—To W. J. Markwick, of Brighton, who lost his father on the 14th October. Mr. Markwick was 75. He was once a popular member of the old Brighton Volunteer Fire Brigade and became so skilled in one-man drill that he competed before the ex-Kaiser when he visited Hampshire. He was a man of great physical strength and in his youth won many prizes for rowing at the Brighton Regattas.

Marriage

SMITH—OSBORNE.—On 29th September, at St. James' Cathedral, Margaret Alice, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Smith, of 10 Mustow Street, Bury St. Edmunds, to George Osborne, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Osborne, of Little Horringer Hall, near Bury St. Edmunds.

News of Young St. Dunstaner

Betty Baker, daughter of W. Baker, of Caernarvon, has won a scholarship to the County School. She took second place in the whole County of Caernarvon.

Silver Weddings

CONGRATULATIONS to W. Spackman, of Dagenham, and his wife, who celebrated the 25th anniversary of their wedding on 17th October; to J. A. Dunlop, of Bonnyrigg, and his wife, whose anniversary was on 1st November; to J. E. Langham, of Nottingham, and his wife, whose anniversary was on 7th November; and to B. Jarvill, of Thorne, near Doncaster, and his wife, whose anniversary will fall on the same day as the Royal wedding—29th November.

Basket makers will be interested to hear that Instructor W. Burman of the Basket Shop at the Annexe was married at Brighton on the 11th September to Miss Florence Eades. We wish them many years of happy married life.

Many old "boys" will doubtless remember Miss Eades as a visitor to the Cheltenham annexe.

Telephonists in the News

THE following is an extract from a long article in the *Oldham Evening Chronicle* recently:—

Having heard much about the remarkable memory for figures and voices possessed by the blind operator at the private telephone exchange in the Greaves Street offices of the Oldham Gas and Water Department, I recently called to see him at work. He is Mr. Arthur Bocking, late of the 1/10th Manchester Regiment.

Mr. Bocking has held his present position since July, 1921. When the telephone system was changed from the manual to the automatic it was almost a case of learning over again for him. It required much concentration and a great deal of determination to attain his present degree of efficiency. Being of an inventive turn of mind he has placed on his exchange several simple gadgets with the idea of facilitating work. As a rule the blind are cheery members of the community and they are never as happy as when working on their own. It is to the credit of the officials of the Oldham Gas and Water Departments that they realized that their telephone switchboard afforded the opportunity of useful work for so efficient an attendant as Mr. Bocking.

From the *Edinburgh Evening News*, 24th August:—

Mr. Michael J. Printie, who is telephone operator at the Divisional Office of the Ministry of Labour in Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh, was blinded on active service during the Great War—yet he is one of the most efficient operators in the city. Working by touch and sound as the indicators drop, Mr. Printie has memorized the numbers of the 150 branches and extensions of the Ministry of Labour throughout Scotland, while he has also memorized hundreds of private numbers and numbers of Government and local departments. Outgoing calls are noted down in Braille shorthand. He was trained for the work at St. Dunstan's.

Very good photographs of Bocking and Printie at their switchboards accompanied these articles.

We wish every success to W. Cook (recently of Max Mayer Ltd.), who has now been found a post with the North Middlesex Gas Co., Church End, Finchley.

Forthcoming Events

- Nov. 23rd. TELEPHONISTS' REUNION. Headquarters. 6.45 p.m.
Dec. 9th. SIR ARTHUR PEARSON MEMORIAL SERVICE. St. George's Church, Brighton. 3.15 p.m.

Brighton Notes

REUNION OF DEAF-BLIND

THE second Annual Reunion of the St. Dunstan's deaf-blind was celebrated by a luncheon at the Regent Restaurant, Brighton, on 16th October.

Everything was well organized and tastefully arranged and the whole function reflected very great credit upon those responsible. Even the menu cards were printed in Braille.

A fine speech was made by Mr. Jordan, who warmly thanked all concerned for their kindness and efforts on behalf of the deaf. He concluded by expressing the wish that these reunions should become an annual feature of St. Dunstan's social life. This speech was seconded by Mr. Wheeler. A nice speech was also made by Mr. Watson, a very hard-working helper, who thanked everybody for the great honour accorded him by inviting him to the party.

There was a very pleasant surprise at the conclusion of luncheon when Matron unexpectedly appeared and spoke a few kind words to each of the party.

