

# ST. DUNSTAN'S REVIEW

For Blinded British Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen

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## CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

### St. Dunstan's and Foreign Affairs

THE principal concern of St. Dunstan's and St. Dunstaners is the business of life at home, but we are all citizens as well as old soldiers. We have a duty as individuals and as a body to do what lies in our power to promote good relations at home and abroad. Every little helps towards peace.

After the war the ex-servicemen's organizations in the Allied Countries associated in the Fédération Interalliée des Anciens Combattants, or F.I.D.A.C., as it is called. An annual conference was held in the different allied countries where ex-servicemen's problems and international relationships were discussed. For some years many ex-servicemen's leaders, particularly the British, have wanted to bring the organizations of our late enemies, the Germans, Austrians and Hungarians, into counsel with us.

As I write I have just returned from an International meeting in Rome, where I was invited to go with Major F. W. C. Fetherston-Godley, the Chairman of the British Legion, and Colonel G. R. Crosfield, ex-Chairman of the Legion, as British Delegates. We succeeded in securing unanimous assent to the setting up of a Commission which will include war-time Allies and associated Powers, and the Central Powers. Thus for the first time, leaders of all who took part in the War on both sides, were in conference.

We cannot do much, for the foreign policies of our respective countries are matters for the various Governments themselves, but we can at least try to understand each other better and use such influence as we possess through the members of our own organizations, to promote understanding and tolerance of each other's points of view. All St. Dunstaners will, I know, agree that the promotion of peace by every means is the duty of every citizen and that as old soldiers, we should play our small part as best we can.

While in Rome I enquired into the conditions and welfare of Italian blinded soldiers. While the standards of living and pensions in Italy are a great deal lower than in Britain I was glad to find that Italian blinded soldiers were reasonably treated taking into account the circumstances of their country.

### Lord Nuffield's Generosity

I expect that most St. Dunstaners will have heard from the newspapers or the wireless, of Lord Nuffield's magnificent gift for the Talking Book. Last year he gave us £5,000 for experimental purposes. Last month, after receiving a very full report of the year's progress, he promised to give us £5,000 a year for the next seven years to carry on the work. The Carnegie United Kingdom Trustees, one of whose principal activities has been the development of libraries, have also most generously given us £500 a year for three years for

special experiments with a view to improving the system and reducing the cost of production. To the immense financial advantages of these gifts is added the satisfaction of the recognition of the value of the Talking Book enterprise which the gifts imply. St. Dunstan's and the National Institute for the Blind are jointly financing the Talking Book for the blind world, military and civilian, and accordingly the fruits of these gifts are jointly shared. The contributing organizations will continue to pay to the Sound Recording Committee such further sums as are necessary to develop and extend the scheme.

The immediate effect of the gifts will be an increase of books available for distribution, for we have already ordered larger numbers of the books now being produced as well as substantial reprints of several popular works.

### A Note of Warning

I think it well, however, to caution Talking Book readers against expecting too much too soon. Development always takes time. Considering the brief time we have been in operation, I think I can claim that the progress has been very remarkable, but we must not over-reach ourselves. It would be unwise to increase the service too suddenly and be unable to maintain it.

The Talking Book is indeed a revolution in reading for the blind. It has given hours of entertainment and pleasure to many. The best testimony is the insistent demand for more books. This cannot be met wholly or quickly, but we are taking every possible step. New recording studios are being constructed, a new machine installed, and additional staff employed for experiment, recording and distribution. This work is in hand and is proceeding with all speed.

I am delighted at so many of my friends' demands for more books, and even that they are a little impatient, because this proves the value of the scheme, but I would ask them to look at the benefits already conferred by the Library rather than to dwell too insistently upon the present limitations.

### A Sample

As a matter of interest I took a sample of the Library's work to have a look at it and see what it showed. I took the names of six St. Dunstaners at random. Two of them had had their machines for a year, two for eight months, and two for four months. Here is an analysis of the result. On the average these six men had one book in each thirty-two days, and on an average they kept their books for twenty-two days, and waited ten days between books. This is not enough, but a year ago there was nothing.

### American Orders

I visited America earlier this year to exchange technical ideas and to plan the exchange of books. Many of our readers have enjoyed American books for some time, and they are a welcome addition to our Library. Owing to copyright and patent difficulties a little time had to elapse before the other side of the agreement I was able to make could be carried out, but this week news comes of a substantial order for twenty-eight copies each of thirteen of our books, enough to try them out all over the United States. We hope American readers will enjoy our books as much as we enjoy theirs. It is interesting for the readers of the two nations to hear the different voices and methods and it is also financially advantageous.

