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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

NOBODY likes to think about wills. Though many are older, the average St. Dunstaner is still well under fifty and has a long time ahead of him. But a prudent man, and particularly one who owns a little bit of property, should think about this subject. Members of my staff at St. Dunstan's tell me that in the last two or three years they have had quite a lot of trouble clearing up some of our late comrades' affairs, and all because no wills were made. You can go to a local solicitor and make a will for a small fee or you can write to us at St. Dunstan's, and we will give you good advice.

Ex-Service Honours and Royal Interest

The ex-service world received two honours in the King's June Birthday Honours List which are of interest to us. One was Captain Donald Simson, C.B.E., who becomes a Knight. He was the founder and organizer of the original British Empire Service League which was the fore-runner of many of our Empire ex-Service men's Organizations, and through which the British Legion, the Canadian Legion, the Australian and New Zealand Returned Soldiers' Leagues, and the South African Service Legion are federated. He is a good friend to the old soldier and we congratulate him.

The other is one of our own St. Dunstaners—Thomas Henry White, of Melbourne, who received the M.B.E. He was at St. Dunstan's from November, 1915, to August, 1916, at the Old House, where he took his certificates for mat-making and basket-making. Soon after he returned to Australia he became Honorary Treasurer of the Victoria Blinded Soldiers' Association, a post he has held ever since. We congratulate White and our Australian friends upon this recognition of work well done.

Three other St. Dunstaners have been in the news recently on account of recognition by members of the Royal Family.

H.M. The King, on his visit to Canada, spoke to a number of St. Dunstaners, but in particular talked for some time to Captain Edwin Baker, who occupies an important place in Canadian life as Managing Director of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind and who represents St. Dunstan's in that Dominion.

At Margate H.R.H. the Duke of Kent had a few words with Thomas Edward Gidney, of Morden. The Duke recognized him, and asked where they had met before, when Gidney recalled that he had been a member of a Guard of Honour for the Duke twelve years before. On July 7th, at Liverpool, the Duchess of Kent, after particularly requesting that she and the Duke should call at the British Legion workshop there, spoke to William Shayler, asking him about his work and his war record.

There is hardly a ceremonial parade in the Empire where a St. Dunstan's man is not present, and members of the Royal Family always seem to go out of their way to recognize and greet us.

St. Dunstaners and A.R.P.

I have mentioned before on this page—and have also spoken about it at Reunions—that St. Dunstaners can play their part in connection with National Defence. Many who cannot take an active part can render valuable service by being well-informed. A body of ex-service men in war who are well informed and steady in emergency is a great asset. There are many lectures in all parts of the country which my friends will find interesting and instructive.

I hear this month of three notable cases where St. Dunstaners have done more than inform themselves, they have taken a leading part. One is Charlie Durkin, of Putney, who early this year was appointed Head Warden of the Roehampton Estate, and represented this Section in the King's Review of National Service volunteers in Hyde Park on Sunday, July 2nd. Durkin has fifty trained wardens under his charge and is responsible for the entire A.R.P. organization of the Roehampton Estate, comprising a population of 5,500. Alec Biggs holds the important post of Deputy Group Controller, Air Raid Precautions, for Princes Risborough, and the other St. Dunstaner is Henry George Boorman, of Peterborough, who has qualified as Warden and is now taking the first aid course.

IAN FRASER.

Chairman's Daughter Engaged

THE following announcement appeared in the *Times* on Friday, June 30th, 1939:

MR. A. E. McDONALD and MISS FRASER
The engagement is announced between Anthony, only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. McDonald of Tatsfield, Surrey, and Jean, only daughter of Sir Ian and Lady Fraser, St. John's Lodge, Regent's Park, London.

Miss Jean Fraser is now nineteen years of age. After leaving School she went to Queens College, London, to study domestic economy. She has travelled a great deal with her parents, whom she accompanied on their trip round the world five years ago, and to South Africa this year. She is now working at Home Nursing and First Aid in order to qualify to be a V.A.D.

Mr. Anthony McDonald went to Tonbridge School and Balliol College, Oxford. He then was called to the Bar, where he took a First and a Certificate of Honour in his final examinations. During his early days of practice at the Bar he studied elocution and drama, in which he had been much interested at Oxford. Five years ago Sir Ian applied to various schools of elocution for young men to read for the Talking Book. Mr. McDonald applied for an audition and got the job. He was thus the first Talking Book reader, and many St. Dunstaners and other blind people know his voice well and look upon him as their most popular reader. Later he joined the B.B.C. staff and after a period in London was appointed Drama Producer at the Midland Regional Station. He still reads for the Talking Book but only occasionally now in his spare time.

The Grocers' Federation and St. Dunstan's

AT the annual banquet of the National Federation of Grocers' Associations held at Southampton on June 21st, the President, Mr. T. G. Arnold, F.G.I., handed to Sir Neville Pearson, Honorary Treasurer of St. Dunstan's, a cheque for £2,409, representing gifts from associations all over the country towards the cost of the main floor of the new Brighton Home.

The President said: "The Federation is proud to have been intimately connected with St. Dunstan's practically from its beginning during the Great War. In handing Sir Neville this cheque, it is my privilege to express the prayerful hope of all members that God's blessing will rest upon St. Dunstan's, the men it exists to serve, and all who are connected with it."

