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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

IN the January REVIEW I asked for opinions as to whether we should or should not hold Reunions all over the country during the war. St. Dunstaners' letters on this subject leave no doubt that the view that Reunions should be postponed until after the war, or at any rate for the time being, prevails. There are certainly great difficulties, owing to A.R.P., the black-out, and travelling restrictions, and we have accordingly decided not to hold them this year. Some suggest that we should spend the money which St. Dunstan's would save, in particular directions. I cannot, at the moment, say that we will devote this particular money to any particular object. We shall most certainly need it to help keep the general services of St. Dunstan's going, for war difficulties of one kind and another, for St. Dunstan's generally, and amongst St. Dunstan's men and their families, are already making an additional tax upon us. The £1 gift which we sent out at Christmas was a new charge, and is an indication that we have in mind the special needs of our men on special occasions.

Macquisten, M.P.—Friend of St. Dunstan's

The other day, Mr. F. A. Macquisten, K.C., M.P. for Argyll, died. His many friends in the House of Commons, and out of it, will miss him. He was an M.P. always willing to take up a good cause, particularly for the small man. I had the honour of his friendship, and when I had only been in the House of Commons for a few months, it was he whom I consulted about my first Parliamentary Bill. One evening, sitting in the Smoke Room, in 1926, I told him that I wanted to get a free wireless licence for every blind person, and asked him, as an old hand, how to go about it. He and I planned a campaign, and then and there wrote down the first draft of the Bill which I subsequently introduced to the House and got passed as the Wireless Telegraphy (Blind Persons Facilities) Act. This Act gave every blind person in this country a free wireless licence, and the example was followed in the Parliaments of all the Dominions.

Talking Book Policy

I have sometimes been asked to explain why St. Dunstaners have to pay for Talking Book machines, when so many other services are free. I think it may interest readers to have an outline of our policy in this matter. First of all, it must not be assumed that every new service introduced by St. Dunstan's can be free. When account is taken of children's allowances, holiday allowances, the cost of the Brighton Home with free travelling to and fro, grants in times of need or difficulty, wireless sets, braille watches, typewriters, maintaining our trades, helping our professional men, and so on, it will be understood that very great sums of money are required for St. Dunstan's. Although we have always found the money so far, the supply is not inexhaustible, and we have to consider the future.

I have always had at the back of my mind the belief that the time would come when the sacrifices of the Great War became a matter of history rather than memory to most of our fellow-countrymen, and that, when that time came, it might be difficult to raise funds for St. Dunstan's. It may surprise readers to know that, as far ahead as 1967, there will still be over five hundred blinded soldiers, sailors and airmen of the Great War living, and by that time the Great War itself will be a distant memory of fifty years ago. I have always felt also that one of the most comforting things we could do for a St. Dunstaner was to guarantee to him as certainly as possible that any service we began, or form of help we started, to which he would become accustomed, would continue to be available for the rest of the lifetime of the Great War generation. It would not make for happiness to start new expenditure on a scale which we could not be sure of maintaining. I always have these thoughts in mind, and when the Talking Book project came up to be considered, I turned it over in the light of these considerations. If Talking Books had been free for all, perhaps a thousand, or perhaps nearly two thousand men would have wanted them. This alone would have cost a lot of money, and many who had a free Talking Book might not have used it and appreciated it, and this would have been wasteful. Not only this, but so large a number of readers would have required three times as many books. Now it must be remembered that while the St. Dunstaner pays for his Talking Book machine he does not pay for the records, although they are very costly indeed. The Library service is entirely free. Fortunately, I was able to secure a splendid gift from Lord Nuffield to help us pay for the records, but even this generous gift does not cover the whole cost. So we decided that the Library should be free, but that the St. Dunstaner should pay for his Talking Book, although even here we met the position a little because we take £1 off the cost of each Talking Book to make it less expensive to the buyer.

