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EDITORIAL

ST. DUNSTANERS ON THE AIR

HOW many St. Dunstaners heard Tommy ap Rhys, of Bangor, broadcast in the "In Town To-night" programme from London on February 25th? The twelve mile walk had taken place in the afternoon at Regent's Park, and as winner of the Section B class Tommy was asked to be "In Town To-night". His conversation with Mr. Lionel Gamlin, the interviewer (who incidentally is known to many of us as a talking book reader), came over easily and naturally, and our St. Dunstaner received many congratulations upon his broadcast.

Listen on March 22nd

Captain Ewart Kempson is a very well-known authority on bridge. His articles in Northern newspapers are widely read, and every month he arranges a bridge broadcast from Newcastle which is relayed from the London Regional programme.

Captain Kempson is very interested in our bridge players, and a few weeks ago made a special journey to Headquarters in order to give them a talk. Now he has invited four St. Dunstaners to travel to Newcastle on Wednesday, March 22nd, to take part in his monthly broadcast. They will bid and play two hands, without any previous knowledge of the cards, of course, and Captain Kempson will give a running commentary on the play. The St. Dunstaners will be P. R. Coles, H. Gover, R. Graves and E. Toft. The broadcast will be from four until four-thirty on the London Regional programme.

On the evening of the same day, two duplicate bridge matches will be played against two local teams. This will be our men's first experience of duplicate bridge, but Captain Kempson has not the slightest doubt that they will give a good account of themselves. These two matches will be open to the public.

Send Us News of Yourself

St. Dunstan's men are "news" whether it is on the air or in the Press. There are thousands of references to them in the newspapers every year. This, of course, is all to the good, for publicity for St. Dunstan's men is publicity for St. Dunstan's.

The public may have come to take for granted the achievements of our men, but they still like to read about them. News editors know this, and provided the "story" is of sufficient interest, will do their best to give it space in their columns.

That is one of the reasons why we are glad to have special items of news about St. Dunstaners. They are always of interest to us, and in all probability—assuming, of course, that there is no objection to general publicity—of interest to the Press as well.

Royal Humane Society Award for a St. Dunstaner

A ST. DUNSTANER, A. E. Bettaney, of Fenton, Staffs., has been awarded the honorary testimonial on vellum by the Royal Humane Society for his efforts to save a drowning man last July.

Bettaney was on holiday at Trusthorpe, Lincs., and was swimming in the sea about two hundred yards out. He was turning to come back when he heard cries for help from a man and woman some distance out. The man was in difficulties and Bettaney swam to him and held his head above water for some time. The man, however, struggled violently until both were becoming exhausted.

Our St. Dunstaner shouted for help, and just as he was despairing of saving the drowning man or himself, three men with a life-saving buoy went to their assistance and brought the drowning man to shore.

The Chairman of Longton Police Court, Mr. Joseph L. Whitehurst, who made the presentation on February 20th, congratulated Bettaney on his bravery and said the city would be proud to have such a man among them who, despite his disability, had the courage and the stout heart to rescue a man drowning in fifteen feet of water.

An Outsize in Bulbs

H. D. GAMBLE, of Hitchin, had a bowl of narcissus. At Christmastime, he brought them indoors; they were then one inch above the ground. "Immediately they got in the warm," said Gamble, "one vigorous fellow started to grow at an alarming rate exactly six times as fast as his pals, with the result that we had one thirty inches high and the remainder only five inches. The big fellow being on the edge of the bowl, you can imagine how mad it looked. The weight of the blooms on the long thin stalk made them hang over, to look down on the others as much as to say 'Get a move on, shorties!'"

Gamble's luck is certainly out with regard to bulbs. The year before last nothing came up at all. He looked beneath the surface and found the bulbs had vanished entirely. Rats had taken them, and covered the holes so that outwardly nothing had ever been there. He found a large bulb in the mouth of a rat hole; it was too large to go down, and that gave him the clue.

