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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

OWING to rationing of paper and the need in war time for general economy we shall publish the REVIEW in future on cheaper paper and perhaps it will be reduced in size. We shall try, therefore, to make what does appear in it interesting and informative, but it will be more of a bulletin and less of a magazine. I hope all St. Dunstaners will try and read the REVIEW regularly because if I felt sure that they were doing this, the staff and I could rely upon notices appearing in the REVIEW coming to the attention of all, and this might save a good deal of circular letter writing.

Let me say a general word on the subject of the word "economy" so that my friends will understand and not misunderstand my use of it. St. Dunstan's hopes to raise large sums of money during the war for the conduct of its welfare work for the veterans of the Great War as well as for its activities as a hospital and training centre for any young fellows who join our ranks. But I do not judge that the time is ripe for us to make a new appeal on a big scale until new cases actually begin to come in to St. Dunstan's and the public conscience is aroused to the tragic facts of war.

This does not reflect upon the public conscience, which is kindly, sympathetic and generous, but is merely recognition, I think, of human nature. We ourselves used to say in the old days in another connection, "What the eye doesn't see the heart doesn't grieve about," and it is true, I am sure, to say that public response to any St. Dunstan's appeal will be the more lively when the need is shown to exist. We are living in a new and experimental age. The war will change many things and no man can judge what will be possible or impossible. One thing is quite certain, namely that the circumstances of the next few years, though similar in some ways, may be very different indeed in others to 1914-1918.

Until we have established by the passage of months or even a year that voluntary collections are possible and that St. Dunstan's appeal is successful, we must husband our resources. I have already said that I think it is our duty, and I feel all my comrades will agree with me, to do everything we reasonably can for any young fellows who are blinded in the country's service. To make ready to help them we must use our existing resources. If we do not do this but neglect our duty and are not ready, or do not care for the newly blinded in a proper manner, then the good name of St. Dunstan's will suffer severely in the public mind, and support for our organization, whether for its new or for its old work will not be forthcoming. It is therefore a matter of practical concern and interest to all veteran St. Dunstaners that we should make an outstanding success of our work, and I know all will co-operate to this end.

Economy does not mean that we are cutting down our benefits to existing St. Dunstaners. On the contrary, so far as possible, all our services will go on and many new

services to help St. Dunstaners who have been evacuated or who have lost their jobs, or whose interests have been affected by the war will have to be rendered. Already the Welfare staff here are busy dealing with many matters of this kind. Economy does mean the careful use of all our resources, avoidance of waste in any form, and tolerance by all when things are done more simply and, in some cases, a little more slowly than has been our custom.

At a conference held nearly a year ago between St. Dunstan's and representatives of the Directors General of Medical Services in the Admiralty, War Office, Air Force and Ministry of Pensions, it was agreed that in the event of war, St. Dunstan's should be the national centre for the full care of the war-blinded. Many St. Dunstaners will remember No. 2 London General Hospital and that most serious eye cases were concentrated there. There will be no No. 2 London General this time but St. Dunstan's is to combine a hospital for serious eye cases with an establishment for training, settlement and after-care. Thus, treatment and learning to be blind will run hand-in-hand. The Home at Ovingdean is being converted into a hospital. Surgeons and Sisters from Moorfields, the most famous English eye hospital, are already in attendance there. At the present time and until the Hospital fills up with patients, a great many beds will be available for old St. Dunstaners. At the moment we are retaining forty-two beds for this purpose. If St. Dunstan's follows to any extent the development of the last war, the time will come when we shall have to increase our buildings to provide a school for teaching Braille, typewriting and shorthand, telephone operating, massage, and other occupations, and we may have to provide convalescent homes in different parts of the country as in the last war. St. Dunstaners may be assured that we shall try and foresee the problem and keep the accommodation ahead of the demand, so that we may always be in a position to give both old and new every assistance. I do not think it will be possible for ordinary holiday periods to be enjoyed in our Convalescent Homes but we shall make provision to have accommodation for the following categories:

1. St. Dunstaners who are old, lonely and unfit to live at home, and who thus qualify for a permanent place.
2. Men who are damaged in air raids or in any other accident of war and who need treatment or convalescence.
3. Men who are temporarily dispossessed of their homes by war and must come to us for a brief time before they are re-settled.
4. Sick men who need a brief period of convalescence.