I was able to persuade the Postmaster-General at the time to put a special clause in an Act of Parliament to enable the books to go through the mails at the very reduced rate of three-halfpence or twopence a book. By ordinary parcel post I think it would have been as much as one shilling.

The result of this policy is that the Talking Book has been well-established. Over five hundred St. Dunstaners are enjoying it. There is no doubt that it is a really very wonderful addition to the resources of the blind.

There are a few cases where we present the Talking Book machines free, owing to some special gift or for a special reason. For example, a year or two ago Queen Mary sent me a cheque, asking me to use it for the purchase of a Talking Book machine for a specially disabled St. Dunstaner, and a lady in the North of England paid for three machines for three special cases in a similar manner. St. Dunstan's itself also makes gifts of this kind in rare and special circumstances. The only cases in which we do this are where the man is bedridden, or very specially disabled, or has no other occupation, a case where the Talking Book is the one thing that will give him very special comfort and pleasure.

I am glad to say that, in spite of the war, we are continuing to produce and put into the Library two new books a month.

A True Fishing Story

Sir Walter Womersley, the Minister of Pensions, whose opening of the Operating Theatre Wing of our building at Brighton is reported elsewhere, is an old political friend of mine. He was a Whip in the House of Commons for many years when I was a Member, and he and I have often talked on public platforms together. He is one of the best of our public platform speakers, and has an immense fund of racy stories suitable for all occasions. He has a special sympathy for St. Dunstan's because he only has one good eye, and at one time he couldn't see very much out of that one. Indeed, I believe he was very nearly blind for some weeks. He is an old soldier himself, and we are fortunate to have a man of such wide experience and understanding as Minister of Pensions. He is M.P. for Grimsby, and consequently a great many of his constituents are the splendidly gallant fellows who man the trawlers for mine-sweeping or fishing. Many of them have been shot up by the German air raiders in the last few weeks in the cowardly and barbarous attacks they have been making on unarmed vessels. Sir Walter was at my house the other evening, and told a host of stories, one of which I will tell you. Two or three weeks ago the crews of two

trawlers said that they would not go to sea until they had interviewed an important person. This caused perturbation at the Ports. Had the English sailors and fishermen lost their nerve? When the important person interviewed the crews to ascertain what the trouble was, they said, "All we want is a rifle to have a crack at them." The picture of these gallant men in their little craft putting bravely out to sea to meet a modern aeroplane armed with bombs and four machine guns or more, with nothing but a rifle to have a crack at them, made me feel very proud of our seafaring men. A week later the Admiralty armed all these vessels with a machine gun.

IAN FRASER.

News of St. Dunstaners

Dan Barker, of Hamilton, Ontario, has sent us a gift of two pairs of socks, which have been knitted by an old lady of eighty years of age. Dan asks that they may be given to the first blinded soldier to come to St. Dunstan's during the present war.

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A. Holmes, of Burley-in-Wharfedale, is a proud grandfather. His daughter has presented him with a grandson, Anthony Stevenson.

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The latest addition to the ranks (or should it be "rinks"?) of St. Dunstan's skaters is R. A. Barbour, of Brighton.

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F. Pullen, of Old Woking, is one of our best darts players, and the *Daily Mirror* gave him a good show the other day. They were wrong in his age, though; they gave it as more than sixty; actually he is only 53. Pullen is a member of the "Crown and Anchor" Dart Club, Old Woking. The other night the Club was playing Epsom Town and the issue depended on him. He wanted the double one. His second dart was right in the middle, and the match was won.

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Last month we asked St. Dunstaners to let us know what they were doing to help to win the war.

W. H. Harding, of Finsbury Park, has made several scarves on his old frame, and a rug, which was ruffled in his firm. As a result, £10 13s. 6d. went to their Comforts Fund.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. Baxter, of Clapham Junction, have sung for the troops many times, but on January 30th they produced their own concert party, which appeared as "Baxter's Brighter Black-out." They hope to do more of this work in the future, for, as they say, "rehearsing is time well spent if the show gives pleasure to the lads."

