

# ST. DUNSTAN'S REVIEW

For Blinded British Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen

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## CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

### Pensions for the Blind at Forty

THE Minister of Health has announced that in the autumn he will introduce legislation to make the blind persons' pension payable at the age of forty, instead of at the age of fifty as at present. This does not affect St. Dunstaners, who are in receipt of war pensions or other incomes of a similar nature.

The special pension for the blind dates back to 1920, and is not to be confused in any way with the pensions payable under the Widows', Orphans' and Old Age Pensions Act of 1925. What happened in 1920 was that the original Old Age Pension then payable at the age of seventy was made payable at the age of fifty in the case of blind persons. This has been reduced to forty. Although St. Dunstaners are not affected I am sure they will rejoice that certain civilian blind people between the age of forty and fifty will in due time receive a small pension of ten shillings a week as a right.

I think I was one of the first publicly to call attention to the desirability of extending the age at which this pension was payable, and as long ago as 1929 I brought the matter to the notice of the Government, and a promise was made that the Government would make this concession the next year. In the meantime, however, that particular Government was defeated in a General Election and nothing has been done since. I have been in touch with the Minister of Health on the matter on very many occasions and am glad that he has granted the concession. I should like to see a pension paid to all blind persons from the time they leave school as a disability pension. The present reduction in the age from fifty to forty is at any rate a step in the right direction.

### The Ministry of Pensions Savings Scheme

The Minister of Pensions has, I believe, addressed a letter to every war pensioner calling attention to the new savings scheme. I recommend all St. Dunstaners to study this if their circumstances are such that they are able to save. Certainly if one wants to save, it is very convenient to have the whole thing done automatically by the Ministry of Pensions instead of having to bother to think about it oneself. What the Ministry does is to undertake, on application from the pensioner, to hold back say 1s., 2s. or 5s. a week out of the pension and invest it in National Savings Certificates or deposit it in the Post Office Savings Bank. The money remains the property of the pensioner and can, of course, be drawn out at any time. I think there may be certain St. Dunstaners who have a larger income now than they will have later on, and I would advise them to consider taking advantage of this useful service.

### Talking Books

H. Bridgman, St. Dunstan from Derby, writes to the Editor of the REVIEW urging that all who use Talking Books should take particular care of the records. I have called attention to this letter, which is printed on another page, because it is such a very important point. I believe the records are damaged most at the edge when the needle is first put down. This should be done with very great care.

I am writing these notes from my bed, where I am laid up for a day or two with influenza. What a joy the Talking Book is on an occasion like this! I have been listening to the proof records of some of the new books which will shortly be in the Library.

### Card Playing

I was so glad to see a letter in last month's REVIEW about card playing. Recently I came across two blinded soldiers, both of whom were card players before they were blinded and had not taken it up since. They said they never could learn Braille. I persuaded them that the amount of Braille required to be learnt to play cards is extremely small, and I am glad to say that they stuck to it and now from time to time enjoy a game of cards. If there are any other St. Dunstaners who think it is difficult, let them just try it and stick to it for a bit when they will find it quite easy and well worth while. I shall be glad to send a pack of cards with instructions to anyone who has never tried and would like to learn how to use them.

### The Fire at Headquarters

Many will have read in the papers or heard on the wireless that there was a fire at Headquarters. How the word "Fire!" in connection with anything you know about or that belongs to you causes you to jump. I can imagine those St. Dunstaners who heard the wireless pricking up their ears and wondering and then being thankful that it was only a small event.

Mr. Howlett's workshop where experimental work is carried out and the carpenter's shed and a store room went up in a blaze, owing, I suppose, to an electric fuse burning. About £1,000 worth of damage was done, but we are insured for the full amount. St. Dunstan's does not, therefore, suffer financially, but has the great inconvenience of being without these experimental workshops for two or three months.