Thus it will be seen that the great new responsibility with which the Government has entrusted us will be carried out progressively, and at the same time the principal and essential services that have always been rendered to the old St. Dunstaners will be maintained, and adapted to meet new conditions.

We shall make mistakes—every human organization does this. There will be delays and difficulties. But we will all do our best, and I am sure all our friends will help us.

One thing I want to make abundantly clear. While it is our duty to carry out the new responsibilities entrusted to us by the Government, we do not intend, except so far as it is necessary to start a new organization going and maintain essential services, to utilize St. Dunstan's money in a manner which would threaten the first object for which we were founded, namely, the life-long welfare of the men who were blinded in the country's service in 1914-18. As you know, I am myself a 1914-18 man, and I will stand by my old comrades whatever may happen.

IAN FRASER

Her Majesty's Birthday

The following telegram was sent to Her Majesty the Queen on August 4th:

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN, BALMORAL.
The blinded soldiers, sailors and airmen of St. Dunstan's wish Your Majesty many happy returns of the day.

IAN FRASER, Chairman.

The following message was received by Sir Ian Fraser in reply:

The Queen has received with much pleasure your congratulations on her birthday and sincerely thanks all who joined in this message.

STREATFEILD.

Bee Keeping

F. C. FLEETWOOD, of Herne Bay, in the spring of this year started bee-keeping. As far as we know, the only other St. Dunstaner who has taken up this interesting hobby is Jerry Jerome who has gone in for it very extensively and successfully.

Now Fleetwood writes:

"The Kent Bee-Keepers' Association arrange during the summer months for outdoor lectures and demonstrations by the County Lecturer, Mr. Judge, who is recognized as the greatest authority on bee-keeping in the county. We were asked whether we would like such a demonstration in our garden. Naturally we jumped at the chance. There were twenty bee-keepers here. When Mr. Judge arrived, he asked whether there was anything in particular we would like him to do and we said that we would like him to strip the hive and give his criticism on our management of it. This he did, and very soon we had a cloud of bees flying about (there are about 60,000 bees in a colony) and the hive was dismantled. Naturally, we had made one or two small mistakes but there was nothing which called for censure.

"My wife and I do all the work between us and I have actually handled a frame of bees from the brood chamber, which is one of the most jealously guarded parts of the hive. I used to be terrified of bees. I now realize how foolish that was and have a real liking for them.

"If any of my St. Dunstan's pals are thinking of taking it up, I say good luck to them."

Competition Result

THE first correct solution to last month's "Fishermen" competition, opened on September 1st, was sent in by J. A. Dunlop, of Midlothian, to whom the prize of one guinea is being sent.

The correct solution was as follows: The fish were sold at 4d. per dozen and two-pence each was charged for each fish over the dozen.

A Correction

THERE was an error in the last REVIEW in respect of the Alsatian puppies which A. E. Bettaney has for sale.

The price should have been 50s. and 70s. Bettaney still has four left. His address is 232 Blurton Road, Fenton, Staffordshire.

"The Case is Altered"

IF a Londoner said to you: "Meet me at the Rose and Crown, old boy," he would give you forty-four alternatives in the Greater London area. He might make things much more confusing if he chose one of the hundreds of taverns named after our ancient aristocracy. On the other hand, if he suggested a date at "The Case is Altered," you couldn't fail to connect with him in the Harrow Road.

"The Case is Altered" is a pretty odd name for a pub, but is it any odder than the "Who'd a Thought It," which can be found in Timbercroft Lane in the South-East district?

Bethnal Green boasts a queer pub tally in "Blade Bone," but they go one better farther East with the "Five Bells and Blade Bone."

