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For Blinded British Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen

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## “ Digging for Victory ”

MANY of our readers who have enjoyed such good times at the St. Dunstan's camp at Little Gaddesden will remember Miss Bridget Talbot, who did so much to help them. In a letter to *The Times* recently, she suggested the setting up of communal allotments throughout the country. A piece of waste ground near a factory or town should be taken, and all who can lend a hand should “ dig for victory.” At the end of the season, she suggests the produce or the profits should be divided in accordance with the number of hours worked by each partner in the enterprise.

In the course of her letter, Miss Talbot, encouraging all to dig, says: “ All can help—even the old and blind. (A St. Dunstan's man near here has recently dug and planted, unaided, a large area of potatoes).”

I am sure there are many St. Dunstaners who have increased their farming or gardening operations recently. It will be a great shock to poultry farmers to learn that there will be less feeding stuffs available this autumn and winter, and it may cause considerable hardship. Some months ago I made a representation to the then Minister of Agriculture, which secured his help in getting more food for our poultry farmers, and I hope we shall continue to get fair and favourable treatment, but I am afraid there will have to be a considerable cutting down of flocks. The plain fact is that the cutting-off of supplies of all kinds from Northern Europe means that our ships have got to go journeys ten or even a hundred times longer to fetch the things that we need, and this, coupled with the necessity to import munitions, food, and raw materials for our export industries means the most severe shortage of shipping. In addition, we shall probably be faced shortly with an intense submarine campaign from the Channel ports.

I met the present Minister of Agriculture the other day, and he told me that unless farmers save all the feeding stuffs they can during the next few months, and unless pigs and poultry are cut down, there is a very great risk that there will not be enough feeding stuffs for our milk herds this winter. It is better that we should face the facts, whatever the hardship, than be cut short in the winter, and have famine or siege conditions. Needless to say, St. Dunstan's will do what it can to help any poultry farmers who are badly hit.

Reverting to Miss Talbot's remark about a St. Dunstaner's digging, I know of another St. Dunstaner, J. R. McGill, who used to be a farmer in New Zealand, and then came home to live in retirement in Scotland, who has gone back to the land. He has obtained a job on a stock farm as an agricultural labourer, and I am told does a full day's work, milking cows, and helping in a variety of ways. There may be a good number of St. Dunstaners who might lend a hand at a local farm, or might even get a job for as everyone knows, there is an acute shortage of labour on the land at present.

### The British Legion

Some months ago I mentioned in the REVIEW that we had entered into an arrangement with the Legion to give us 10 per cent. of Poppy Day, in view of our new war commitments. For reasons beyond my control, this statement proved afterwards to be a little premature, but I am happy to say now that at the Annual Conference of the British Legion at Whitsun a resolution was passed authorising the National Executive to enter into an agreement with us in which we shall continue to receive the same allocation from Poppy Day, namely £15,000, or 4 per cent., whichever is the less, each year for the next ten years, as we have been receiving in the past ten years. In addition, we shall receive a graduated payment to help us meet the cost of new blinded ex-Service men, and this allocation can increase until the total received by St. Dunstan's equals 10 per cent. of Poppy Day, or other British Legion Flag Days.

I believe all St. Dunstaners will be glad that we and the Legion propose to work together in this way instead of competing with each other for street collections. St. Dunstan's undertakes not to organise competing collections for three weeks before Poppy Day, and the Legion undertakes not to hold house-to-house collections, otherwise both bodies are free to collect in any other way they please. The allocations we will receive from the Legion represent, of course, only a small part of our necessary income, and are intended merely to compensate us for not having our own Flag Day.

### New St. Dunstaners

There are now twenty-three new cases in the Hospital wards at the Brighton Home; several of these cases will regain a degree of useful sight, some have already left us with good vision. Operations can be performed nowadays which were not possible twenty-five years ago. Others, I fear, will not regain their sight, and there are already a number in the Hospital who know that they will not see again. We are, of course, doing everything possible to help them in their new surroundings, and we have the great advantage of twenty-five years' experience to help us.

