

# ST. DUNSTAN'S REVIEW

For Blinded British Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen

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## CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

### King George Memorial Fund

ALL sections of the community, official and unofficial, are joining together to contribute towards a Memorial to King George V. The Houses of Parliament are one of the historic buildings which visitors from all over this country and the world go to see, and it is thought that an improvement of one of the approaches to the Palace of Westminster would be a national asset and would afford a most appropriate site for a statue of the late King. In addition the money will be used for the provision of Playing Fields for children.

St. Dunstan's as citizens as well as old soldiers would, I feel sure, wish to associate themselves with this Memorial, particularly as King George took such a personal interest in our welfare. Many St. Dunstaners have already expressed this view.

Subscriptions, not exceeding 1s., should be sent to Mr. Askew at Headquarters, and the envelopes marked "King George Memorial Fund."

I am sure that no object could better commend itself than this to my St. Dunstan's comrades.

### A New Brighton Home

When I visited Brighton last month and had a talk to the St. Dunstaners who were there, as I often do, I took the opportunity of telling them about some plans we have in mind for the provision of a new and better Brighton Home. The present Home has been an Annexe of St. Dunstan's ever since the early war years. It has done most valuable service and many men will remember it with pleasure. St. Dunstan's and St. Dunstaners will ever be grateful to the Federation of Grocers' Associations for the substantial gift they made in the early days for the acquisition and equipment of this Home. But since those days the number of St. Dunstaners has more than doubled and we are all getting older. Matron has told me, and many men have confirmed it in talks I have had with them, that some of the stairs and corners in the Brighton Home are difficult to negotiate, and with increasing numbers requiring a change or holiday we have often found that we have not enough room.

We became convinced that provision had got to be made for the increasing number of men who require periods of holiday and convalescence. The Council therefore called for a special report upon the position, and the matter was gone into with great ability and thoroughness by Mr. Askew and Miss Thellusson. Eventually Col. Ball, the Chairman of the Brighton Sub-Committee, presented a report to the Council recommending that

we should build a new Home. We considered extending the existing Home on the existing site, but no alterations that could be made there would effect a real improvement to the old building. We considered also pulling down the existing building and putting up a new Home on the same site, but the site is not large enough and has certain disadvantages, as, for example, the increasing noise of the busy traffic outside it. We considered going away into the country, where we could get ample ground, but came to the conclusion that this would not do. We realised that an important part of the holiday at Brighton for our men is the enjoyment of the amenities of the place, the outings, the Pier, the Front, as well as the company of the Brighton people, who have been so good to us for so many years. We therefore decided to look for another site in Brighton. There is no site available in the middle of the town which is big enough for the Home we intend to provide, but we have been extremely fortunate in securing a wonderful site a little way back from the cliff between Roedean School and Rottingdean. We have acquired sufficient land there from the Brighton Council, and plans are now being made for the building of the new Home. Those who are ill and want quiet and rest will find this site even healthier and better than the old one. Indeed, it will be one of the most perfect sites for a Convalescent Home which can be imagined. Those who want the fun and entertainment of Brighton will be able to enjoy it without difficulty, for there is a regular bus service passing the new site, and we shall see that adequate transport arrangements are made.

The building will be simple, plain, economical but beautiful. It will be made of concrete and steel, which is fireproof, and it will be laid out specially to suit the purpose we have in view. We think that it will be the best Home of its kind that has ever been built in the world. There will be accommodation for a much larger number of men than can be housed at the present Annexe, and there will be much more room for parties, domino tournaments, dances, etc., as well as many quiet rooms for reading and type-writing and so on. There will be a chapel, glass-sheltered sun verandahs, and a garden. Lifts will be provided so that those who cannot walk much will not be troubled with stairs. Sir Neville Pearson, our Honorary Treasurer, and I are satisfied that special financial arrangements can be made to provide for this Home without in any way affecting the ordinary services of St. Dunstan's. All the bedrooms and sitting-rooms and passages, and, indeed, the whole building, will be planned so as to be as suitable as possible for blind men. There will be no sharp corners or nasty stairs or traps, and the lay-out will be regular so that it can be easily learned and remembered.