Sir Neville Pearson, in thanking the Federation for its continued generosity to St. Dunstan's, said that a sum of more than £2,600 had been contributed in order that the comfort of men who really needed the help might be increased. St. Dunstan's was the most complete and well-equipped organization of its kind in the world and care had always been taken to maintain the standard of life and happiness of the men under its care. The kindly interest of the Grocers' Federation was appreciated to the full. The contributions of the Federation had practically paid for the main floor of the new Home—perhaps the most important floor of all, as this was the hub of the whole building. On this floor there would be a tablet commemorating the generosity of the Federation.

Miss Gracie Fields

ST. DUNSTANERS will hear with the greatest pleasure that Miss Gracie Fields is rapidly recovering after her recent serious operation. On June 20th, Mr. Swain, as Sports Captain, sent her some flowers, on behalf of the men of St. Dunstan's, with this note: "You have given so very many hours of your valuable time making our men happy, but nothing you have done for them has given them greater pleasure than the wonderful news that you are getting better."

Mr. Bert Aza, her Manager, wrote in reply: "Dear Mr. Swain, Gracie has asked me to thank you and everybody concerned for the beautiful flowers sent to her at the Hospital. It was very kind of you to think of her. Gracie is progressing quite well at the moment, although rather slowly, but if she can maintain the progress she has already made, we shall be satisfied."

We Hear That . . .

C. R. Bulman, of Beckenham, and Mrs. Bulman were members of the Sidcup team which has won the Gill Cup, played for under the auspices of the Kent Bridge Association.

E. Slaughter, of Wembley, was one of the team of the Century Bowling and Sports Club when its members entertained a number of players from the Concert Artists' Association Bowling Club recently. The game consisted of three rinks and was played for spoons. The Century won comfortably on each of the three rinks. *The Harrow Observer* said: "One of the unusual but pleasing features of the game was the fact that Mr. Edward Slaughter, who is blind and a member of St. Dunstan's, put up an extremely good game. It was extraordinary to see how well a blind man can play bowls."

A. E. Bettaney, of 252 Blurton Road, Fenton, Stoke-on-Trent, has eleven Alsatian puppies for sale. Price: Five guineas. They were born on June 23rd. Both parents are prize-winners.

Silver Weddings

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. A. Collins, of Jarrow-on-Tyne, who celebrated their silver wedding on April 14th, and to Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Skelly, of Batley, whose anniversary was on July 18th.

Personal

OUR attention has been drawn to the following notice in certain London newspapers:

Re JOHN HODGMAN OTHERWISE JOHN LEIGH DECEASED

The above named who was the son of Edward Leigh and was residing in the year 1925 at 49 Cambridge Road, Hammersmith, London, W.6, is believed to have since died leaving one daughter who married a blinded soldier. If she will communicate with the undersigned she will hear something to her advantage. Griffith Smith Wade and Riley, 47 Old Steyne, Brighton 1, Sussex.

News from Australia

ACKNOWLEDGING the receipt of his prize money in the Derby Sweepstake, W. Morton, of Mount Lawley, Australia, writes:—

"I listened with interest to the short-wave description of the race, but would have been more interested in the running of Fairfax had I known the horse was running for me. It is rather a coincidence that the other overseas prize went to Bulawayo. I was there thirty-eight years ago with the Australian Bushmen's Corps, composed of boundary riders, drovers and out-back men mostly. We landed at Beira and came overland to Bulawayo, during which time it seemed a hard try was being made to bring us up to the standard of the Household Cavalry. These Australians, who made the horse their servant in their own country, were now the servants of the horse. However, we reached Bulawayo, the horses in splendid condition, men a bit on the tired side. It was then arranged we should march past the Government Resident. This took place at the Racecourse, where the saluting point was the judges' box opposite the winning post.

"There was only one order given, 'Walk, March'. Someone started to trot, then there was a race for the winning post, enveloped in a dense cloud of dust; our squadron was in the rear. When we pulled up, every bay, brown, grey, chestnut, was the colour of Rhodesian soil, and everybody else including the ladies in the judges' box."

Every man who can be a first-rate something—as every man can be who is a man at all—has no right to be a fifth-rate something; for a fifth-rate something is no better than a first-rate nothing. J. G. HOLLAND

Competition Corner

THE first correct solution to last month's cannibal problem, opened by Mr. Banks on July 5th, was sent in by G. Worgan, of Ruardean, Glos., to whom the prize of one guinea is being sent.

Here is the solution:

Rowing cannibal takes cannibal over
R.C. comes back alone
R.C. takes another cannibal over
R.C. comes back alone.
White takes white over
White takes cannibal back
White takes R.C. over
White takes cannibal back
White takes white over
R.C. comes back alone
R.C. takes cannibal over
R.C. comes back alone
R. C. takes last cannibal over.

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Here is a competition for the holidays.

Five fishermen had respectively 20, 30, 40, 50 and 60 fish each. They wanted to sell the fish at a price so that each received the same amount of money. How much did they charge?

Physical Training at Home

- (1) *Leg Ex.*—Hips firm—Foot placing sideways and heels raising.
- (2) *Neck Ex.*—Head Bending Sideways.
- (3) *Arm Ex.*—Arms stretching forward—sideways—upward.
- (4) *Trunk Ex.*—Arms Bend—feet sideways place—trunk turning quickly with arms stretching upwards.
- (5) *Leg Ex.*—Arms Bend—feet full open—outward lunge.

