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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

The B.B.C.

JUST before Christmas the Postmaster-General asked me if I would accept nomination as a Governor of the British Broadcasting Corporation on the understanding that I would vacate my seat in the House of Commons. Although on many occasions I have, like most of us, been critical of certain aspects of the work, I have always thought British broadcasting was the best in the world. Broadcasting itself is such a powerful influence and its place in the life of the nation has become so important that I could not but look upon it as a great honour to be invited to join the Board, and as an opportunity for the most important kind of public service.

I accepted the offer and became a Governor of the B.B.C. on 1st January. When Parliament re-assembles I shall resign my seat for North St. Pancras.

Ex-Servicemen's Interests

Before arriving at this decision I had to consider whether I could leave the House of Commons without adversely affecting any other matters in which I was interested or where I had obligations. It had been my privilege to contribute something towards the welfare of ex-servicemen and blind people in the House. In carrying out this work I had made many close personal friends in all parties and in Government Departments. Contact with these friends would remain, and whatever small influence I was able to exert would continue. I had already been out of the House for two years when I was beaten in the 1929 election, and I had not lost touch. I felt that a period of five years at the B.B.C. would not materially affect my connections with those in authority. So far as St. Dunstan's is concerned the closest possible co-operation has always existed with the Ministries of Pensions and Health, and if it were found necessary for some point to be raised in the House of Commons itself, we were fortunate in that Major the Hon. J. J. Astor, and Colonel Charles I. Kerr, D.S.O., two influential Members of Parliament, are Members of our Council.

On the other side I realised that the B.B.C. was perhaps the most powerful single agency in the country for influencing opinion and that a Governor of this organisation could if he so desired keep very closely in touch with people and affairs. Governors of the B.B.C. are not appointed to represent particular groups or classes in the community; they are supposed to act for and consider the interest of the nation as a whole. There would however be nothing wrong in one who belonged to the war-time generation endeavouring to see to it that their needs and hopes were duly and fairly represented in B.B.C. programmes, and this will be one of my aims.

I therefore felt that I might do good, and could do no harm to the causes which are nearest to my heart by leaving the House and joining the B.B.C. So far as I am concerned the change does not in any way affect my work at St. Dunstan's, or my intention to do all that I can to help ex-servicemen in every way.

Brief comment on the reasons why it is thought that a Governor of the B.B.C. should not be a Member of the House may be of interest. The Postmaster-General takes the view, and I think all those who have studied the relationship of broadcasting to public affairs agree, that a Governor of the B.B.C. ought not to be a strong Party man, or have official Party ties. There are bound to be times when the Governors, who determine policy, have to decide some controversial matter affecting the relationship of Government and Opposition or of political parties generally, and at such times impartiality and a semi-judicial attitude are required.

Although on personal grounds I regret leaving my friends in the House and the constituency, I concur in this view—more than this, I have myself advocated it for many years.

St. Dunstaners as Typical Listeners

On the purely personal side I shall enjoy my new job because I have always been interested in broadcasting, as readers of these notes for many years must have seen. I have not only a general interest in the constitutional and political aspects of broadcasting, but have also a strong technical bent. I have been a keen listener, and it will be all the more interesting to listen when one can take some small part in shaping what is broadcast. In this connection I realise that my St. Dunstan's friends can help me very much indeed. I do not suppose there are any more diligent or interested listeners than readers of this magazine and other blind people. At all times I shall be most pleased to receive suggestions and criticisms from them, not as blind people, but as listeners.

I should like to thank all my friends for the good will they have shown in the matter of this appointment and for their most generous messages, and to wish them a Happy New Year.

IAN FRASER.

Lady Bute's Party

A NUMBER of St. Dunstaners attended the party arranged by the Marquis and Marchioness of Bute for blind and disabled soldiers and blind workers which was held at Cardiff on January 2nd. Over six hundred people enjoyed tea and a concert given during the afternoon by Waldini and his Gypsy Band.