We hope the new Home will be ready for occupation by the late summer or autumn of 1937. In the meantime the present Brighton Home will continue. I will give further particulars of the new Home and of its progress in later REVIEWS. We have already noted that this is our twenty-first birthday—this new and beautiful Brighton Home may be regarded as a fitting twenty-first birthday present for the men of St. Dunstan's from the ever-generous British public.

### Canada and the United States

I have just returned from a trip to the United States and Canada, where I went to consult with the Americans about the Talking Book. This new invention for the blind has developed on similar lines in the States to those adopted here, and we wanted to make sure that we benefited by their experience and arranged matters so that we could exchange books with each other, thus saving money and making more books available. I had a very successful mission and learned much that will be of the greatest value in extending our Talking Book Library here in England.

I took the opportunity of spending two days I had to spare in Toronto, which is the headquarters of St. Dunstan's work for blinded Canadian soldiers. There I inspected the splendid work that has been built up for all the blind of Canada by Capt. Edwin Baker, who was himself a St. Dunstaner. I also had the pleasure of attending a tea party which they gave for me in their Club, where I met a number of Canadian St. Dunstaners. They asked me to give their best wishes and remembrances to their St. Dunstan's friends in the Old Country.

I was fortunate enough to come back on the *Queen Mary*, and we had a wonderful trip. She is a perfect ship, and upholds the best traditions of British sea-faring. We must have travelled over ten thousand miles in a very few days, but Lady Fraser and I came back very well indeed, if a trifle thinner.

### The President

When I was in Washington I had lunch with the British Ambassador, and found to my surprise and pleasure that one of the other guests was Mr. George Lansbury. He and I are old friends in the House and, of course, immediately started talking. I asked him what his impressions were, and he said, "As soon as I see Southampton I shall sing 'Rule Britannia'." This was exactly how we felt. This is no reflection upon the countries we had visited or the exceptional kindness of our many friends there, but is just the feeling one always has when one has been away from Home, of immense pleasure at returning.

We had the honour also of being received by Mr. Roosevelt, President of the United States, who talked to us for about a quarter of an hour in his room at the White House. Everyone in America had told us what a wonderful radio voice he had, and that this was one of the sources of his power. I certainly agreed when he was talking to us that he had one of the most charming, vital and attractive voices I had ever heard. I told Mr. Roosevelt that my comrades in England would consider it a great honour that their Chairman had been sent for by him, and he asked me to send you all his best wishes.

### John Buchan

In Canada I had the privilege of meeting Lord Tweedsmuir, the Governor-General, who entertained us to lunch. He, too, sent his greetings to all St. Dunstaners.

Lord Tweedsmuir, the Governor-General of Canada, will be better known to readers as John Buchan. As we had just recorded "John McNab," one of his most famous books, which had been read for the Talking Book Library by Mr. Henry Noble Matthews, Capt. Baker and I took a machine and some of these records with us and demonstrated the book to him. It was, I think, an unusual experience for an author to hear his own book being read by the Talking Book, and certainly must have been unique for a Governor-General.

Although the *Queen Mary* did not create a record, I did, in the following circumstances. I was to have lunch with one of the United States Senators in their beautiful Parliament building in Washington. He was occupied, and sent a message to me to begin lunch. We accordingly went into the most sacred inner room where only Senators and their special guests are catered for. The Head Waiter came up and asked what we wanted, and in particular asked me what I would like to drink. I said, "What have you got?" and he replied, "No alcohol is allowed in this room, but I have all kinds of soft drinks." It was very hot indeed, and I must have indicated some disappointment. What went through my mind was that the question "What would you like to drink?" was really not much use in the circumstances. An American guest who was with me divined my thoughts, told me he was in the British Tank Corps during the war, and that I would be all right—he knew what an old soldier ought to have. In a few minutes a large glass of iced beer was produced. This is not allowed in the Senate Restaurant, as I have said, but I had it just the same.