GENERAL EXERCISES

- (6) *Dorsal Ex.*—Feet astride—arms upward stretch—trunk bending backward.
- (7) *Complementary Ex.*
- (8) *Balance Ex.*—Hips firm—knee rest—leg stretching forward.
- (9) *Lateral Ex.*—On the hands down—on one hand turn—leg raising.
- (10) *Abdominal Ex.*—Lying—arms upwards raise—legs raising.
- (11) *Dorsal Ex.*—Feet astride—arms upward stretch—trunk forward bend—arms swinging downwards and backwards.
- (12) *March Ex.*—Hips firm—double mark time with knees raising.
- (13) *Final Ex.*—Hips firm—heels raising and knees bending.

A prize of one guinea will go to the sender of the first correct solution opened. Please mark your envelopes "Competition Corner."

Closing date: September 1st.

Gracie likes the new Home

GRACIE is the 14-year-old daughter of E. Smith, of Bury St. Edmunds. She writes: "I think St. Dunstan's new Home a very beautiful place. The lounge is a fine room with such a nice fireplace where you can pile on the logs and coal. The workshops are light and airy and the work is so beautifully done. The domino room is to my mind the best of all, with such comfy chairs."

A Reminder

As usual, there will be no REVIEW published for the month of August. The next issue will be published on September 15th.

Contributions are always welcomed for the REVIEW, but to ensure publication the following month, they should reach the Editor not later than the 1st of that month.

INSTRUCTIONS

- (1) The exercise as before. Left foot placing sideways but add heels raising before returning to foot in position.
- (2) About six times to each side keeping chin tucked in.
- (3) Keep body still and head erect while doing this exercise and fingers closed when coming into arms bend position.
- (4) Turn from the waist line only, keeping head in centre of arms and not forward.
- (5) Carry the foot outward about 30 to 40 inches, let weight fall over forward knee keep shoulders back during exercise.
- (6) Only bend back very slightly about 6 inches at the most.
- (7) As in Table III.
- (8) Brace up the standing leg and keep thigh parallel to ground when knee is raised.
- (9) Disengaged hand on hip, try to keep hip from dropping towards the ground.
- (10) Don't hold the breath, raise legs slowly to 45 deg. to ground and hold for 2 secs. and lower quietly, reach well up with hands.
- (11) Swing down with strong vigorous movements keeping head and body still—about 6 times will do.
- (12) Raise knees as high as possible using your toes each time feet arrive on ground.
- (13) Done quickly and slowly until body is cool and breathing steady.

St. Dunstaners Volunteer for Blood Transfusion Service

THE first volunteer at Miller's Hospital, Greenwich, in response to the appeal for blood transfusion donors was A. J. Overill, of Charlton. He was accepted and has been registered under Group 1.

Immediately following the broadcast appeal, T. ap Rhys, J. Coupland, and S. K. Jerome offered themselves at Middlesex Hospital and submitted themselves to the blood test. They suggest that other St. Dunstaners might like to assist the movement.

Enquire Within

G. FALLOWFIELD, of Shoreham-by-Sea, makes the suggestion that we should have an inquiry column in the REVIEW. He says that there are many subjects such as getting about alone, learning to swim, putting up shelves, laying crazy paving, where advice would be of great value. His point is that the words of experts fail often because they are too long drawn out and not easily followed whereas a hint from one St. Dunstaner to another would be of much greater use.

It is certainly worth trying, so if you have a query upon any subject, send it along so that other St. Dunstaners can help you out.

The Poetical P.C.

JACK HIGGINS, of Brighton, had some seeds from Headquarters which are showing excellent results. A friend of his, Constable O'Hara, of Brighton, passed his garden on his beat, admired the garden, and this conversation followed.

CONSTABLE: "Your garden is a credit."

J.H.: "It's rain we want. I'll be glad of rain."

CONSTABLE: "The sun that veils itself from the garden will shine again. To be sure it will. The clouds are black, 'tis true indade, but just behind the cloud smiles the blue. Art thou troubled, Jack Higgins?"

J.H.: "Well, Constable O'Hara bhoy, I'll be glad of rain."

CONSTABLE: "God watches and thou wilt have rain and sun, when clouds their perfect work have done."

He Built the "Poor Man's Palaces"

IT was left to a born aristocrat to rescue the "dossers" from their surroundings. This was Lord Rowton, and in this centenary year of his birth, it is interesting to recall that had he died at fifty-two he would be remembered merely as the private secretary of Disraeli. After Disraeli's death, Lord Rowton threw himself energetically into social work.

One evening, sitting in his exclusive West End club, the idea of a "poor man's hotel" came to Lord Rowton. He went to Sir Richard Farrant, chairman of a company erecting dwellings for the middle classes. Farrant told the peer that if the idea was to succeed at all it would have to be done on a big scale. "How much would that cost?" Lord Rowton asked. "£30,000 at least," came the reply. "I am prepared to put up that sum myself," Lord Rowton said.

December 15th, 1892, was the proudest day in Lord Rowton's life, for it saw the formal opening of his dream house. Many said that down-and-outs would not pay sixpence for a bed when fourpence was the usual price. Others argued that the sheer spaciousness and cleanliness of the place would not attract the class for whom it was built. They were all wrong, and Lord Rowton right.

From the opening day, the hotel was a striking success. Between 1896 and 1905 five other palatial Rowton Houses were built in London. To-day the six Rowton Houses accommodate over 5,000 men. The charge is now 1s.—T. CAVANAGH, in *Til-Bits*.

Do you Get the Most Out of Walking?

The best things in life are free, we are told. Certainly the best exercise is. Walking is the easiest way of keeping fit, and most St. Dunstaners take advantage of that fact.