From the "New Beacon"

"TRAMP, TRAMP, TRAMP, THE BOYS ARE MARCHING.—At a certain R.A.F. Depot the boys are marching to the tune of a song which has been written for them by two well-known local musical artistes—Mr. Rex Furness, who is blind, and Mrs. Jessie Allen, his accompanist. A day or two before a concert at which he was to entertain the troops, Mr. Furness 'sat down and knocked out the words and a simple tune,' and then he and Mrs. Allen harmonised it. As soon as the song got going the floor resounded to the stamp, stamp, stamp of airmen's feet, and the Depot has now a marching song of its own."

Mr. Rex Furness is a St. Dunstan's officer.

A Lift on the Way

Say folk, just listen, if you've got the time.
To my little story—I've put it in rhyme.

*Down at St. Dunstan's we're doing our best,
Undertaking a job which is well worth the test.
Needs for the boys who are braving the storm,
Socks, scarves, and woollies, to keep themselves warm.*

*The boys who are fighting for a cause just and fair,
Army and Navy, and the boys in the Air.
Never say die is our motto, that's true,
St. Dunstan's men's boys will pull us all through.*

*Comforts they want, so comforts we'll give,
Out with your coppers, live and let live.
Money, of course, is the weapon we need,
Forward your pennies, then we will succeed.
On land, in the air, and likewise on sea,
Remember they're fighting for you and for me.
To comfort and cheer them, what ere may prevail,
St. Dunstan's Old Boys were ne'er known to fail.
Failure won't come if we all do our bit,
Unless, as it were, we're very hard hit.
Now is the time, strike the iron whilst it's hot,
Delay may cause trouble (we don't want a lot).*

J. McDONALD.

Sons and Daughters in the Services

ALEXANDER, L/Cpl. E. J., Black Watch.
 ATTRELL, Sapper W., Royal Engineers.
 BAKER, A/C2, Royal Air Force.
 BAULCH, J. E. (*nee* CONDON), Section Leader
 Quartermaster, A.T.S.
 BEATTIE, A/C2 R. S., Royal Air Force.
 BLACKETT, Air Fitter Apprentice, R.N. Fleet Air
 Arm.
 BOARDMAN, Driver W. P., L. of C. Signals.
 BOON, Driver F., R.A.S.C.
 CHADWICK, O/S. E. L., H.M.S. *Gurkha*.
 CHAPMAN, Private H., 5th Northamptonshire Regt.
 CHAFFIN, Gunner R. A., Royal Artillery.
 CLARE, Sapper D. G., Royal Engineers.
 CLEARY, Private T., Border Regiment.
 CLEARY, Private S., I.T.C.
 COLBECK, Private J., Royal Air Force.
 COLLINGS, Gunner H., R.A. (Signal Training).
 CONDON, Cpl. T. D., Royal Air Force.
 DEWIS, Driver K., R.A.S.C.
 DICKINSON, O/S. C., H.M.S. *Skate*.
 DONEGAN, Driver E., R.H.A.
 DOWD, Private J., K.O.R.R.
 DUFFY, Trooper T., Royal Tank Regt.
 DURKIN, F. T., A.A., Royal Air Force.
 FARMERY, Signalman R., Royal Signals.
 FURNESS, Driver W., R.A.S.C.
 GAME, Private E., Queen's Royal Regt.
 GILHOOLEY, G., Royal Air Force.
 GRAHAM, Sapper B. N., R.E.
 GRIBBEN, Gunner E., Royal Artillery.
 GRIBBEN, Corporal A., Infantry.
 HADFIELD, Driver C., No. 1 Section M.T.
 HOTSON, Private T., 2nd East Yorks. Regt.
 HULME, Leading Aircraftman, Royal Air Force.
 HURRELL, A/C1 R., Royal Air Force.
 IRVINE, G., Signal Corps.
 ISAAC, Leading Aircraftman, Royal Air Force.
 JAKES, Trooper R., 1st King's Dragoon Guards.
 JAMES, L/Cpl. F., Royal Sussex Regt.
 JARMAN, A/B. T., H.M.S. *Revenge*.
 JARMAN, Bugler A., D.B.R.E.
 JORDAN, Private S., Infantry Brigade.
 KIRBY, Signalman I. T., 139th Field Regt.
 KNIGHT, Sapper C., Royal Engineers.
 LAKER, Gunner L. J., 58th Med. Regt., R.A.
 LAWLOR, Cpl. M. P., 2nd Royal Ulster Rifles.
 LAWLOR, A/B. W., H.M.S. *Kelly*.
 LEEMAN, N., S.S. *Orotos*.
 LEONARD, L/Cpl., Queen's Westminsters.
 LEVER, L/Cpl. C.
 LILLEY, Private G., R.A.S.C.
 M'ALONAN, R., Cavalry Barracks.
 McDONALD, Private J., 52 H.T. Regt., R.A.C.
 MARSHALL, Steward C., H.M.S. *Ranpura*.
 MAKING, A/B. G., H.M.S. *Grangepark*.
 MILEHAM, Gunner H., Royal Air Force.
 MILEHAM, Gunner J., Royal Air Force.
 MOSS, J. H., Worcester Regt.
 MOSS, Private J. A., Worcester Regt.
 NASH, Gunner P. J., Field Regt.
 O'BRIEN, Private H., 2nd/4th Hampshire Regt.
 OLDFIELD, L/Cpl. A., Royal Engineers.
 O'KELLY, Gunner, Royal Artillery.