Presentation to Mr. W. Osborne

AN eight-day English lever clock in chrome and limed oak, and a cheque, have been presented to Mr. W. Osborne by Sir Ian Fraser on behalf of the men of St. Dunstan's.

The inscription reads:

"Presented to W. Osborne by 'the boys' of St. Dunstan's. 1917-1936."

It was hoped that this gift could have been made in the presence of some of the mat-makers, but Mr. Osborne has to remain in the house under his doctor's orders, and so Sir Ian sent the men's greetings by letter.

Re-union Meetings

IT will be remembered that these were held from the first week in March until the middle of June, last year, instead of being distributed during the whole of the year. Larger meetings were also arranged, which enabled men who had not seen one another for some years to meet again.

It is proposed to follow a similar plan in 1937, changing the actual place of meeting in some cases. Details will be given in a later issue of the REVIEW and a personal invitation sent to each man in the usual way.

The following is the probable order and places of the meetings:—

Taunton, Dover	Before Easter
Cambridge.	
Edinburgh, York,	Before Coronation
Southsea, Oxford & Durham.	week.
Liverpool, Manchester, Birmingham, Cardiff, Leicester, Southend, Cork, Dublin and Belfast.	After Coronation week.

Matron's Thanks

ST. DUNSTAN'S ANNEXE,
BRIGHTON.

MY DEAR BOYS,

Ever so many thanks for the hundreds of lovely cards, calendars and letters I have received this Christmas and New Year from you, your wives and children. I do so appreciate your more than kind thought of me. Alas, they are too numerous for me to answer each one individually, but I send to each one of you through the medium of the REVIEW a hearty shake of the hand, and a very big "Thank you."

All possible good luck in 1937 to you all,

Your affectionate old friend,

MATRON.

Brighton News

THE festive season had a great send off by a visit from the junior boys of the Brighton College, and members of St. Anne's choir, who came to charm us with their singing of seasonable songs and carols.

As in former years the trainees were given a breaking up party before leaving for their Christmas holidays, and after a most enjoyable tea everyone had a present from Matron, and there were lucky number prizes of brushes, cigarettes, half-crowns, etc. G. Hill and H. Clevitt contributed songs, and then followed community singing accompanied by musicians from the Hippodrome, who had kindly given their services, which put the finishing touch to a most successful evening.

Everybody was in very high spirits for the Christmas Eve dance, and on Christmas morning each man found beside his plate a gift from Matron, whilst during the morning representatives from the Grocers' Federation called in to wish us the compliments of the season, and of course did not come empty-handed, but left a parcel of useful presents for every one of the boys. At 1 o'clock a large party sat down to a delicious dinner of real Christmas fare. After the plum-pudding, telegrams of good wishes were read from absent friends; the wine was then served, and Their Majesties and Sir Ian and Lady Fraser were toasted.

Matron then made one of her characteristic speeches to which W. Biggs replied, asking her to accept the gift of a hand-bag as a token of our love and esteem, remarking: "We hoped she would long be spared to reign as Commandant Matron at Brighton."

Denny then spoke a few words of appre-

ciation of the kind treatment he and his wife had received from everyone at the Annex, tendering to all St. Dunstaners the good wishes of his South African comrades.

A surprise was then announced in the shape of a visit by Mr. and Mrs. Pittman, whose annual supper and dance is such a feature, for not only is there a real evening's entertainment, but a substantial gift of money for each man lucky enough to be there. Mrs. Pittman, who received a cordial reception, announced that owing to the generosity of her friends, they had not only been able to bring along a case of port wine, but also 5s. for each of the boys to spend; this evoked loud cheers. Mr. Pittman told a couple of witty stories, and the whole company then rose and sang "For they are jolly good fellows."

