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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

Mr. Thomson Brown Retires

MR. THOMSON BROWN retires from the service of St. Dunstan's at the end of the year on account of having attained the age of sixty-five years. Mr. Thomson Brown has spent twenty years in the service of St. Dunstan's, during which time a very considerable number of blinded soldiers have been settled in their country-life pursuits with his advice and technical assistance. He has been responsible also for the very great development which has taken place at our central farm at King's Langley and for the many schemes which have been devised to aid our smallholders. The St. Dunstan's Poultry Farm, and St. Dunstan's poultry farmers generally, have attained a good name amongst poultry keepers, many successful smallholdings have been established, and many records have been made. While these successes have been due to the initiative and perseverance of St. Dunstaners themselves, it is not too much to say that to Mr. Thomson Brown must go the credit in large measure for the success of the work as a whole. It is a great achievement, of which any man may be proud, to have 'fathered' so important an industry which has provided an occupation for the brains and hands of so many blinded soldiers. St. Dunstan's poultry farmers will be the first to join in thanking Mr. Thomson Brown for this very long period of devoted and valuable service, and in wishing him good health and good luck in his retirement. Many will feel they are parting not only with a tried and trusted member of the staff but with a personal friend.

After consultation with the St. Dunstan's Poultry Advisory Committee and after selecting from a very wide field, Mr. D. W. Ferguson, County Poultry Instructor, Hertfordshire Institute of Agriculture, has been appointed to take Mr. Thomson Brown's place. This is a very difficult post to fill and I feel sure that all St. Dunstaners will extend to Mr. Ferguson their full co-operation and their good wishes for success.

Compliments to St. Dunstan's

We have often recorded how the Prince of Wales used to go out of his way on public occasions to greet St. Dunstaners. King Edward continues his kindly interest. At Vimy, our connection with which is told on another page, the King left his equerries and attendants to go over and say a few personal words to Captain Edwin Baker and the Canadian St. Dunstaners who were members of the Pilgrimage. All of us appreciate, and are grateful for, His Majesty's gracious interest.

At the end of July the Minister of Pensions, Mr. R. S. Hudson, visited St. Dunstan's Headquarters. Mr. Hudson spent an hour going through the offices, inspecting the work and seeing how we keep contact with our men and their families, and our thousands of subscribers all over the world. St. Dunstan's and the Ministry are partners in the national care of blinded soldiers, and we rejoice at the cordial agreeable relationships which exist between us.

St. Dunstan's Influence in the Empire

The influence of the example of St. Dunstan's men and the success of St. Dunstan's organisation upon the world of the blind generally has repeatedly been demonstrated. I have often touched upon the subject in these notes, notably where I have referred to the success of the Dominion-wide movements in Canada and New Zealand under the leadership of Captain Edwin Baker and Sir Clutha Mackenzie, both of them St. Dunstaners.

Another example has just come under my notice. The South African Parliament has just passed an act called The Blind Persons Act, 1936. For the first time this Act makes State provision for civilian blind persons in the Union of South Africa. Small pensions of something under £1 a week, in accordance with need, are provided.

In South Africa, as in Britain itself, and in other Dominions, this recognition of the needs of the blind as a whole has been accelerated by publicity accorded to, and interest shown in, the welfare of blinded soldiers. There is another parallel, too, for just as the leadership in Canada and New Zealand is with St. Dunstaners, so in South Africa the Chairman of the South African National Council for the Blind is Advocate R. W. Bowen, M.P., a St. Dunstaner.

We congratulate the Parliament of the Union of South Africa on the progress it has made, and are proud to feel that the good name of St. Dunstan's, which is so carefully guarded and tended by our South African Committee under the Chairmanship of General Tanner, should have contributed so materially to this end. We congratulate also Advocate Bowen on the use of his influence in Parliament and in the National Council for the benefit of the blind of his country.

Talking Books

New books continue to be added to the Talking Book Library. Including a limited number of American names, there are now seventy-three titles, with a total of 600 copies, in the Library.

