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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

Braille and the Talking Book

New Moves by St. Dunstan's

I THINK probably as we all get older we need reading more than ever. St. Dunstan's has decided upon two new moves which will encourage methods of reading for blinded soldiers.

Braille has immense advantages; there is already a large and splendidly managed Library containing thousands of books on every subject. Braille reading can be done without any apparatus, in any place—even in bed under the bed clothes if it is cold. And this means a lot to a good many blind people who do not sleep very well. Many who learnt Braille during their early days at St. Dunstan's subsequently found so many things to do that they neglected it. Then when they got home they were so busy settling down, carrying on their businesses or trades that they did not take it up again, and so the years passed. Some of my friends have written to me and said how they have after a considerable lapse of time taken up Braille again and that they find it a great pleasure.

We want to facilitate and encourage this. We have accordingly decided upon a campaign of encouragement, and, where it is wanted, of re-training or re-education in Braille. Many St. Dunstaners will remember Horace Kerr, for years telephone operator at Headquarters. He is himself an expert Braillist and his long experience at the telephone office at St. Dunstan's has given him a considerable knowledge of our objects and aims, and of the workings of the organization. We have appointed him to take charge of an important but separate little section, whose object is to encourage Braille reading amongst our men as a whole and provide instruction wherever necessary. His section will also deal with information, demonstrations and supply of Talking Books.

We do not want to put employment out of the family if we can help it, so the method will be for St. Dunstaners who are themselves good Braillists to be invited to become instructors when there is one of their comrades living near who wants to learn or re-learn Braille. Already twenty or thirty St. Dunstaners who are good Braillists, throughout the country, have been invited to put their names on the panel as instructors.

If therefore any St. Dunstaner wants to learn or re-learn Braille he should write to Mr. H. Kerr, at St. Dunstan's Headquarters, and ask for particulars of the scheme.

In the early days of St. Dunstan's we found that none of the Braille publications in general use exactly fitted the needs of the beginner. After he had passed the quite elementary stages of reading exercise books with odd words and sentences in them, he had to go straight on to complete stories or magazines, and generally he read so slowly that he had forgotten or got tired of the story he was reading before he ever finished it. To

meet the need St. Dunstan's brought out its own Braille paper, called *Nuggets*. This was of a convenient size, to put in the pocket; the Braille was interlined, which meant there was plenty of room between each line so that it would be more easily felt; the reading matter consisted of short paragraphs each of which related to a separate subject from the other; and there was a star in the margin to show where each item began. Discussions we have had and our own thoughts about the matter have led us to believe that the revival of this magazine would encourage Braille reading. Accordingly it will be re-published by St. Dunstan's, starting on January 23rd. Those who want it can order it by writing to Kerr.

THE TALKING BOOK.

The other new move is in connection with the Talking Book.

Apart from the difficulties of earning a living I have always thought that the two great handicaps which blindness imposes are the inability to move freely about in strange surroundings and the inability to read. Many of us in different degrees have overcome these difficulties. I know some who can read Braille at a speed that is amazing to those of us who lost our sight in adult life, and incredible to those who can see. But the ordinary person who has become blind in adult life, and this includes of course all the blinded soldiers, does not acquire anything like degree of speed in reading. Some have not mastered Braille at all and amongst those who have a speed of anything from fifty to a hundred words a minute might be called good.

There are, of course, other ways of getting information, knowing about the world outside. There is the wireless, with its news and its talks, and there is conversation in the shop, in the train, or in the office, or maybe over a beer round the corner.

It is extremely important in my opinion that blind people should be well informed. Nothing creates a better impression than to impress the people outside with the fact that you are alive to what is going on and know about the latest news, views and books.

Probably most of my friends will agree with me that being read to by a congenial person is one of the greatest of our pleasures. But this is not always possible. Professional readers are too expensive. Members of the family, kind though they may be, are busy with necessary matters in the home, and we often hesitate out of consideration to let it be known that there is some particular matter we want read to us.

These thoughts prompted the idea of a mechanical "reader aloud." An intensive investigation by a Committee set up by St. Dunstan's and the National Institute for the Blind proved that the gramophone was the best method at present available of recording and reproducing "reading aloud."