### The Limit

We started the scheme for an experimental period of two years, which ends next July. We limited the number of machines to be issued to six hundred—three hundred for St. Dunstaners and three hundred for the civilian blind. There are still a few machines left for St. Dunstaners, but I think they will be quickly taken up this winter. Notwithstanding the new money, we shall maintain the limit for the time being, for it would be no good issuing more machines without more books, and for the reasons stated above the supply of books can only increase slowly. But by July of next year we shall have to work out a scheme of development for the future, and it is here that Lord Nuffield's gift is of such immense value, for it guarantees a substantial part of the necessary money over a period of years.

### Books not Machines

The policy of charging cost price for the machines and running a free Library will continue. St. Dunstan's helps every blinded soldier by paying out of its own funds £1 of the cost of each machine. The Sound Recording Committee cannot issue free machines. It is much better, we think, to use the money for free books.

I shall not be content until the Talking Book is available for all the blind who can use it.

### Radio Review

The other day I spoke for one and a half minutes about Talking Books in that interesting quarter of an hour programme "THE RADIO REVIEW." Mr. Fletcher, the producer of "RADIO REVIEW," wanted to include a few words about Lord Nuffield's gift. This little programme is made up of a dozen or so items spoken by different people about the week's news. The items are collected at different times during the week on records, and are pieced together to make a continuous quarter of an hour. This is certainly the newest and most interesting way of presenting the news of the week. I went to the B.B.C. on Friday evening and spoke to a microphone in a studio in Portland Place. In Maida Vale, a mile away, my words were recorded. Almost immediately the record was played back to us and we heard what I had said. We found I had spoken for two and a quarter minutes, and the Editor only wanted one and a half minutes, so they cut out three-quarters of a minute from the middle of the record by the most ingenious mechanical device, just like the Editor would run his blue pencil through the part he had no room for. The beginning and end of my recording were brought together and were presented to the listener just as if I had spoken the message that way, and I am sure nobody could have guessed that this had taken place. Full marks to the B.B.C. for ingenuity and enterprise!

IAN FRASER.

### Royal Purchasers of Our Goods

ST. DUNSTAN'S again had an exhibit at the annual exhibition and sale of goods made by war-disabled men held at the Imperial Institute. The Exhibition was opened on November 5th by Field-Marshal Sir Philip Chetwode, but Queen Mary and the Princess Royal paid a visit the previous day. Among the Princess Royal's purchases from our stand was a set of nursery furniture, while Her Majesty bought among other things an oak tea-trolley, an oak firescreen, and a collapsible bookcase.

### A Golden Wedding

CONGRATULATIONS to J. Moore, of Ireland, and his wife, who celebrated their golden wedding on October 16th.

Is there any other St. Dunstaner living who has celebrated this anniversary?

### —And A Silver One

J. T. Lath, of Sheffield, and his wife, celebrated their silver wedding on October 22nd. Congratulations to them.

### Do You Use a Scythe?

NOW if you are one of those who are to the manner born, I feel sure that you have by now already carved your way to distinction, to the admiration of your neighbours; but if you are like me, and are not so conversant with agricultural pursuits, then I think my own experience will be of some interest to you. I have always been told that the scythe, in the hands of the unskilled, is a most dangerous implement to use, but this is not so if ordinary care is taken.

I have an acre and a half of orchard, which has been chiefly noted for its growth of nettles, thistles, and coarse grass, and which has cost me two or three pounds each year to have cut. I had never used a scythe before but found it to be most pleasant and fascinating work. There is a certain joy in seeing all fall before you.

I would advise the amateur to start with an old scythe on some long grass, with a smooth bottom; otherwise, his first results might prove both disappointing and expensive. I have read many articles in various journals on the search for new occupations, but this is one of the most ancient, and it is none the worse for that.

F. E. C. BULLEY.

## His Holiness the Pope Blesses St. Dunstan's

WHILE in Rome recently on a visit to an International Conference of ex-Servicemen, our Chairman had the honour of a private audience with His Holiness The Pope, who most graciously blessed the work of St. Dunstan's.

## "O Valiant Hearts"

SINCE the Braille copy of this hymn appeared in our September issue, we have received a number of requests from St. Dunstaners who do not know Braille for it to be given in ordinary print, and with the kind permission of the owners of the copyright, Messrs. Skeffington and Son, by whose permission the Braille version also appeared, we give the words below.