[A further list will appear next month].

Now read the poem on page 3.

Young St. Dunstaners

With deep regret we have heard of the death of the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Gaffney, while serving on H.M.S. *Daring*.

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News has also been received that Thomas Burnett, of the D.C.L.I., is reported missing, believed to be a prisoner.

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Tom Hotson is serving in the same regiment as his father, the 2nd East Yorks.

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C. T. Condon's son has been promoted to Instructor.

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Mr. and Mrs. T. Butler, of Distington's, youngest son married Miss Annie Carr on St. Valentine's Day. He is now in France.

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Alice Cockburn, daughter of our late St. Dunstan, T. Cockburn, of Newcastle, was married on October 28th to Edward Murray Jackson.

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The daughter of F. Stew, of Tewkesbury, has married a pilot officer in the Royal Air Force.

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Joan and George, son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Polley, of Southall, have both won scholarships, which entitle them to attend the Central School.

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Margaret, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Hill, of Devizes, was married on January 6th to Mr. James W. Romain. Their other daughter, Elizabeth, has won a scholarship, and is now a pupil at Devizes Secondary School.

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The eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Roberts, of Westcliff-on-Sea, was married on December 23rd to Mr. R. S. Welsford.

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Betty, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Sayers, of Birchington, was married on December 23rd to Stanley Kitchener Foord.

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Colin, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Macdonald, of Stockport, has passed the O.T.C. examination for Certificate A.

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Kenneth Ashwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Ashwell, of Cheadle Hulme, was married on January 22nd to Miss G. R. Jeffreys.

Opening of Operating Theatre Wing at Brighton Hospital

ON Friday, March 8th, Sir Walter Womersley, J.P., M.P., Minister of Pensions, formally opened the new Operating Theatre Wing at the Brighton Hospital, which has been built in view of St. Dunstan's additional responsibilities in the present war. The wing, which has been built over the existing garages, has been made possible by a generous gift of Lord Nuffield, totalling £7,000.