The East of London, like the East proper, is full of these mysteries. How did the "Cat and Mutton" get together in Broadway Market? What is the origin of the "Eagle and Child" in E.7? Who was the sombre fellow who gave his name to the "Grave Maurice" in E.14?

"Live and Let Live" in the Romford Road is perhaps slightly less puzzling. One can imagine one of the patrons shouting the words to his disapproving "Missus" should she poke an inquisitive nose round the swing-door. The whole company might chant it when the landlord utters his traditional "Time, gentlemen, please."

Up round the Clerkenwell Road and in the East Central District the pubs seem to specialize in queer composite names. "Horseshoe and Magpie," "Magpie and Stump," "Salmon and Compasses," make sufficiently odd mixtures. What was the "Old Blue Last" referred to on a sign in Great Eastern Street?

Farther North they compete well with the Clerkenwell oddities. There you will find the "Haddock and Pad" and the "Swan and Pyramids." "Old Parr's Head" has a somewhat sinister sound; imagination conjures a picture of it stuck up for all to see in the days when such human relics were commonly to be seen at focal points of our Metropolis.

Moving to the West, you find "Mother Red Cap" in High Street, N.W.1. She has an errant husband, "Father Red Cap," keeping cheery company on Camberwell

Green. Stanhope Street in the North-West has a "Goat in Boots."

The South-East has a more vivacious tone to its inn titles. There seems to be an affinity between "The Moonrakers" in Great Suffolk Street and the "Pyrotechnists' Arms" on Nunhead Green. The latter would probably like to be near the "Catherine Wheel," way up West in Church Street.

In S.E.7 we find the "Lads of the Village"; that sounds a good spot for a call.

At Hampton the traveller in search of nectar comes to the "World's End"—not such a bad end either if you like to view the world through the glass bottom of a good pewter tankard.

—D. K. WINSLOW in *Men Only*.

National Egg Laying Test

REPORT for the eleventh period of four weeks, July 17th to August 13th, 1939.

Position	Name	Test score value
1	Carpenter, E. H. ...	1104
2	Holmes, P. ...	1067
3	Holmes ...	990
4	Fisher, T. M. ...	960
5	Chaffin, A. ...	919
6	Campbell, J. ...	917
7	Benning, A. ...	882
8	Hill, R. E. ...	872
9	Jarvis, A. ...	866
10	Woodcock, W. J. ...	858
11	Knopp, H. A. ...	797
12	Chaffin, A. ...	788
13	Hammett, H. A. ...	773
14	Jackson, G. C. ...	756
15	Jackson, G. C. ...	675
16	McLaren, D. ...	668
17	Smith, W. Alan ...	648
18	Smith, W. Alan ...	588
19	Pink, A. ...	529
20	McLaren, D. ...	516
21	Brown, M. Watson ...	504
22	McIntosh, C. ...	491
23	Powell, G. ...	434
24	Webb, W. ...	391

Positions of the No. 1 birds for the 10th and 11th periods.

		10th period	11th period
Holmes, P.	W.L. 3957	195	220
Benning, A.	R.I.R. 3825	192	213
Chaffin, A.	W.L. 3939	191	207

The Warminster Camp

THE second annual camp at Warminster, organized by Miss Oliphant for the men of the Western area, finished upon the night of June 13th literally with a flourish and fanfare of trumpets. That there was only one trumpet, and that actually a cornet, did not matter to the hundreds of visitors to the camp-fire concert.

The scene must have been both emotional and spectacular with the huge fire and the glowing features of the vast throng. The air rang with the sound of the accordion band and the voices of all who joined in the community singing and choruses. Alexander, of Bournemouth, rendered two sentimental ballads, Blakeley an amusing monologue concerning the adventures of Aggie the elephant. J. Back put appropriate touch to the scene by rendering "Let the rest of the world go by". A wilder note of the wide open spaces and camp-fires, was the story of The Strawberry Roan, the unbreakable broncho, rendered by the camp's official buster and so, with the singing of the National Anthem, closed the most memorable night of another memorable camp.