I am glad to place on record my sincere thanks to many old St. Dunstaners who have been in the Home of recent weeks, and who have gone out of their way to welcome and cheer and comfort these new lads.

### The Matron

I regret to have to say that Miss Boyd Rochfort has had to undergo another operation, but she is going on as well as can be expected. St. Dunstaners are asked not to write to her, as it is better for her to be as quiet as possible for the time being. We all wish her the very best of luck.

IAN FRASER.

### "Digger" Scrymgeour

THE Editor of the REVIEW acknowledges with thanks a copy of the Anzac Commemoration Number of "Reveille," the official journal of the N.S.W. Branch of the R.S.S.I.L.A. The number has a special reference to St. Dunstan's in the form of an article about "Digger" Jim Scrymgeour, a Queensland St. Dunstaner.

He came along to the Great War with the 2nd Light Horse Regt., to Palestine. Losing his sight, he became a cot case back to Brisbane, but in 1919 he came to St. Dunstan's for a time. He will be remembered by many old St. Dunstaners for his breezy and irrepressible good spirits and social companionship.

### Bridge Items

A TEAM from the Standard Telephone Company visited St. Dunstan's Headquarters on May 22nd, and played an eight-a-side match.

Our No. 1 team won by 800 and No. 2 team lost only by 40 points, thus giving a victory to St. Dunstan's for the match, with a total of 760.

The Club held its second Bridge Drive on Saturday, June 8th.

The winners were Mr. and Mrs. Toft and Mr. and Mrs. Graves, whilst the Parity Score prize went to A. Waite and Mrs. Cohen.

A raffle at this function, on behalf of the Comforts Fund, realised a sum of one guinea.

### Result of Derby Sweepstake

THE draw for the Derby Sweepstake took place in the Lounge, at Headquarters, on June 6th. The draw was made by R. Picock, of Eastlake, near Loughborough, and H. T. Mummery, of Saffron Walden, and was observed and checked by Miss Goole (Private Secretary to the Chairman), Mr. J. E. Rose (Publicity Officer), Mr. Burgess, and other members of the staff.

The number of tickets sold was 872, compared with 1,295 last year, and after the printing and postage expenses had been deducted a sum of £103 was left for distribution, in accordance with the printed rules.

The result was as follows:—

*First*—Pont L'Éveque  
A. H. Luker, Wootton, Boars Hill, £51 10s. (50%)  
near Oxford (Ticket No. 400)  
*Second*—Turkhan  
A. Sutton, Madeley, Crewe ... £20 12s. (20%)  
(Ticket No. 375)  
*Third*—Lighthouse II  
H. Wignell, Market Harborough £10 6s. (10%)  
(Ticket No. 681)

The holders of tickets drawing runners in the race numbered 13, and they received £1 11s. 8d. each. They were: Black Toni (86), A. S. Dolby, Palmers Green; Golden Tiger (630), J. R. Brown, Nuneaton; Hippus (183), C. Brooks, Chill Mill, Brenchley; King of Trumps II (180), Vere Jones, Lostock Graham, Northwich; Moradabad (23), Peter T. Maskell, Rochester; Olidon (559), G. B. Swanston, Lockerbie, Dumfriesshire; Pharatis (305), C. Molloy, Ryhl, North Wales; Paques (679), J. Gimber, Desborough, Kettering; Ridley (201), A. W. Wernham, Bracknell, Herts; Romulus (484), Amos Robinson, Tottenham; Stardust (483), Amos Robinson, Tottenham; Solway Firth (766), R. E. Hill, Tideswell, near Buxton; Tant Mieux (583), J. Brockerton, Coleraine, co. Derry.