I was called by my daughter at half-past five, "There's a fire at St. Dunstan's, Daddy." I wondered whether it was the main building with all our files and records. These are kept in metal filing cabinets, but even so nothing short of a fire-proof room will really protect papers. However, all is well that ends well. Let me put on record that when I got out to the fire a few minutes afterwards I found a most efficient fire brigade doing their best, and was told that our own night-watchmen, G. Garrod and G. Smith, had been on the job very quickly and were doing their best with our own hose to put out the flames. A park-keeper told me that the blaze was so terrific and showed up so clearly that he could see it from about a mile away as he was coming down from North London to work.

IAN FRASER.

### Two Reminders

The King George V Memorial Fund closes on the last day of this month.

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The Armistice Dance takes place on Monday, November 9th. Tickets may be obtained from Sister Sutcliffe.

### Earliest Service Record

OUR oldest St. Dunstaner, W. Dacey, of Waterford, has claimed the record for the earliest military service. He says that he enlisted first in 1883—one year earlier than G. King, of Leicester. Dacey is 81 years old.

### A St. Dunstan's Masseur's Interesting Appointment

CONGRATULATIONS to E. Slaughter, of Hornsey, who has secured the position of masseur to Mr. E. Millington Drake, Minister to Uruguay, and by the time this REVIEW appears, will have just returned from a voyage with the Minister to Monte Video. On September 3rd, Slaughter wrote:—

At the present moment we are just off the American coast, having just passed Pernambuco, and are within three days of Rio where we arrive late on Sunday afternoon. There will be a chance of seeing one or two things there as we stay for twenty-four hours. We will arrive in Monte on the following Thursday, where I shall probably stay six days and then return on the "Almanzora," reaching Southampton about the 6th of October. My real reason for writing you these few lines is to tell you one or two things that occurred at Teneriffe.

When we drew alongside the dock there were, of course, the usual diving boys making a devil of a noise, but grouped about in various attitudes were numbers of rebel troops, and what troops—everyone of them had a long cigar in his mouth, all wore carpet slippers, some had blue overalls on, some wore sombreros, others forage caps, and a number of them had scouts' hats jammed well on their heads. Most of them used their rifles as walking sticks. They kept their eyes on the vendors who no sooner had they pocketed English money were immediately pounced upon and relieved of it in exchange for Spanish—a fair exchange for the coffers of the rebels. An English destroyer lay out in the harbour, and while it was scouting round a bit, a rebel warship of sorts came steaming in and was promptly told by the Commander of our ship that it wasn't wanted and saw it off the premises. Here comes the bit which I thought was extremely choice. The Captain of our ship had been trying to get permission from the Governor to land his men for bayonet practice and after a lot of wrangling they were given a place quite near the dock. The rebel troops were naturally deeply interested to know what the great idea was when they saw our spruce boys go ashore and prepare for the job. They gathered round and stared wide-eyed as the marines pulled out their bayonets and fixed them. Then the boys set about their task, and with grim faces set about all the exercises connected with bayonet work, and as each item was proceeded with the rebel troops edged further and further away with their eyes fixed on the grim faces of our boys and their gleaming bayonets until they melted out of sight. They did not relish the sight, and I think the boys piled it on when they saw the rebels backing.

This is a beautiful ship and runs very smoothly, though, up to the present we have had very good weather. The heat two days before we crossed the line was appalling and one could hardly breathe, and I am sure that when I had finished my work with Mr. Drake I could have wrung myself out. However, I am looking forward to what is to come with keen anticipation. EDWARD SLAUGHTER.

### Letters to the Editor

The Editor, ST. DUNSTAN'S REVIEW.

DEAR SIR,

I know that the many St. Dunstaners who enjoy the gramophone "Reader" will join with me in thanks and congratulations for the efforts which have been made to reduce the postage rate. We can now get seven boxes of records for the same postage cost that we used to pay for one. It is a great concession and our thanks are due also to the Postmaster-General.