Reunion Meetings, 1939

Southern Area

Reading	The Palm Lodge, West Street	Fri., April 14
Gloucester	Cadena Café (Connaught Rooms)	Fri., April 21
Exeter	Rougemont Hotel	Tue., April 25
Bedford	Dujon Rooms, High Street	Thur., May 4
Ashford	County Hall	Fri., May 5
Southsea	Esplanade As- sembly Rooms	Thur., May 18
Colchester	Cups Hotel	Fri., May 19

Northern Area

Manchester	Grand Hotel	Tue. and Wed. April 18 and 19
Birmingham	Edgbaston As- sembly Rooms	Fri., April 28
Gt. Yarmouth	Hill's Restaurant	Tue., May 2
Lincoln	Falcon Hotel, Saltergate	Tue., May 9
York	De Grey Rooms, St. Leonards	Thur., May 11
Cork	Metropole Hotel	Tue., May 23
Dublin	Jury's Hotel	Thur., May 25
Belfast	Merrythought Café, Wellington Place	Fri., May 26
Leicester	Winn's Café, Market Place	Wed., May 31
Edinburgh	Victoria Hall, Fairley's Rest- aurant	Tue., June 6
Newcastle- on-Tyne	Grand Assembly Rooms	Thur., June 8

All meetings begin at 12.30. Lunch at 1.

Derby Sweepstake

OUR Derby Sweepstake, open to all St. Dunstaners, has now begun and full particulars were given in last month's REVIEW.

Tickets are 2s. 6d. each, and a remittance to cover the number of tickets required must be enclosed, together with the sender's name and address, with each application.

The closing date is May 15th.

Birth

STOCK.—To the wife of C. H. Stock, of Gorsley, on March 10th, a son.

Marriage

FEARNLEY—FINEBERG.—On February 26th, at Brighton Registry Office, R. E. Fearnley, of Brighton, to Miss Fineberg.

Of Interest to St. Dunstaners' Friends

WHEN the Corps of Good Companions was formed at the end of last year, it was thought that as many of them were meeting St. Dunstaners for the first time, a few suggestions as to the special requirements of blinded men might be useful to them. A very helpful little leaflet was therefore drawn up and sent to them by Sir Ian Fraser, under the title, "Hints for Good Companions."

Since then, many other helpers of St. Dunstan's have seen the leaflet and have found it useful, and it has been suggested that probably there are many friends of individual men who would also be interested in it. For their guidance, therefore, we print the following extracts from "Hints for Good Companions."

WALKING—

The ordinary St. Dunstaner who is fit and well is very easy to walk with. All he needs is guidance, the rest he will do for himself. Generally speaking it is better that the St. Dunstaner should take your arm, rather than that you should take his. The reason for this is that if he takes your arm it puts him just a few inches behind you. The fact that he is a few inches behind you will mean that your movements will occur just before it is necessary for him to make his, and he will thus automatically be warned of them. But you must tell him of steps. "Now we are just coming to a flight of steps," or "Now we are just coming to a big step down" and so on.

In going through a door, go first yourself and open it, letting him follow you. Do not try and push him through first. In getting into a tram, bus or taxi, go in first, saying "Now I am just going to get into the tram, follow me."

READING ALOUD—

If you are reading a book aloud, read steadily and clearly. Do not stop at every paragraph or two to interject a comment of your own. If you are reading a paper, ask the St. Dunstaner what part of the paper he would like. If he says the news, read out the head-lines, and tell him to say "yes" or "no" if he wants the article or news item read. Tell him not to hesitate to stop you if, after a paragraph or two, he finds he does not want to hear it after all.

CINEMAS AND THEATRES—

There is always a certain amount of a film or play that is not explained in speech, and the escort can help by giving brief explanations. It is well not to overdo the explanations, as when you are talking the blind man will not hear what is being said on the stage or in the film.