Road-walking is grand exercise but is naturally confined to the few. Most of our business men make a point of walking a certain distance every day to and from their work. What of men who work at home? Many, we know, try to get out regularly.

How much walking do you do every day? How do you get the most out of it? What have been your experiences?

Letters to the Editor

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

I shall be very grateful if I may, through the REVIEW, thank those St. Dunstaners who have sent me parcels of Braille literature in response to my appeal in your columns. In some cases it has been impossible for me to send a personal acknowledgment, because the wrappings have been torn on arrival and I have not known from whom the parcel came. To all those who have sent me parcels of books and periodicals I am extremely grateful.

Yours faithfully,
H. P. PEAREY.

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

I am the mother of fourteen children—nine sons and one daughter still living, and four of them serving their country on land and sea.

I wonder if there is another St. Dunstan's mother who can beat my family? If so, bless her, I wish her luck.

Yours sincerely,
(Mrs.) G. LAWLOR.

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

My wife and I have four generations—my mother, myself, my daughter, and grand-daughter. My mother-in-law, my wife, my daughter and grand-daughter.

Yours sincerely,
Jarrow-on-Tyne. A. COLLINS.

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

I had some friends call to see me the other day and they brought some people with them who had come to England (for a holiday) from Cape-town, South Africa. We had a chat for some time about different happenings both here and in Africa, swapping yarns. When the subject changed to, "What and where was I working?" imagine their surprise when I told them my workshop was at the bottom of the garden. They had never seen one before so I took them to have a look round. Then they gave me a surprise. They just turned round to the stock I had on hand and remarked, "We wish to take that, and that, and that back with us to South Africa." The articles were picture trays. I am very pleased to think that some of my work will bring pleasure to someone, somewhere in South Africa, so very many miles away.

Yours sincerely,
Hull. J. S. STEELEY.

Holiday Apartments

Brixham, Devon.—Board residence, or bed and breakfast, Mrs. M. Hall, Westbury, New Road, Brixham, Devon.

Southend-on-Sea.—Apartments, bed or breakfast, full board. Moderate terms. Near sea. Mrs. C. Ray, 79 York Road, Southend-on-Sea.

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

Whitley Bay.—Apartments or board-residence. Terms moderate. Mrs. W. Muir, Osborne Lodge, Promenade, Whitley Bay.

More Recommended Braille Books

THE following are some more additions to the National Library's Catalogue in which we think St. Dunstan's men might be interested:

Not to be Taken, by A. Berkeley. 3 vols. A story full of excitement and mystery.

Precious Company, by Jackson Budd. 4 vols. A crime story centred round the theft of Russian Crown Jewels.

Murder by Chance, by Peter Drax. 4 vols. A good detective story.

Murder of Mr. Mallabee, by Winifred Duke. 4 vols. On a foggy night, Mr. Lockton, a middle-aged greengrocer is on his way to see his friend Mr. Mallabee the chemist. The next morning Mr. Mallabee's dead body is discovered. A host of questions at once assails the reader.

Ship of the Line, by C. S. Forester. 4 vols. *Bird of Paradise*, by E. P. Oppenheim 4 vols. An exciting story, most of which takes place on a luxury yacht.

This is My Life, by Vernon Bartlett, 4 vols. Reminiscences of the well-known diplomatic correspondent. His experiences in various countries of post-war Europe, his encounters with the great figures of the age, his freely expressed liberal opinions, combine to make an interesting book.

Bible and Spade, by L. Stephen Craiger. 3 vols.

Story of S. T. 25, by Sir P. Dukes. 5 vols. *King's English*, by H. W. & F. G. Fowler. 5 vols.

My Fill of Days, by Sir P. Chalmers-Mitchell. 7 vols. A long, full and rich autobiography. Vividly describes experiences of the Civil War in Spain—1936-39.

The Corn is Green, A Play, by Emlyn Williams. 2 vols. A moving and intensely interesting play. The scene is laid in a mining village in Wales.

The Life of the Dockers' M.P., by Sir James Sexton. An important document of the history of the Labour movement in Britain; a story which will appeal to all readers who like the autobiographies of unusual people who have led unusual lives.

Deaths

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

BERRY.—To W. H. Berry, of Belfast, whose wife passed away on June 22nd after a long illness. HEALY.—To Mr. and Mrs. J. Healy, of Bradford, Manchester, whose son, John, died on June 15th, after a long illness, aged 24 years.

Young St. Dunstaners

Eileen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Milner, of Liverpool has passed the Elementary Grade 2 and Transitional Grade 3 of the Royal School of Music, while her little sister Elizabeth aged 9, has passed the Preliminary Examination.

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The son of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Sparkes, of Grimsby, was married on June 24th.

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Margaret, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Thomson, of Sprotborough, has secured the West Riding County Minor Scholarship which will take her to Doncaster High School until she is sixteen. Her three brothers have already passed the same examination—all at the age of ten. Is this a record for a family?

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The two sons of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Lloyd, of Cardiff, have both been successful in passing the High School examination.

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Marjorie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Forrester, of Maryhill, Glasgow, was married at the Georgic Restaurant, Glasgow, to J. Armstrong Fraser on July 15th.

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Rosie Hills, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Hills, of Ramsgate, was married on the 24th of June to Mr. R. J. Castle at St. Peter's Church, Ramsgate.

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The son of our late St. Dunstan G. H. Wootley, who is now the step-son of our present St. Dunstan, W. H. Collins, of Sompting, has been awarded a Certificate by the Management of Worthing High School.

