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For Blinded British Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen

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South African War-disabled at St. Dunstan's

THROUGH the generosity of Sir Abe Bailey, Bart., a party of fifty disabled South African ex-servicemen were able to come to this country for the Coronation, and on Tuesday, May 18th, we had the pleasure of welcoming them at Headquarters.

Captain Sir Ian and Lady Fraser received the guests in the Lounge, where a number of our men had gathered to meet them, and within a short while, St. Dunstaners and South Africans were busy exchanging reminiscences.

Speaking after tea, Capt. Sir Ian Fraser said: "When I first heard that this gathering might be possible, I wondered whether you would prefer a small party with some of my St. Dunstan's friends, or whether you would merely like to see round St. Dunstan's. Then I thought that as you haven't as many legs between you as you ought to have, it might be a happier and more agreeable way if we were to meet at tea and have the opportunity of talking to each other, rather than do any formal inspecting. To see St. Dunstan's to-day is not merely to walk round the building. It is to look into two thousand separate homes. It was thought that the best thing for a blinded soldier, after he had learned to be blind, was that he should go back into his own home, there to take up the threads of his old life. This was true rehabilitation. All

the men of the British Empire—from the Dominion forces and the Colonial forces—who were blinded in the war, came to St. Dunstan's to be under its care. They are still under its care, and will remain under its care until the end of their lives. If there is any other ex-serviceman in the British Empire whose sight has failed as a result of his war service, St. Dunstan's is here to help him in every way."

In conclusion, Sir Ian hoped that their visitors were enjoying their stay in London and would go back to South Africa with the happiest memories of their visit, and an even deeper realization of the strong bond of unity between the nations of the British Empire.

Expressing Sir Abe Bailey's regret that he could not be present that afternoon, Sir Ian mentioned his own close personal ties with South Africa. "Although my mother brought me to England to be born, I can say that I was first thought of there, and I was taken back, to spend the first ten years of my life in South Africa."

Captain Dunning, of Durban, then responded on behalf of the South African visitors. He expressed his thanks for the splendid welcome London had given them. Wherever they had gone, he said, the public had entertained them right royally. It had been an additional pleasure to come to St. Dunstan's and to meet its men, and he spoke, he said, for all his comrades, who were truly representative, since they came from every part of South Africa.

Royal Messages to St. Dunstan's

Birthday messages of congratulation on behalf of St. Dunstaners all over the Empire were sent by Captain Sir Ian Fraser to His Majesty the King on June 9th, and to Her Majesty Queen Mary on May 26th.

The telegrams, and Their Majesties' replies, were as follows:

June 9th, 1937.

HIS MAJESTY THE KING, Buckingham Palace, London.

The blinded soldiers of the Empire send a humble message of loyalty and congratulations.

IAN FRASER, St. Dunstan's.

Captain SIR IAN FRASER, St. Dunstan's.

Please convey the King's sincere thanks to all who joined in your kind and loyal message on the celebration of His Majesty's birthday.

ALEXANDER HARDINGE.

May 26th, 1937.

HER MAJESTY QUEEN MARY, Marlborough House, London.

Empire blinded soldiers send their loyal greetings and best wishes on the occasion of Your Majesty's birthday.

IAN FRASER, St. Dunstan's.

May 27th, 1937.

Sir IAN FRASER, St. Dunstan's.

I am commanded by Queen Mary to thank you and the Empire blinded soldiers for the very kind message of congratulation and good wishes on the anniversary of Her Majesty's birthday.

PRIVATE SECRETARY.

News of St. Dunstaners

H. V. Frampton presided at a party given to two hundred poor children by the Highams Park Toc H. Our St. Dunstaner is chairman of the branch.

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J. Brockerton, of Coleraine, is well and busy. At present he is engaged on a pair of mats for Australia. He has already sent mats to England, Scotland, Wales, Canada, South Africa, and the United States.

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The *Lytham Express* recently devoted two columns to an article on our St. Dunstaner, E. H. Raymond, of St. Annes. The writer was particularly impressed by the handsome console wireless set which Raymond had made for himself. Assembling sets is one of his hobbies.

Derby Sweepstake, 1937

THE entries for the 1937 Derby Sweepstake were not quite as high as last year, but there is still little doubt about its popularity. 1,277 tickets were sold against 1,316 last year, and after deducting printing and postage expenses, a sum of £153 was left to be distributed in accordance with the published rules.