St. Dunstaner's Air Raid Shelter

Sergt. Alan Nichols, who was one of the first to realise the necessity of an air-raid shelter, and whose design for a dug-out caused a great stir in North London and in Leeds, has now build himself a similar one at his home in Fowey, Cornwall. It is Fowey's first shelter, and gives protection to thirty adults and children. Nichols has offered the dug-out to the local authorities, and Mr. L. J. Croxford, chief A.R.P. warden for Fowey, has informed the *Western Morning News* that he was greatly impressed with the shelter, and has accepted the offer.

This Month's Best Story

TWO friends met who had not seen each other for some time. One said that he was looking for another job, whereon the other suggested that he should try for one at his works. "Is the work very hard?" asked the first man. His friend assured him that it was easy and that there was little to do. In fact, they played cards best part of the day. "Righto," said the first man. "That's the job for me. I'll be along on Monday morning to see the foreman."

On the Monday morning he turned up at the works and saw the foreman:

"Well, my man, what do you want?"

"I've come for a job, sir."

"Have you been out long?"

"Two months, sir."

"Are you insured?"

"Yessir."

"Have you brought your cards?"

"Yessir, and if I like the job I'm going to bring my dart board."

Holiday Apartments

WESTON-SUPER-MARE.—Mrs. Bull caters for bed and breakfast or full board. 62 Southend Road, Weston-super-Mare.

Letters to the Editor

The Editor,
ST. DUNSTAN'S REVIEW.
DEAR SIR,

It would be interesting to know how many St. Dunstaners are members of, or are interested in Toc. H.

To them and, indeed, to all St. Dunstaners I should like to recommend "Towards New Land-falls" by Hubert Secretan. This book has been recorded for the talking book reader and will shortly be in circulation.

The reader is Bobs Ford, Administrative Padre at Toc. H headquarters, and it is excellently read and recorded. I should think there are many St. Dunstaners, like myself, who are members of Toc. H. To those who are not I should like to say that Toc. H offers to all of us great opportunities not only for making new friends, but also for personal service in many directions. I can think of no association of men which is better suited for St. Dunstaners, if they wish to do something for others and also wish to make new contacts with younger men.

Yours faithfully,
N. A. RAMSDEN.

The Editor,
ST. DUNSTAN'S REVIEW,

DEAR SIR,

I think it would be a very good idea to have a bowling green at the new Home, and lots of fellows would get no end of fun out of it, to say nothing of the exercise.

Some years ago we had a lawn the size of a bowling green, and I used to play with sighted friends, and more often than not scored better than they did. My wife used to stand by the "jack" and call quietly to me, "This way." Of

course I occasionally made a mistake, and threw wide, and on one occasion sent the wood gaily along, only to be greeted with a yell of horror "That wasn't the jack, it was Dorando." Dorando being our tortoise which had got on the green unnoticed.

I do hope many St. Dunstaners will second the suggestion of brother Slaughter.

Yours sincerely,
G. A. JOLLY.

The Editor,
ST. DUNSTAN'S REVIEW.

DEAR SIR,

I was interested by the letter from E. Slaughter in your last issue, on the subject of bowls at the new Home. I suggested last year to one or two people on Headquarters staff, that a bowling green would be a desirable addition to the amenities of the new Home. The game is one which the blind can play with a considerable amount of success, and is also excellent exercise for the elderly, and those who are not keen on walking. A sighted marker is advisable, and he can direct the game in the following manner.

He stands just behind the object jack, and after a shot, gives the position of the wood by the clock method, simply calling, say, three o'clock four feet, and so on. The player can get his direction by having the bowling mat so adjusted that its sides are pointing to the object jack, and by just running his hand along one of these edges he gets the correct line for his shot.

I hope many others will support the idea of a St. Dunstan's Bowling Club. With so many men living in the Brighton area, I see no reason why it should not be a great success.

Yours truly,
J. A. GODWIN.