Cavalry King (493), Capt. R. W. H. Callaghan, Blackheath; Dinshaw (790), T. Allen, South Hetton, Durham; War Lord (759), D. Fenton, Ilford; Djebel (873), A. Peckham, North Wembley; Indian Love (457), R. Young, Tweedmouth, Berwick-on-Tweed; Indian Chief (59), R. Riddell, Jedburgh, Roxburghshire; and Fuane (236), E. L. Woods, Malmesbury, did not start, and J. Bruce, of Huntingdon (68) drew "the field."

### Wedding Bells

WHITEHEAD-GUEST—OVERHILL

WEDDING bells were rung at Holy Trinity Church, Charlton, on Saturday, June 1st, when Grace, the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Overill, of Charlton, was married to Lance-Corporal Robert A. J. Whitehead-Guest, son of the late Sergt. Robert Guest (R.A.), who was killed in action in March, 1918.

The bride was given away by her father, who, blinded in the Great War, was trained at St. Dunstan's.

After a reception the newly-married pair left for a honeymoon in Dorsetshire.

### A Proud Record

#### Five Serving—Sixth Registered

MRS. WATT, the widow of that very fine old St. Dunstaner, the late Sergeant William Watt, of Montrose, is a very proud woman. She has five sons serving in the Forces and the sixth has registered and is expecting to be called up shortly.

Several of them are serving in their late father's old Regiment, the Cameron Highlanders. Watt himself was a campaigner of the fine old type. He was in the Egyptian Campaign and the South African War, and re-enlisted in his old Regiment in 1914. Unfortunately, he was blinded in November, 1915, and entered St. Dunstan's when discharged from hospital in 1916. He first trained as a poultry farmer and a mat-maker, but of late years he has done only a little rug work. Watt was a great character. He was a fine re-unionist and will be remembered especially for his recitations, and particularly his renderings of Burns' poetry. Lord Kitchener was once among the audience he recited to. His end came suddenly only last year. He was on holiday at Cardiff when he was taken ill, was taken to hospital, and thence home, where he died in January.

We extend heartiest congratulations to Mrs. Watt on the proud record of her stalwart "half-dozen" warriors, and wish them all a safe return.

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Congratulations to Sapper S. A. Cole, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Cole, of 115 Severn Road, Acocks Green, Birmingham, upon his marriage on May 18th to Amy Winifred Stallard. Also upon his safe return recently from Norway.

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We congratulate Kenneth, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Bowring, of Weymouth, on having recently passed his Artificer's Examination. He is now in the Royal Navy and we wish him the best of luck.

### Marriages

COLE—STALLARD.—On Saturday, May 18th, at Birmingham, S. A. Cole to Amy Winifred Stallard.

HAYCOCK—FULLER.—On May 25th, at Bedford, W. E. Haycock to D. Fuller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Fuller, of Bedford.