The draw was made in the Lounge at Headquarters on Thursday, May 27th, by "Jock" Brown and S. Green, a trainee, and Mr. Banks, Mr. Swain, Commander Smyth and the Editor of the REVIEW were among those who witnessed it.

The result of the Sweepstake was as follows:—

First. MID-DAY SUN.

A. S. Dolby, Palmers Green £76. 10s. 0d.
Ticket No. 301

Second. SANDSPRITE.

J. W. Abbs, Guist, Norfolk £30. 12s. 0d.
Ticket No. 286

Third. LE GRAND DUC.

J. Brockerton, Coleraine, Ireland £15. 6s. 0d.
Ticket No. 315

The holders of tickets drawing runners in the race received £1 14s. each, and these were: W. Buckle, Ruislip (529), Battle Royal; J. Lever, Salford (650), Cash Book; W. C. Carnell, Bampton (129), Fairford; R. Young, Tweedmouth (923), Full Sail; A. Jolly, East Ham (404), Gainsborough Lass; J. Hollinrake, Hove (531), Goya II; Capt. J. C. Trulock, Northallerton (637), Honquan; E. L. Woods, Malmesbury (523), Inglefield; J. Thomas, Llandow (169), Le Bambino; J. J. Jerrard, Peckham (1183), Le Ksar; F. Rodwell, Tring (1094), Pascal; F. W. Thompson, Tavistock (133), Perifox; C. Wilshaw, Worthing (102), Renardo; J. W. Roylance, Atherton (685), Scarlet Plume; G. Latham, Medstead, (419) Snowfall; T. Ashall, Billinge, nr. Wigan (1139), Solfo; W. Capstick, Lancaster (223), The Hour; J. Thompson, Bolton (308), Winnebar.

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W. Sankey, Northiam (457), drew Frank Hals, which was subsequently scratched.

A. H. Wernham, Bracknell (540), drew The Field.

Talking Books

FOR the benefit of those St. Dunstaners who have Talking-Book machines, I give below a brief resumé of several books which are shortly to be added to the Library—three of which are, in fact, already in circulation:

Blandings' Castle, by P. G. Wodehouse.
Read by A. E. McDonald.

Typical P. G. Wodehouse short stories—need one say more?

White Ladies, by Francis Brett Young.
Read by A. E. McDonald.

A beautiful study of the search for beauty and happiness of a heroine for whom we feel continual sympathy. Incidentally, a study, as authentic as only Francis Brett Young can write, of conditions in industrial England, from the employers' standpoint, mainly during the last hundred years.

450 Miles to Freedom, by Capt. Yearsley and Johnston.

Read by A. E. McDonald.

The adventurous story, by two officers, of their escape from a Turkish Prison Camp during the War. Admirable sketch of conditions in Asia Minor.

Blood Relations, by Sir Philip Gibbs.

Read by Lionel Gamlin.

The story of a young German who comes to England just before the War to finish his education at Oxford and marries an Englishwoman. It is a sympathetic study of the subsequent difficulties which arise out of their respective loyalties.

The Man Nobody Knows, by Bruce Barton.

Read by Lionel Gamlin.

A business man on religion.

The Doctor's Dilemma, by George Bernard Shaw.

Read by E. le Breton Martin.

Shaw among the doctors—a play.

H. V. KERR.

Silver Weddings

Congratulations to A. G. Herne, of Rayleigh, and his wife, who celebrated their silver wedding on June 12th, and to J. Macfarlane, of Barnhill, near Dundee, whose anniversary will fall on June 28th.

To Those Interested in Gardening

WE have come across a very useful type of light garden shears which several St. Dunstaners have found can be used quite successfully. They are called Prinateers, and are being sold at 1s. 6d. They are about 10 in. long, and, as they have a spring fitted to the handle, they can be operated with one hand, and are excellent for trimming the edges of the lawn and general light pruning work in the garden. Should anyone interested not be able to obtain them, we shall be pleased to send a pair on receipt of a postal order for 1s. 6d.