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The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Best, of Birmingham, is doing remarkably well at the Albert Hall School of Dramatic Art. In her recent examinations, she has passed in all subjects, obtaining honours in two, and in "History of Costume" she obtained 100% with the comment from the examiner, "an extra special paper."

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Bernard, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Hudson, of Brighton, has won a scholarship which will take him to a Secondary School in September. His sister Audrey is training to be a hairdresser.

Mary, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Young, of Glasgow, has taken the Higher Leaving Certificate and scholarship enabling her to remain at school for another year.

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Lucy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, of Shirley, Birmingham, has passed the entrance examination for Sparkhill Commercial School.

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Olive, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Griffiths, of Coventry, has won a scholarship to attend a Secondary School until she is 16.

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Ernest, son of G. Moore, of Folkestone, has been awarded a special place at Old Harvey Grammar School, Folkestone. He is not yet eleven.

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Noreen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, of Stourbridge, has been awarded a special place at Stourbridge County High School.

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Margaret, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Walden, of Streatham, has passed her preliminary examination for the Junior County Scholarship. She was the baby of the group, being only two days too old to sit for the next examination in six months' time.

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Betty, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Clamp, of New Bradwell, has obtained a post with an insurance company at Wolverton.

Herself is She

I did not know her in soft childhood days,
Nor treasure memories of girlish ways;
Her winsome maiden charms were never known,
But now I distantly adore her throne.

I did not see her lovely eyes of blue,
Serene, yet dancing with the spring anew;
The glorious smile, so human, so divine;
But now afar, I kneel before her shrine.

She did not seek the pinnacle of fame,
The Matron's gown, the golden-lettered name;
These thrust themselves upon her unaware,
Dissolving pleasure in a duteous care.

I do but know her spirit and her grace,
As every blinded servant of her race;
And these content. Yet know I sympathy;
And knowing pray, herself she'll always be,
Herself is she.

Decline of the Barrel-Organ

ONE street entertainment that has all but passed is the barrel-organ; and with it, its own type of music—the tune that was caught up and whistled. Because he will not, or because he cannot, no composer of to-day produces it.

A night or two after the Coronation, when the streets were still a show, I walked with the crowd from the Abbey to Trafalgar Square. Half-way along Whitehall an impromptu procession came towards us, marching in the middle of the road; lads and lasses to the number of two or three hundred, mostly waving flags and all of them singing energetically. And their marching song was a heritage from the nineties—a song from the great days of variety:—

Daisy, Daisy, give me your answer do!
I'm half crazy, all for the love of you!
It won't be a stylish marriage—
I can't afford a carriage—
But you'll look sweet
Upon the seat
Of a bicycle made for two!

In Trafalgar Square was also vociferous melody, proceeding chiefly from the plinth of Nelson's column whereof, thick as her rings in a barrel, the merry-makers had taken possession. Tight as they were wedged, they danced as well as sang; pranced rather, since all they could do was to lift up their feet and set them down on exactly the same spot of plinth. And here, also, rang upon the midnight air the appeal to Daisy, "Give me your answer, do!" Two of the items that succeeded "Daisy Bell" were "The Old Folks at Home" and a war-time favourite.

The fact that a crowd of young people in 1937 fell back on old tunes in their day of rejoicing is not surprising, when one thinks of it—there are no new tunes to sing! One of the arts that is dead or dormant in England to-day is the art of writing melody that can be whistled or sung by the multitude.

The noises of the crooner are, no doubt, in a certain sense popular, but they have to be left to the expert. There is nothing left for the boy in the street to catch hold of. Curious, this absence of English tunefulness, to those who remember the regularity with which music-hall and musical comedy used to turn out successive melodies for

public consumption. *Oh, Mr. Porter, The Old Bull and Bush, Tommy Atkins, At Trinity Church I Met My Doom, The Man That Broke the Bank, and Her Golden Hair was Hanging Down her Back*—we were never without something like that, something the gallery and the street took delight in. In time, with repetition, they become a thorough nuisance, but not such a nuisance as your neighbour's set heard through your neighbour's open window. The street boy moved on with his *Old Bull and Bush*, but the radio jazz is immovable.

In spite of the fact that no one composes melodies for general use, it is obvious that the singable melody is liked by the younger generation—which not only chants it at seasons of public rejoicing, but will usually listen when the B.B.C. provides programmes of bygone variety. For all the pleasure it takes in crooning, the younger generation would, I believe, be glad of an occasional song, if it could get one.

And with the singable melody there has almost died out the barrel-organ—the principal agency whereby it was disseminated; when one comes across a barrel-organ nowadays it is usually adorned with a placard explaining that the grinder is an ex-service man without pension, or that the organ is his sole means of supporting a wife and several children. As an institution it has sunk to the level of the match-box proffered from the gutter; it is merely a method of evoking charity, whereas once it was a genuine entertainment of the town.

Until a few years ago the organ-grinder had his regular beat in residential quarters—would come along at much the same time on a Tuesday, a Thursday, or a Saturday. I wonder if there are any London by-ways where you can still see a good-natured grinder turning his handle while the children of the neighbouring tenements dance to his playing? Probably not, but in times gone by that ballet of the streets was a frequent sight in the poorer parts of London.