The high spot was reached with the big New Year's Eve dance, at which we had the pleasure of Sir Ian and Lady Fraser's company. The decorations in the lounge which deserve a special word of praise, consisted of two huge Christmas trees, prettily lit up with fairy lights; our dear old Father Christmas stood in his usual corner, and every room was adorned with holly and evergreens, so that together with the pretty dresses of the ladies it was all a very gay and picturesque scene. Sir Ian was loudly cheered, and during his speech he paid a tribute to Matron, the Staff and visitors.

Many and varied were the prizes for the different dances, which continued until midnight, when we all joined hands and sang "Auld Lang Syne." After that everybody was busy wishing everybody else good wishes for the New Year, and so ended a Christmas noted for the happy spirit of good fellowship which reigned supreme.

P.S.—What we all want to know is, what pretty girl did Freddy Winter think he had hold of when they put Father Christmas in his arms?

An Idea for the Coronation

W. J. Parnell found the sale of his mats in Bridlington pretty slow lately, but he has just had the idea of introducing royal blue and bright red fibre into them, calling them "Coronation mats." Now orders are coming in as fast as he can make them.

The Battlefields

SIX years ago about twenty St. Dunstaners paid a visit to the battlefields, and on returning to this country, it was generally agreed that it had been a most enjoyable and interesting trip from start to finish.

It has been suggested that such another pilgrimage would be welcomed, and in consequence, an estimate has been obtained from the Workers' Travel Association for a similar visit, to take place on July 24th, 1937. The itinerary is as follows:—

SATURDAY, July 24th:

Leave Victoria, 9 a.m.
Arrive Boulogne, 12.25.
Depart Boulogne, 1.11.
Arrive Amiens, 3.30.
Afternoon free. Dinner and evening at hotel.

SUNDAY, July 25th:

Morning free.
Afternoon: Motor tour, battlefields and war graves, returning to dinner.

MONDAY, July 26th:

Leave Amiens after breakfast for Albert, Bapaume, Arras, Vimy, Lens, La Bassée, Armentières for Ypres; lunch at Arras.
Dinner and night at Ypres.

TUESDAY, July 27th:

Morning free in Ypres.
Lunch 12 noon.
Leave for Boulogne at 1 p.m. via Poperinghe, Steenwoods, Cassel, St. Omer.
Short halt for tea at St. Omer.
Depart Boulogne, 7.25 p.m.
Arrive Victoria, 11.0.

The inclusive charge for this tour is £5. 17s. 6d., and this is the outside charge.

Will all St. Dunstaners desirous of making the trip kindly communicate with Mr. Swain, who will accompany the party.

Six months is being allowed for those who would like to pay weekly or monthly sums, and amounts should be sent to Mr. Swain, who is acting as treasurer.

A number of sighted volunteers are coming with the party, which will be just a real St. Dunstan's party, with each one pulling his own weight and paying his share.

There must be many who are anxious to visit the new Memorial at Vimy Ridge.

Silver Wedding

Congratulations to F. T. Dance, of Bishop's Stortford, and his wife, who celebrated their silver wedding anniversary on 24th December.

Extracts from Letters

THE TALKING BOOK

"My radio-gram is excellent as a Talking Book. I have just returned a very good book, 'The Black Tulip.' As a gramophone the tone is superb, and as a radio the tone and volume is all that could be desired. I am only using six feet of aerial."

—J. W. CLARE, Brockenhurst.

"My radio-gram reached me safely and I have already spent several happy hours with it. It is more than satisfactory in every way and I cannot find a word to express adequately the pleasure it affords. I have never heard better reproduction of speech or music. The independence afforded by the Braille marking of stations is a new source of delight."

—C. J. R. FAWCETT, Bournemouth.

"I would like to add my appreciation of the Talking Book. I have had one just over a year—first, a small machine and then a radio-de-luxe."

"I think that a copy of 'The First Hundred Thousand' ought to be handed down with our medals so that people might know a little of what the War was like. It is a faithful representation. I hope that Major Beith will soon write his other book. I am looking forward to it."