As I explained in an earlier note, the Sound Recording Committee thought it wise to limit the number of machines which may be sold to blind people until experience had shown that there were enough books to go round. The limitation is still in force, but the number to be issued to the blind of the United Kingdom has been raised from 500 to 600, half for St. Dunstaners and half for civilian readers. There are still about fifty places left for St. Dunstaners, and I urge those who are interested to inquire into the matter and take their places this autumn. Electric machines and headphone machines of the latest design are now available, and there are a few special combined Talking Book Radiograms for those who can afford a de luxe model. Horace Kerr will answer all inquiries. Some St. Dunstaners have asked me if they ought not to wait until the Library becomes greater and enables better machines to be evolved. This is a matter for each to decide for himself, but meantime the years are passing and delay means that the pleasure of the Library is being lost. Of course, machines may be improved as the years pass, but the present machines are excellent and no new designs are in contemplation. Naturally we would like more books, but a new reader has a wide choice already, and it will take him a long time to read all the books that are now in the Library, while new ones are being added at the rate of two or three a month.

IAN FRASER.

Canadians' Reunion in London

THIRTEEN of our Canadians—Captain E. Baker, D. Barker, M. Breughe, C. R. Carnegie, W. Farnell, W. Jones, B. Mayell, R. S. Morland, E. S. Palmer, T. E. Phelps, C. Purkis, J. Taylor, and G. Foster—came over to attend the unveiling of the Vimy Ridge Memorial, and it was grand to meet them again.

Not since their training days have so many been in this country at the same time, and St. Dunstan's took full advantage of their visit. On July 31st, at the British Medical Association Hall, there was a Reunion which was attended by Canadian St. Dunstaners who had come from Canada to take part in the Pilgrimage, Canadians who are now settled in this country, and Englishmen who have at some time lived in Canada. Four Australians—F. Aarons, A. Craigie, W. Perrin, and J. Whittle—who are visiting England, were present, and so were E. Denny, of South Africa, and J. McIntosh, of New Zealand, who are also over here on a visit. As Mr. Vincent Massey, High Commissioner for Canada, who was the guest of honour, remarked—"Almost an Imperial Conference."

The following appeared in *The Times* of August 1st:—

REUNION OF BLIND EX-SOLDIERS.

IMPERIAL GATHERING AT ST. DUNSTAN'S.

A dozen blinded ex-soldiers from Canada, who were present at Vimy when the King unveiled the Canadian national memorial there last Sunday, were among the guests of St. Dunstan's yesterday, at a reunion of blind ex-Service men from the Dominions. The guests also included 25 similarly disabled Canadians now living in England, four blinded English ex-soldiers who formerly lived in Canada, and other blinded men from Australia, South Africa, and New Zealand. All these men were trained, after losing their sight, at St. Dunstan's some 20 years ago, and this was the first time they had all met again.

The day's entertainment began with a luncheon at the British Medical Association Hall, Tavistock Square. After a social afternoon, tea, and dinner, the blinded men and the relations accompanying them enjoyed an evening at the theatre. The play they attended was *The Frog*, by Ian Hay and Edgar Wallace, at the Princes Theatre.

Captain Sir Ian Fraser, chairman of St. Dunstan's, presided at the luncheon, and the guest of honour was Mr. Vincent Massey, High Commissioner for Canada. Sir Ian Fraser welcomed the guests and proposed the toast "Canada." Mr. Massey, replying, remarked, "We have almost an Imperial conference in

being here to-day." He paid a tribute to the fine work of Captain Edwin Baker (who was present) as managing director of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, and in the name of the 6,500 members of the Canadian Pilgrimage gave thanks for the warmth of the hospitality they have been shown in Great Britain this week by everyone, from the King downwards. Captain Baker, Sir Neville Pearson (honorary treasurer of St. Dunstan's), and Major Beith (Ian Hay) also spoke.

Among those who attended the luncheon were:—

Lady Fraser, Mrs. Massey, Mrs. Baker, Miss Hamar Greenwood, Mr. and Mrs. Ferris Scott, Captain Donald Simson, Mrs. W. Holmes, Mr. W. G. Askew (secretary of St. Dunstan's), and Miss Adeline Thellusson (Commandant Matron of St. Dunstan's, Brighton).

Letters to the Editor

MR. THOMSON BROWN

The Editor, ST. DUNSTAN'S REVIEW.