The camp had opened in inauspicious circumstances, rain and wind and rather cold weather trying to dampen and cool the ardour of all, but without success. First, the beds had been soaked but dried out in the laundry. Then the following day, booked as "Boating and Bathing," was spoiled by a torrential downpour, but drove the whole party into the Odeon Cinema, with a pleasant tea to follow in the Cadena Cafe.

This, however, was not to be compared with the hoped-for opportunities for clutching the female forms divine as one deliberately sank for the second time. The weather tried to smile at us on the Saturday when at Hinton Charterhouse, where we were again the guests of the Misses Foxcroft. It rained persistently through a concert party given by the famous "Roosters" and during tea, but cleared up for a space so that the traditional sports and competitions were held in brilliant weather. The most pleasing feature of Saturday was the visit of Sir Ian and Lady Fraser who motored down and met the whole camp assembled for a photograph, later accompanying us to

Hinton Charterhouse. Unfortunately they had to leave before the sports.

On Sunday the weather gave us best, and church parade was held in brilliant sunshine. The Silver Prize Band from Shrewton led the parade and played in the field before and after the service which was held at Christchurch. Our well-known camp chaplain, Mr. Wake, gave a stirring address after Canon Stewart had welcomed us again to his parish.

Then followed a week of strenuous enjoyment, in the organization of which, Miss Oliphant, Miss Jemmet Brown, Miss Marshman, Mr. Wyer and others must have worked like Trojans. On Monday we drove in glorious weather to Bristol Downs where a picnic lunch was enjoyed. This was followed by a tour through Messrs. Wills' tobacco factory—an instructive and illuminating afternoon in which we discovered that twelve different brands of tobacco are required for blending the humble "Woodbine," and followed the process of cigarette manufacture from the raw leaf to the made cigarette. Each member of the party was allowed to feel the "twist" actually being made, and to make a cigarette in professional manner. We were then entertained to tea and presented with tobacco, cigarettes and a fine cigar, and rode home to accept the hospitality also of the Christchurch Juniors at a dance at the Scout Hut. The next morning the perpetual cheeriness of the camp dispersed the clouds, and after an early start a picturesque party sat down to a picnic lunch in the grounds of the famous Longleat and Sheerwater estate. The party was then escorted over the historic house by Mrs. Parker, the housekeeper, who explained the family history, the wonderful portraits in the galleries, furnishings, tapestries, etc. A feature here was to touch the table, leather topped and brass bound, on which the peace treaty following Waterloo was signed. This was followed by an evening visit to the 3rd Batt. Royal Tank Corps, during which we had opportunities of contrasting the comforts of modern barrack-room life with the discomforts of our own soldiering days. The tanks were explained to us in detail, and we then enjoyed the regiment's hospitality in the almost luxurious Sergeants' Mess.

Two smoking concerts, given by the R.A.O.B. and the British Legion, were a complete success, as also was a second

dance given by the Anglican Young People's Association. Here the "Competition" dance was won by Seal of Portesham, who, in company with Miss Mary George, an exhibition dancer and tap dancer of Warminster, won two packets of cigarettes. Seal, having been reported in the *Wiltshire Times*, seems destined for Hollywood.

The Church fete on the Wednesday, for the benefit of Padre Wake's church, was a huge success, from his and our point of view. It was held in the grounds of the beautiful estate of Commander Brocklebank. We all indulged in skittles, and our own little competition at skittles was won by the only (self-styled) gate-crasher, G. Lidbetter, from Brighton, who could sure shoot straight. We must not omit the wonderful afternoon spent on Dr. and Mrs. Hodge's lawn as the guests of the Women's branch of the British Legion. On Friday we were the guests of Mrs. and Major Teichman. Following a tour of the beautiful gardens several of the boys rode Red Mask, a famous hunter. Miss Moody's Red Cross tent in camp was well attended, but truth bids us say more for social than professional reasons. Miss Gauntlet, a last year visitor, was this year a cheery and enthusiastic adjunct to the staff and, like Miss Marshman, a real "live wire." Everybody was delighted to see Miss Pain again.