Incidentally a third of the beer now being drunk in the United States is in cans or tins instead of bottles, and they tell me the proportion is increasing. In a year or two they expect practically all beer to be sold in cans. The can is about five inches high and three inches in diameter, and has a flat top and bottom. There is a very cunning can-opener which cuts the edge of the top, turning the tin in so that it cannot scratch you. You then drink out of it just as you would out of a glass. They claim that canned beer is just like draught beer and does not have to have gas put into it to make it keep. I have drunk beer practically all over the world, and can certainly say that this canned beer is excellent.

IAN FRASER.

### "Bill" Osborne

ALL the mat-workers and many other St. Dunstaners will regret to hear that the Chief Instructor of the Mat Department will be retiring at the end of July, because of failing health.

For some years he found foggy and cold weather very trying on account of asthma. During the last eighteen months he has had several severe attacks, and has never quite regained strength.

Coming to St. Dunstan's in 1916 with a life-time knowledge of the trade, he set himself to find out the best methods for blind men to work, and later on invented the chain attachment for moving the warps. His kindly nature helped "the boys" and some hundreds of men will remember his cheeriness and candid straightforward character which aided them in matters beyond their work.

We wish him years of quiet retirement, with many memories of "the old days" when he served St. Dunstan's so well.

Mr. T. H. Panton, Senior Technical Visitor, who is so well known to many St. Dunstaners, will take Mr. Osborne's position at Raglan Street, commencing his new duties on September 1st.

### Interesting Ceremony at Brighton

ON May 8th, a window was dedicated in St. Dunstan's Chapel at Brighton, which takes the form of a medallion of sixteenth century glass from the Cloth Hall, Ypres, inset in the existing window at the Chapel.

The glass composing the medallion was recovered by Capt. Percy Palmer, D.S.O., of the Welsh Guards, who was killed leading his men at Loos, and the glass was presented by his widow to the Rev. Harold Gibb, a St. Dunstan's officer, who has given it, with Mrs. Palmer's agreement, to St. Dunstan's.

Capt. Sir Ian Fraser unveiled the window. Then followed its dedication by the Rev. Harold Gibb.

Beneath the medallion is the following inscription:—

"This glass was recovered from the Cloth Hall, Ypres, by Captain Percy Palmer, D.S.O., Welsh Guards, after its destruction in 1914."

### Other Brighton News

AMONG the notable visitors to our annexe during the past few weeks were the members of the famous Arsenal football team, who called in with their trainer, Mr. T. Whittaker, to exchange greetings and good wishes, before they departed for Wembley—and the Cup.

Then we had that outstanding personality of the modern music hall, Miss Gracie Fields, who, whilst fulfilling an engagement at the local Hippodrome, came in to give unstintedly of her talent—and how we enjoyed it!! It was great the way the boys joined in the singing of "Sally" and "Sing as we go." Miss Fields' unselfishness can be gauged by the fact that, although she had been busy all the afternoon, amusing the children at her Orphanage at Peacehaven, and had two shows at the Hippodrome, she still kept her promise to Matron, and as she said, when excusing herself for being a little late, "I didn't let you down lads. I never will!" This great artiste had a wonderful ovation from the boys, as she left with, "God bless you, lads."

### We Hear That—

Anne, the baby daughter of H. E. Ollington, of Earlsfield, S.W., was christened on May 3rd, and had the distinction of being dressed in knitted dress, coat, gloves, leggings, bonnet and bootees, all made by her father.

F. W. Thompson, of Tavistock, was among the representatives of the British Legion at the great Rally of the Devon Branches at Plymouth on May 23rd. The *Tavistock Gazette* wrote: "Mr. Thompson, the well-known blind veteran, was in a seat of honour in the front row of the enclosures reserved for the disabled. The presence of this popular veteran at the rally was much appreciated by everyone."

A Wernham, of Bracknell, has received a letter from the Sports Committee of the Bracknell and District British Legion Club, congratulating him on his dominoes success during the last sports season. He played eleven games in the Tournament, and did not lose one. The secretary writes: "It is a splendid record. I hope you will play for us next season and be just as successful."