—W. WARD, St. Leonards-on-Sea.

"My radio-gram Talking Book is a perfect beauty. I have received from the Library 'Death at Broadcasting House,' a real thriller of A.1 quality and one that I can thoroughly recommend."

—F. A. RHODES, N.W.6.

Drummer Downs Wins at Darts

DRUMMER DOWNS challenged a representative of Whitbread's S.W. Darts League, after an exhibition match in aid of St. Dunstan's at the Richmond Arms, Earl's Court, on December 15th—and won. The stakes were £1 (for St. Dunstan's) and Drummer had to get a single four against his opponent's 101. There was great excitement when, after about eighteen darts, Drummer threw the winning number.

St. Dunstaners and the British Legion

F. J. Westaway, of Yeovil, who has been a member of the Legion for fifteen years now, has just been re-elected a member of the Relief Committee on which he has served for nine years.

At the Annual Conference of the Kent British Legion on December 5th, J. Sheehy, of Dover, was again elected to the office of Vice-President of the Kent Council.

"In Memory"

Private JAMES HENRY HEY

(6th Duke of Wellington's West Riding Regiment)

It is with deepest regret that we announce the death of J. H. Hey, of Keighley.

Hey served with the West Riding Regiment for practically the whole period of the War. He was severely wounded at Poperinghe and as a result, lost the sight of both eyes. He came to St. Dunstan's towards the end of 1918, married during his training period, and eventually settled in his home town as a boot repairer in July, 1920. He carried on at this occupation for a good many years, but was then obliged to give up working at this trade owing to local conditions. Since then he had led a quiet life at home. His death on 24th November, as the result of an accident, was totally unexpected.

Hey was one of the most popular members of the Keighley Branch of the British Legion, and representatives of the Haworth and Keighley branches attended his funeral at Ingrow Churchyard on 28th November. The coffin, which was covered with the Union Jack, was borne by members of his old Company, and among the many mourners was Major A. B. Clarkson, under whom Hey served in France.

A wreath from Sir Ian Fraser and his comrades at St. Dunstan's was among the many sent. We extend our deepest sympathy to Hey's widow.

Private PATRICK O'BRIEN

(Northamptonshire Regiment)

WE have to report, with deep regret, the death of another St. Dunstaner, Patrick O'Brien, of Nenagh, Ireland, who died in Thurles Hospital on 30th November, 1936. O'Brien served with the Northamptonshire Regiment, and later with the R.A.M.C. during the Great War, and his sight was damaged as a result, but it was not until 1934 that his case was brought to the notice of St. Dunstan's, when he was admitted to benefits. On account of his age and his indifferent health, however, any serious training was out of the question. He had a short stay at Brighton, but he had been a sick man for a long time and was in hospital for a considerable period before his death.

O'Brien was buried at Tyrone Abbey, Nenagh, after the body had rested in the local Catholic Church overnight. Officials and members of the local branch of the British Legion attended, and many wreaths were sent, including one from Sir Ian and his comrades at St. Dunstan's.

He was a widower; we send our sympathy to his relatives.

Private THOMAS ROGERS

(2nd Devonshire Regiment)

WE deeply regret to announce the death of T. Rogers, of West Alvington, Devon.

Rogers served in the Great War at Comblès in France, where he was badly wounded, and as a result, lost both his eyes.

He came to us in 1917 and took up the occupations of boot repairing and mat making. He carried on with the latter until a few years ago when his health began to fail. Recently he was removed to hospital when it was found that he was in a very serious state of ill-health, and he passed away on 20th December.

The funeral was attended by a great many friends and relatives, and among the wreaths were those from the British Legion and from Sir Ian Fraser and his comrades at St. Dunstan's.

We send our sincere sympathy to his widow and family, the youngest member of which is only two months old.

Sergeant ALBERT EDWARD SHERWOOD

(Royal Army Service Corps)

It is with deep regret that we record the death of A. E. Sherwood, of Reading.