Well, it is all over, but to Miss Oliphant and all, especially Jim Sherrat and Bill Allen, canteen wallahs, and Night Sisters, we say "Thanks for the memory, we'll be seeing you, next year. Same place, same time, same crowd."

A. V. RADFORD

Idle Moments on a Switchboard

What do I think of in the moments sweet
That interval my work with hurried feet?
What do I think of when at last
The busy morning rush is past?
Does greedy business claim my whole
attention?
Or have I other thoughts too dear to
mention?
There was a precept that I learned at
school
To occupy the mind and keep it full
of noble thoughts. If I should lapse,
And let my mind run free, perhaps
Some evil thing might creep within, and
grow.
And so I keep it busy. Ever so.

St. Dunstan's Masseurs to Help in War

ST. DUNSTAN'S masseurs, in their Annual Conference, passed a resolution offering their services to the Government in the event of war. Over seventy of them met at the new Home at Brighton on Saturday, July 22nd, for their annual meeting and week-end Conference.

Mr. Edmund Toft, Chairman of the Massage Advisory Committee, presided.

Referring to war plans for St. Dunstaners generally, Sir Ian Fraser said the first duty of St. Dunstan's should war break out would be to look after their old blinded comrades of the Great War and see that any damage to them or their families or to their professions, handicrafts or occupations, was repaired as quickly and effectively as possible under the circumstances. The next duty which might arise almost immediately would be the care of the men of the Army, Navy and Air Force, and other military or quasi-military organizations, who might lose their sight. The old blinded soldiers, with twenty years' experience, would pledge themselves to teach the young new ones the way to victory over blindness. Preparations to deal with casualties and care for the wounded were no less important than preparations for war itself. To his knowledge, the Ministry of Pensions had its preparations complete or in a very advanced state and they, St. Dunstan's, had co-operated in their own sphere to the utmost.

A message from Major the Rt. Hon. G. C. Tryon, M.P. for Brighton, congratulating St. Dunstan's masseurs on the success of their work and wishing them luck was read.

Lectures and demonstrations were given by the masseurs and a special service in the Chapel was conducted by the Rev. R. M. Raper, St. Dunstan's Chaplain. Mr. Raper took as his text, 2nd Chronicles, chapter 15, verse 7: "Be ye strong, therefore, and let not your hands be weak; for your work shall be rewarded."

Brief Notes

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Warren, of Macclesfield, became proud grandparents on September 5th. Their daughter has given birth to a son.

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F. E. O'Kelly, of Putney, was an early volunteer for the blood transfusion service.

From our Press Cuttings

From the *Shields Gazette*:

Envoy F. Mowtell of Cramlington has become known as a Salvation Army personality, not only because of his affliction—he lost his sight during the war—but by reason of the cheerfulness with which he has borne this handicap. His happy demeanour as well as his speaking ability have served as an example to all who have met him, and the fact that he is to conduct meetings at the Tyne Dock Citadel on Sunday at 11.0, 3.0 and 6.45 should be of interest to local Salvationists.

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From the *Evening News*:

Blind since birth, a family of two brothers and two sisters, all over 60, have managed a 100-acre farm near Strathroy (Ontario) since 1901.

Until a short time ago the farm was a going concern in every branch of general farming, but the ageing brothers—Frank over 70 and Samuel 63—now work only a few acres of vegetables and use the rest of the land for pasture.

The sisters do all the work of the farmhouse.

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We print without comment the following description of an invention of a blind civilian, Mr. A. Gosden, which appeared in the *Bournemouth Daily Echo*.

The appliance consists of a walking stick of thin hollow steel, in which a similar stick of small circumference is set, and from which it can be drawn when required for use. The thicker stick would be employed by the blind person as a walking stick, and the second would be used—as Mr. Gosden very effectively uses a second stick—held as a protection in front of him.

In the handle of the second stick would be set a whistle to be used as an S.O.S. when a blind person loses his bearings.

Further down this stick there would be a contrivance which, when put into action, would cause a triangle of material several inches along each side to extend. The idea is that the blind person would hold this in front of him as a recognized signal to road users when crossing from kerb to kerb.