We have now reached the stage when we can put about four thousand words on one side of a twelve-inch record—this means about twenty-five minutes' reading, or fifty minutes' reading on a double-sided record.

In order that the blind listener can find the record he wants, the names of the book and the author are impressed upon one side of each record in Braille. At the end of each side the reader will tell you whether the rest of the story is continued on the next side of this record or on the next record, so that you may not make a mistake.

By the middle or the end of October we shall have published five complete books, viz.: *The Story of San Michele*, by Axel Munthe. *Typhoon*, by Joseph Conrad. *The Murder of Roger Ackroyd*, by Agatha Christie. *The Gospel According to St. John*, kindly read by Mr. Hibberd, the well-known B.B.C. Chief Announcer. *There's Death in the Churchyard*, by William Gore.

We are having twenty copies of each book made to start with, so that our library will start with 100 actual separate books in it. Thackeray's *Henry Esmond*, Maurois' *Disraeli* and John Buchan's *Thirty-nine Steps* are half finished, and we hope that every month one or two new books will be put into the library.

A special committee has been set up to choose books, and we will try to keep a nice balance between novels, biographies, history, classics and so on, so that all tastes may be met. The American Foundation for the Blind is doing similar work, and we have arranged to exchange records with them. This will add further to the number of books that will become available.

The library will be centred in London, and the books will be sent out to blind people free of charge and post free one way. The blind people will have to pay the postage the

other way, but the Postmaster-General has made a special concession and granted a much reduced rate for posting these packages of records, so that ten or twelve which represent a book will go through the post for about 3d. or 5d., instead of something like a shilling, which would be the normal charge.

Within a week we shall have three kinds of machines for playing these records. All of these will be sold to the blind at cost price.

The best machine is an electrically-driven reproducer rather like a small table gramophone. It has a turntable which goes round at the special slow speed of 24 revolutions per minute to play our records, and by advancing a speed regulator it will go round at 33 r.p.m. to play American records or at 78 r.p.m. to play ordinary gramophone records such as you may buy in any shop.

It has the very finest quality crystal pick-up and one valve, and is therefore extremely simple to work and is cheap to buy and maintain. The quality of speech which it will deliver is extremely good, and on ordinary records it gives as much volume as most small gramophones.

Then there is a machine consisting of a small box about the size of a portable gramophone with a turntable in it, but driven by clockwork, and an electric pick-up but no amplifier. The speech from this box can be heard from a pair of earphones, or by means of a special plug-in and a length of wire it can be connected to your own wireless, so that it plays speech and records through the loudspeaker of the wireless set.

Earphones are out of fashion, but my experience suggests to me that a good many blind people will use them for listening to the Talking Books. They have the advantage that you are not interrupted when you are listening by people coming in and out of the room or talking, and also that you do not interfere with them.

The third machine is designed for those who feel they must have the reading coming out into the room and do not like earphones but who have not got electricity. It has our special clockwork motor which gives the various speeds and is otherwise exactly the same as an ordinary non-electric gramophone with a soundbox and enclosed horn.

The Sound Recording Committee, which has been set up by the National Institute for the Blind and St. Dunstan's to bring this new service into being for all the blind will sell the machines to institutions and to the blind directly at cost price. The present cost price of the three kinds of machine is as follows:—

- (1) All electric high quality reproducer for speech records and ordinary music for Alternating Current: £5. 9s. 6d.
- (2) Similar electric machine for Direct Current: not yet available. Probably £6 or £6. 10s.
- (3) Desk model with earphones and plug for connection to wireless: £3. 14s. 8d.
- (4) Mechanical model with enclosed horn: £2. 14s. 3d.

In order to encourage the use of these machines St. Dunstan's has arranged to sell the above-mentioned to St. Dunstaners at £1 less than cost price in each case. Orders for these machines can now be booked by St. Dunstaners. Horace Kerr is in charge of this department and all orders or enquiries should be addressed to him. He will also have machines at Headquarters for demonstration purposes, so that any St. Dunstaners passing through London may call and hear the Talking Book for themselves.