I should also like to thank the Chairman for the Braille copy of "O, Valiant Hearts." Only once in the year do we hear this poignantly beautiful hymn and we have had no chance of learning it through repetition. Now we can take it with us to the Armistice Day service, or, better still, learn it by heart.—Yours sincerely,

N. A. RAMSDEN.

Oxford.

The Editor, ST. DUNSTAN'S REVIEW.

DEAR SIR,

May I, through our columns, appeal to users of the Talking Book Library, to take special care of the way in which they treat the records, as I have been very much surprised at the way in which some of these have been treated. I expect, too, that a little more care in the treatment of these records would be much appreciated by the officials responsible for the bringing out of new books. Let us remember that the less amount of money spent on renewing damaged records means that more new books can be purchased.

May I also take the opportunity of thanking all concerned in the production of these books, with a special word of thanks to the people who have so kindly volunteered for the reading of the same.—Yours very sincerely,

H. BRIDGMAN.

Derby.

### Points from Letters.

#### THE TALKING BOOK

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Hull. T. W. CHAMBERLAIN.

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### Overseas News

WE have heard with the deepest regret of the death of the wife of our Canadian St. Dunstan, A. Sugden, of Calgary. Our sincere sympathy goes out to Sugden, who is left with his thirteen-year-old boy.

G. F. Joyner, of Melbourne, Australia, writing to acknowledge the prize he won in Miss Warren's Competition, says:—

I have many recollections of Miss Warren; her loss must have meant a lot to St. Dunstan's.

I am always pleased to receive the REVIEW. It seems to keep one in touch with everything connected with St. Dunstan's, and the many old friends whose names often appear. I notice our old friend, Mr. Osborne, has retired from the Mat Department.

I am pleased to say that I keep very well. Out here we are just getting into our spring—and very glad we are for that, as we have had a somewhat cold winter. Now we look for the sunshine and the bathing.

Kindest regards to all at St. Dunstan's.

A. H. Corey, of Christchurch, New Zealand, also writes to acknowledge his prize, and wishes all St. Dunstaners the best of luck.

### St. Dunstan's Gardeners

GARDENING seems to be getting more and more popular among St. Dunstaners—with first-class results.

Here are just a few of the successes which have been brought to our notice within the last few weeks.

S. Purvis, of Seghill, Northumberland, has won a prize for his leeks; H. Hurst, of Great Longstone, has taken several prizes this year at various shows for lettuce and dahlias; and A. Yates, of Hastings, who says he has never had such a plentiful supply of all vegetables, has had twenty-four huge marrows, one weighing eight lbs.

### We Hear that—

A delegation of Belgian ex-servicemen visited Dover last month, and were met by members of the Dover Branch of the British Legion, under the command of J. Sheehy, who addressed the visitors.

G. Hadfield, of Ottery St. Mary, has been admitted to "The Buffs" after having qualified by five years' residence in Ottery.

### Mr. T. H. Panton

MR. T. H. PANTON was offered the post of Chief Instructor in the Mat department as he was the Senior Technical Visitor, but after a short period at Raglan Street, he found that he would much prefer the open-air life, and requested permission to return to his area.

Mr. W. Game, who has been in the Mat Department for sixteen years under Mr. W. Osborne, and is thus known to a number of St. Dunstan's men, will take over the work at Raglan Street.

### From Our Press Cuttings

From the *Tailwagger Magazine* (from an article written by G. H. Matthews, of St. Helen's, a St. Dunstaner who owns a guide-dog):

It is now just over one year since I received my guide dog, White, and I am more pleased with her than ever. We have got to know one another so well that words fail to explain how good she really is.

Sometimes I think that she knows where I am going to, and what for, before I know myself, and I really think that the more work I give her the more she likes it.

I have a friend who lives three miles away and if I ever say to my dog, "Shall we go and see Crystal?" (his guide dog), she will bark and run towards her harness. When I get out on the road I need say no more to her. She will take me right to his house.