On the walking stick section a small bell would be fixed to warn pedestrians of the user's affliction, which would cause them to give him right of way.

In every stick it was suggested there should be a small fitment to hold the user's bus pass; and the name and address, registered number, also the name and address of his doctor, should be engraved upon the stick itself.

Mr. Gosden is convinced that the sticks could be produced very cheaply by mass production. If they were recognized by the Ministry of Health, and the blind compulsorily trained in their use, he is convinced they would be of infinite benefit to the afflicted.

“A man may build himself a throne of bayonets, but he cannot sit on it.”

DEAN INGE

Young St. Dunstaners

John, son of Mrs. Birch and the late W. Birch, has passed an examination to attend Sloane Secondary School.

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Edna, daughter of the late W. Davies, of Middlesbrough, has secured her Schools Certificate with credits, and her brother has won a scholarship to enter High School.

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Eric, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stratton, of Shirebrook, has passed his final examination for membership of the Pharmaceutical Society.

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Gerald, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Raymond, of St. Annes-on-Sea, has obtained a Junior Scholarship for Preston Technical School. He was one of two successful entrants in the Lancashire Counties.

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George Stanley, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Spires, of Malvern, has won a scholarship tenable at Hanley Grammar School.

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Jack, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clamp, of New Bradwell, has won a scholarship to a Secondary School.

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Richard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tanner, of St. Ives, has passed his General Schools examination. After securing the half-mile and mile sprint championship at Penzance School, he carried off the half-mile Town Cup in the recent tercentenary celebrations at St. Ives.

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Another young sportsman is Donald, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Greaves, of Oldham. At the age of twelve he has gained three certificates issued by the educational authorities, and has won a free pass to the swimming baths for the next twelve months.

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Teresa Bregazzi, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bregazzi, of Highgate, was married to Mr. J. Barker, at St. Joseph's Church, Highgate Hill, on August 5th.

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Fred, second son of Mr. and Mrs. J. McAndrew, of Bournemouth, has passed his matriculation, with four distinctions.

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Mavis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. T.

Hazel, of Merton, who is not yet eleven, has passed Grades 1 and 2 (Theory) and Grade V (practical) for the Royal School of Music.

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Eileen, the daughter of G. Moore, of Folkestone, has passed an examination which enables her to attend Grange School, Folkestone, until she is sixteen.

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William Albert, son of Mrs. Kitson and the late A. Kitson, of Chichester, has gained a First in French in the London University Examination results.

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Eileen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Tarry, of Hastings, has gained matriculation exemption as a result of the London General Schools Examination. She has been granted an Intermediate Award that entitles her to two years' further schooling at the High School.

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John, the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Davies, of Llandyssul, has passed his Final Examination and is now qualified to start work as a schoolmaster.

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The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Gardiner, of Hove, was married in London on August 5th.

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Gladys Back, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Back, of Shaldon, was elected Carnival Queen at Shaldon's Carnival Festivities.

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The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. Power, late of Waterford, Ireland, was married at St. Ignatius Church, Tottenham, on August 6th to Mr. L. Charlesworth. Mrs. Butler, the wife of a St. Dunstaner, came over from Waterford for the ceremony. After a brief honeymoon, the bridegroom left to join his regiment.

Births

HORNER.—To the wife of R. Horner, of Nether Thong, on August 25th, a daughter.

POTTS.—To the wife of H. S. Potts, of Coombe Martin on July 25th, a daughter—Adrienne.

PRICE.—To the wife of A. Price, of Enfield, a son.

Death

BOLTON.—We offer our sincere sympathy to P. Bolton, of Stockport, whose mother with whom he lived, passed away on August 6th.

Marriage

CONROY-O'CONNOR.—On the 5th July, M. J. Conroy, of Cork, to Mrs. Mary O'Connor.

"In Memory"

FREDERICK STEWART OWEN
(1st S. A. Infantry)

It is with deep regret that we record the death of F. S. Owen of Johannesburg, South Africa. He passed away peacefully on the 1st August from heart failure. Although he had not been in good health for some weeks, his death was unexpected.