I have listened to a good many experimental records which have been made and I can assure my fellow St. Dunstaners that if you sit down quietly with a reading machine and listen to a book that interests you, you will get just as much pleasure out of it as if a really competent reader is personally at your service. Indeed, the readers of our records are very much better than most of the friends or members of the family who have been good enough to read to me in the past, and, what is more, the machine does not get tired, does not want to stretch and look out of the window and scratch its head or poke up the fire or see about something else and, best of all, you do not have to put yourself in the position of asking someone to read to you when they may want to do something else.

During the next two or three weeks we shall take delivery of about two hundred machines. Seventy of these are already ordered and others will have to go out to the Dominions for demonstrations, for a great interest is being taken in this development all over the world. St. Dunstaners who are interested should therefore write for particulars and book their orders now.

IAN FRASER.

Armistice Dance

THE Armistice Dance will be held on Tuesday, November 12th, from 8 to 11.30 p.m., at the **Portman Rooms, Baker Street, 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.

"Braille Pie"

THE REV. HAROLD GIBB, of Sherbourne, a St. Dunstan's officer, edits for the Chief Scout a Braille magazine intended primarily for the benefit of blind Rover Scouts, but which we think will probably also be of interest to many St. Dunstaners who like to keep up their Braille.

A feature of the magazine is a Correspondence Bureau and in this connection Mr. Gibb tells us that his correspondents are now to be found in all the Colonies. He finds that blind fellows at home greatly appreciate being put into direct correspondence with other blind fellows in the Empire.

A poem by Rudyard Kipling entitled "Flowers" is included in the summer number of *Braille Pie*.

The magazine is published at mid-summer and Christmas and the subscription is 2s. per annum.

Any St. Dunstaner interested should write to the Rev. Harold Gibb, Editor, "B.P.", Sherbourne, Warwick.

A Swansea Picnic

PROBABLY because the day before had been so very wet, and the weather seemed so uncertain, only a small party of our men turned up for the picnic which had been arranged for September 25th at Swansea. But the weather was very kind, and the sun shone beautifully all day, so that those who met on the Mumbles road made straight for the beach and spent a most enjoyable afternoon there, ending with tea in the town. It is hoped to form an Outing Club and repeat the experiment again next summer.

D. J. O.

Brief Notes and News

The St. Dunstan's Singers are broadcasting again from London on Sunday, November 24th. Full details next month.

D. McLoughlin, of Dublin, who is already well known to Irish listeners, took part in a broadcast programme from Dublin during August entitled "In the Shadows." All the artists taking part were blind.

At the National Eisteddfod of Wales, Miss B. Simon, of Ruthin, gained first prize in the competition, open to all the blind, for a machine-knitted pair of schoolboy's stockings. Miss Simon has gained this prize each time she has entered.

Congratulations to E. Garthwaite, of Rotherham, on the birth of a little granddaughter—Margerie Blanche Pearson.

We had a note from W. Austin, of Huntsville, Ontario, with his entry for the Smoking Competition. He said:

"Life is very quiet for me now. I had to give up the poultry—it was too difficult for me to carry on in the winter time. The winters are very severe here. Last year I went to Toronto City for the cold months. I enjoy reading the REVIEW, often hearing through its medium, of someone I knew at St. D's."

"Best wishes to St. Dunstan's and St. Dunstaners."

St. Dunstan's Success in Literary Competition

CONGRATULATIONS to Douglas Warden, of London, W.12, who shared with Miss S. Dummigan, of Belfast, the third prize for a lyric in the Literary Competition organised by the National Institute for the Blind. The contest was open to the blind throughout the world.

Smoking Competition

THERE were many entries for last month's competition. The first reply opened which tallied with the set of answers set aside by the Editor was sent in by C. J. WALKER, of Becontree, to whom the prize of ten shillings has been sent.

"In Memory"

Private JOHN FAIRCLOUGH
(Royal Army Veterinary Corps)

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of J. Fairclough, of Liverpool, after a long illness which he bore with great courage.

Fairclough came to St. Dunstan's early in 1919 and was trained as a boot repairer; unfortunately he was only able to carry on with this trade for a short while, owing to his failing health. He had been a great sufferer for a long time and for a considerable period had only been able to do the lightest work.