### "In Memory"

PRIVATE DAVID AMOS  
(9th King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry)

It is with the deepest regret that we have to announce the death of D. Amos, of Sheffield. This St. Dunstaner enlisted in 1916, and was wounded in Flanders towards the end of 1917, both eyes being severely damaged. Coming to St. Dunstan's almost direct from hospital in 1918, he took a full course of training in boot repairing and mat-making. He continued with this work for a considerable period, but for some years he has suffered from very indifferent health, and for a long time before his death he was a very sick man. He died at the home of his brother in Sheffield on the 11th May, and was buried at the City Road Cemetery of that town five days later. A wreath was sent from Sir Ian Fraser and his comrades at St. Dunstan's.

Amos was a single man, but we particularly send our sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Amos, his brother and sister-in-law, who were devoted to him and cared for him during the long period of his illness.

PRIVATE PATRICK MCCARTHY  
(Royal Air Force)

It is with deep regret that we have to announce the death of P. McCarthy. McCarthy had long service in the Army as he enlisted in the first instance in 1885, but although he lost his sight as a result of his Great War service, it was not until 1929 that he came under St. Dunstan's notice. He was then, of course, too old to train, but full of spirit, and he secured much interest from a tiny shop he ran in his small home town in Ireland. Unfortunately, he had of late suffered from very indifferent health, and he died in England on May 4th. It was his expressed wish to be buried with his wife in Ireland, and his body was consequently taken to Boyle. A wreath from Sir Ian Fraser and his comrades accompanied the coffin on its journey from England to Ireland. The local branch of the British Legion were represented at the funeral which took place on May 9th.

McCarthy was a widower, but we extend our sympathy to his relatives.

SERGEANT DAYRELL TASSIE VERNON  
(2nd Rhodesian Regiment)

It is with deep regret that we have to announce the death of one of our Overseas St. Dunstaners, D. T. Vernon, of Durban, South Africa. His sight being damaged as the result of service in German East Africa, Vernon came over to England in 1921. Never very strong, on the doctor's advice he took up poultry farming, returning to South Africa in 1922.

For many years now he has, unfortunately, been in and out of hospital, but his death was quite unexpected. He died in the Addington Hospital on the 22nd of April. Vernon was well known and liked in Durban. The funeral took place on the 24th of April, the coffin being covered with the Union Jack, and amongst the floral tributes was one from the South African Committee, one from his South African St. Dunstaner comrades, one from the Durban Branch of St. Dunstan's, one from Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Vincent and one from Mrs. E. Chadwick Bates.

Three St. Dunstaners—W. F. Archibald, A. J. Mason (and his wife) and F. Kayne—and Mrs. M. Holmes, Honorary Organizer in Durban for St. Dunstan's, attended the funeral. The Durban Branch of the Sons of England and of the M.O.T.H.S. also sent representatives. Vernon leaves a widow and two daughters to whom we extend our sincere sympathy.

PRIVATE ERCOLE NAVA  
(8th South African Infantry)

It is with deep regret that we have to announce the death of another of our South African St. Dunstaners—E. Nava, of Johannesburg.

Nava was blinded as a result of service in German East Africa, and came over to England to St. Dunstan's in 1918.

He took a full course in poultry farming, but on account of very bad health he was not able to carry on with this occupation for a very lengthy period. He has been an invalid for some years, but was taken seriously ill at the beginning of May, and on the 8th of that month passed peacefully away.

Members of his former regiment were present at the funeral, and among the mourners were Mrs. Chadwick Bates and two of Nava's fellow-St. Dunstaners, A. D. Kirstein and J. J. O'Connor.

The coffin was draped with a Union Jack, surmounted by a tin hat. Among the many wreaths were those from "his blinded comrades of St. Dunstan's (South Africa)," from St. Dunstan's, Johannesburg Branch, and from Brig-General W. E. C. Tanner and the committee of St. Dunstan's, Cape Town.

Nava leaves a widow and one son to whom we extend our sincere sympathy.

## "In Memory"

PRIVATE THOMAS ARTHUR WILSON  
(Army Reserve)

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of T. A. Wilson, of Brighton. Wilson came to St. Dunstan's in 1919 on account of his failing sight, the result of army service. He first of all took up the occupation of mat making, but very soon afterwards had to give this up owing to ill-health. After this he undertook a small chocolate, cigarette and tea round which proved to be a very interesting occupation for him, and he continued with this until a few years ago when his failing health made it necessary for him to give up all work. For some time past he had been in and out of hospital and he passed away on the 24th of May.