DEAR SIR,

In common, we are sure, with the rest of St. Dunstan's poultry farmers, we the undersigned would like to put on tangible record our regret at the retirement of Mr. Thomson Brown from his position of Superintendent of St. Dunstan's Poultry Farm, King's Langley, after twenty years' service.

We all know that he has worked continuously in the interest of St. Dunstan's poultry farmers, and that his many and varied schemes have been a great help to us all. We feel that on his departure at the end of the year we shall be losing a tried and trusted friend.

Mr. Askew, at our request, has kindly offered to receive subscriptions for a Testimonial and those poultry farmers who desire to participate should send their subscriptions to him at Headquarters.

Yours faithfully,

E. H. CARPENTER.
B. HAMILTON.
D. McLAREN.
C. H. STOCK.

CARD-PLAYING FOR ST. DUNSTANERS

The Editor, ST. DUNSTAN'S REVIEW.

DEAR SIR,

There is no pleasanter way of passing away an hour than playing any of the various card games. A totally blind St. Dunstaner, who is a keen card player, has suggested that far too many of our men miss this enjoyment because they are under the impression that it is necessary to be a Braille expert to play at all. This is not the case. All that is needed is to learn the first ten letters of the Braille alphabet, and this any Braille reader will be only too pleased to teach anyone desiring a new pastime.

Some of the visitors to Brighton Annexe express great surprise on seeing four totally blind men enjoying a game of bridge with Braille cards as much as though they were sighted players. If more of our men took up card-playing, it would be of great interest to organise tournaments when we meet.

Yours sincerely,

J. W. BOOTHMAN.

"O Valiant Hearts"

ST. Dunstaners' REVIEWS this month contain a Braille copy of a hymn, "The Supreme Sacrifice" ("O Valiant Hearts").

Probably many men have come across this hymn at one time or another at Armistice and other ex-soldier functions. It is sung at practically every Armistice and British Legion ceremony. The words, however, are not so widely known, and it is at Sir Ian Fraser's suggestion that a Braille copy of the hymn has been printed for the use of St. Dunstaners. Sir Ian himself has come across the hymn many times, and has not known the words, and he thinks that a Braille copy might be extremely useful to St. Dunstaners when they attend old soldier functions in the future.

The Vimy Ridge Pilgrimage

CANADIAN St. Dunstaners who now live in Canada, and those who since the War have remained in England, were among the thousands taking part in the Pilgrimage to Vimy, for the Unveiling by King Edward VIII of the Canadian War Memorial.

It was an unforgettable occasion. Thousands upon thousands of people were assembled upon the Ridge, but the huge crowd was not only made up of British Empire ex-servicemen. From the neighbouring towns, the French people, too, came to pay homage.

The site of the Memorial dominates the countryside for miles round, and on all sides, men who had fought on the Ridge marvelled that it was ever taken.

The time for the King's arrival drew nearer. The crowd grew tense. Then, from a distance of some twelve miles away, his car, with those of his escorts, were seen approaching. Slowly, it seemed to those watching, they drew nearer, until at last a low murmur of cheers from those on the outskirts told us that the King had arrived.

His Majesty inspected the Canadian and French guards of honour. Then he came down the steps, and there were presented to him women of Canada representing those who had lost husbands or sons. He passed along the line of British and Canadian Legion standards, and saw the men of St. Dunstan's. He left his equerries, and came over and shook hands with each man of the party. He had a special word for

W. Tout, of Exeter, whom he remembered as having been presented to him at the Jubilee Reunion at the Albert Hall last year, and he recalled his meeting with Dan Barker at an ex-servicemen's parade in Toronto some years ago.

Then the King passed on through the dense crowds, to meet President Lebrun, and together they ascended the steps of the Memorial. The ceremony had begun.

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The majority of the 8,000 Canadian pilgrims returned to England on July 28th, and on the following day they were addressed by Mr. Baldwin at a Government reception in Westminster Hall. On leaving the Hall they marched to the Cenotaph where a wreath was placed by General Alexander Ross on behalf of the Canadian Legion, and another, on behalf of Canadian St. Dunstaners, by Captain Edwin Baker, who headed the St. Dunstan's contingent.