Physical Training at Home

INTRODUCTORY EXERCISES

- (1) *Leg Ex.*—Hips firm—foot placing sideways.
- (2) *Neck Ex.*—Head turning quickly.
- (3) *Arm Ex.*—Arms bend—one arm upward, one arm downward stretch.
- (4) *Trunk Ex.*—Hips firm—foot sideways place. Trunk turning quickly.
- (5) *Leg Ex.*—Arms bend—feet full open. Heels raising and full knees bending.

GENERAL EXERCISES

- (6) *Dorsal Ex.*—Feet astride, arms sideways stretch. Trunk bending backward with hands turning.
- (7) *Balance Ex.*—Hips firm, leg raising backwards.
- (8) *Lateral Ex.*—Arms bend, foot sideways place. Trunk bending sideways quickly.
- (9) *Abdominal Ex.*—On the hands. Foot placing forward.
- (10) *Dorsal Ex.*—Arms bend, foot sideways place. Trunk forward bend.
- (11) *Final Ex.*—Hips firm, heels raising and knees bending slowly.

INSTRUCTIONS

- (1) As before.
- (2) Position of attention. Keep chin in, stretch fingers down when turning head.
- (3) Arms bend position first, then stretch one arm upward and at the same time, one arm downward stretch.
- (4) Turn from waist above as far as possible.
- (5) Keep body perfectly upright and open knees outwards when bending.
- (6) Rotate arm, turning palms upwards when bending backwards, and return with upward stretching.
- (7) Leg as far back as possible, keeping body erect.
- (8) Force wrist back level with shoulders.
- (9) Bring knee outside elbow when placing foot forward.
- (10) Keep back straight. Chin tucked in.
- (11) About a dozen times through.

The New Brighton Home The Dining Hall

WE think that it will be generally agreed that the dining arrangements at the new Home have surpassed all expectations. The food and service are excellent. Modern equipment and time-saving devices in the kitchens and service-room contribute greatly to this, while the splendid co-operation of the dining-room staff ensures the smooth running of this most important department. Sister Davies is Dining Room Sister, or "Minister to the Interior"—as she herself puts it; Sister Keily is her second-in-command.

Like the other public rooms in the Home, the dining hall is lofty, spacious, and light: two walls are composed entirely of glass. Very beautiful heavy curtains, with a scroll design in red on a soft fawn background, are drawn at night.

Six paces inside the door, and to the left, is the aisle between the tables which are numbered from one to six left, and one to six right. The chairs also are numbered—eleven to a table. Soon, rubber strips will be in position down the middle of the aisle, which will lead to the respective tables. The latter are of Australian walnut and are glass-topped. St. Dunstaners have made them all and also the three-tiered trolleys used by the orderlies. Two tables at the rear of the hall are reserved for the staff. "Boyd's Bad Boys" occupy one (or so it says on the menu card!) All the china used in the dining-hall is white with a blue band, with St. Dunstan's badge also in blue.

There are folding doors at the entrance end of the hall and these can be thrown open (as they were at Christmas-time, for instance) to form one very large room with the adjoining lounge.

Set high in the wall at this end of the room is one of the two electric chiming clocks which were subscribed for by St. Dunstan's men as a memorial to Matron Thellusson. (The other clock is in the lounge.)

The right and lower sides of the room, which are of glass, have deep window seats enclosing the radiators. The right-hand window overlooks a small garden at the back of the building and three dog kennels

which have been thoughtfully provided for four-legged escorts.

A door on the left at the far end of the hall leads to the visitors' sitting-room, the model room, and the talking-book rooms.

The service door is immediately opposite the door of the dining hall. All food is sent down in electric lifts from the kitchens on the top floor and the service is connected by telephone with the kitchens.

Discord at the Brighton "Pig & Whistle"

A little pig and whistle in a box were laid,
The pig was cast in sugar, of gold the whistle made.
Now what a thing to do. 'Twas sure to make them bristle.
That little sugar pig, and that golden whistle.