He passed away in his own home on September 23rd. The funeral took place three days later at Ford Catholic Cemetery. His fellow comrades of the C.Y.M.S. assisted at the Requiem Mass. Among the wreaths was one in the form of St. Dunstan's badge from Captain Sir Ian Fraser and his comrades.

We extend our sincere sympathy to his widow.

FRANK HUMPHRIES
(Royal Naval Reserve)

WE deeply regret to announce the death of F. Humphries, of Brixham.

Prior to the outbreak of War, Humphries had served for nineteen years in the Royal Naval Reserve. He was called up for service in August, 1914, and did patrol work. His eyes became affected during his service and in consequence he was discharged from the Navy in 1917. Gradually his sight failed and he eventually had to give up his work as a fisherman. It was not, however, until 1926 that he came under St. Dunstan's care. Owing to his age he did not undertake any form of training.

Last July he was taken ill and underwent a serious operation, passing away about a month later, on August 31st.

Humphries was a popular member of the Brixham Branch of the British Legion and his fellow members acted as bearers at the funeral. On the coffin was placed the flag of the Legion, together with a wreath in the form of St. Dunstan's badge, sent by Captain Sir Ian Fraser and his comrades.

We extend our deep sympathy to his widow and two daughters.

Births

ALBERTELLA.—To the wife of M. H. Albertella, of Southend-on-Sea, on September 30th, a son.

CLARKE.—To the wife of S. Clarke, of Theale, on June 21st, a daughter. (See "Deaths.")

GRAY.—To the wife of D. Gray, of St. Albans, on October 13th, a daughter.

KENNY.—To the wife of J. Kenny, of Cork, on September 10th, a daughter—Jane Anne.

MCQUIRK.—To the wife of W. McQuirk, of Fulham, on September 28th, twin daughters.

MEARS.—To the wife of F. J. Mears, of Beeston, on September 22nd, a daughter.

MOORE.—To the wife of G. Moore, of Folkestone, on August 18th, a son.

PETERS.—To the wife of W. Peters, of Liverpool, on July 28th, a son—George.

SIDA.—To the wife of H. Sida, of Lovedean, on August 20th, twin sons—Edward Martin and Harry George.

WALSH.—To the wife of P. Walsh, of Cork, on July 22nd, a daughter—Anne Veronica.

WHEELER.—To the wife of E. C. Wheeler, of Newbury, on August 9th, a daughter.

Deaths

We offer our sincere sympathy to the following:
ABRAM.—To A. Abram, of Stockport, whose father passed away on July 18th at the advanced age of 83.

ASHWORTH.—To F. Ashworth, of Gorleston-on-Sea, whose father died at the beginning of September.

CLARKE.—To S. Clarke, of Theale, and his wife, whose little daughter, born on June 21st, died the same day.

EASON.—To J. L. Eason, of Liverpool, who lost his wife on August 14th.

HARKNESS.—To J. R. Harkness, of Forest Hall, whose brother died on August 13th.

HEELEY.—To the wife of G. H. Heeley, of Wakefield, who has lost her sister-in-law, her third bereavement within the last year.

HORRIDGE.—To the wife of J. Horridge, of Manchester, whose father passed away on July 17th, aged 78.

LARCOMBE.—To R. E. Larcombe, of London, E.C.3, whose father died on August 11th.

MOORE.—To G. Moore, of Folkestone, whose wife passed away on October 2nd.

POWELL.—To P. W. Powell, of Ross-on-Wye, who lost his mother on August 25th, at the age of 82.

ROUSE.—To J. T. Rouse, of Brighton, whose brother died on August 11th.

Marriages

BAXTER : EDSEY.—On August 5th, at South Holmwood Church, J. Baxter, of London, S.W.11, to Miss Irene Edsey.

HARDY : JONES.—On August 14th, at Brighton Registry Office, L. Hardy, formerly of Morley, Yorks., and now of Brighton, to Mrs. Hilda Louise Jones, of Brighton.