All the time I have had her I have never run into a gas-lamp, tram-standard or tree, which I consider excellent, as we get about very fast, travelling about four miles an hour—that includes stopping at the curbs and getting around prams or anything else that may be put there.

From the *Hucknall Dispatch*:—

On the point of cycling the feat of a Hucknall-born boy is worth mention. Some will remember the blind ex-serviceman named Brelford, who resided in Hucknall, but who now lives at Bournemouth. His son Tom, who is three months short of 16, started last Saturday for Hucknall, rested the night at Chipping Norton, and arrived at the home of his grandfather, Mr. T. Swift, on Sunday evening. During his riding hours he kept up a speed of 12½ miles an hour.

Yesterday he started his return journey, and home will be reached by this evening.

Mr. T. Swift, of Hucknall, who is the father of our St. Dunstan, P. Brelford, of Bournemouth, sent us the last press cutting. Mr. Swift sends his kindest regards to all St. Dunstaners, and adds: "I often pay Brother Shaw (W. C. Shaw, of Hucknall), a call, and at times he pays me a visit along with Mrs. Shaw, to our mutual enjoyment."

## "In Memory"

PRIVATE ROBERT PERKIS  
(Royal Army Service Corps)

WE deeply regret to announce the death of R. Perkis, of Hastings.

This St. Dunstaner lost his sight through being gassed in the war. He came to us in 1920 and was trained in boot-repairing and mat-making, both of which occupations he had to give up later on account of ill-health. For some time past Perkis had not been at all well but had tried to keep going. Eventually he was admitted to hospital, but he died there a few days later on the 25th September.

The funeral took place at Northiam Cemetery on the 30th September, and was attended by Miss Igglesdon, a very devoted friend, and her father; Mrs. Newman, mother of R. Newman, of Hastings; and Miss Rayson representing St. Dunstan's. The coffin was covered with the Union Jack. Among the wreaths was one from Capt. Sir Ian Fraser and his comrades at St. Dunstan's.

Although no one in the little village of Northiam had known him, a touching tribute was paid to Perkis. Wearing their medals, six ex-servicemen joined the procession to the cemetery where the Rector conducted a short service. In his address, the Rector said: "Comrades, we have met here this afternoon to do honour to the memory of one who was to us an unknown soldier. He was gassed and blinded in the war, and has been cared for by St. Dunstan's, and a few friends at St. Leonard's. When I heard it was their wish to have him buried at this quiet spot, it seemed to me that this man, with no relatives to mourn his loss, who had suffered so much for his country, deserved a simple tribute from some of his wartime comrades here at Northiam, and we salute him as he passes on his way." At the graveside the Rector spoke the Legion's words of remembrance.

GUNNER R. H. SKEWES  
(Australian Field Artillery)

It is with the deepest regret that we have to record the death of another of our overseas St. Dunstaners—R. H. Skewes, of New South Wales, Australia.

Skewes enlisted in 1915, and lost his sight as a result of wounds received at Ypres in July of 1917. Very early in the following year he came to St. Dunstan's. He took a full course in poultry farming and also learned basket-making, returning to Australia in 1920, accompanied by his wife, whom he had met in England, and his little son.

We have not had very much news of him for some time, but the information that he had died was totally unexpected. It seems that his death occurred suddenly on the 9th August last.

Skewes was a widower, but our sincerest sympathy is offered to his three children.

### Births

DAVIES.—To the wife of J. W. Davies, of Wrexham, on the 20th September, a daughter.

HORNSBY.—To the wife of A. J. Hornsby, of Sheffield, on the 4th September, a son.

POTTS.—To the wife of H. S. Potts, of Combe Martin, on the 20th September, a daughter, Celia Marilyn.

SHIELDS.—To the wife of G. Shields, of Brentwood, on the 21st September, a daughter.