Rabbits in a Rockery

THERE was excitement at W. Ruddock's home at Northallerton the other Sunday morning. He was busy in his front garden when his Irish terrier, Paddy, started to scratch in his rockery, which is quite a large one. Soon nothing but his tail was visible, when out came six young wild rabbits. They were about a month old, and as big as rats.

Ruddock wanted to keep them, but the point was getting them to take food. He solved this by using an old eye-dropper which he filled with warm milk and water. Each one was fed in turn, and Ruddock says they were always ready at feeding time, which was three times a day for about four days.

Now they are all going strong and have nothing but green food. Ruddock is keeping them, and intends to mix the breed later with a tame English black and white rabbit.

Holiday Apartments

Brighton

Board Residence. Special terms for St. Dunstaners. Full board, 30s. per week. Children half price.—Mrs. Stracey, 4 Bloomsbury Street, Brighton.

Morecambe

Accommodation for summer visitors.—Mrs. Anderson, 16 Balmoral Avenue, Sandylands, Morecambe, Lancs.

Sheringham

Comfortable apartments, near woods and sea. Terms moderate.—Mrs. T. A. Williams, "Edenmoor," The Rise, Sheringham, Norfolk.

Southend-on-Sea

Furnished apartments, bed and breakfast; near sea and amusement grounds. Children not objected to.—Mrs. F. Worlidge, 24 Stanley Road, Southend-on-Sea.

"In Memory"

Rifleman SIDNEY JAMES CURTIS, D.C.M.
(1st Rifle Brigade)

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of S. J. Curtis, of Perth, Western Australia.

Curtis enlisted in the army as early as 1903, saw service in the Great War and was wounded on the Somme, but did not come under St. Dunstan's care until 1919. Trained as a basket maker and netter, he was particularly efficient in regard to the latter occupation and continued to carry on with this for very many years both in England and later in Australia where he and his family settled in 1924.

News of his death, which took place on the 27th April, was quite unexpected. He was accorded a full military funeral and members of the Old Contemptibles' Association attended.

Curtis leaves a widow and five children to whom we extend our deepest sympathy.

Private JOHN EDWARD BROWN
(9th Middlesex Regiment)

We deeply regret to record the death of J. E. Brown of Sudbury.

This St. Dunstaner lost his sight while serving in India. He was admitted to St. Dunstan's in 1921, and was trained as a shorthand-typist. He first took up a post at the Enemy Debts Department, and then in 1931 was transferred to the Ministry of Labour, Whitehall, where he continued until his death. His health had been failing for some time so his death was not altogether unexpected. The funeral took place a week later at Alperton Cemetery, and was attended by relatives and many friends including one of his St. Dunstan's fellow workers at the Ministry of Labour, Mr. A. M. Hunt. Many wreaths were received, including one in the form of our badge from Sir Ian and his comrades at St. Dunstan's.

Our deep sympathy goes out to his wife, son and daughter.

Births

ALDRIDGE.—To the wife of A. R. Aldridge, of Ealing, on the 15th June, a son.

KEEN.—To the wife of W. J. Keen, of Purton, a daughter.

Deaths

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

DIXON.—To J. Dixon, of Watford, whose mother passed away on the 8th June.

FINKLE.—To H. Finkle, of Sunderland, whose mother died on the 12th June.

FOX.—To J. W. Fox, of Hanley, a new St. Dunstaner, who lost his father on the 25th May.

HORRIDGE.—To J. Horridge, of Atherton, who lost his father on the 8th June.

MATTHEWS.—To the wife of G. H. Matthews, of Haydock, whose father was taken ill at their home, and passed away shortly afterwards.

PEACH.—To the wife of T. Peach, of Luton, who has recently lost her father.

News of Young St. Dunstaners

Dennis, the son of P. R. Coles, of Boston Manor, has gained a scholarship to the Ealing County School.

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Irene, the daughter of G. H. Richards, of Manchester, who won a scholarship for the Central School, took the soprano solo at the Festival of Flowers at the local church.

Although she has only been taking singing lessons for five months, Violet, daughter of E. Roberts, of Abergele, has already passed the Primary and Elementary Grades of the Royal Academy and the Royal College of Music. She also gained third place for girls under 18 at the Liverpool Musical Festival.

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Evelyn, the daughter of A. J. Hornsby, of Sheffield, was the only pupil in her class to pass the first grade for the Higher Central School.