St. Dunstaners in Liner Collision

MANY readers will probably have seen in the newspapers that five St. Dunstan's men were among the passengers on board the liner *Doric* when she collided with a French steamer off the coast of Portugal on September 5th. The men were T. Roden, of Wembley, T. Rogers, of Brighton, F. Winter, of London, E.C.4, W. Collins, of Redhill, and F. E. King, of Derby, and they had all been on a fortnight's holiday cruise together in the Mediterranean, Collins' brother acting as general secretary and escort to the party. After the collision Roden, King and Rogers were taken on board the *Orion*, while Collins and Winter were transferred to the *Viceroy of India*. We have asked Collins and Rogers to give us their stories in their own words.

After describing their calls at Lisbon, Barcelona, Palma, and Algiers, Rogers says:

"We had a couple of hours ashore at Gibraltar—our last calling place before starting on the last stage of our journey, but our adventures were not finished, for nearly everyone now knows how disaster almost overtook us.

"We were awakened just after three in the morning by a terrific crash, followed by a grinding and tearing of ship's plates, which sounded as though the bottom was being torn out of the boat. We received the order to put on lifebelts and hurry on deck. Arriving there, we found that Winter, Collins and his brother had gone to another station. There was a total absence of anything approaching panic or hysteria. People were scrambling into the lifeboats, and we helped an old lady of over seventy, who had been through a similar experience on the *Laurentic* a fortnight before, into the boat. Then I felt myself seized and literally thrown after her. Afraid of being separated from my friends I turned round to see where they were, but a steward quickly reassured me with the remark, 'Stay where you are; your pals are coming with you.' The boat was then lowered and rowed away from the ship, Roden taking an oar and rowing under great difficulty, a girl resting her head on his knees and being violently sick. We were out for over an hour, keeping in touch with the *Doric* by means of her lights and siren. Just when things began to get uncomfortably cold—we had very little clothing on—a motor launch hailed us, and ordered us back to the ship. Back on board we were given breakfast and then told to dress and bring only what was absolutely necessary as we were to be taken off to the *Viceroy of India* and *Orion* which were standing by. Once again our party was split, one half going to the *Viceroy of India* whilst Roden, King and myself went to the *Orion*. No effort was spared in making us happy and comfortable. We were given a first-class cabin which contained all the comforts of a modern luxury flat,

but it was with feelings of satisfaction we stepped ashore at the spot where we had so gladly turned our backs a short fourteen days earlier. Of one thing I am convinced, there would have been a very different story to tell, if the sea had been rough."

Here is Collins' story:

"The six of us had had a little party in Roden's cabin over a bottle of port before retiring at 2 a.m. At 3.45 approximately we were awakened by a jolting sensation followed by a scraping sound alongside, due to the nose of the French boat scraping us. Immediately the usual danger signal of six short blasts followed by a long one, and the ringing of alarm bells all over the ship. We tumbled out smartly, my brother producing lifebelts which we put on over our pyjamas. Freddie Winter was concerned about his eyeglass but I told him to leave it on guard against possible cabin looters.

"We proceeded to the emergency station, Winter wearing his paper carnival hat which apparently he slept in. Here we lost touch with our other three members. (Rogers has already given his story from this point.—ED.)

"The ship was listing well to starboard and we had to hold on in order not to slip but after some time, by use of ballast water, she was brought on an even keel but down at the bows. Eventually when immediate danger was over we were allowed to go to our cabins and were advised to dress. At this point the other three—who as you know had been in the boats—came into our cabin and told us their news. We had an early breakfast and then came the news that the *Orion* and *Viceroy of India* were at hand. Winter, my brother and myself were in the last boatload to leave the ship, and owing to fog we had some difficulty in finding the *Viceroy of India*. Everybody on board was extremely kind to us and we were given a cabin for three. General Sir William Birdwood was among the passengers of the *Viceroy of India*, and we were introduced to him by a fellow passenger.

"We found ourselves famous when we arrived at Tilbury and were interviewed by reporters and photographed by a Movietone chap standing on the boat deck.

"A very much ado about a very, very little."

From the *Evening Standard*, September 7th:

"Passengers taken off the Cunard-White Star *Doric* after she had been in collision off Portugal on Thursday were landed to-day at Tilbury by the liners *Orion* and *Viceroy of India*.