### Deaths

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

DENNY.—To the wife of E. Denny, of South Africa (at present training in England), whose father has recently died in South Africa.

GOODMAN.—To S. Goodman, of Luton, who lost his mother on the 22nd September, after an illness of three months.

HILLS.—To the wife of C. Hills, of Ramsgate, who lost her mother on 30th September.

PRINTIE.—To M. Printie, of Edinburgh, whose mother passed away on the 29th September.

RAY.—To C. Ray, of Southend, who has recently lost his father.

RYAN.—To J. Ryan, of Newton-le-Willows, and his wife, whose son, Joseph, passed away on the 26th August, after a long illness.

SHEEHY.—To the wife of J. Sheehy, of Dover, whose father died on the 14th August, at the age of 79 years.

SUGDEN.—To A. Sugden, of Calgary, Canada, whose wife passed away on 30th August.

TROTT.—To W. Trott, of Sutton Coldfield, whose mother passed away on the 11th September after a long illness. She was 78 years of age.

### Marriage

BRAZIER-LISTER.—On the 12th August, S. Brazier, of Airedale, Castleford, to Mabel Ann Lister.

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### Silver Weddings

WE offer our congratulations to G. H. Orrow, of Chingford, and his wife, whose silver wedding was on July 27th, to T. Parkinson, of Middleton, near Bognor, and his wife, who celebrated their silver wedding on September 2nd, to J. Evans, of Walsall, and his wife whose anniversary was on September 11th, to C. Negus, of Wellingborough and his wife, whose silver wedding was on September 24th, and to A. Charman, of Brighton, and his wife, whose anniversary falls on October 21st.

### News of Young St. Dunstaners

The son of J. E. Brown, of Sudbury, has passed his matriculation examination.

Elizabeth Dyson, the daughter of F. Dyson, of Greenfield, near Oldham, has passed her final examinations and has qualified as a teacher.

The son of W. Duxbury, of Manchester, has gained his B.Sc., with Honours, at Birmingham University.

Barbara, daughter of H. Boorman, of Peterborough, has passed the scholarship examination for a Secondary School.

Geoffrey Cooper, the son of T. S. Cooper, of Hull, has won the City Junior Scholarship for Hymers College, Hull.

Ethel, the thirteen years old daughter of V. Jones, of Northwich, has passed her intermediate section pianoforte examination.

Edgar Raymond, the son of H. E. Raymond, of St. Anne's-on-Sea, has passed his examination for the Harris Technical Institute at Preston.

Mavis, the little daughter of A. T. Hazel, of Merton, has passed her preliminary examination in music. She is seven.

Dennis Coles, the ten years old son of R. P. Coles, of Hanwell, has also had his first piano success. He has won the class prize for the pupil making most progress in

music theory. Dennis, who has only had twelve months' tuition, also won second prize for a musical scrap book.

Betty Caple, daughter of J. Caple, of Cardiff, has won a place at Cathays High School.

Arthur Porter, the son of H. F. Porter, of Shirley, Southampton, has passed his medical and educational tests, and has been chosen for thirty years' service with the Metropolitan Police.

Pearl, the daughter of J. W. Yarwood, of Manchester, has won the Silver Cup for dancing in the Open Class, All England contest (National Class). Pearl came to the Rudolf Steiner Hall, London, to compete.

Mary Young, the 14 years old daughter of R. Young, of Glasgow, has won a scholarship to Hutcheson's Grammar School.

Cyril, the son of C. Matthews, of Maidenhead, has left school now and is working. He is still doing well at swimming, and has won first prize in a one-length race, swimming fully dressed; he also came second in an ordinary seven lengths race.

Eirwen Owen, daughter of D. Owen, of Blaenau Festiniog, who is sixteen, has passed her School Certificate examination with five subjects. Her twelve-years-old sister Betty has won a scholarship to the County School, and has also won the second prize in a Scripture examination open to the County.