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"An outrage," snorted Pig, prepared to pipe his eye,
"How dare you think of coming into my new sty?"
Said Whistle, very shrilly, "Please stop your abuse,
'I'm here to stay for ever, so it isn't any use."

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"Go to," said Piglet, squealing, "You shiny little beast,
"And blow your very loudest where the lions feast."
"Oh, dear," said Whistle, wisely, "what classics have you taken?
"It flavours not of Keats, or Burns. It sounds much more like Bacon."

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"You little squirt," said Piglet, snorting; "I care not for your snub,
"Oft-times you have to hang with me, outside a common pub."
"Encore, encore!" the whistle cried. "You'd make a fine Recorder,
"But you forget the whistle's there, to keep the pig in order."

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Said Piglet, turning very red, "You'll never order me,
"Not me, a Pig, of Bacon'sides, with longest pedigree."
Said Whistle, very cutely, "if you're of finest stock,
"Then tell me why you Bacon'sides all end upon the block?"

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Now Piglet lost his temper and charged from north to south,
And rammed his flat, blunt nose right into Whistle's mouth.
And there they stayed throughout the night,
Until the break of dawn
When Matron had to clap her hands instead of blow—that morn.

E. SLAUGHTER.

Old Braille Literature Wanted

Mrs. W. Scott-Pearey, of 3 Victoria Square, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 2, wife of our St. Dunstaner, would be glad to receive any Braille literature or periodicals which are no longer wanted, for distribution to a group of civilian blind young men who are studying journalism.

Young St. Dunstaners

The eighteen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Potts, of Stockton-on-Tees, fractured his leg while playing football for Eamont Road on February 25th.



Robert Aitken, fifteen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Aitken, of Newcastle, has also had a serious accident. With a school-friend, he was experimenting with a chemistry set and set light to some gunpowder. There was an explosion and both boys were taken to Newcastle Infirmary suffering from severe burns.



D. J. (Buller) Jordan, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Jordan of Leominster, has won the welter-weight boxing championship of Herefordshire for 1938-9.



Mr. and Mrs. A. Ruston's son, Eric, was married to Miss Norah Meader on February 25th at Poole, Dorset.

To Louis Braille

When Fate my sight chose to destroy,
It robbed me of a boundless joy,
And left me grief without alloy,
My spirit did me fail.

I now felt such a useless thing,
A really sadly helpless thing,
And life seemed such a hopeless thing,
The future made me quail.

My friends tried hard to cheer me up,
They did their best to buck me up,
They said that I must rouse me up,
That courage would prevail.

Then someone introduced the dot,
Which interested me a lot,
And soon my troubles I forgot,
As light peeped through the veil.

When I had learned to read and write,
I felt that I would win the fight,
So persevered with all my might,
No fears did me assail.

And now my life is full of hope,
For with its buffets I can cope,
No longer do I sit and mope,
My thanks to Louis Braille.

"DUNVEAGAN."

Competition Corner

ON March 6th, the last day for receiving entries, in the February competition the first correct result opened by Mr. Banks was from J. D. Higgins, of Brighton, to whom the prize of 10s. 6d. is being sent. The correct solution was:

- MEDICAL
- CLAIMED
- DECIMAL
- DECLAIM

Breaking the Ice

EACH of the following stars represents a letter. You are invited to fill in the blanks to make the words suggested by the clues

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1. Hint given in the title of this problem.
2. Deputy ruler (two words).
3. Sheets giving costs of materials (two words).
4. Allurement.
5. Italian dish.
6. Liberal, bounteous.
7. Noisy (two words).
8. Ally.

A prize of ten and sixpence will be awarded to the sender of the first correct solution opened on the closing date, April 3rd. Mark your envelopes, "Competition Corner."

Four Generations

A. G. Bright, of King's Cross, is now a grandfather. A son was born to his son on February 23rd. As Bright's father is still alive, there are thus four generations living.