Perhaps the police have discouraged the barrel-organ to the point of extinction; perhaps the music of the radio has rendered its services unnecessary. Whatever the reason, it is a fast disappearing quantity; its place is being taken, to a certain extent, by little bands of instrumentalists, who parade the gutter while one of their

The Maidenhead Stroll

MR. Roberts and the town of Maidenhead certainly arranged a great reception for us when St. Dunstan's Strollers met at Maidenhead Station on May 21st. We found the entire station square packed with uniforms. A full military band headed the procession complete with drum major and leopard skins, a detachment of the regular army, territorials, the fire brigade, the Auxiliary Fire Service, the Women's Auxiliary, V.A.D.'s, Boy Scouts, British Legionaries and Uncle Tom Cobby and all. We felt that this was perhaps a little over-elaborate even for St. Dunstan's Lance Corporals, until we were informed our visit had coincided with a big military church parade.

Well, we all started off very briskly until we were clear of the town and the admiring crowds, when we fell back into our strolling stride, and walked in twos and threes. The country was very beautiful, and the woods full of bluebells. About lunchtime we found ourselves near the old "Bell Inn" at Waltham St. Lawrence, so we strolled in and had a little light refreshment. We were just in time, for no sooner had we been served and were seated in the little oak panelled parlour, when a battalion of tanks drew up outside, and the crews, looking very businesslike in their overalls and berets, invaded "The Bell" at the double, and the froth from the beer obscured the sunlight. After the tank invasion came a flock of mixed cyclists, i.e. males and females of the species. These creatures make an interesting study of Natural History, the females being detected by the shortness of their shorts, whereas the males are noticeable for the length of their pants (when pushing their opposite numbers up hills).

We eventually moved off from "The Bell" as we felt it was only kind to leave something for the poor cyclists, and after rambling through more pretty lanes we arrived at White Waltham in time to do justice to an excellent tea. After tea we played an extremely complicated and intelligent game of cards, at which I am pleased to say the best brains won(?) We then said good-bye to our kind hostess and once more shepherded by our good friends Mr. Robert and his popular daughter, we slowly wended our way to Maidenhead station where we said "Here's to the next Maidenhead Stroll." J.J.

number shakes a box. Here again the element of charity mingles very strongly with the element of entertainment; the box that is shaken to invite your pence will be labelled "Ex-Service Men," or "Unemployed Musicians." Some, at least, of those unemployed musicians are cases of genuine distress, men brought down to something near begging through no fault of their own; men who earned their livelihood in the orchestras of theatres or of picture palaces until they were ousted by the remorseless inventor whose canned music was cheaper than their services.

Cicely Hamilton, in "Modern England", (J. M. Dent and Sons, Ltd.)

National Egg Laying Test

REPORT for the ninth period of four weeks, May 22nd to June 18th, 1939:—

Position	Name	Test score value
1	Carpenter, E. H. ...	920
2	Holmes, P. ...	846
3	Holmes, P. ...	795
4	Fisher, T. M. ...	778
5	Campbell, J. ...	760
6	Woodcock, W. G. ...	739
7	Benning, A. ...	735
8	Jarvis, A. ...	733
9	Chaffin, A. ...	730
10	Hill R. E. ...	706
11	Chaffin, A. ...	702
12	Knopp, H. A. ...	685
13	Jackson, G. C. ...	676
14	Hammitt, H. A. ...	660
15	McLaren, D. ...	604
16	Smith, W. Alan ...	589
17	Jackson, G. C. ...	558
18	Pink, A. ...	514
19	Smith, W. Alan ...	484
20	McLaren, D. ...	472
21	McIntosh, C. ...	462
22	Brown, M. Watson ...	447
23	Powell, G. ...	386
24	Webb, W. ...	337

Position of the No. 1 birds for the 9th Month:

R.L.R.	3825	A. Benning	172 eggs	170 score
W.W.	3939	A. Chaffin	173 eggs	170 score
W.W.	3957	P. Holmes	171 eggs	170 score

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A. Jarvis, of Arborfield, near Reading, has started on a year's probation as an Accredited Breeding Station in Berkshire.

SPORTS CLUB NOTES

Walks

Important Notice

Will walking members who wish a walking programme to be arranged for this winter's season please send in their names to the Sports Office as early as possible to enable the Committee to make arrangements according to the number of members interested.

Sports Meeting

The annual Sports Meeting to discuss the winter programme (sports, walks, socials, etc.) will take place at Headquarters on Tuesday, October 3rd, at 7 p.m.

General Sports Day, 1939

THE Annual General Sports were held on Saturday, June 24th on the Sports Ground in Regent's Park. The weather on this occasion was very cold and overcast, but the rain fortunately held off until the programme was completed.

Sir Ian and Lady Fraser attended the Sports in the afternoon and met and welcomed St. Dunstaners and their families.

The Inter-Club Team Event for the Sports Cup was won by Manchester with London a close second. After close competition throughout, the final placings and points were as follows:—Manchester, 11; London, 9; Brighton, 4.

Our warm congratulations to Manchester on this splendid achievement.

The St. Marylebone British Legion Band once again played a delightful programme of music throughout the afternoon, and our grateful thanks are extended to them. Our thanks are also due to Mr. Pinder for the amplification of announcements and programme of gramophone records during the prize-giving period.

After a well served and greatly appreciated tea indoors at Headquarters, Lady Fraser very kindly distributed the prizes on the lawn to the successful competitors.

To conclude a very pleasant and enjoyable time, Sir Ian in an appropriate speech thanked all helpers and staff who had contributed towards the success of the afternoon.

It will be noticed that the results appended differ from the Press report owing to the fact that the reporter took down the prize list as arranged for prize awarding instead of the actual finishing places.