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Mollie Cook, daughter of our telephonist, A. C. Cook, of Mapperley, won a silver cup—the first prize—in the pianoforte solo (under 12) class, at the Carlton and District Musical Festival.

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Two young St. Dunstaners have recently married—Christina Daly, eldest daughter of J. Daly, of Dublin, and Sarah Lee, daughter of J. Lee, of Sacriston.

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The son of H. Simpson, of New Edlington, has won the Doncaster Challenge Cup for Snooker for the second year in succession.

St. Dunstan's Part in Coronation Festival

C. DURKIN, of Putney, whose good work for the Roehampton Estate is well-known, was Chairman of the Estate's Coronation Festival Committee which carried through a wonderful programme of celebrations. By a door-to-door collection since last September, funds amounting to roughly £260 were raised. A tea party to fifteen hundred school-children, an afternoon of sports, dances for children and grown-ups, were among the many items. Another was the selection and crowning of a Festival Queen. In the eliminating round, two of the three judges were ladies well known to St. Dunstaners—Miss Lloyd and Miss Read (Auntie).

National Laying Test

REPORT for the eighth period of four weeks, April 19th to May 15th.

Position.	Name.	Test score value
1	Hill, R. E. ...	798
2	Holmes, P. ...	744
3	Holmes, P. ...	727
4	McLaren, David ...	711
5	Smith, W. Alan ...	676
6	Carpenter, E. H. ...	662
7	Knopp, H. A. ...	643
8	Pink, A. ...	600
9	Coman, A. E. ...	598
10	Fisher, T. M. ...	582
11	Brown, C. H. ...	550
12	Fisher, T. M. ...	543
13	McLaren, David ...	539
14	Hammett, H. A. ...	536
15	Jackson, G. C. ...	524
16	Richardson, H. ...	515
17	Chaffin, Albert ...	510
18	Powell, George ...	492
19	Smith, W. Alan ...	443
20	McIntosh, C. ...	439
21	Woodcock, W. J. ...	430
22	Gwyn, A. Ivor ...	426
23	Davies, G. ...	426
24	Stock, C. H. ...	422
25	Chaffin, Albert ...	420
26	Webb, W. ...	414
27	Carpenter, E. H. ...	392
28	James, G. ...	373
29	Campbell, J. ...	366
30	Hamilton, B. ...	303
31	Miller, H. S. ...	224
32	Miller, H. S. ...	215
33	Boorman, F. W. ...	118

Reunion Meetings

THE 1937 Reunions are nearly over. There remain now only the Liverpool, Manchester, and Irish meetings to complete the programme.

At each meeting, with the exception of Dover, and Durham which he was unable to attend owing to illness, Captain Sir Ian Fraser has presided. At Dover, Captain A. D. Macdonald, M.C., a member of St. Dunstan's Council, was in the Chair. Lady Fraser has attended every meeting, and we have been very glad indeed to welcome guests at most of the Reunions. Colonel G. L. Thornton was at Exeter, the Mayor, Alderman G. M. Norman, and Brigadier the Hon. P. G. Scarlett, M.C., were present at Dover, and at Cambridge, Sir Ian was supported by the Mayor, Alderman W. Briggs.

At Edinburgh, the toast of St. Dunstan's was proposed by the Earl of Airlie, and here St. Dunstaners had the opportunity of meeting Commander A. Smyth, who has recently been appointed to St. Dunstan's staff, and whose first meeting this was as Welfare Superintendent of the Northern Area. Two Members of Parliament, Mr. J. C. M. Guy and Mr. Erskine Hill, were also our guests at this Reunion. The Lord Mayor of York and Lieut.-Col. H. S. Lickman, President of the Yorkshire Branch of the British Legion, were at York, while our guests at Southsea were Major-General Sir John Edward Capper, K.C.B., Chairman of the Hampshire Committee of the Legion, and Sir Clutha Mackenzie, Capt. the Hon. B. Freeman-Mitford, Chairman of the Oxfordshire County Committee of the British Legion, and Mr. W. E. Hone, Chairman of the Oxford City Branch, attended the Oxford meeting. At Durham, Capt. W. Appleby took Sir Ian's place in the Chair, supported by Brigadier-General E. P. A. Riddell, C.M.G., D.S.O., President of the North Eastern Section of the British Legion. Mr. F. J. Lockyer, Chairman of the Blind Persons' Sub-Committee of Southend Corporation, represented the Mayor on this occasion, while the Legion was represented by Captain F. Cornish, Chairman of the Essex County Committee. At Birmingham, we welcomed Major E. V. Newbery, and at Cardiff, the Lord Mayor and Colonel Rees, of the Ministry of Pensions. Mr. S. E. Perry, Chairman

of the Leicester and Rutland Council of the British Legion, was present at the Leicester meeting.