The funeral took place in London and among the wreaths was one from Sir Ian and his comrades at St. Dunstan's. Wilson's wife died some years ago, but he leaves a sister to mourn his loss, to whom we offer our sincere sympathy.

PRIVATE WILLIAM SMALL  
(Army Service Corps)

We have to announce with deep regret the death of W. Small, of Scarborough, which took place on the 27th May.

Small was never actually trained at St. Dunstan's, as he had such indifferent health. He had enlisted in 1914 at rather an advanced age, and, having an expert knowledge of horses, held a position of some importance in the remount department, being responsible for the safe transport of mules and horses from this country to France. He has, however, been under our care since early in 1918, and for many years has been more or less an invalid. "Buff," as he was known, was a well-known figure in the town in his bath-chair.

His death was unexpected, and he was only removed to hospital a few days before he died.

A wreath from Sir Ian and his comrades at St. Dunstan's was sent for the funeral which took place on the 30th May.

We offer our sincere sympathy to the members of his family.

### Births

ECCLESTON.—To the wife of J. Eccleston, of Leigh, on the 24th May, a son.

WEEKS.—To the wife of H. Weeks, of Bristol, on the 9th May, a daughter.

### Deaths

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

BARFIELD.—To J. H. Barfield, of Freemantle, Western Australia, and his wife, who have lost their youngest son as a result of a road accident.

FOSTER.—To the wife of F. Foster, of Ottery St. Mary, whose father passed away on April 16th at the age of 84.

HARE.—To the wife of W. J. Hare, of Norwich, whose sister has recently died in Gloucester.

O'CALLAGHAN.—To P. O'Callaghan, of Cork, who lost his sister on the 16th May.

SHIELDS.—To G. C. Shields, of Thundersley, Essex, and his wife, who lost their son, Samuel, on the 7th June.

### Marriages

CHAMBERLAIN-HAMILTON.—On June 3rd, T. W. Chamberlain, of Hull, to Miss Jessie Hamilton.

LIDBETTER-ADDISON.—On the 1st June, at St. Saviour's Church, Ditchling Road, Brighton, G. Lidbetter, to Mrs. E. M. Addison, of Brighton. The bride was given away by T. Dickenson, of Brighton.

### Holiday Apartments

#### SOUTHPORT.

Mrs. W. Moore has accommodation for visitors, and would do everything to make them comfortable.—Mrs. W. Moore, 5 Windsor Road, Southport.

### A Correction

WE regret that an error crept into our report last month of C. E. Wilkins's appearance as a violinist and vocalist at a Reading concert. We said that Wilkins was also the composer of a song, "The Dear Little Girl," sung at the concert, but this is wrong, and Wilkins is anxious for us to say that although he certainly sang the song in question, he most certainly did not compose it.

### Last Month's Posers

HERE are G. F. Smith's answers to his problems in last month's "REVIEW."

(1) In return for his five shillings the man received five 2d. stamps, thirty 1d. stamps and eight 2½d. stamps.

(2) Jack paid sixpence for his meal. The other threepence came from John who paid fourpence for an option worth a penny.

### Silver Weddings

A. Belcher, of Hampton, Middlesex, and his wife, celebrated their silver wedding anniversary on the 24th May, and W. T. E. Collins, of West Cowes, and his wife, celebrated theirs on June 5th. Congratulations to them.

### Derby Sweepstake, 1936

THE entries for this year's Sweepstake were somewhat lower than last year, probably owing to the fact that the race, and therefore the closing date, was a week earlier than usual. Even so, 1,316 tickets were sold (against 1,373 last year), and after deducting printing and postage expenses, a sum of £158. 10s. 0d. was left for distribution in accordance with the published rules.

The draw was made in the Lounge at Headquarters on Thursday, May 23rd, by "Jock" Brown and R. J. Vine, of Ewhurst. Mr. Swain, Mr. Fobbs, the Editor of the "REVIEW," and a number of St. Dunstaners and members of Headquarters staff were there to witness the drawing.