Owen served in the South African War and in the Great War. He was at St. Dunstan's in 1919 and 1920 and many St. Dunstaners will remember his marriage to one of St. Dunstan's V.A.D. Quartermasters, then Miss A. Stevenson. Many will remember, too, their visit to England last year, when they met a number of their old friends at Headquarters.

Owen was a man of fine character and indomitable courage and he will be greatly missed by his St. Dunstan comrades in South Africa and by ex-servicemen's societies and Toc H in Johannesburg, of which he was an energetic member.

The funeral was attended by a number of ex-service men, St. Dunstan's being represented by Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Kirstein and Mr. J. J. O'Connor. There were many beautiful wreaths.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Owen.

PRIVATE JOHN BATES
(12th Royal Defence Corps)

WITH deep regret we have to record the death of J. Bates, of Salford, who, during the Great War served in the 12th Royal Defence Corps, but previous to this had seen many years' service both in England and abroad.

Bates was not a young man when he came to St. Dunstan's in 1919, but he did very well at poultry farming and netting. He was not able to carry on, however, and for some years his health had given cause for anxiety. His death, which occurred at the home of his sister on the 8th August, was unexpected—he was spending a holiday period with her before returning to the Brighton Home for the winter.

A wreath from Sir Ian and his comrades was sent from London and we extend our deepest sympathy to his children and his sister, Mrs. McArthur.

PRIVATE JAMES WILLIAM OGILTREE
(73rd Canadian Regiment)

WE have learned with deep regret of the death of J. W. Ogiltree, of Toronto, Canada.

We had not heard from him for some time, but nevertheless the letter from his wife telling us that he had died on July 8th came as a shock.

Ogiltree came to St. Dunstan's in May, 1918. He had received multiple injuries at Lens in 1917. He was trained both here and at Pearson Hall in Canada, but for many years suffered from ill-health and consequently only carried on with lighter occupations such as basketry and netting.

He will be remembered by many men at the Bungalow and on behalf of his comrades in England we extend to Mrs. Ogiltree and their five children our deepest sympathy.

PRIVATE WILLIAM H. MANNING
(Leicestershire Regiment)

WE deeply regret to record the death of W. H. Manning, of Tooting.

Manning enlisted in 1914 and went through the War, being demobilized in 1919. As a result of his wounds his sight began to fail and in due course he came to St. Dunstan's where he was taught mat making. He carried on with this work until early this year, when owing to ill-health he had to cease.

The funeral was attended by relatives and some of his St. Dunstan's friends, and also by a representative of the Branch of Oddfellows of which Manning was a member. Among the many wreaths was one from Sir Ian and his comrades at St. Dunstan's.

We extend our very sincere sympathy to Mrs. Manning and her family in their great loss.

GUNNER SAMUEL COWEN
(Royal Field Artillery)

It is with deep regret that we record the death of S. Cowen, of London Fields.

Cowen served in France and was wounded in 1916. Shortly afterwards he came to St. Dunstan's where he was trained as a boot repairer and mat maker. He carried on with these occupations for many years but had latterly taken things more easily. For some time he had not been feeling very well and had suffered from fits of depression during one of which he died on July 15th.

The funeral was attended by relatives and various St. Dunstan's friends. Among the many wreaths was one from Sir Ian and his comrades at St. Dunstan's.

We extend our very sincere sympathy to Mrs. Cowen and her family in their great loss.

PRIVATE DAVID WALTER RICHARDS
(Welsh Regiment)

WE record with deep regret the death of D. W. Richards, of Wyesham, Mon.

Richards served in France for three years when he was severely gassed and wounded. After some time his sight began to deteriorate and he was then admitted to St. Dunstan's.

He was, however, never well enough to carry on with any occupation and latterly his health had been very poor indeed. Nevertheless his death was a great shock.

The funeral took place at Wyesham, and among the wreaths was one from Sir Ian and his comrades at St. Dunstan's.

We extend our very sincere sympathy to Mrs. Richards and her family in their great loss.