Sherwood came to St. Dunstan's in 1921 and took up various occupations, among them basket making, at which he worked until quite recently. It was only a short time before his death that we heard of his illness and removal to hospital, and therefore his passing on 14th December was most unexpected.

The funeral took place a few days later at Caversham, where the members of the South African War Veterans' Association formed a guard of honour at the graveside. Many relatives and friends were present and a great many wreaths were received including one from our Chairman and his comrades at St. Dunstan's.

We send our very sincere sympathy to Mrs. Sherwood and her sons and daughter.

Pioneer FRANCIS THATCHER

(Royal Engineers)

WE deeply regret to announce the death of F. Thatcher, of Swindon.

Thatcher came to St. Dunstan's in 1917 and took up the occupations of boot repairing

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and mat making, but after some years had to give up owing to ill-health. For some time past his health had been growing worse and his death on 26th December was not unexpected. The funeral took place at Radnor Cemetery, near Swindon, a few days later. A wreath in the form of our badge was sent from Sir Ian Fraser and his comrades at St. Dunstan's.

We send our very sincere sympathy to Mrs. Thatcher and her son and daughter.

Driver J. H. SHARPE
(Royal Field Artillery)

WITH regret we have to record the death of another St. Dunstan's man, J. H. Sharpe, of Leicester. After serving for some time Sharpe was discharged from the Army in 1918, but it was not until 1925 that the condition of his sight became such as to bring him under the notice of St. Dunstan's. He took a certain amount of training, leaving early in 1926. For a few years he carried on with mat making, but for a considerable period before his death he, unfortunately, had such indifferent health that he was not able to do much in this connection.

After some weeks' illness he died on Boxing Day at his home. A wreath was sent from Sir Ian and his comrades and we extend our sympathy to his wife and daughter.

Births

- GWYN.—To the wife of A. I. Gwyn, of Lowestoft, on the 21st November, a son—David Barry.
 HORNER.—To the wife of R. Horner, of Netherthong, on the 19th November, a son—Gerald.
 JUDD.—To the wife of W. Judd, of Hayes, on the 20th December, a daughter—Gloria Fay.
 MORRIS.—To the wife of H. Morris, of Welling, on the 4th December, a son.
 PIDCOCK.—To the wife of R. Pidcock, of East Leake, on the 14th November, a daughter.

Deaths

- Our sincere sympathy is offered this month to the following:—
 ANDERSON.—To T. C. Anderson, of Cardiff, who lost his wife on 11th January.
 BOOTHMAN.—To J. W. Boothman, of Salford, whose father passed away on 18th December at the age of 71.
 BOLTON.—To J. Bolton, of Wigan, who has suffered a further loss by the death of his brother in Sydney, Australia, on 9th December. Only seven weeks ago, Bolton lost another brother.
 BECK.—To C. E. Beck, of Bishop's Stortford, whose father has died very suddenly.
 CREASEY.—T. F. Creasey, of Lancing, whose father has passed away.
 DENNY.—To the wife of E. Denny, of South Africa (now at Brighton for training), who has suffered a further bereavement by the death of her youngest brother in South Africa. Mrs. Denny's father passed away last September.
 GRATTIDGE.—To the wife of C. Grattidge, of Tyseley, Birmingham, whose mother died recently.
 INSKIPP.—To R. A. Inskipp, of Becontree, whose wife passed away in hospital on 12th January.
 LANE.—To M. Lane, of Tottenham, who lost his mother on 11th December, at the age of 77.
 NIGHTINGALE.—To H. C. Nightingale, of Brighton, whose brother has died after an illness of only a week.
 PALMER.—To J. Palmer, of Whitby, Ontario, Canada, whose wife passed away on 9th December.

- SPENCER.—To W. Spencer, of Weaste, Salford, whose wife passed away on the 9th December.
 WALKER.—To J. Walker, of Manchester, who lost his father on the 26th December.