### THE SUPREME SACRIFICE

By JOHN S. ARKWRIGHT

O Valiant Hearts, who to your glory came  
Through dust of conflict and through battle-flame;  
Tranquil you lie, your knightly virtue proved,  
Your memory hallowed in the Land you loved.

Proudly you gathered, rank on rank to war,  
As who had heard God's message from afar;  
All you had hoped for, all you had, you gave  
To save Mankind—yourselves you scorned to save.

Splendid you passed, the great surrender made,  
Into the light that nevermore shall fade;  
Deep your contentment in that blest abode,  
Who wait the last clear trumpet-call of God.

Long years ago, as earth lay dark and still,  
Rose a loud cry upon a lonely hill,  
While in the frailty of our human clay  
Christ, our Redeemer, passed the self-same way.

Still stands His Cross from that dread hour to this  
Like some bright star above the dark abyss;  
Still, through the veil, the Victor's pitying eyes  
Look down to bless our lesser Calvaries.

These were His servants, in His steps they trod:  
Following through death the martyr'd Son of God,  
Victor He rose; victorious too shall rise  
They who have drunk His cup of Sacrifice.

O risen Lord, O Shepherd of our Dead,  
Whose Cross has bought them and whose Staff has led—

In glorious hope their proud and sorrowing Land  
Commits her Children to Thy gracious hand.

AMEN.

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## Armistice Dance

NEARLY three hundred St. Dunstaners attended the Armistice Dance at the Portman Rooms on November 9th.

Sir Neville Pearson, Bt., our Honorary Treasurer, in a very amusing speech, welcomed the guests, and another member of St. Dunstan's Executive Council, Captain A. D. Macdonald, M.C., was also present and addressed the men.

With St. Dunstan's Band providing the music, and St. Dunstaners on the floor, any Dance would be a success, and this Armistice one was no exception. When the dancing was in full swing, Sir Ian and Lady Fraser arrived, having only reached London a short while before, after a delayed and rough Channel crossing. They had an enthusiastic welcome, and Sir Ian, in a short speech, described his visit to Rome as a member of the British Legion delegation to the Conference of ex-servicemen.

Then dancing began again, and the evening went on, until at 11-30 it was time to sing "Auld Lang Syne," and another Armistice Dance was over.

## Prizewinners

CONGRATULATIONS to J. G. Healey, of Albany Street, who was awarded first prize in a *Daily Mirror* competition open to blind readers. Competitors were asked to write a letter on the subject, "What Wireless Means to Me." Healey's letter was the first of a number which were published, and subsequently was awarded the first prize.

Another prizewinner is C. Pike, of Blackpool, who, with Mrs. Pike, won one of the prizes offered in connection with Illuminations Week in Blackpool. The awards were for the best illuminated premises. Pike says: "The lights were a wonderful attraction to the house. We had ninety lamps in all. We are very proud of the prize as we were competing against larger houses."

## Gardening

How many St. Dunstaners listen to Mr. C. H. Middleton's Sunday afternoon gardening talks on the wireless? They are well worth listening to. Make a note of it—Sunday afternoon, National programme, two o'clock.

## "In Memory"

Private FREDERICK HANDLEY

(49th Labour Corps)

It is with deep regret that we record the death of our St. Dunstan—Frederick Handley, of Derby. Although he enlisted in 1917, and was discharged from the Army very early in 1918—he was blown up and as a result his sight was severely damaged—he did not come to us until 1923. He was trained as a boot repairer, at which occupation he did very well, securing a First-class Certificate. For a long time he carried on this trade, in spite of very indifferent health, but for the past few years he suffered very severely and was under constant medical attention for many months before he died in hospital on October 13th, 1936. He was buried on October 19th, when the funeral service was held at Alvaston Church, and amongst the many wreaths sent was one from Sir Ian and his comrades at St. Dunstan's in the form of St. Dunstan's badge.

Handley leaves a wife and three children, to whom we extend our heartfelt sympathy.

Rifleman LOUIS SMITH

(The Rifle Brigade)

It is with deepest regret we have to record the death of Louis Smith, of Halifax, Yorks. Smith was wounded at Arras, as a result of which his sight was very severely damaged. He came to St. Dunstan's in 1917 and in 1918 returned to his home town of Halifax to carry on with his joinery, in which occupation he was trained by us. For a considerable time before his death, however, he suffered severely, but we were very surprised indeed to receive the news of a sudden change in his condition which ended in his death on October 17th, only a day or two before his 61st birthday.