A Maidenhead Stroll

A stroll is being arranged again this year in the Maidenhead district, so make up your minds to come. This is a good day. Don't be afraid of the distance to walk because Mr. Roberts of Maidenhead, is arranging two circuits, one smaller than the other, and both are due to arrive at the same place for lunch.

If you have the slightest interest get into communication with H. Gover.

SPORTS CLUB NOTES

TWELVE MILE HANDICAP WALK

THE weather for the above Walk was anything but kind, a stout drizzle being maintained throughout the afternoon, which while not upsetting the walkers to any great extent, was anything but favourable to the officials who had to be standing about most part of the afternoon.

Mr. Swain, the Sports Captain, acted in the capacity of starter to a small but very keen field of competitors.

The first two scratch placings were well fought out between T. ap Rhys and W. Trott, and after a good, hard walk, Tommy was successful in 116 minutes 8 seconds as against 116 minutes 15 seconds by Bill Trott, both being a little slower than last year when the weather was excellent, and that probably just made the difference.

Mr. Swain at the conclusion thanked Dr. C. Chittenden Bridges for kindly coming along to present the prizes, and also extended thanks to the escorts and to Miss Davies and her helpers, who worked so hard to see that everyone's inner-man was well provided for.

We were asked on this occasion by the B.B.C. if we would arrange for the winner of Section B to broadcast in the "In Town To-night" programme. We agreed, and Tommy ap Rhys was whisked off after a hasty cup of tea and with a comperé gave a splendid talk on his walking efforts of the day and said a few words in general on St. Dunstan's walking.

Congratulations, Tommy! A good day well rounded off on the air.

Appended below is a list of the final placings:

Twelve Mile Handicap Walk

Competitor	Actual Time	Handicap Time	Handicap Allowance	Position in H'cap	
A. Craigie ...	126.40	106.40	20.0	1	B SECTION
W. C. Castle ...	128.3	107.33	20.30	2	
W. C. Scott ...	136.18	109.18	27.0	3	
A. Lenderyou ...	134.36	111.36	23.0	4	
T. ap Rhys ...	116.8	114.8	2.0	5	Fastest Time
T. Rouse ...	123.45	105.45	18.0	1	A SECTION
J. Triggs ...	132.21	106.21	26.0	2	
H. Giles ...	120.58	106.43	14.15	3	
W. Trott ...	116.15	107.30	8.45	4	Fastest Time
W. T. Scott ...	125.35	107.35	18.0	5	

Sports Meeting

The Meeting to discuss the summer sports will be held on Tuesday, April 25th, at 7.30.

Tuesday Night Dance

A dance will be held at Headquarters on Tuesday, April 4th.

Birmingham Walk

The Birmingham Walk will take place on Saturday, April 15th.

Wembley Walk

The 15-mile Walk at Wembley will be held on Saturday, April 22nd.

Brighton

The next meeting of the Brighton Sports Club will be held on Wednesday, April 5th.

Bridge at Brighton

On February 18th a number of bridge players seemed to have arrived at Brighton for the week-end or were staying there with broken legs, so a Bridge Drive was organised and held on the Saturday, and the first three were R. Toft, F. Winter and F. Rhodes. The drive was so successful that practically the same sixteen fellows sat down for another drive the same week-end and the first three in this case were E. Toft, T. Rogers and W. Collings.
H. G.

Preliminary Camp Notice

I hope to arrange Camp at Stratford-on-Avon at the end of June or July. The date is dependent on the date of our Regatta. I hope to announce final dates for camp in the April REVIEW.

A. SPURWAY.

"In Memory"

PRIVATE ERNEST JAMES BURGESS
(1st Gloucestershire Regiment)

We deeply regret to record the death of E. J. Burgess, of Bristol.