Marriage

- CLARKE-SAUNDERS.—On 28th November, 1936, at Saltash Register Office, R. A. Clarke, of Gunnislake, Cornwall, to Miss E. B. Saunders, of Brighton.

Young St. Dunstaners

Sydney, the son of H. W. Young, of Putney, has passed, with credit, the Commercial Examination of his night school.

Laurence John, the eldest son of J. Windle, of Hendon, has won a scholarship which takes him to the Hendon Central School.

Frederick, the son of W. Walker, of Gosport, has matriculated, with distinction in four subjects. He has also passed the Civil Service examination and has entered the Mechanical Training Establishment at Chatham, where he will serve an apprenticeship as an electrical artificer.

Tom Hill, son of H. E. Hill, of Devizes, who is sixteen, has passed his R.A.F. examination.

Dennis, the son of A. H. Singleton, of Grantham, has won a scholarship which takes him to a Central School until he is 15.

Hetty Tootell was married at Preston on December 19th.

Non-Stop Pantomimes

BY A CORRESPONDENT.

IT has been suggested that, these holidays, there should be introduced Non-Stop Pantomimes with Non-Stop Demon Kings, Non-Stop Fairy Queens, and Non-Stop Happy-Ever-After all complete. "Progress!" is the cry, and, personally, I always did maintain that our witches and fairies and such were a little bit old-fashioned and disinclined to move with the times. They never seem to me quite to pull their weight, although it must be admitted that, in the case of pantomime Fairy Queens, it is sometimes the deuce of a weight to pull.

Take, however, the average Demon King. His day's work is a positive sinecure. At 8 p.m. he breathes a terrible curse and vanishes, to be seen no more until 11, when he may be observed kneeling at the business end of the Fairy Queen's wand in a terrible state of sweat and grease paint. The Fairy Queen herself, it is true, works a little harder, for she has to appear in the middle of the show as well while they are making one of their noisier changes of scenery, there to sing "It's a sin to tell a lie," or some such favourite ditty of the moment.

On the whole, however, these fairies and demons have a pretty easy job, and, while the rest of the world is putting its shoulder to the wheel, and leaving no stone unturned and generally going all senior politician, they continue to live in the Golden Age. Now they are threatened with the Non-Stop Age and it will behove them to come out of their several fairy ruts with a devilish jerk.

For now, instead of doing her one good deed a night like the Good Old Scout she is, the Fairy Queen will have to do it half a dozen times, while, conversely, the Demon King will have to do a whole series of naughty acts before he can creep home to the Nether Regions to have a doss down for the night. With luck, indeed, his bad deeds might approximate to a daily dozen and think how healthy *that* would be for him!

Personally, I should like to see them go the whole hog and have a "Crazy Week of Pantomime," with the Demon King chasing the Fairy Queen all over the theatre and little green demons popping up at you

in the bar—as indeed they sometimes do at present.

In fact, while they are fitting our pantomimes with all these modern improvements, I should like to see some Automatic Traffic Control for the Demon King and his satellites. As it is, they come bounding on and dashing all over the stage without so much as the toot of a horn or a "by your leave," and all the time the red light is full on. That should be altered. Let them come on only when there is a green light, and when the green changes through amber to red, let them halt and give a chance to other heavy traffic, comedians, for example.

Of course, there are bound to be difficulties with Non-Stop Pantomimes. Perhaps, at first, it will be rather bewildering when you get in half way through and sit right round to the middle again. It will probably puzzle the unthinking to know why in one scene Cinderella is a Princess and full of beans, glass slippers, and bonhomie, and in the very next is sitting in the kitchen in rags and tatters telling the world that nobody loves her except the Page Boy, Buttons. I am sure that the best Princesses do not gad about with elderly Page Boys with illuminated noses.