Results

INTER-CLUB TEAM COMPETITION

1ST MANCHESTER. 2ND LONDON

3RD BRIGHTON

(Manchester Team: T. ap Rhys, J. Greaves, J. Walker, J. Coupland)

75 YARDS SPRINT

A. Section B. Section

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| 1. H. Steele | 1. W. Birchall |
| 2. J. Walker | 2. S. Webster |
| 3. J. Birley | 3. W. Lacey |

CHILDREN

Boys and Girls under 4

1. Anne McQuirk
2. Jeanette Shields
3. Jean McQuirk
4. Paul Loveridge

Girls under 6

1. Marie Lenderyou
2. Mary Loveridge
3. Shirley Selby
4. Jill Clamp
5. Joan Billington
6. Margaret Steel

Girls under 9

1. Mary Ashe
2. Grace Fallowfield
3. Josephine Scott
4. Jean Douglas
5. Lily Barnard
6. Marjorie Triggs

Girls under 12

1. Jean Smith
2. Edith Samworth
3. Marjorie Fallowfield
4. Norah Burrow
5. Freda Bates
6. Brenda Pearce

Girls under 15

1. Yvonne Pearce
2. Brenda Thomas
3. Peggy Smith
4. Avis Peckham
5. Beryl Cook
6. Elaine Martin

Ladies' Surprise Race

1. Miss Burran
2. Mrs. Wiltshire
3. Mrs. Parke
4. Mrs. Ollington
5. Mrs. Edwards
6. Mrs. Ashe

Boys under 6

1. Neville Clamp
2. Derek Scott
3. John Hancock
4. Norman Hunt
5. David Shields
6. Peter Triggs

Boys under 9

1. Ernest Samworth
2. David Loveridge
3. Geoffrey Craddock
4. Sidney Glendennan
5. Leslie Jordan
6. Colin Clamp

Boys under 12

1. John Loveridge
2. Derek Kelly
3. Victor Glendennan
4. Geoffrey Webster
5. Jack Clamp
6. Sidney Moeller

Boys under 15

1. Benjamin Barnard
2. John Henry
3. Joe Shields
4. Ivor Wylie
5. Reuben Shields
6. Albert Samworth

Ladies' Egg and Spoon Race

1. Mrs. Parke
2. Mrs. Wiltshire
3. Mrs. Webster
4. Mrs. Selby
5. Mrs. Deegan
6. Mrs. Ollington

Three-legged Race

1. Mr. Birchall and Mrs. Elvin
2. Mr. and Mrs. Lacey
3. Mr. and Mrs. Matthews
4. Mr. Hancock and Mrs. Selby
5. Mr. Fallowfield and Mrs. Metson
6. Mr. H. Smith and Miss Smith

Section A.

Throwing Cricket Ball

1. T. Meredith
2. T. Roden
3. T. Rouse

Putting the Weight

1. J. Jerome
2. H. Cook
3. H. Walker

Section B.

Throwing Cricket Ball

1. W. Lacey
2. G. Brown
3. A. Hazel
4. S. Webster

Putting the Weight

1. T. ap Rhys
2. G. Brown
3. J. Greaves

Throwing the Football

1. J. Coupland
2. H. Steel
3. { T. Roden
J. Walker
H. Cook,

Single Jump

1. J. Walker
2. { J. Coupland
J. Birley
3. W. Gannaway

SKITTLES COMPETITION

Section A.

1. H. Glendennan
2. W. Rickaby
3. F. Champness

Throwing the Football

1. W. Lacey
2. W. Birchall
3. C. Peach
4. T. Dickenson
5. T. ap Rhys

Single Jump

1. S. Webster
2. C. Peach
3. W. Birchall
4. J. R. Brown
5. J. Greaves

Section B.

1. J. Haylock
2. J. Henry
3. P. F. Robins

Regatta, 1939

ON Wednesday, July 12th, the Annual Regatta was held at Putney. The weather for the occasion was very good indeed.

Miss M. Hamar Greenwood and Colonel R. E. Bickerton were among the distinguished visitors who chatted to the men and watched their efforts on the water. Lady Fraser, as indefatigable as ever, acted as cox in a number of races throughout the afternoon.

The Inter-Club events for Miss Stacey's Cup this year resulted in a tie between London and Birmingham with 10 points each, Manchester being third with 4 points, Brighton filled fourth place.

The London Crew were placed first of the St. Dunstan's crews in the Open Fours event, won in good style again by the Old Blues Four, the winning St. Dunstan's members being W. Robinson, J. Macfarlane, H. Glendennan and W. T. Scott. It was once again a very good race, the judges giving the distance between as 1½ lengths.

The Vesta and Thames Rowing Clubs again extended their hospitality to us in the way of dressing room accommodation, and arrangements for afternoon tea, which were splendid.

Lady (Arthur) Pearson was unfortunately unable to be with us, but very kindly gave the four small cups for the winning President's Cup crew.

An additional event to the programme this year was the coxes' race of fours which was won by Bedford College crew, coxed by "our Miss Gibbs," but only after a grand struggle with the St. Dunstan's "Sisters' Four", coxed by Lady Fraser and stroked

by that hard-working little lady, Miss Morris.

(Full results are given overleaf.)