In the afternoon, the Pilgrims attended a reception in the grounds of Buckingham Palace. The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester received them, and to the delight of the visitors, the King, because of an alteration in his holiday plans, was also able to join them.

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Canadian St. Dunstaners were among a party of Pilgrims who visited France on August 1st at the invitation of the French Government. Special boats and trains took them from Dover to Calais, and on to Paris, where for five days they were the guests of the Government. After an official welcome at the Hotel de Ville, there were drives round Paris during the days and evenings, a visit to Versailles, an excursion to the Chateaux of the Loire, an official reception by the Authorities of the Prefecture of Blois, a Banquet at Blois at which M. le President Camille Chauvemp, State Minister, presided, and a visit to Rouen and a reception there by the Town Authorities.

There was a warm welcome everywhere for the men of St. Dunstan's, and members of the French Ministry of Pensions in particular, showed the greatest interest in St. Dunstan's and St. Dunstaners.

King George V Memorial Fund

THE last date for receiving subscriptions to the King George V Memorial Fund will be OCTOBER 31ST.

"In Memory"

Sergeant ERNEST GEORGE WILLCOCKS
(King's Royal Rifles)

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of E. G. Willcocks, of Tottenham.

Willcocks saw active service in the Great War, and was badly gassed, as a result of which his sight was affected. He carried on, however, until 1926, when he was admitted to St. Dunstan's, and trained in joinery, at which occupation he was most successful.

Some years ago his health began to cause him a certain amount of anxiety, but he seemed to carry on fairly well until May of this year, when he was admitted to our Brighton Home. It became evident that he was becoming seriously ill, and shortly afterwards he was admitted to hospital. He was there for three weeks, during which time every care and attention was given him, but to no avail, and he passed away on July 6th.

The funeral took place at Tottenham Cemetery four days later, and as well as relatives there were very many old friends present at the graveside. Among the wreaths was one from Sir Ian Fraser and his comrades at St. Dunstan's.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to his widow and daughters.

Private ERNEST JOHN ROBERTS
(Royal Defence Corps)

We deeply regret to have to record the death of E. J. Roberts, of Hereford. An old soldier, enlisting as long ago as 1888, Roberts served during the Great War, being discharged from the Army in 1916. It was not, however, until 1923 that he came under the care of St. Dunstan's. He trained as a mat-maker and carried on with this work for some time, but a few years ago he was obliged to relinquish it on account of indifferent health. He had since lived a quiet life in the country, but had been failing for a considerable time, and he passed away on the 31st July last, at his home.

He was taken into the little Chapel attached to the Coningsby Hospitals until the day of the funeral.

A Union Jack covered the coffin, upon which was placed his uniform, and as he was carried from the Chapel, his comrades, in uniform, formed a guard of honour.

There were many beautiful wreaths, including one in the form of our badge from Sir Ian Fraser and his comrades at St. Dunstan's.

Roberts leaves a widow to whom we extend our deepest sympathy.

Private ARTHUR GEORGE COOK
(23rd Middlesex Regiment)

We deeply regret to announce the death of A. G. Cook, of Bedford.

"Cooky," as he was known to all his friends at St. Dunstan's, was wounded at the Battle of Cambrai in 1918, as a result of which he lost both his eyes. He was admitted to St. Dunstan's early in 1919 and immediately started training in joinery. His health, however, prevented him from following this occupation, and in recent years he carried on lighter work.

He suffered a great deal and underwent many operations. The last one proved to be very serious, and "Cooky" did not recover from it. He died on the 8th August, and his funeral took place a few days later at St. Leonard's Church, Bedford, and was attended by a very large number of relatives and friends.

There were many wreaths including one from Captain Sir Ian Fraser and his comrades at St. Dunstan's.

We extend our very sincere sympathy to Cook's father and mother and the other members of his family.

Private HARRY GREEN
(8th Australian Imperial Force)

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of H. Green, of Muswell Hill.

Green enlisted in the Australian Imperial Forces in 1915 and was badly wounded in France a year later, as a result of which he lost his left eye and received severe injuries in the right. He came to St. Dunstan's at the end of 1916 and took up the occupation of basket-making. He worked at this until some years ago, when his health made it impossible for him to continue. His death, however, was quite unexpected. He was taken ill suddenly on the 9th of August and died two days later in hospital after an operation.