St. Dunstaners heard with pleasure from Sir Ian that His Majesty the King had consented to become the Patron of our organization. Sir Ian also spoke of the benefits which would be derived from the new Brighton Home.

Letters to the Editor

PATIENCE.

The Editor, ST. DUNSTAN'S REVIEW.

DEAR SIR,

With regard to the enquiry in the March REVIEW about patience, I often play card patience when my braille has run out.

If there are two players, one on either side of the table, the dealer hands out to the other, four cards at a time, face downwards on top of each other, until he has six lots of four. Then he deals himself six lots of four, placing the remaining four cards in the centre of the table. One player's sets of four are numbers 1-6; the other's cards from 7 to Queen. One of the four from the centre is turned up. If it is a three, then a card from the third lot of four is turned up. This might be a ten, so a card from the tenth lot, owned by the other player, is turned up, and so on. The turned up cards are thrown into a heap after their number has been noted. When a King turns up, a card from the centre is taken, and when the four centre cards have been exhausted, you have "busted." If you play them all out, the player who loses all his cards first wins.

If three play, each player has four lots of four cards, one lot numbering from one to four, the other, five to eight, and the third, nine to Queen.

If there are four players, each has three lots of four cards.

In the case of a player losing all his cards first, even though the other player turns up a King for his last card, the former wins.

G. FALLOWFIELD.

THE FALL IN EGG PRICES.

The Editor, ST. DUNSTAN'S REVIEW.

DEAR SIR,

I feel sure all St. Dunstan's poultry keepers will be very grateful to Sir Ian Fraser and Mr. Ferguson for having placed our case so strongly before the Minister of Agriculture. I should like to make the following comments on the Minister's evasive reply.

1. The mild winter has nothing to do with the fall in prices during the winter, as the winter of 1935-36 was equally mild and far less wet. The slump in January and February was not due to mildness but to South American eggs in the first instance and Danish eggs subsequently.

2. Why should the years 1934 and 1935 be taken as indices of prosperity? They were the years during which egg prices touched bottom; if every time prices rise slightly above the levels of those years the Government is going to use the rise as a pretext for doing nothing and heaving a sigh of relief, then it is a poor lookout for us when prices are rising all round.

3. It is true that prices improved to the extent of about 1d. per dozen during March but this rise did not compensate for the rise in food prices and subsequently in April there has been a further relapse due to heavy Danish imports.

4. The argument given by the Minister of Agriculture that nothing can be done in the matter of restriction of imports because of the Trade Agreements is falsified by a reply given by Mr. Burgin in the House of Commons who stated that these agreements placed no restriction on quantitative regulation. In any case these trade agreements are subject to four months' notice and there are also several countries sending increased imports of eggs with whom we have no trade agreements.

Let me deal finally with the Government's excuse for doing nothing because we have no marketing scheme under the Agricultural Marketing Act. One of the reasons why the Reorganization Commission's marketing scheme was not acceptable to poultry farmers was because it was clear that the Government were unwilling to give any guarantee of a regulation of imports even if the scheme were accepted. The scheme would be expensive to run and would be torpedoed if imports were not subject to similar regulation.

The real problem is not so much the actual volume of imports spread over the year, but the sudden and unexpected bursts of imports which demoralize the market for several weeks. Until the general standard of living of the industrial worker is raised, eggs must remain a semi-luxury article of diet over certain seasons of the year so that the demand is very sensitive. Sudden gluts due to unexpected imports during the winter months cannot be easily absorbed when the public has to be coaxed into eating eggs which on account of the price have become a semi-luxury. The point is that imports must be controlled so that they do not cause a periodical demoralization of the market.