"Miss Doris Edwards, of Harrow, said: 'One of the things I shall never forget was the way five men from St. Dunstan's behaved. They did everything to help other people.'"

Apartments

DAGENHAM.

Mrs. Stuart, the widow of our St. Dunstaner, "Billy" Stuart, has a very comfortable furnished room to let, with or without board. The house is very convenient and there is a nice garden.—Apply Mrs. Stuart, 58 Comyns Road, Dagenham.

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA.

Furnished apartments to let. Bed and breakfast, 2s. 6d. Near Bournemouth Park Road.—Apply M. H. Albertella, 102 Ruskin Avenue, Southend-on-Sea, Essex.

October and November in the Flower Garden

OCTOBER.—Put in tulip bulbs, planting six inches apart and leaving an inch and a half to two inches of earth above each bulb. Plant forget-me-nots over tulip bed, or polyanthus—whichever you prefer. Tulips look so nice blooming with a carpet of flowers at their base. Daffodils may also still be planted. Group them four, five or six in a group—they look much more effective. Take special care in planning your spring show of flowers: it will repay you. I think after the dark winter months it is very cheering to have a garden full of flowers in the spring.

If you are thinking of getting any roses, order them without delay; you don't want only those that are left over, as it were. A few polyanthus roses are a good investment as they bloom so well and give such a patch of colour in a garden.

NOVEMBER.—Finish all planting and separating this month. Be sure and place the taller flowering plants at the back of the border, with the medium ones next, and so on. If you would like a deciduous tree or trees anywhere in your garden, now is the time to plant them. I advise you to get a prunus tree: it blossoms early in the spring and when the leaves come they are such a lovely colour and make a good contrast in the garden. There are many others such as the flowering cherry, may or thorn tree, lilac, etc. Of course, if your garden is not a large one, *don't* plant too many, but my personal opinion is that a garden always looks more of a garden with a tree in it.

Well, this brings me to my twelfth article in twelve months, and I do hope they have been of some use to you. I have tried to give a few hints to the best of my ability. May good fortune favour you in all your work in your garden and adventures, wherever you and yours may be. If there is any little thing you want to know about the garden, I will always help you to the best of my knowledge.

C. F. VIGAR.

We congratulate H. Hurst, of Great Longstone, Derbyshire, on his success at a recent Flower Show. He secured a special and a first prize for dahlias; first prize for carrots, beetroot, and stocks; second prize for roses and rhubarb, and a third prize for beans, shallots, and potatoes.

SPORTS CLUB NOTES

Miss Hodgson's Engagement

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGES

THE REV. F. E. SPURWAY AND MISS A. O. HODGSON.

"The engagement is announced between Francis Edward, son of the late Rev. E. P. Spurway, of Heathfield, Somerset, and Mrs. Spurway, of St. John's Vicarage, Taunton, and Avis Odeyne, youngest daughter of the late Rev. F. H. Hodgson, of Clopton, Stratford-on-Avon, and the Hon. Mrs. Hodgson, of 4 Canonbury Place, N.1."

This is a copy of an announcement which appeared in *The Times* of Friday, October 11th.

Many St. Dunstan's sportsmen will remember Mr. Spurway as the Padre who has attended various camps and was present at the Regatta and rowing dinner this year.

All St. Dunstaners and workers at St. Dunstan's offer their sincere congratulations and best wishes to Miss Hodgson and her fiancé.

Club Meeting

A MEETING of the Club to consider the programme arranged for the Winter Session was held at Headquarters on Tuesday, October 8th, at 6.30 p.m., when the Sports Captain presided over an excellent attendance.

MINUTES.—The minutes were read and confirmed upon the proposition of Mr. Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Croke.

CHANGE OF CLUB NIGHT.—The Chairman said there was a possibility that another night of the week would be more convenient for those taking part, and those who desired to take part. To ascertain the feeling, Instructor Tovell would obtain the votes of the sportsmen concerned.

SOCIALS.—The Secretary read out the general programme in which each Club-night was provided for.