The funeral took place at Marylebone Cemetery, East End Road, Finchley, and was attended by his wife and family. The Hornsey branch of the British Legion formed a guard of honour and acted as bearers. Apart from this the funeral was private.

There were many beautiful flowers, including a wreath from Captain Sir Ian Fraser and his comrades at St. Dunstan's.

We extend our very sincere sympathy to Mrs. Green and her three daughters.

The New Postal Rates

IN our last issue we reported the announcement by the Assistant Postmaster-General of important postal concessions to the blind. The following article appeared in the *New Beacon* for July, and is reprinted for the information of St. Dunstaners.

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Sir Kingsley Wood, as we reported in our issue of March, 1935, promised to render a great service to the blind at that time by remembering their needs in his Post Office (Amendment) Bill. The hopes then held out have materialised under his successor as Postmaster-General, Major Tryon, and we are happy to announce that on July 3rd the new Postal Rates in respect of Articles for the Blind came into force. It will be seen from the schedule of Rates which we give below that the list of articles which they cover is most comprehensive, that the maximum weight of a packet has been increased from 6½ lbs. to 11 lbs., and that the limit of measurements of packets has been increased.

The history of the concessions may be briefly recapitulated. In 1929 the National Institute for the Blind raised the question of widening the scope of the then existing Postal Rates for Articles for the Blind with the Postal Office authorities. The subsequent negotiations were reported in the *New Beacon*, and when Parliamentary time permitted the presentation of the delayed Post Office (Amendment) Bill we found that the promises of the Postmaster-General were being admirably fulfilled. In the debate in the House of Commons, Captain Sir Ian Fraser described the concessions already made as of very real value to the blind, and pleaded most effectively for the inclusion of Talking Books.

The reality of the value of the concessions now made will be seen at a glance. The concessions will prove of great value to the whole blind community, and we feel sure we are speaking for blind people throughout the country when we express our deepest gratitude to Parliament, the Government and the Post Office for a considerate and generous action, and to Captain Sir Ian Fraser for so ably voicing the needs of his blind fellows and seconding the efforts to meet them.

ARTICLES FOR THE USE OF THE BLIND.

POSTAL RATES FROM JULY 3RD, 1936.

The articles specially adapted for the use of the blind specified below will be transmitted by post in Great Britain, Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands, and the Isle of Man at the following rates of postage under the conditions indicated:—

(It should be noted that these concessions do not apply to packets sent to and from the Irish Free State, where the special postal rates remain unaltered.)

For a packet not exceeding 2 lb. in weight ½d.

For a packet exceeding 2 lb. and not exceeding 5 lb. 1d.
For a packet exceeding 5 lb. and not exceeding 8 lb. 1½d.
For a packet exceeding 8 lb. and not exceeding 11 lb. (maximum) 2d.

LIST OF ADMISSIBLE ARTICLES.

- (i) Books and papers impressed for the use of the blind;
- (ii) Paper posted to any person for the purpose of being so impressed;
- (iii) Metal plates impressed for the use of the blind;
- (iv) Relief maps;
- (v) Frames (including writing machines) for making impressions for the use of the blind;
- (vi) Pencil writing frames and attachments;
- (vii) Arithmetic and algebra frames and type;
- (viii) Braillette board and pegs;
- (ix) Metal graph board and pegs;
- (x) Playing cards;
- (xi) Cross-word puzzle boards;
- (xii) Diagram boards.

A packet must—

(1) Consist only of articles as described above for the use of the blind, and may not contain any communication either in writing or printing in ordinary type except (a) a title, date of publication, serial number, names and addresses of printer, publisher, or manufacturer, price and table of contents of a book or paper, and any key to or instructions for the use of the special type or of any enclosed article; and (b) a printed label for the return of the packet.

(2) Bear on the outside the indication "Articles for the Blind" (or if books and papers in Braille or other special type only are enclosed "Literature for the Blind") and the written or printed name and address of the sender.