A wreath from Sir Ian and his comrades at St. Dunstan's was sent from London.

We tender our sincere sympathy to his widow and child.

## Birth

MILLWARD.—To the wife of W. Millward, of Maids Moreton, near Buckingham, on October 14th, a daughter.

## Deaths

We offer our sincere sympathy to the following:—

ASHLEY.—To A. Ashley, of London, S.E., whose mother has recently passed away.

BOLTON.—To J. Bolton, of Wigan, who lost his youngest brother on October 24th. He was an ex-Serviceman who had served with the Cheshire Regiment, being invalided from France in 1918.

BUTTS.—To G. Butts, of Mountain Ash, Wales, who has just lost his mother.

COLVILLE.—To H. Colville, of Palmers Green, whose father has died. Mr. Colville's death is a loss to the village of Emberton, Bucks, where he was greatly respected. He and his wife, who passed away at the beginning of this year, were well-known for their great interest in the work of St. Dunstan's.

COLE.—To A. J. Cole, of Southampton, and his wife, who lost their daughter, Alice, on October 22nd.

HOLLINS.—To G. Hollins, of Middlesbrough, whose mother has passed away very suddenly in her 73rd year.

PAPPS.—To J. Papps, of Dunstable, whose brother passed away on October 16th.

SAVORY.—To the wife of G. W. Savory, of Melton, Suffolk, whose father died on October 25th, at the age of 86, after undergoing an operation three months ago.

## Memorial Service to Sir Arthur Pearson

THE Memorial Service this year will be held at St. George's Church, Kemp Town, Brighton, at 3.15 on the afternoon of Wednesday, 9th December. Lady (Arthur) Pearson, Sir Neville Pearson, Sir Ian and Lady Fraser, and others will attend, and all at the Brighton Annexe will join in the service.

Major Arthur W. Ormond, C.B.E., F.R.C.S., will give the address. Mr. Ormond will be well known to many St. Dunstaners. He has been one of our honorary ophthalmic advisors since the early days of the War, and was the Ophthalmic Surgeon at St. Mark's Hospital where many St. Dunstaners received treatment.

Any blinded soldiers living in Brighton and Hove or the immediate neighbourhood are cordially invited to attend the service at St. George's Church.

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

### Associated Motorways' Travelling Facilities

A SPECIAL concession which enabled a blind person and his or her guide to travel for one fare, was recently granted by the Proprietors of the Royal Blue Services.

We are glad to announce that this concession is now available to blind persons travelling on all the *long distance* coach services under the control of the Associated Motorways.

If any St. Dunstan's man wishes to avail himself of this concession at any time, it will be essential for him to give good notice to Headquarters of the date on which he intends to travel, as it will be necessary for us to certify him as a St. Dunstan's man, and make application to the Head Office of the Company, sending the fare which should, of course, be forwarded by the St. Dunstaner to us, with his application.

### Earliest Service Record

W. DACEY'S claim to hold the record for the earliest military service has been challenged. The honour now goes to G. Spires, of Malvern, who enlisted in the 1st Foot Battalion of the Worcestershire Regiment on November 16th, 1881. As he says, both King and Dacey were recruits to him—in 1883!

Before we had received Spires's letter, J. W. Mileham, of Great Yarmouth, had raised a point about the date of Dacey's enlistment. He too joined the Army in 1883—on May 6th. He was sixteen years old when he enlisted; he went to India in 1884, served in the Burma War, and under three reigns. He is now in his 70th year.

### St. Dunstaner's Success at Municipal Elections

We take the following from the *Manchester Guardian* of November 3rd:—

"Middlesbrough.

"There was one Independent gain from Labour through the success of Lieutenant Joseph Swales, a blind ex-soldier. Party control is unchanged. The new council is: Conservatives 11, Liberals 10, Independents 9, Labour 14. Mrs. Marion Coates-Hansen, who was unseated in 1935 after many years as a councillor, failed to regain her seat."

### Mrs. Bates' Loss

Widespread Sympathy at St. Dunstan's

On the morning of November 19th, Mr. Chadwick Bates died in South Africa. He had been ill for some time. News was received by Mr. and Mrs. Bates' many friends with deep sympathy.

St. Dunstan's will, of course, be represented at the funeral by members of the South African Committee and blinded soldiers resident in the Union.