Lady (Arthur) Pearson, our President, and Sir Ian and Lady Fraser, met the Minister at the door of the Home, and conducted him to the new Wing. Among the distinguished visitors present were Mr. Edwin Fisher, Sir Neville Pearson, Col. Eric Ball and Miss Hamar Greenwood (Members of St. Dunstan's Executive Council), Sir Arnold Lawson, Chairman, St. Dunstan's Ophthalmic Advisory Board, the Mayoress of Brighton, the Mayor and Mayoress of Eastbourne, the Mayor of Hastings, representatives of the Departments of Pensions and Health, of the Medical Services, Newington House, the three Fighting Services of this country and of Canada, New Zealand, and Australia, Mr. R. B. Hughes Buller, Vice-Chairman of the National Institute for the Blind, and Commandant Coutelat, Commandant Monbrun, and Dr. Eckenstein, of the French Army Medical Corps, who came especially from France for the ceremony.

In a speech in the Lounge after the ceremony, Sir Walter Womersley said that for two reasons he thought that he was the right person to invite to open the Wing. He himself had a blind eye and, like Lord Nelson, often put the telescope to that eye when dealing with pensions cases. The second reason was that his Ministry and St. Dunstan's had always worked in close co-operation in the interests of those who lost their sight in the last war.

"St. Dunstan's, which owes its inspiration to one man's courage and imagination—the late Sir Arthur Pearson—was founded in 1915, two years before the birth of my own Department, so that St. Dunstan's is the senior, but we boast at the Ministry that we are really the godfather of St. Dunstan's. When the question of the care of casualties of the present war arose, I said, 'Go to St. Dunstan's,' for I knew that St. Dunstan's, with its experience and knowledge, was the best authority to deal with such a problem."

In a tribute to Sir Ian Fraser, Sir Walter said: "I have a great regard for Sir Ian quite apart from St. Dunstan's. We were in Parliament together and he was always on the side of the ex-serviceman. He and I caused a good deal of trouble to the Government in those days."

The care of the blinded men of the last war, said Sir Walter, was St. Dunstan's first charge. Now St. Dunstan's was ready to shoulder the responsibilities brought about by a new war.

Sir Arthur Pearson's spirit was with us to-day. It lives on, making St. Dunstan's the greatest organisation for the blind in the world.

Sir Ian Fraser, before thanking the Minister, introduced Col. R. M. Luton, M.C., R.C.A.M.C., who

represented the Hon. Vincent Massey, Commissioner for Canada. Col. Luton read a message from Mr. Massey, expressing the appreciation of St. Dunstan's offer to care for the Canadian blinded soldiers in the present war—an offer which had been accepted. Sir Ian said that he had also received a letter that morning from the South African Commissioner, on behalf of his Dominion's Government, accepting a similar offer to look after all South African soldiers who may be blinded in this war. Conferences with Australia and New Zealand on the same matter were also proceeding.

Sir Ian said there were four conditions necessary for St. Dunstan's to carry on. (1) The Building. We already had that. (2) A team of surgeons, sisters, nurses, and V.A.D.s, and a staff of people accustomed to working with blind persons. We had those too. (3) Money to look after the men of the last war, whose interests would come first, and money for our new responsibilities. For this, we relied upon the generosity of the British public. Lastly, the spirit, which he knew would be shown by present St. Dunstaners, to help and guide the new men who might so soon be brought to us.

In conclusion, Sir Ian said that it would give some idea of St. Dunstan's preparedness when he told his audience that fifteen months before war broke out, plans were in hand for the conversion of the Home into a Hospital, and for this new Operating Theatre Wing. The week after war was declared, work began.

The singing of the "Marseillaise" and "God Save the King" followed Sir Ian's speech, and the visitors then began a general tour of the Hospital.

Brighton Gossip

THE opening of the new Theatre Wing provided an excellent opportunity of meeting old friends.

Mr. Fobbs, for one, seemed to be here, there, and everywhere. As Bursar at the Hospital, he is responsible for the smooth running of the business and accounts side—not an easy task in these days of ration books, permits, and so on. A little time ago, Mr. Fobbs took up the duties of Bursar at the Hospital, and Mr. Dickie, an experienced chartered accountant, was appointed Chief Accountant.