The use of printed labels with the necessary indication is recommended. As heretofore, supplies of printed labels at the usual price can now be obtained by blind persons or Institutions for the Blind from the National Institute for the Blind. As it is essential that packets transmitted at the special rates should be readily recognised by the Post Office officials, the design of the printed label has, at the request of the Postal Authorities, been copyrighted. Printed labels can therefore only be supplied by the National Institute for the Blind, and to print and supply them elsewhere would constitute an infringement of copyright. Pending the supply and circulation of these labels, the old-style labels will be permissible for transmission of articles at the new rates.

(3) Be posted either without a cover or in a cover which can be easily removed for the purpose of examination.

(4) Not exceed 2 ft. by 18 in. by 18 in. in dimensions. If made up in the form of a roll, the length plus twice the diameter must not exceed 3 ft. 3 in., and the greatest dimension must not exceed 2 ft. 8 in.

If any of these conditions be infringed the packet will either be charged as an insufficiently paid printed paper or letter or transferred to the Parcel Post, and charged with a fine of 1d. in addition to any deficient parcel postage, whichever charge is the lower.

Armistice Dance

THE Armistice Dance will be held on Monday, November 9th, from 7.30 to 11.30 p.m., at the PORTMAN ROOMS, BAKER STREET, W.1. Admission will be from 7 o'clock 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.

Masseurs' Reunion

ST. DUNSTAN'S masseurs held their annual reunion at Headquarters on Saturday, July 25th, when Captain Sir Ian Fraser presided.

Mr. Askew was present, and on behalf of those present, W. T. Scott asked him to accept their congratulations on the honour of O.B.E. recently conferred on him by the King. Mr. Askew received an enthusiastic reception when he rose to reply.

After lunch, the guests listened to a talk on the treatment of injuries to the shoulder joint given by W. Scott Pearey, and this was followed by a paper on "The Sacro-iliac Region" by E. Toft, read by Mr. Mace. Interesting discussion took place during the lectures.

Mrs. Spurway—A Daughter

From *The Times*, July 25th, 1936:

BIRTHS.

SPURWAY.—On July 23, 1936, to Avis Odeyne, wife of Francis Edward Spurway—a daughter.

Everyone will join with us in sending our sincere congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Spurway.

From our Press Cuttings

Sporting Life:

Paddy Doyle, the former sailor and well-known lightweight boxer, who was blinded during the War, has opened a kiosk at Sandy Slipway, on the Esplanade at Ryde, Isle of Wight, where he will be pleased to welcome any of his old friends and admirers.

The official opening of the kiosk was performed by the Mayor of Ryde, and several councillors attended the ceremony. Mrs. Doyle, who was formerly a nurse at St. Dunstan's, where she first met Paddy, is assisting her husband in the new business.

News Chronicle:

Mr. H. Jackson, of Caerphilly, a blind war veteran, won the cup for the highest number of points at Barry British Legion Flower and Vegetable Show.

The following articles:—

- (xiii) Voice records on discs or films (i.e. Talking Books);
- (xiv) Wrappers and labels for use on packets for the blind—bulk supplies;
- (xv) Dominoes;
- (xvi) Geometry mats

are transmissible at the above-mentioned rates only from and to the National Institute for the Blind, 224-6-8 Great Portland Street, London, W.1, and will bear an approved printed label or card.

[Copies of the Postal Rates, in Braille and in letterpress, can be obtained free of charge on application to the National Institute for the Blind, 224 Great Portland Street, W.1.]

Births

BOWRING.—To the wife of W. Bowring, of Weymouth, on the 22nd August, a son.

BUTLER.—To the wife of J. Butler, of Waterford, Ireland, on the 11th August, a son—Thomas Joseph.

HOMAN.—To the wife of T. Homan, of Cork, on the 13th August, a daughter—Philomena.

Deaths

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

BOWER.—To W. Bower, of Troway, and his wife, whose married daughter has died very suddenly.

CAPLE.—To the wife of A. J. Caple, of Cardiff, whose brother, Mr. Douglas Shields, died on the 18th July. Mr. Shields had lived for a long time with Caple and his wife, so that his death will be a great loss to both of them.

DAKIN.—To the wife of H. A. Dakin, of Herne Hill, who lost her mother on the 10th July.