Ali Baba will be a bit awkward too. The curtain will fall on forty dead thieves in forty jars and will then again rise immediately to show them all alive and kicking their heels in the air as though there were never a jar in the world. Dick Whittington will prove a puzzle too. One minute you will see him Lord Mayor of London, surrounded by ermine and mocked by turtles, and the next he will be in the real soup as Idle Apprentice Dick in very tight trousers. Perhaps, by the way, it is these tight trousers that make Dick so idle, for they would lose him any office boy's job in the world. An office boy simply must crease his trousers, and I'll swear that the average Dick Whittington could not crease hers, unless she got into the trouser press herself.

Red Riding Hood would be even worse, for Grandmama would have to reappear instantly after having been devoured by the wolf, a grim notion.

All the same, it seems to me that this Non-Stop Pantomime idea is a very good one. In fact, I can only think of one better, and that is a Non-Start Pantomime!

Historic Newspaper for St. Dunstan's.

A COPY of a newspaper, *The Sun*, dated 3rd October, 1798, which has been presented to St. Dunstan's, contains Lord (then Sir Horatio) Nelson's own account of the Battle of the Nile. It describes how the news was received at the Drury Lane Theatre when additional verses to "Rule Britannia" alluding to the victory were sung, and, in the words of the article, "the audience joined in the choruses with an enthusiasm and rapture that language cannot reproduce."

A Word of Warning

DURING the last few weeks, two cases have been reported in the newspapers of fatal accidents caused by people mistaking poison liquid in bottles. In one case the person was sighted, but in the second it was a blind man.

The law demands that poison liquids must be dispensed in bottles or containers which are easily distinguished by their colour and shape. Most chemists use a dark green or dark blue bottle for poisons, and their bottles are usually hexagonal, or six-sided. There is, however, no hard and fast rule about this, and St. Dunstaners should see that they are very familiar with the shapes of bottles which contain anything of a poisonous nature.

The suggestion has been made that to prevent such accidents among blind people, a small bell might be tied to the neck of a poison bottle. This seems a good idea, but probably St. Dunstaners have their own ways of distinguishing between articles which feel the same. We should like to hear of them, because they would be worth passing on.

Buy St. Dunstan's Goods

IN a letter to Headquarters, A. H. Luker, of Boar's Hill, near Oxford, writes:—

"Don't you think it would help with St. Dunstan's sale of goods if you suggested to every St. Dunstaner that when buying Christmas and birthday presents, they bought various articles made by ourselves? Our friends would show the goods to their friends, and so advertise our work."

We think it is a splendid idea, and look forward to other St. Dunstaners following Luker's own example in sending up orders for our goods.

SPORTS CLUB NOTES

Dance

There will be a DANCE at Headquarters on Tuesday evening, February 2nd, at 7.30.

Twelve-Mile Walk

The 12-Mile Walk will take place on Saturday, February 27th, starting from Headquarters at 2.30 p.m. Entries to Sports Office not later than February 15th please.

Christmas Dance

There was a record attendance for the Christmas Dance which was held in the lounge at Headquarters on December 15th, and the evening was a great success. The lounge was beautifully decorated for the occasion. There were many spot prizes, and during the evening a ballot took place for a long list of articles, all gifts of friends.

Birmingham News

ONCE again the Alexandra Musical Society entertained a number of disabled ex-servicemen to dinner and a musical programme on the night of December 18th. About twenty St. Dunstaners were present and enjoyed the evening to the full, several of them being lucky enough to win prizes of turkeys, cakes, etc.

St. Dunstaner's Book for Children

FR LE GROS CLARK and Ida Clark "covers the identity of a St. Dunstan's officer and his wife, who are the authors of two charming children's books just published by Lawrence and Wishart, "Adventures of the Little Pig" and "The Enchanted Fishes." These books form the first and second numbers of "The Little Leopard Books."

Mr. Clark, who already has a number of books to his credit, also broadcast recently.

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. Stracey, 21A Portland Place, Brighton.