Mr. Banks was there too, with Mr. Swain and Mr. Ferguson. Mr. Swain, of course, is now in charge of the Northern Area, Welfare Department. His place as Appeals Organiser was taken by Mr. Ernest Stanford, C.B.E., who, however, works from London and was not able to be present at the opening.

Mr. Mace acted as Transport Officer, for a very large party had come down from London for the ceremony.

At the reception by Lady (Arthur) Pearson afterwards, the guests were announced by Head Orderly W. Hawketts, who, it was noticed, was wearing his war medals, including the Croix de Guerre—a tribute to the presence of our French visitors.

Head Orderly T. Watson, now at Portland Place, who was helping Mr. Mace, is also entitled to wear the ribbon of the Croix de Guerre, as well as the D.C.M. with bar.

Canine Topics

Distemper

THIS is one of the most mysterious, and, at the same time, the most fatal diseases affecting the canine race to-day. Human beings contract a cold, the nasal and respiratory organs are affected, feverish symptoms ensue, etc. The common cold and its attendant complications baffle medical science to-day, just as distemper does with veterinary science. Distemper, at the onset, very much resembles the human cold, but with this marked difference, you never know what the disease is going to leave behind. Then, again, distemper does not attack all dogs with the same malignant vigour, a fact which a breeder knows to his sorrow, for the one thing he or she dreads is a mild attack of it in one dog, which apparently recovers after a very short time, without any ill effects.

The problem which attends every case of distemper is, what is it going to leave behind?

It will be realised how complex and disconcerting this dread disease is. What a breeder hopes for when he is attacked is that the attack will not be of the latent type, but straightforward type, and in the latter case a very sick dog, apparently without a chance, will recover and be normal afterwards, but not so with a latent attack. It is in these cases that scientific trouble is encountered. One authority states that there are four kinds of the disease. In my canine experience of over 45 years I cannot recall any two cases that were exactly alike in all points.

In very early days, before the time of many of our present breeds, and also before the inauguration of canine societies, distemper was called rabies, and was so called until the beginning of the last century. It is incredible, but true, that veterinary science did not know a great deal about it until after 1923! About that time the Medical Research Council began an investigation into the disease, aided by a fund for that special purpose. It was badly needed, as countless dogs had met untimely deaths through ignorance.

It must be understood that "Vets" in those days, before the formation of the Kennel Club, contented themselves with their work in connection with horses and

cattle, of which there were more than there are to-day. Canine ailments were left to those people who owned or looked after sporting dogs, and packs of hounds, or the ordinary working-man. These were the men who, in the science of that period, did much by their observations and crude medical knowledge, and were known, each in his own particular locality or town, as "knowing something about" dogs. Names are legion. Forty years ago, when a case of distemper arose, Stockholm Tar was the chief antidote. This, together with good nursing, similar to that given to a child with measles, very often pulled the unfortunate tyke through a very bad time.

(to be continued)

H.M.

Derby Sweepstake, 1940

A SUBSTITUTE Derby is being run at Newbury, on Wednesday, June 12th, and accordingly we have pleasure in announcing once again St. Dunstan's own Derby Sweepstake.

The rules are given below.

One word of warning. It is absolutely essential that every application for tickets must bear the sender's full name and address, otherwise the Editor cannot be held responsible for tickets going astray.

The sweepstake is confined strictly to St. Dunstaners, and tickets will on no account be issued to anyone else.

RULES

1. The price of tickets is 2s. 6d. each.
2. The total amount subscribed will, with the exception of the actual cost of printing and postage involved, be distributed as follows:—

Fifty per cent. to the holder of the ticket drawing the winning horse.

Twenty per cent. to the holder of the ticket drawing the second horse.

Ten per cent. to the holder of the ticket drawing the third horse.

Twenty per cent. to be equally divided among all those who hold tickets drawing a horse which actually starts in the race.