SWIMMING.—Instructor Jones informed the meeting that a Gala was being arranged at Marylebone Baths for Wednesday, October 30th. A good friend, Mr. Miller, had kindly consented to give £2 towards the prizes. It was also hoped, in view of the keenness and ability shown by the children, to hold a second Gala in the spring. Club training nights would be Wednesday and Friday from 6 p.m.

INDOOR SPORTS.—It was agreed to retain the old programme of Weight, Jumps, Target and Quoits, with points and handicaps as last year. The Chairman suggested that it might be a good thing to try a sample of golf—to get a short putt, and a driving register. The Secretary and Instructor would see what could be done.

FOOTBALL.—It was mentioned that Chelsea, Fulham and the Spurs would continue to grant us free admission. In view of the serious loss Chelsea had sustained in the passing of their Secretary and Director, Messrs. Palmer and Mears, and also in the serious illness of the Chairman of Chelsea, a vote of sympathy was unanimously passed on the proposition of Mr. Croke, seconded by Mr. Ingram.

SPORTS POINTS.—The Secretary read out the points gained and the final position of the teams for the Summer Session.

WALKING.—After some discussion it was agreed that the following walks be organized on dates which may be subject to revision :—

- 5 Mile Walk : November 16th.
- 9 Mile Walk : January 11th or 25th.
- 12 Mile Walk : February 22nd.
- 15 Mile Walk : April 18th, at Wembley, Natappro Club.
- Birmingham Walk : March 14th, 21st, 28th or April 4th.

An endeavour will be made to work in shorter walks for those who do not feel able to take the full distance. Names for the shorter distances will obviously be given in beforehand.

Final Points

SUMMER SEASON, 1935.

<i>B. Section.</i>		<i>A. Section.</i>	
W. Birchall	87	A. Croke	76
W. Lacey	78½	J. Jerome	66
P. Martin	51	McSteel	61
R. Warren	33	R. Edwards	45
J. Brown	30	H. Crabtree	42½
F. Winter	29	P. Ashton	10
J. Hughes	14	T. Saunders	5
T. Thompson	13	W. Higginson	5
A. Iddiolls	7	T. Collyer	3
B. Ingrey	5		

Team Points

W. Lacey's Team	46½
W. Birchall's Team	31
A. Croke's Team	30½

Winning Team :

Lacey, Martin, Crabtree, Hallam, Jerome.

Swimming

A Gala will be held on Wednesday, October 30th, at 6.30 p.m., at Marylebone Baths. Races for St. Dunstaners and their children.

Walking

Five mile handicap walk on Saturday, November 16th; start 2.45 p.m. from Headquarters. Please send your entries to the Sports Office not later than November 4th.

Suggested Change in Club Night

You will notice in reading the minutes of the London Club Meeting that we are anxious to find out whether Wednesday night would suit the majority of you better for the Club night. Would you let us know which night you prefer?

Brighton Club Notes

Unfortunately the final outdoor sports arranged for October 9th had to be cancelled owing to bad weather, but a very successful Domino Tournery and Tea filled in the afternoon, followed by a meeting to discuss the winter programme. Matron regretted that owing to pressure of business, Miss Hodgson had resigned the position of Honorary Secretary. A resolution was passed thanking Miss Hodgson for all her work in the past. Miss Rayson has kindly consented to take over the honorary secretaryship.

It was decided to hold a Domino Tournament throughout the coming winter with accumulation points and a prize at the end of the season.

The next Club Meeting will be on Wednesday, November 20th, at 5.30.

FINAL SPORTS POINTS.

<i>B. Section.</i>		<i>A. Section.</i>	
R. Wass	325	S. Pike	398
T. Dickinson	317½	T. Rouse	292½
Scott	235	A. Clewlow	259
Jacklin	230½	Leadbetter	174
T. Newman	207	Barber	163
G. Taylor	180	Triggs	136
Foster	180	F. Martin	89½
Bullock	153	G. Fallowfield	82
Cooke	143	R. Cowley	71
H. Robinson	132	Freeman	50
Baughan	60	F. Teagle	25
Van Niekerk	50		
Cresey	27		
W. Anderson	26		