Arrangements were made for wreaths to be laid on behalf of Lady (Arthur) Pearson and Sir Neville Pearson, Sir Ian and Lady Fraser, Miss Thellusson and the staff and men at the Brighton Home, the blinded officers of St. Dunstan's, and Mr. Askew and St. Dunstan's staff.

### News of Young St. Dunstaners

Mary, the daughter of H. Kidger, of Bridgnorth, has passed her Senior Oxford examination.

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Marjorie Hollins, the daughter of G. Hollins, of Middlesbrough, has passed her Matriculation examination, and also secured honours at a special evening school course.

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The son of W. Webb, of Great Houghton, has been awarded a special place at the Annual Schools Examination.

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Gladys, the eleven-years-old daughter of W. Baker, of Caernarvon, has won a scholarship to the County School. She took first place in the school and fourth in the county of Caernarvon.

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Claire Jolly, daughter of G. A. Jolly, of Ipswich, has passed the Royal Drawing Society's examination, Divisions I and II, with honours, and also the preparatory preliminary examination for the Sheffield Certificate, also with honours.

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Angela Lynch, daughter of J. R. Lynch, of Wembley, has been awarded a Grade I Certificate for piano-playing in the examination of the R.A.M., R.C.M.

### National Utility Poultry Society's Dinner

ANOTHER pleasant evening was spent on Thursday, October 22nd, at the Grand Hotel, Marylebone, on the occasion of the annual distribution of prizes of the *Daily Mail* and National Utility Poultry Society.

Once again the St. Dunstan's Party were privileged to have a table reserved for themselves.

This year, through the generosity of several friends, the prizes were bigger than of recent years, and thus made the attendance larger. We were very pleased to welcome Mr. D. W. Ferguson, the newly-appointed Superintendent, and Mrs. Ferguson. They had a good opportunity of meeting St. Dunstaners in lighter mood, and both seemed very impressed by the St. Dunstan's spirit of fellowship, friendship and *esprit de corps* of our men and their wives. Many kind references were made, and tributes paid, by those present, to their old friend and chief, "J.T.B.," and all joined in the unspoken wish for every real happiness in his retirement.

As our men, accompanied by their wives or escorts, went to receive their prizes from Lady Hannon, loud and prolonged cheers greeted them. One felt very proud of being associated with these men.

The prize winners, and prizes, in our section were as follows:—

1st. T. M. FISHER. (W.L.) *Daily Mail* cash prize £7; S.P.B.A. cash prize, £3; Associated London Flour Millers Ltd., 5 cwt. of laying meal; St. Dunstan's Cup and *Daily Mail* Gold Medal.

2nd. P. HOLMES. (W.W.) *Daily Mail* cash prize £5; S.P.B.A. cash prize, £2; Walter Bradley cash prize, £2. 2s. for best pen of W.W.'s; F. Guymer & Co., 1 cwt. laying meal; *Daily Mail* Silver Medal.

3rd. A. CHAFFIN. (R.I.R.) *Daily Mail* cash prize, £3; Jacobs & Spearman Challenge Cup for holder of the best individual bird, and also £5 cash prize given by Mr. V. H. Minton for the same distinction; *Daily Mail* Bronze Medal.

M. WATSON BROWN. (R.I.R.) *Daily Mail* Silver Medal for the best winter record.

E. H. CARPENTER also "won" a consolation prize to the value of £5 given by the Agricultural Good Products Ltd., for the holder of the worst pen in the section, to be spent by their representative and the Farm Manager, with the object of improving his stock.

Miss M. A. Legate, Messrs. Balkwill, Edwards and Weston, and the writer were also present at the Dinner.

This year's test has begun with a record number of entries. It is too early to give any positions, but the following comment from Mr. Tom Elliot, the Assistant Manager, is interesting. Speaking to the St. Dunstan's officials, he said, "Well, that's one of the best lot of birds I have handled so far in this Test." May his words be a happy augury for the future. Here's luck to all the competitors and happy nest-boxes.