In the afternoon, the weather being very fine, the party journeyed by bus to Worthing. After a most delightful ramble, tea was taken at a café.

Everyone spent a most happy time and the reunion ended up at the Annexe by everyone joining hands and singing "Auld Lang Syne" in a variety of keys.

CYCLOPS.

THE FOOTBALL MATCH

During our stay at the Brighton Annexe a challenge was sent out to any hearing men to a football match and this was very sportingly taken up by Rickaby, Usher, L. White, Gaffney, and Charlie Williams.

Matron arranged, and Orderlies Passiful and Legge kindly offered to keep goal and act as referee respectively, and on the 13th we went to the college ground to play the game. Rickaby beat Fallowfield in the toss-up. Some very good form indeed was shown by both teams considering the long lapse of time since most of us had last kicked a ball, and it is only necessary to say that a very jolly match ended in a win for the little deaf army by 3 goals to nil.

Reunion Meetings

NEWCASTLE

THE North of England Reunion was held on Thursday, 20th September, at Tilley's Restaurant, Blackett Street, Newcastle. There was a very large attendance. Mr. Ottaway explained St. Dunstan's policy in various points and then called on Capt. Appleby, the chairman, to address the meeting. In the course of his remarks Capt. Appleby paid a high tribute to the work of Sir Ian and Lady Fraser and said that the blinded ex-serviceman was fortunate in this respect that in addition to being protected by the State he was fathered and mothered by St. Dunstan's.

The vote of thanks was proposed by J. A. Garbutt. He said Sir Ian was worthy of every bit of honour he received and he hoped Mr. Ottaway would convey to Sir Ian the congratulations of the men in the North. F. Mowtell seconded the vote of thanks.

Through the kindness of Mrs. Scott Pearey an excellent concert was provided by Mr. D. C. Hibbs and party.

Prize-winners of the competition were: Ladies (1) Mrs. Harkness, (2) Mrs. Mullen. Men, (1) J. Simpson, (2) M. Mulvaney.

T. W.

LIVERPOOL

THE Liverpool Reunion was held at the Reece's Café, Clayton Square, on 26th September.

This was a particularly large gathering, and the games and competitions in charge of Sister Pat kept everyone busy.

Mr. Ottaway, in his address, introduced Mr. Doughty, who, though an old friend, is new to Reunions.

Votes of thanks were proposed by G. Killingbeck and W. T. Evans. Evans lives near the scene of the Gresford Colliery disaster and his proposal that a collection should be taken for the fund met with substantial support.

MANCHESTER

THE Manchester Reunions were held at the Burlington Café, Manchester, on 27th and 28th September, and both meetings had a record attendance.

We were pleased to have Mr. Ottaway with us and to welcome Mr. Doughty, whose first appearance in Manchester it

was since he joined the staff at Headquarters.

At the first meeting we were fortunate to have the presence of the Lord Mayor of Manchester and the Lady Mayoress. The Lord Mayor, Alderman Joseph Binns, has always taken a great interest in St. Dunstaners. After lunch we joined in games and competitions organized by Mrs. Irvine.

As at the Liverpool meeting a collection for the Gresford Mine Disaster was taken.
E. M. D.

CARDIFF

The Annual Cardiff Reunion took place on Friday, 5th October, when over 40 St. Dunstaners and their guides, with several members of the staff from Headquarters, and other friends spent a very happy time together. After an excellent lunch, Miss Hamar Greenwood, whose presence was much appreciated, made a very felicitous speech in which she conveyed greetings and good wishes to all present from the Council; she referred to Sir Ian Fraser's absence in Australia; and also paid warm tribute to the late Miss Ayre and all the splendid work she did for St. Dunstan's. A proposal was then made that all should stand a moment in silent remembrance of her, and this was done.

Mr. Ottaway next introduced Miss Oliphant as the new Social Visitor, and went on to speak of various other matters. Mr. Owen Williams, Secretary of the Cardiff Branch of the British Legion, followed, and emphasized his willingness to do anything he could to help St. Dunstan's.

The afternoon passed quickly with music and competitions interspersed with plenty of conversation, and even before tea was over some had to hurry away to catch train or bus for home.