The Regatta Dinner

IT was a merry company that assembled at the Connaught Rooms for the Regatta Dinner in the evening. Sir Ian Fraser, presiding, said that they had with them Vice-Admiral Sir Charles Carpendale, who was now a member of St. Dunstan's Council, and he would present the prizes. They were also delighted to have with them again their very good friend, Mr. G. O. Nickalls, who had again brought a Four of Old Blues to the Regatta. There were appreciative cheers when Sir Ian referred to Mr. Nickalls' and the Committee's anxiety as to the strain put upon rowers at the Regatta, and the regulations which had been put into force as a result.

Before presenting the prizes, Sir Charles read a telegram which he had just received from Colonel Bickerton expressing his regret at being unable to be present but wishing everyone a successful evening, "good appetites and happy thirsts." Sir Charles said that as a sailor, he had learned his rowing many years ago, but unfortunately they were not so lucky in their coxes as St. Dunstan's men. If lady coxes had been the rule when he was a midshipman, life would have been one long regatta!

Lieut.-Col. Eric Ball expressed the thanks of St. Dunstan's to those who had helped to make the afternoon such a success. He mentioned the police first—"I have always thought it advisable to keep on the right side of them!"—and he went on to thank the coxes, stewards, umpires and judges, Mr. Swain, Sports Captain, and Mr. Dawkins and his own "Blues" who had come along again to help, and last, but not by any means least, Miss Morris. (Cheers.)

Mr. Nickalls said that the regatta was an event to which he looked forward at least three months ahead. He considered it a great privilege to be associated with St. Dunstan's rowing men.

Messrs. Bennett and Williams entertained the company during the evening.

Brighton

The next meeting of the Brighton Sports Club will be held on Wednesday, September 13th.

Results

Event	First	Second	Third	
Inter Club	BIRMINGHAM	LONDON	MANCHESTER	
Double Sculls	J. Gimber	J. Macfarlane	J. Coupland	1 L.
Inter Club	M. Costello	H. Glendennan	T. ap Rhys	
Pair Oars	LONDON	BIRMINGHAM	MANCHESTER	
Pair Oar	W. T. Scott	P. Holmes	W. Christian	2 L.
	W. Robinson	W. Trott	R. Edwards	
	W. T. Scott	A. Craigie	W. Trott	½ L.
	W. Robinson	H. Glendennan	P. Holmes	
Double Sculls	J. Coupland	T. Rouse	J. Gimber	1 L.
	T. ap Rhys	G. Fallowfield	R. J. Williams	
Veterans' Single Sculls (Class B)	A. Craigie	W. Lacey	P. Ashe	2 L.
One Arm Pair Oar ...	J. Jerome	A. Crook		4 L.
	N. Downs	J. Tomlinson		
S. Sculls (Class A) ...	J. Triggs	J. Treby	T. Rouse	1 L.
Deaf Blind Single Sculls ...	G. Fallowfield	R. J. Williams	A. Bedford	3 L.
Single Sculls (Class B) ...	S. Webster	M. Costello	J. Macfarlane	3 L.
V. Single Sculls (Class A) ...	J. Triggs	J. Mellor	P. Cashmore	3 L.
	(Old Blues)			
Open Fours	A. J. Macnabb	W. T. Scott	R. Edwards	1½ L.
	K. M. Payne	H. Glendennan	P. Nuyens	
	G. O. Nickalls	J. Macfarlane	H. Christian	
	H. R. N. Rickett	J. Robinson	J. Gimber	
	(Miss Morris)	(Miss Jamieson)	(Mrs. Spurway)	
Coxes' Race	Miss Harding	Miss Woolrych	Miss Talbot	1½ L.
	Miss Hall	Mrs. Irvine	Miss Dowding	
	Miss Garner	Mrs. Spurway	Miss Corney	
	Miss Jamison	Miss F. Morris	Miss Speyer	
	(Miss Gibbs)	(Lady Fraser)	(Miss Cowdell)	

"In Memory"

PRIVATE JOHN BANNISTER
(7th Yorkshire and Lancashire Regiment)

WITH deep regret, we have to record the death of J. Bannister, of Skelmersdale.

Enlisting in the early stages of the War, namely, September, 1914, Bannister was wounded in 1918 and came to St. Dunstan's two months later. He was trained as a boot repairer and clog-maker, and later as a mat-maker. He carried on at these trades for a number of years, although almost from the outset he suffered from rheumatism and kindred ailments. This trouble increased, and eventually necessitated his curtailing his work, and of late years he was only able to cope with wool rug-making.

Bannister had returned home from a stay at Brighton, from which he seemed to have greatly benefited, when he had a bout of his old trouble. After some weeks appendicitis supervened and he died in hospital shortly after the operation.

Amongst the wreaths was one from Sir Ian and his comrades at St. Dunstan's. The funeral was attended by representatives of the British Legion, the R.A.O.B., the Comrades' Association, and the Skelmersdale Old Prize Band. Mrs. Dunphy, and a fellow St. Dunstaner, J. Calvert, also attended.

We extend our sympathy to his children, who are now left orphans, and particularly to his daughter, Mrs. Stringman, who cared for him, and whose first baby was born just at the time of her father's death.

PRIVATE HORACE HENRY HOWLINGS
(3rd Northamptonshire Regiment)

WE have heard with the deepest regret of the death of H. H. Howlings, of Leyton.

Howlings had the misfortune to lose his sight a few months after joining the service, but did not come on to our benefits until 1929 when his health was so bad that he was unable to take up any form of training.

His health has failed gradually ever since and he passed away May 19th, 1939.

The funeral took place at Ilford Cemetery and among the many wreaths was one from Sir Ian and St. Dunstan's comrades.

He leaves a widow and two daughters, to whom we send our very sincere sympathy.