C. S. WALDEN.

### National Laying Test

REPORT for the final period of four weeks, August 10th to September 6th:

Position.	Name.	Test score value
1	Fisher, T. M.	1,044
2	Holmes, P.	1,033
3	Chaffin, A.	959
4	Holmes, P.	932
5	Brown, C. H.	848
6	Fisher, T. M.	839
7	Smith, W. Alan	802
8	Stock, C.	768
9	Westwood, R.	719
10	McLaren, D.	711
11	Carpenter, E. H.	654
12	Watson, W. W.	591
13	Gwyn, A. I.	553
13	Hamilton, B.	553
15	Jackson, G. C.	498
16	Jarvis, A.	475
17	James, G.	469
18	Smith, W. Alan	459
19	Woodcock, W. J.	446
19	Webb, W.	446
21	Watson-Brown, M.	443
22	Lea, J. H.	415
23	Powell, G.	402
24	Campbell, John	387
25	Hamilton, B.	368
26	Condon, C. T.	354
27	Stock, C.	348
28	Jackson, G. C.	272
29	Smy, H.	212
30	Carpenter, E. H.	169

## SPORTS CLUB NOTES

THE winter session has started off in good style. The physical jerks class are very enthusiastic. We hope that this continues right through term.

### Socials

A Dance will be held in the Lounge at Headquarters at 7.30 to 10.30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 1st.

The **Christmas Dance** has been arranged to take place at Headquarters on Tuesday, December 15th, at 7.30 p.m.

### Annual Swimming Gala

This Gala took place by kind permission of the St. Marylebone Borough Council at the St. Marylebone Baths on Friday, October 30th.

As usual some very keen and interesting races took place, and although one does not like to single out one person more than another, I am sure that the other competitors will agree that Billy Birchall and Herbert Crabtree, both starting from scratch to win their respective sections after a terrific struggle, deserve an extra pat on the back.

In Section A, a needle match was decided which has been hanging over since 1917. It was between Douglas and Peckham, and I believe was started by them both diving into Regent's Park lake, but, owing to the friendly interruption of park-keepers, they were unable to decide who was the winner. Anyway, they met in fierce but friendly rivalry in the final at the Baths, and the race resulted in a win for H. Crabtree, with Douglas beating his old rival by six inches.

In Section B, Birchall, in a great final, won from Billy Lacey, with Frank Rhodes third.

In the Plunging Competition, Jock MacFarlane, who usually does so well in this event, and was scratch man, was not feeling too fit, and his plunge of 33 ft. 2 in. proved that he was temporarily out of form. Alfred Peckham finally won this event by a plunge of 35 ft. 8 in., plus a handicap of 6 ft., making a total of 41 ft. 8 in. Birchall, 35 ft. 1 in. plus 6 ft., total 41 ft. 1 in., was 2nd; Crabtree, 36 ft., plus 5 ft., total, 41 ft., was 3rd.

Our good friend, Mr. Ellis, Bath Superintendent, acted as judge and presented

the prizes to the winning competitors with his usual words of encouragement. "These lads do not seem to get a day older," he said.

F. Rhodes gave thanks to all friends, both present and absent, who helped to make this such an enjoyable event.

W. A. T.

### Children's Gala

The Annual Swimming Gala for the children of St. Dunstaners was held on Wednesday, 4th November. An excellent display of swimming was put up by the competitors and the results were as follows:—

#### GIRLS 33 YARDS.

	<i>Start.</i>
1st, J. Rhodes, 11½ years.	scratch.
2nd, M. Burran, 13½ "	4 secs.

#### BOYS 33 YARDS.

1st, H. Birch, 13 years.	scratch.
2nd, R. Birch, 11½ "	"
3rd, C. Burran, 14 "	"
4th, C. Rhodes, 9 "	6 secs.

A. F. M.

### BRIGHTON

The Sports Meeting has been arranged for Wednesday, December 2nd, at 5 p.m.

### BIRMINGHAM

The Birmingham Club started outdoor sports in April at the Alexander Ground, Perry Barr, in fine but cold weather.

Two teams were formed and these have had a ding-dong battle all through the summer, not more than one point separating them at any time. The issue was in doubt until the last day, October 7th, when B team (J. R. Brown, W. Castle, P. Cashmore, W. Giles and W. Hines) just managed to pull it off and score by one point.

There was no meeting in May, as the Annual Walk took place.

In July, the members of the teams and their wives went to Stratford, Mr. Thomas kindly arranging transport. We were lucky in the day, as this was the one fine afternoon in a wet fortnight. The usual sports took place with some extra events for the ladies.

### Furnished Apartments

#### BRIGHTON.

Bed and Breakfast; other meals or full board if required. Terms moderate. Children half price. One minute from the sea and one minute from St. Dunstan's.—Apply: Mrs. C. A. Tracey, 21A Portland Place, Brighton.