Ypres League

A REPRESENTATIVE party attended the Annual Smoking Concert organized by the Ypres League at the Caxton Hall, Westminster, on Saturday evening, 27th October.

On Sunday, 28th October, the Ypres League held their Annual Parade on the Horse Guards Parade, and St. Dunstaners were invited to attend. Our thanks are extended to the Ypres League for their kindness to us each year.

SPORTS CLUB NOTES

London

The 9-Mile Handicap Walk has been fixed for 26th January, 1935.

On Tuesdays, 20th November and 4th December, there will be Dances in the Lounge from 8 to 11 p.m. Please note there will be no Sports before the Dances, but Sports are held in the Lounge 7 to 8 p.m. on all other Tuesdays.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

This will be held in the Lounge on Tuesday, 18th December, 7.30 to 11 p.m. Dancing and Games.

It would be a help for catering if you would drop a line to the Sports Office before 10th December to say you are coming.

A. HODGSON.

Swimming Gala

THE annual Swimming Gala was held on Friday, 2nd November, at St. Marylebone Baths, the events being one-length handicap Section B, two lengths handicap Section A, and an open handicap plunging competition. Some splendid racing was witnessed in heats and finals.

The prizes were generously given by Messrs. Alec Jackson, C. Waite, W. Nicol, and A. Bloxham. Mr. Jack Cock, who will be well remembered as England's international centre-forward, very kindly came along to present the prizes. The judges were Mr. Ottaway, Mr Warwick and Mr. Robbins.

A notable performance was put up by H. Crabtree in Section A. Giving 20 seconds start, he swam magnificently, to win just on the post. In the plunging competition, Jock McFarlane made a record plunge for a Section B man in 39 ft. 8 ins. At the conclusion Instructor Tovell thanked the Bath Committee, the officials, prize donors, and all who had assisted in this very sporting event. The results were as follows:—

SECTION A.	SECTION B.
1st H. Crabtree	1st J. McFarlane
2nd C. Thompson	2nd H. V. Thompson
3rd W. Mellow	3rd W. Birch
OPEN PLUNGING.	
1st H. V. Thompson	
2nd J. McFarlane	
3rd W. Lacey	

Birmingham

FINAL PLACINGS IN SUMMER SPORTS COMPETITION

THERE has been a very keen contest for the last three meetings between Hines and Shakespeare, resulting in victory to Shakespeare at the last meeting.

RESULT.

Shakespeare ...	424	Wheeler ...	150
Hines ...	410	Whitten ...	125
Clampett ...	305	Taylor ...	100
Brown, J. R. ...	258	Wicken ...	75
Castle ...	225	North ...	73
Dennick ...	240	Cashmore ...	60
Giles ...	211	Sherriden ...	50
Varley ...	167	Thomas ...	33
Cooke ...	148	Shaw, Moss,	
Trott ...	132	Cole, Lea,	
		Newall, Priest	25

A. HODGSON.

Manchester

WE had a most successful Sports Season. This time we had the meetings once a fortnight instead of once a month, and it turned out to be a great success. It kept everyone's interest and enthusiasm keyed up and all the meetings went with a swing. Twenty-four men attended at various times during the season. The results were:

POINTS.

Boothman ...	360½	Greaves ...	110
Debnam ...	343½	Salt ...	95
Cook ...	265	Joyce ...	80
Williams, C. ...	225	Coupland ...	72½
Chambers ...	203½	Birley ...	48½
Killingbeck ...	197½	Robinson ...	30
Yarwood ...	176	Wilson ...	30
Davies ...	166½	Radley, Panni-	
Caldwell ...	151½	fer, Scott,	
Bentley ...	135	Johnson,	
Walker ...	132½	Matthews,	
		Shaylor ...	20

K. V. M. IRVINE.

Personal

To the boys of St. Dunstan's who have been to the Brighton Annexe during the summer:—I am pleased to say that I am receiving a steady flow of orders for my razor blades, apparently through you recommending them to your friends. For this I convey to you my sincere thanks.

For the benefit of others, I can supply very good Sheffield made razor blades, Gillette pattern, three holes, at 7d. a doz.; 1s. 6d. for 3 doz., and 5s. 6d. a gross, carriage paid, cash with order. I can also supply Ever-Ready pattern blades, 1 edge,—1s. 3d. a dozen.—A. CLEWLOW, 66 Warleigh Road, Brighton.