Robert Thompson, son of A. Thompson, of Sprotborough, has passed his Northern Universities Matriculation examination, and has now secured a post with a London electrical company.

Elizabeth ap Rhys has been successful in her School Certificate examination. She has matriculated having gained seven distinctions, and a distinction in one paper of the eighth subject, "The History of Art."

## SPORTS CLUB NOTES

### Sports Club Meeting

THE winter meeting of the Sports Club took place at Headquarters on Tuesday, October 6th, when the Sports Captain presided over an excellent attendance. The Chairman explained to the meeting that Sir Ian was unable to be present through a severe cold, and expressed the hope that he would have a very speedy recovery.

1. Minutes of the last meeting were read and signed upon the proposition of F. Rhodes, seconded by W. Lacey.

2. The suggested programme of socials, etc., was presented. A monthly dance would be arranged starting that evening: one concert before Christmas, and two afterwards: whist drives on vacant Tuesdays, with the Christmas party on December 15th. Lectures would also be arranged. This was agreed on.

3. INDOOR SPORTS. After some discussion it was agreed to carry on with the old programme: Weight, Target, Quoits, Jumps, and to add regular jerks and skipping. It was also decided to invite most cordially any men from the London area to come along and support these evenings. On dance nights, sports would not be held, but the dance would commence at 7.30 p.m., instead of 8 o'clock.

4. SWIMMING. Instructor Jones presented his programme. This included practice nights, Wednesdays and Fridays from 5.30 for the men and their children, and a Gala at the Marylebone Baths on October 30th at 6.30. A special gala for the children would be held on the following Wednesday. We do hope that these arrangements will be well supported.

5. FOOTBALL. Instructor Tovell mentioned that the big Clubs all over the country had been most generous in granting passes for our men. Chelsea, Fulham, and the Spurs would help again.

6. SUMMER SPORTS. The following final results were given out amid applause.

Section A.		Section B.	
A. CROOKE	... 84	W. BIRCHALL	... 91
R. EDWARDS	... 78	W. LACEY	... 79
MCSTEEL	... 37	F. WINTER	... 54
T. RODEN	... 21	W. HARRISON	... 14
W. COLLIER	... 16	J. BROWN	... 10
J. SANDERS	... 1	B. INGLEY	... 7
		P. MARTIN	... 3
		J. MEIGHAN	... 2

7. WALKING. The following programme was passed after some helpful discussion. One point proposed by F. Rhodes, seconded by A. Craigie, and carried, suggested that the first walk be on the principle of a team race with Captains appointed; the result to rest upon the lowest aggregate time. This would be mentioned to the Walkers for agreement on the afternoon of the race. It was specially asked that entries for each race be sent in in good time.

5 mile walk November 21st.

9 mile walk January 30th.

12 mile walk February 27th.

15 mile walk April 17th at Wembley. Birmingham walk, suggested date, March 30th.

This programme was agreed upon. Proposed by W. Lacey, seconded by H. Gover.

8. TICKETS. It was requested that men desiring to go to these events for which tickets had been received, should send in their names in good time. If necessary a draw would be made.

9. A letter was read from Mrs. Spurway, saying she was unable to be present, as her husband had met with a motoring accident. The meeting expressed its regret, and sent best wishes for a good recovery. W. Lacey then proposed a very kindly vote of thanks to the Sports Captain, Miss Morris, Instructor Tovell, Mr. Harrison, and all who had helped sports for such a successful year.

### Tickets for Forthcoming Events

FROM time to time, notices will be published in the REVIEW giving details of forthcoming events for which it is likely that St. Dunstan's will be sent tickets.

Will those St. Dunstaners who would like to attend such events send in their names to the Sports Office not later than *three days* before the date of the event. A draw will then be made for any tickets that may have been sent to us.

It is regretted that this arrangement cannot include tickets for escorts, neither does it apply to League football matches. Information regarding tickets or passes for the various League football matches can be obtained from the Sports Office.