A. H. CAPPER.

The Minister's Reply

Mr. W. S. Morrison's reply to Capper's letter, addressed to Captain Sir Ian Fraser, was as follows:

DEAR FRASER,—Thank you for letting me see a copy of Mr. Capper's letter on the present position of the poultry industry. I may say that I am not conscious of having been evasive in any of my replies to the innumerable questions and letters that have been addressed to me on this subject. I have endeavoured to the best of my ability to make the position entirely clear, but it seems from Mr. Capper's letter that there are still one or two points on which there is misunderstanding, and you may like to have the following comments on the specific points he raises.

(1) This is a flat contradiction of a statement made in my previous letter. I can only repeat that reports we received from a number of sources showed conclusively that mild weather on the Continent had led to substantially increased production of eggs, with a resultant increase in importation into this country. The effect of the return to more normal weather in mid-January was seen in an immediate drop in the volume of importation.

No Man's Land

(BY A CORRESPONDENT).

THE season has approached when no periodical is complete without an article on "The Ideal Holiday." One expert in vacational ideality bids the reader go and obtain change by taking on a job in a lunatic asylum. Another tells him to go on a cruise as well. Yet a third bids him explore his own home town and see the sights of London, while a fourth crystallizes the same idea in a nutshell by recommending him to visit Downing Street during the political rush hour, which, as everyone knows, is from nine to ten on alternate February the 29ths.

Let me add my small (and, I hope, original) quota (or should it be quatum?) to this burning topic. In the first place, it is quite clear that what everyone is after during holiday time is a change. Very few of the experts' suggestions suggest change to me. They all seem too much like work. What is more, even if you go into the wildest wilds, you never get really away from the normal. What I should like for a holiday is something as remote from the usual as possible. Find this and you find your ideal holiday.

My first thought was a holiday entirely spent on a seaside pier. Here, it seemed to me at first, was something quite outside the ordinary experience. Once on a pier, you are out of England and yet you are not abroad. You have definitely left your native country and are in a kind of windy and wooden No Man's Land. You are of Britain, but not in it. In theory, it seemed to me that you could snap your fingers at the old country, without the formality of flying from it pursued by the police. I had never heard of anyone being arrested for exceeding 30 m.p.h. on a pier, and I surmised that the long arm of British Justice ceased the moment you had turnstiled yourself into a pier-dweller for twopence. Theoretically, I am sure that it should be so. Practically, I was undeceived one day by seeing a gentleman very roughly haled off to prison for purloining someone else's halibut caught a few minutes before at great expense and trouble.

So the pier dream faded and now the Restaurant Car dream has taken its place. I can see no flaw whatever in a holiday

(2) Prices of eggs in 1936 as a whole were 7 per cent higher than in 1935, and in 1935 prices were 7 per cent higher than in 1934. I am fully aware that prices reached their lowest level in 1934 and I trust that nothing I have said has left me open to the accusation that I am taking the years 1934 and 1935 as "indices of prosperity."

To balance the picture, however, it must be pointed out that from 1931 onwards up to the end of November, 1936, feeding stuff prices also were at abnormally low levels.

(3) I recognize that the recent rise in prices does not counterbalance the greater increase in the cost of feeding stuffs. It is the increase in the cost of feeding stuffs that is at the root of the present difficulties of the poultry industry. Egg prices are still, however, at fairly satisfactory levels for this time of the year. At country markets last week the average price of eggs was 1s. 0½d. per dozen. Prices were the same in the corresponding week of 1936, but were only 10½d. and 9½d. in the corresponding weeks of 1935 and 1934, respectively.

(4) Mr. Capper quite misunderstands the position about trade agreements. Burgin's statement in the House was that "no treaty or trade agreement precludes unconditionally the quantitative regulation of imports of eggs." The condition specified in the trade agreements is that regulations can be imposed insofar as may be necessary to secure the efficient operation of a scheme or schemes for the regulation of the marketing of domestic supplies of these products. It is plainly a misinterpretation of Burgin's statement to suggest that it implies that the trade agreements place no restriction on quantitative regulation.

The trade agreements have recently become subject to notice of termination at intervals of from four to six months. Negotiations for fresh agreements will start in due course and in these negotiations full consideration will be given to the needs of the poultry industry, but it would be plainly undesirable to denounce the existing agreements until we are ready to negotiate. There are, of course, matters other than the poultry industry that will have to be considered, including the position of certain other agricultural commodities.