3. Application for tickets can be made at once and will be received up to the first post on **Monday, June 3rd**. Every application must bear the name and address of the sender, and envelopes, which must be plainly marked "Derby Competition," must be sent to the REVIEW, St. Dunstan's Headquarters, Regent's Park, and not to any other department. Postal orders must be made payable to St. Dunstan's and crossed.

Tickets will be despatched in rotation, and must be produced before payment of prize money is made.

Competition Corner

The correct solution to last month's little problem was twenty girls.

The first correct entry opened on March 6th was sent in by H. Hotson, of Brough, to whom the prize of 10s. 6d. is being sent.

This Month's Competition

In writing a cheque a man made a mistake and wrote the shillings for pounds and pounds for shillings. He found he had exactly doubled the amount he intended to write. What should he have written?

Entries (with envelopes marked "Competition Corner," to be sent to the Editor at London Headquarters. Closing date, April 6th.

National Egg-Laying Test

Positions of No. 1 Birds

1st Month

Position	Competitor	Test Score	Bird No.
1st	T. M. Fisher	21	3397
1st	David McLaren	21	3343
2nd	P. Holmes	20	3331
2nd	R. E. Hill	20	3379
3rd	W. A. Smith	19	3355

2nd Month

1st	David McLaren	43	3343
2nd	P. Holmes	40	3331
3rd	T. M. Fisher	39	3397

3rd Month

1st	David McLaren	61	3343
1st	P. Holmes	61	3331
2nd	T. M. Fisher	58	3397
3rd	G. Jackson	39	3415

4th Month

1st	P. Holmes	77	3331
2nd	T. M. Fisher	74	3397
3rd	David McLaren	62	3343

Deaths

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

BARNES.—To W. Barnes, of Bradford, whose wife died on February 24th.

GAFFNEY.—To Mr. and Mrs. A. Gaffney, of Salford, in the loss of their son on Active Service.

THOMPSON.—To E. J. Thompson, of Kenton, whose wife died on February 17th, after a brief illness.

Silver Wedding

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. M. Printie, of Edinburgh, who celebrate their silver wedding on March 18th.

Sports Club Notes

3-Mile Walk

The first walk of the season was held from London Headquarters on Saturday, February 24th, in ideal weather. The competitors were started by Sir Arnold Lawson, Chairman of the Ophthalmic Advisory Committee of St. Dunstan's.

The results are given below. After the race, Miss M. Hamar Greenwood, with a smile and a word for winners and losers, presented the prizes.

Competitor	RESULT			
	Actual Time	H'cap Time	H'cap Allow. in	Position
A. Brown ...	28.17	28.17	—	6 Fastest
W. T. Scott ...	30.57	26.42	4.15	4 Time
J. Triggs ...	31.9	24.39	6.30	1
J. Jerome ...	31.10	28.55	2.15	8
J. Coupland ...	32.2	28.47	3.15	7
E. Varley ...	32.14	27.59	4.15	5
T. Rouse ...	33.32	29.2	4.30	9
R. H. Cook ...	34.7	25.37	8.30	2
G. Jolly ...	37.56	26.41	11.15	3

T. ap Rhys ...	30.5	29.5	1.0	3 Fastest
H. Kerr ...	33.58	28.58	5.0	2 Time
C. Peach ...	37.2	28.32	8.30	1 "B"
Section				

6-Mile Walk

April 20th, at 2.15 p.m., has now been fixed for the 6-mile walk, instead of April 13th, as previously announced. The police have another engagement on the latter date.

Brighton

The next meeting of the Brighton Club will be on March 28th, at 4 p.m.

St. Dunstan's Bridge Club

On February 3rd the Post Office Bridge Club visited Headquarters and played our Club three matches, each with teams of four. The Post Office won all three matches, but we were exceptionally pleased with our No. 2 team, who lost by the small margin of 400.

On Saturday, February 24th, we played a team of eight, which included Mr. Waller, the Civil Service Secretary, and Mr. Field, of the Post Office. We played twenty hands, the visitors winning by 1,200 points.