The result of the Sweepstakes was as follows:

- First.* MAHMOUD.  
**I. Davidson**, Manchester      £79. 5s. 0d.  
Ticket No. 814
- Second.* TAJ AKBAR.  
**J. Hollinrake**, Brighton.      £31. 14s. 0d.  
Ticket No. 36
- Third.* THANKERTON  
**H. Hotson**, Brough.      £15. 17s. 0d.  
Ticket No. 1263

The holders of the tickets drawing runners in the race received £1. 13s. 4d. each. They were:

P. Nuyens, W.1, (43) *Abjer*; W. Biggs, Leicester, (319) *Bala Hissar*; D. S. Chapple, Norwich, (523) *Bel Aethel*; E. L. Woods, Malmesbury, (790) *Boswell*; A. I. Gwyn, Lowestoft, (374) *Barrystar*; T. Powell, Brighton, (333) *Carioca*; J. Dennick, Evesham, (406) *Cowert*; H. Colville, N.13, (101) *Fearless Fox*; R. W. Bailey, Brackenfel, South Africa, (774) *Haulfryn*; T. S. Cooper, Hull, (1235) *His Grace*; D. Power, Waterford, Ireland, (781) *Magnet*; A. G. Loveridge, Harrow, (603) *Midstream*; F. S. Wardle, Cudworth, (152) *Mendicant Friar*; J. Francis, Battle, (1149) *Noble King*; P. Nuyens, W.1, (1229) *Pay Up*; A. G. Wise, Fakenham, (289) *Raeburn*; J. Brockerton, Coleraine, Ireland, (126) *Spinalot*; J. Orrell, Wigan, (59) *Squadron Castle*; A. Allen, Alton, Staffs., (449) *Walvis Bay*;

J. Ball, Gateshead, (1040) *Flares*; H. Vickers, Bolton, (229) *Monument*; T. W. Blackman, Market Harborough, (627) *Ormstead*; E. E. Greenwood, Enfield, (1190) *Plaster Cast*; B. J. Day, Tewkes-

bury, (1291) *Rhodes Scholar*; and A. Welland, Bramley, (484) *Star Comedian*, were unlucky in drawing horses which were subsequently scratched.

A. W. Morris, Pontypridd, (676) drew *The Field*.

### Reunions

THROUGHOUT the last two months, Reunions have been steadily taking place at the rate of one a week.

The meetings at Manchester and Liverpool were on April 23rd and 24th. At the first of these, Captain J. Craig Cameron, L.D.S., Chairman of the Manchester Central Branch of the British Legion, was present, and the guest of honour at Liverpool the next day was Colonel Sir John Shute, C.M.G., D.S.O., M.P., Chairman of the Liverpool Branch of the British Legion. Captain W. Appleby represented the Executive Council of St. Dunstan's at the Guildford meeting a week later, and was also a guest at Newcastle, when the Lord Mayor, Alderman W. Locke, welcomed St. Dunstaners to the city. At Southampton, on May 15th, Colonel Eric Ball, senior member of St. Dunstan's Executive Council, presided and there two other friends of St. Dunstan's were welcomed—the Bishop of Southampton (Dr. A. B. L. Karney), and Captain Alan D. Macdonald, M.C., who has recently been elected to the Executive Council. The Nottingham meeting was presided over by Mr. H. Seely Whitby, and the Lord Mayor of Nottingham and the Lady Mayoress were the chief guests. The guest of honour at Gloucester was Major F. W. C. Fetherston-Godley, the National Chairman of the British Legion, and on this occasion Major J. H. Beith, whom every St. Dunstaner knows as "Ian Hay," and who is a member of the Executive Council, presided. The Birmingham meeting followed on June 5th, and here a welcome awaited Sir Neville Pearson.

Messages of greeting and good wishes were sent to all meetings from Sir Ian and Lady Fraser. In the case of Nottingham and Gloucester, these reached us from the s.s. *Aquitania* en route for America.