Burgess was one of the "Old Contemptibles" who went to France at the outbreak of the War and was seriously wounded at the Battle of Le Cateau in September, 1914, in the retreat from Mons. He was picked up by the Germans and taken prisoner. Eventually, owing to ill-health, he was repatriated to Switzerland, and subsequently came to St. Dunstan's in 1917. Owing to the privations and hardships suffered as a prisoner of war, Burgess never recovered his health. He had his right eye removed and was left with very little sight in the left eye.

He came to Headquarters and was trained as a poultry farmer, but later on gave this up in favour of shop-keeping. He and his wife continued at the latter right up to the present time, but although Burgess always tried to keep busy, his health was far from good, and in recent years he became much more delicate and suffered a great deal. His last illness was very serious, and it became evident that he was not going to recover. He died on February 15th and the funeral took place a few days later. It was attended by various relatives and friends, and among the wreaths was one from Captain Sir Ian Fraser and his comrades at St. Dunstan's.

We extend our very sincere sympathy to Mrs. Burgess and her family.

PRIVATE CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL BURKE
(Royal Fusiliers)

We deeply regret to announce the death of C. M. Burke, of Fulham.

Burke came to St. Dunstan's early in 1917, after service in France. While in France he suffered severe attacks of inflammation to his eyes which eventually led to his blindness.

He came to Headquarters and had training in boot-repairing, at which occupation he worked for some time. Of later years, however, he had not been at all well, and last month he was admitted to hospital, where he died a few days later on the 16th.

The funeral took place at Fulham Old Cemetery and was attended by his sons, daughter, and other relatives. Mrs. Burke, his widow, was unable to be there as she is very ill in hospital. Among the wreaths was one in the form of our badge from Sir Ian Fraser and his comrades at St. Dunstan's.

We extend our very sincere sympathy to Mrs. Burke and her sons and daughter.

PRIVATE CHARLES WILLIAMS
(Royal Dublin Fusiliers (Labour Corps))

We regret to record the death of C. Williams, of Cam.

During the War Williams served in Gallipoli, Salonica and France, as a result of which his vision became defective and gradually deteriorated to such an extent that he became eligible for our benefits.

On account of ill-health Williams was not fit to take up training of any kind, but he had a certain number of poultry which made quite an interesting hobby for him. For some years past Williams' health had been steadily getting worse, and when last in London it became obvious that he was in a serious state of ill-health. His death occurred on the 10th instant, and the funeral which took place a few days later was attended by various relatives and friends. Among the wreaths was one from Captain Sir Ian Fraser and his comrades at St. Dunstan's.

ALBERT MEARS
(National Volunteer Reserve)

We record with deep regret the death of A. Mears, of Leyton.

This St. Dunstaner was blinded during an enemy air raid in August, 1915. He then came to St. Dunstan's, and took up training in mat making at which he worked for a number of years. Lately his health had not been very good and when in February of this year he succumbed to an attack of bronchitis it was seen that he was very seriously ill indeed. In spite of the care and attention which were given him he died on the 12th February. The funeral took place a few days later and among the relatives and friends present was a blinded soldier comrade, Mr. H. A. Gardiner of Leyton. A wreath was sent from Captain Sir Ian Fraser and his other comrades at St. Dunstan's.

We extend our very sincere sympathy to Mrs. Mears and her son in their bereavement.

PRIVATE ROBERT COOK
(9th Yorkshire Regiment)

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of R. Cook, of Letchworth.

During the War, Cook saw service in France and Palestine, and shortly after his discharge contracted eye trouble which eventually led to his blindness.

He then came to St. Dunstan's for training in poultry-farming and mat-making, at which latter occupation he worked for many years. Lately his health had not been very good as he had been suffering from heart trouble for some little time. His death, however, took place very suddenly on the 6th instant, and was a great shock to his wife who was with him at the time.

The funeral took place a few days afterwards and was attended by many relatives and friends, including a St. Dunstaner comrade and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. A. Kay, of Letchworth. Among the wreaths was one from Captain Sir Ian Fraser and his other comrades at St. Dunstan's.

We extend our very sincere sympathy to Mrs. Cook in her bereavement.