It is true that there are a number of countries with which there are no trade agreements with specific provisions relating to eggs. The Government is, however, in such cases at present precluded from imposing an additional tariff on imports of eggs in shell, or in the absence of a marketing scheme from imposing quantitative regulation owing to the application of the most-favoured-nation clause in commercial treaties with such countries.

Applications for increased tariffs on imports of eggs in shell and poultry are at present before the Import Duties Advisory Committee. The Committee have recently considered an application for increased import duties on eggs not in shell, but have decided against the application. I can assure you that I am giving my most careful consideration to the needs of the poultry industry and I am fully aware of their difficulties, but I am not yet in a position to make any statement of policy on this subject.—Yours sincerely,

W. S. MORRISON.

Poste Restaurant, so to speak. Here is another case of No Man's Land—of being of England but not in it. It is the one place in the world where no ill can befall you. Get inside, sit down, and your troubles are over. You can have what you like, not only to eat but to drink at any hour of the day or night. You have not the slightest chance of being arrested for speeding, although you are all the time breaking every traffic law in the land. You need not fear molestation from Tax Collectors, publicans, or even sinners. There are no letters, no telegrams, no telephones; no hawkers, canvassers, or musicians; no chance of having to take the dog for a run; no unpleasantness of any kind. The prospect, moreover, always pleases, and man is far from vile, for the attendant, with whom is the only one you need have any connection, is there entirely to do your bidding—and collect your tip.

So, if you want an ideal holiday, take my advice, get into a restaurant car on the first day of it, and don't leave it until the very last minute of the very last day. The Law is forgotten. Whatever the hour, you can not only order what you like but instantly get it. It is even better than a night club, for there is no fear of your drink being whisked away just because you are passing from one licensing area to another. You can buy cigarettes and sweets and other forbidden fruits with equal impunity, and, when the train stops at a station, can even have the pleasure of consuming them ostentatiously in front of less fortunate beings, compelled by the Shop Closing Laws to go hungry.

You can eat when you like and sleep when you like. You need not shave. Anyhow, I have never yet *seen* anyone shaving in a dining car. You can buy new and different newspapers at every stopping place. You can, in fact, do practically anything, lawful or unlawful, except put your feet on the table.

And, if you *must* have a thrill, just pull the communication cord. It is cheap at five pounds after such a complete rest cure as that!

Next Month's 'Review'

As there will be no "Review" in August, the July number will not be published until the last day of the month.

SPORTS CLUB NOTES

Annual Regatta

THE Regatta will take place at Putney on Wednesday, July 14th, at 1.30 p.m. sharp. Owing to the fire some time ago at the Vesta Rowing Club's quarters, we shall not be able to use these premises for changing, but we have been fortunate in getting the loan of the Leander Club for this purpose. Tea will be served at the Thames R.C. as usual.

Below is a list of the events. Please help us by sending in your entries not later than *Monday, July 5th*. No competitor may enter for more than two events, excluding Cup events. A new feature this year is a single scull race for totally deaf St. Dunstaners, A and B sections combined. Through the good offices of Captain W. Perrin, who has just returned to Australia, the Melbourne Legacy Club are giving a special prize for this event. In the other events, prizes will be awarded according to the entries.

We have just heard with regret that Mr. G. O. Nickalls has undergone a severe operation and it is unlikely that he will be able to bring an Old Blues Four to row against us this year. We are given to understand, however, that he will do his best to provide a visiting Four. Meanwhile, we all wish him a very speedy recovery.

PROGRAMME

Inter-Club Cup Events (Brighton, Birmingham, London, and Manchester) Double Sculls
Pair Oars

Single Sculls, Sections A and B.

Double Sculls (at least one Section B man in each boat).

Pair Oars (at least one Section B man in each boat).

One-armed Pair Oars.

Single Sculls, for veterans, 45 years and over.

Single Sculls, for totally deaf St. Dunstaners, Sections A and B combined.

Open Fours—The President's Challenge Cup, Presented by Lady (Arthur) Pearson, D.B.E.

Brighton

The May and June outdoor sports meetings were well attended and we are looking forward to the next meeting on Thursday, July 8th.