The first list of events appears at the top of the next page.

## Forthcoming Events

(SEE SPECIAL NOTICE)

- SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31ST  
Ypres League Smoking Concert at Caxton Hall.
- SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST  
Ypres League Cenotaph Parade. 11 a.m.
- WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH  
Armistice Day. Cenotaph Parade in the morning and Festival of Remembrance at the Albert Hall in the evening.
- TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8TH  
Oxford and Cambridge Rugby match at Twickenham.

## Swimming Gala, 1936

THE Annual Swimming Gala has been arranged to take place, through the courtesy of the St. Marylebone Borough Council, at St. Marylebone Baths on Friday, October 30th, at 6.30 p.m.

### EVENTS.

- One length handicap, A Section.
- One length handicap, B Section.
- Plunging—Open.

Entries to Sports Office by Monday, October 19th.

## Swimming News

AT the kind invitation of the Paddington Schools Swimming Section, some of our men competed in a special One Length Handicap at a Gala held at Paddington Baths on Thursday, September 17th. After a welcome by the Headmaster, Mr. W. Driver, a brief outline was given of the work and sport of St. Dunstan's men. The race resulted in a win for A. Peckham, with N. Downs 2nd, P. Crafter 3rd, and A. Craigie 4th. What a reception those hundreds of juveniles gave our men!

I am confident our first visit has done a power of good for both sides.

The following Wednesday we were kindly invited to take part in the annual Gala of the Kingston (Surrey) Ladies' Swimming Club. This is one of the best Clubs in England, and it has been our pleasure to take part in seventeen annual Galas.

I am sure our boys have never put up a better show. P. Crafter was 1st, just getting up from scratch to beat A. Peckham by a touch. Douglas was one foot behind; F. Jackson 4th, and F. Rhodes 5th. One yard would have covered all five.

Everyone showed their appreciation of this splendid performance, and F. Jackson, in a happily worded speech, thanked the

Club and the audience for their kindness.

Prizes were distributed by the Lady Mayoress. During the evening Mr. Kessell came along to help entertain the boys. He gave us very glowing accounts of the new swimming baths to be opened next year. We have already received an invitation to compete in an event after the grand opening ceremony.

## Brighton Sports

The 1936 Brighton Outdoor Sports session which has just concluded, has certainly been one of the most sporting, enjoyable and successful. There has been great keenness and real sporting qualifications shown by all competitors and the final placing, after various handicaps had been adjusted, reads as follows:—

Section B.		Section A.	
1st DICKINSON	330	1st MARTIN	296
2nd WASS	291	2nd TRIGGS	275
3rd MARKWICK	200	3rd GANNAWAY	231
Section B.		Section A.	
DICKINSON	360	MARTIN	296
WASS	341	TRIGGS	275
MARKWICK	200	ROUSE	250
JACKLIN	198	GANNAWAY	231
PEACH	195	PIKE	216
MILLWARD	189	KIRK	206
SCOTT	162	LIDBETTER	195
SHERIDAN	139	AWCOTT	155
NEWMAN	113	ABBOTT	142
BULLEN	80	DUNN	80
MACPHERSON	72	COLLINS	28
BAUGHN	67	BURGESS	25
ROBINSON	64	FALLOWFIELD	25
COOK	58	REDDISH	25
JAMES	57		
CREASEY	29		
TAYLOR	29		
CAMPBELL	25		
CORNWALL	25		
GREEN	25		
DOCKERY	25		

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It has been decided to hold a Domino Tournament similar to the one last winter, and the winner to be the player who has the highest aggregate of winning games at the end of the season.

Matron has again generously promised to give a prize to the value of £2. 2s. for this event; and Mrs. Broughton also very kindly said she would like to do something in this respect.

This Tournament will start on the next Sports Meeting, which has been arranged to take place on Wednesday, 4th November, at 5 p.m.