The social side of Bridge is grand, and, combined with this, our match play is improving rapidly. H.G.

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WANTED.—To hire, or purchase, if reasonable, for cash.—Lady front TANDEM CYCLE. Must be ready for the road.—W. Collins, 51 Abbey Road, Sompting, Sussex.

“ In Memory ”

PRIVATE ERNEST BROOKS
(5th Northumberland Fusiliers)

WE record with deep regret the death of E. Brooks, of Manchester.

Brooks saw service in France and his sight was damaged as the result of an accident, but he did not come to St. Dunstan's until 1932. He was trained as a mat-maker, but his health only permitted him to concentrate on wool rugs in recent years. In January of this year he contracted pneumonia, and his death took place on February 6th, after a very short illness.

Brooks was one of our keenest sportsmen and never missed an opportunity of attending the meetings of the Manchester Sports Club.

A wreath from Sir Ian and his comrades at St. Dunstan's was among the flowers.
Our sincere sympathy is extended to Mrs. Brooks and her seven children.

PRIVATE BENJAMIN JOHN DAY
(58th Canadian Infantry)

WITH deep regret we announce the death of B. J. Day, of Tewkesbury.

Day lost his sight from the effects of service in the Great War. He came to St. Dunstan's some time later, and was trained as a basket maker, at which occupation he worked until about two years ago, when his health began to deteriorate. Since then he had gradually grown worse, but we were pleasantly surprised to find him able to make the journey to Brighton at the beginning of December. During the first month of this year, however, it became obvious that he was growing worse, and he passed away at the Home on January 28th.

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

We send our sincere sympathy to his three sons.

GUNNER ALTON ASHTON GREEN
(Royal Garrison Artillery)

WE record with deep regret the death of A. A. Green, of Southampton.

Green lost his sight as a result of being gassed in the Great War. He came to St. Dunstan's in 1930 and was trained in mat-making, at which occupation he worked until 1937, when he felt the necessity of giving himself a little more leisure. He came to our Brighton Home at the beginning of January this year for a convalescent holiday, but while there was taken ill with bronchial pneumonia and passed away on the 29th of the month.

The funeral took place at Southampton, and was attended by members of the family and friends. A wreath was sent from Sir Ian and his comrades at St. Dunstan's.

We wish to extend our sympathy to Green's son and daughters.

PRIVATE JAMES MCCARTHY
(Labour Corps)

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of J. McCarthy, of Walthamstow.

McCarthy lost his sight as a result of injuries sustained whilst serving in France. He came to St. Dunstan's for training, but was never able to do a great amount of work. Some years ago he had a very serious operation, from the effects of which he had not recovered, and it was obvious during his recent visit to the Ovingdean Home in January that he was rapidly going downhill. He wanted to return to his friends in London, who had looked after him so devotedly, and a few weeks later, on the 20th February, he died.

The funeral was attended by his friend, Miss Darley, and several of his St. Dunstan's comrades. Among the wreaths was one from Sir Ian and his friends at St. Dunstan's.

PRIVATE BERTRAM CHALKE
(Royal Army Service Corps)

WE record with deepest regret the death of B. Chalke, of Fareham.

Chalke's sight failed gradually as a result of his war service, and he came to St. Dunstan's in 1922. At his own wish he did not undertake any form of training. Since losing his sight his health had not been good, and it gradually deteriorated until he had to be admitted to hospital, where he has been for some years. His death took place quite suddenly on the 24th of February.

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

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

Personal

The sons of the late B. J. Day, and the son and daughters of the late A. A. Green, express their sincere thanks to all friends for their kind sympathy in their recent loss, and their deep appreciation of the loving care and attention given to their father by Matron and the staff at the Hospital.

Mrs. E. Hope Atkinson would like to express her grateful thanks to the many St. Dunstan's joiners who have written to her in her bereavement. She deeply regrets that it is not possible for her to reply to all personally.