DICKS.—To G. Dicks, of Varteg, whose mother passed away on the 6th July.

LOWINGS.—To W. Lowings, of Eastleigh, whose brother has recently died.

MURPHY.—To W. Murphy, of Liverpool, and his wife, whose daughter, Julia, passed away on the 29th July after a long illness.

NASH.—To W. Nash, of Lowestoft, and his wife, who lost their son on the 22nd July after a long illness.

WERNHAM.—To A. H. Wernham, of Bracknell, whose brother-in-law has died as a result of a motor accident. Wernham's sister was walking with her husband when they were knocked down by a car. She, too, was badly hurt, and is still in hospital.

Marriage

TAYLOR-RILEY.—On the 30th July, at Willesden Registry Office, W. H. Taylor, to Miss Annie Riley.

Silver Wedding

Congratulations to W. Samworth, of Burnt Oak, and his wife, who celebrated their silver wedding on the 10th September.

Wanted

TANDEM.—W. Tremble, of 28 Park Row, Knaresborough, would like to get into touch with anyone who has a tandem to sell. Suitable for lady escort.

SPORTS CLUB NOTES

Regatta

THE Annual Regatta was held at Putney on Wednesday, 22nd July, and we were favoured with a fine afternoon. In fact, conditions were well-nigh perfect.

The usual programme was carried out. In the Inter-Cup Competition, Manchester were successful with 10 points, London being second with 8 points, and Birmingham third with 6 points.

Lady (Arthur) Pearson, our President, has generously presented a Cup for the Open Fours, to be competed for annually. It is a very fine trophy, and this year was won by J. Gimber's crew: F. Winter, W. Birchall, and R. Edwards.

Mr. G. O. Nickalls very kindly brought along a Visitors' Four of Old Blues, and they were successful, after a very hard race, in the Open Fours.

We offer sincere thanks to the donors of prizes, to the Vesta and Thames Rowing

Clubs for their kind assistance, to the students of Bedford College who are so invaluable as coxswains, to the officials, the Port of London Authority, the Thames Police and Putney Metropolitan Police, and to everyone else who contributed towards making this such an enjoyable and successful Regatta.

Regatta Dinner

THE usual rowing dinner took place in the evening at the Connaught Rooms.

Sir Ian Fraser presided, and our Honorary Treasurer, Sir Neville Pearson, presented the prizes. Captain Edwin Baker, who will be remembered as one of our finest oarsmen in the old days, and who was an interested spectator at the Regatta during the afternoon, was also present.

Sports Meeting

THE annual Sports Meeting to discuss the winter programme (sports, walks, socials, etc.) has been arranged to take place in the Lounge at Headquarters on Tuesday, 6th October, at 6.30. p.m.

REGATTA RESULTS.

Event.	First.	Second.	Third.	
Double Scull	T. ap. Rhys	M. Costello	S. Webster	2 ft.
Inter-Club	C. Williams <i>Manchester</i>	J. Gimber <i>Birmingham</i>	J. MacFarlane <i>London</i>	
Pair Oar	W. Robinson	W. Christian	J. Dennick	1½ lengths
Inter-Club	W. Scott <i>London</i>	T. Milner <i>Manchester</i>	R. Edwards <i>Birmingham</i>	
One-armed Pairs	N. Downs	R. Young		2 "
	J. Jerome	R. Stratful		
Pair Oar	W. Robinson	J. Whittle	H. Kerr	½ "
Final	W. Scott	W. Perrin	P. Conlin	
Sculls.				
Veterans	A. Craigie	C. Williams	W. Lacey	1½ "
Sculls	R. Williams	W. Christian	G. Fallowfield	1½ "
Final	H. Gimber	T. Milner	T. Rouse	
Sculls.				
Class A.	R. Williams	J. Coupland	W. Perrin	½ "
Sculls.				
Class B.	A. Craigie	T. ap Rhys	J. Brown	1½ "
	J. A. Macnabb	J. Gimber	J. Dennick	1½ "
	G. O. Nickalls	F. Winter	C. Williams	
Open Fours	H. R. N. Rickitt	W. Birchall	H. Kerr	
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