Mr. Ottaway made a point at each Reunion of mentioning those St. Dunstaners who suffered the handicap of deafness in addition to blindness, and suggested that many men might care to learn the manual alphabet so that they could talk with their deaf comrades.

## SPORTS CLUB NOTES

### Regatta

THE 21st annual Regatta will be held at Putney on Wednesday, July 15th, at 1.15 p.m., by the courtesy and help of the Thames and Vesta Rowing Clubs.

#### PROGRAMME.

Inter-Club Cup events ... Double Sculls  
Inter-Club Cup events ... Pair Oars  
Single Sculls, Sections A and B.  
Single Sculls, veterans over 45.  
Double Sculls, (at least one Section B man in a boat)  
Pair Oars (at least one Section B man in a boat)  
One-armed Pair Oars  
Open Fours

It is hoped that Mr. G. O. Nickalls will be able to bring along a Visitors' Four to row against us.

Please help by sending in your entries before July 1st.

### Birmingham Walk

THE annual 10 mile Birmingham Walk, with which is incorporated the Team Walk for the Cup, took place on Saturday, May 9th, starting from the Farcroft Hotel, Handsworth. There were eighteen starters and all finished—a very good effort on this very trying course. Archie Brown led throughout with Jerry Jerome

on his heels the whole way. What a great race these two had! ap Rhys maintained his splendid form; Jimmy Coupland, with Clifford Scott—very much improved; so we could go on. But to sum it all up—Well done, everybody!

London retained the Cup with Manchester second.

After tea at which the competitors, their wives, and walking escorts, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Murphy, well-known to very many of our boys for their kindly hospitality for many years, Mr. Cooling, the Hon. Secretary of St. Dunstan's Birmingham Sports Club, who works so hard on behalf of its members, read the results, etc., and Mr. Donoghue said his little piece, intermingled with his usual witty remarks. Mrs. Irvine (Sister Pat) in the course of her splendid speech, spoke in glowing terms of the founder of the Birmingham Club, Mrs. F. Spurway, and her very able second in command, Miss P. Nelson. Her sincerity, and appeal to the Birmingham boys to carry on their good work, impressed us all. Horace Kerr returned thanks for the London team and gave thanks to each and every helper. Mrs. Macdonald came along once again to present the prizes and spoke of the pleasure it always gave her to be amongst the St. Dunstan's men. Finally, to every one who helped on this excellently organized event, we give sincere thanks.

CARRY ON, BRUM!

### Birmingham Walk, 9th May, 1936

Finish	Name	Team	Actual Time	Start mins.	Handicap time	Handicap position	Award
1.	Brown.	L.	1 23 10	Scr.	1 23 10	10	1st Prize A Sec.
2.	Jerome.	L.	1 23 48	1	1 22 48	8	2nd " " "
3.	Ashton.		1 29 28	6	1 23 28	11	3rd " " "
4.	Gover.		1 30 51	6½	1 24 6	13	
5.	ap Rhys.	M.	1 31 26	7	1 24 26	14	1st " B. Sec.
6.	Coupland.	M.	1 31 35	10	1 21 35	7	
7.	Boorman.	L.	1 32 25	8½	1 23 55	12	2nd Prize " "
8.	Trott.	B.	1 33 53	8	1 25 53	16	
9.	Giles.	B.	1 34 40	9	1 25 30	15	
10.	Benning.	B.	1 37 22	11	1 26 22	18	
11.	Clampett.		1 38 1	15	1 23 1	9	
12.	Scott.	M.	1 38 34	20	1 18 34	2	2nd Prize Handp.
13.	Rouse.		1 40 18	20	1 20 18	5	
14.	Walker.	M.	1 40 19	21	1 19 19	3	3rd. " "
15.	Kerr.	L.	1 41 17	21	1 20 17	4	
16.	Birchall.		1 42 56	16	1 26 16	17	
17.	Jolly.		1 50 43	33	1 17 43	1	1st " "
18.	Salt.		1 53 9	32	1 21 9	6	
<b>London 1,2,7,15 (25)</b>		<b>Manchester 5,6,12,14</b>		<b>(37)</b>			
	1st.		2nd.				

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