### Sons and Daughters in the Services

ASHALL, Signaller F. (Lancs.), R.C.S.  
 ASHALL, Signaller D. (Lancs.), 2nd S.T.C.  
 BAILEY, Gunner A. D. (Ramsgate), 115 Heavy Battery, R.A.  
 BLYDE, Gunner A. (London), Anti Tank Regt.  
 BOOTLE, J. H. (London), H.M.S. *Barham*.  
 BOWRING, Artificer K. (Weymouth), R.N.  
 BURRAN, Colin (London), R.A.F.  
 BURTENSIAW, I. J., Recruit (Walthamstow), Grenadier Guards.  
 CAREY, Pte. D. (Tottenham), Royal Fusiliers.  
 CAREY, Pte. F. (Tottenham), A.A. Batt., R.E.  
 COLE, Sapper S. A. (Birmingham), R.A.  
 COLE, Gunner L. (Birmingham), R.A.  
 DANCE, Private E. S. (Bishops Stortford), Herts Regt.  
 DOWSON, L.Cpl. C. F. (Middlesborough), Green Howards.  
 DOWSON, Gunner H. R. (Middlesborough), R.A., A.A.  
 FISHWICK, Fusilier W. S. (Lancs.), Royal Irish Fusiliers.  
 FULLER, Pte. H. (Bedford), Beds. and Herts Regt.  
 GREEN, Trooper G. (Sheffield), Royal Tank Regt.  
 GREEN, H. (Sunderland), R.A.F.  
 GRIFFIN, Gunner E. (Enfield), R.A., A.A.  
 HICKS, Gunner A. L. (New Southgate), R.A.  
 HURST, Private R. H. (Derbyshire).  
 IRELAND, Gunner J. R., R.A.  
 JACKSON, Private F. E. (New Malden), E. Surrey Regt.  
 LOMAS, Gunner A. (Burnley).  
 MILLARD, Private T. (New Tredegar), M.T.B., R.A.S.C.  
 MUMMERY, C.S.M. A. H. (Saffron Walden), Essex Regt.  
 MUMMERY, P. S. M. (Saffron Walden), Essex Regt.  
 NANCARROW, Private W. H. (Newquay), Dominica Squad.  
 NEW, Private C. T. (Wolverhampton), I.T.C.  
 PINNER, Marine A. H. (Peasedown, Bath), R.M.A.A.  
 QUIN, M. (Brighton), Parachute Section, R.A.F.  
 TATTON, E., Jnr. (Gloucester), H.M.S. *Drake*.  
 TEBBUTT, Gunner G. (Nottingham), A.A., R.A.  
 TEBBUTT, Gunner A. W. (Nottingham), R.H.A.  
 TRIGGS, L. J. (Ashford), Infantry.  
 WISHART, Marine J. E. (South Moor, Durham), H.M.S. *Hood*.  
 WOOD, Fusilier S. (Putney), Royal Fusiliers.  
 YOUNG, Gunner W. E. (Rochampton), Medium and Heavy Regt., R.A.

Sir Ian Fraser, M.P. for Lonsdale, visited the Kirby Lonsdale branch of the British Legion when in his constituency last week. Sir Ian said how pleased he was to see old soldiers, and that he would always do his best for them.

### St. Dunstan's Comforts Fund

THE number of Sons of St. Dunstaners who are with the Forces increases each month. In the last REVIEW, 211 sons were serving; this month's list brings that total to over 250.

We are sending parcels of comforts or gifts to them. The gifts are not all actually parcels. Sometimes Postal Orders are sent to meet particular cases. Approximately 130 gifts, either in kind or money, have been sent from our Comforts Fund during the past month.

Owing to the general Troop movement that has taken place in the last few weeks, many of the addresses of the sons serving in the Army must necessarily be out of date. Please let us know the new address.

### Other News

F. S. Wardle, of Cudworth, who, although an Englishman, enlisted with the Australian Imperial Forces and was blinded in 1915, mentioned a few days ago that his great grandfather served as a Midshipman under Nelson, on the *Victory*. The epic of Dunkirk proves that the spirit of Nelson is alive to-day.

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Mr. and Mrs. M. Carey, of Tottenham, have two sons serving with the Forces, Private D. Carey, Royal Fusiliers, and Private F. Carey, Royal Engineers.

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Mr. A. Tebbutt, of Nottingham, also has two sons with the Forces—Gunner G. Tebbutt, A.A., R.A., and Gunner A. W. Tebbutt, R.H.A.

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Our good wishes and congratulations to Bertie Cole, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cole, of Appledore, on having passed his Third Class Certificate of Education. He has now been moved to Chatham. Billy Cole, too, is home for a short leave.

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Mrs. H. Ashworth, wife of F. Ashworth, of Gorleston-on-Sea, in spite of indifferent health, has joined the local Committee of the Women's Voluntary Services for Civil Defence, and is making herself useful in the clerical branch.

### St. Dunstan's Sports General Meeting Cancelled

We are asked to announce that, owing to the war, it has reluctantly been decided to cancel the St. Dunstan's General Sports Meeting, which had been arranged for Saturday, June 22nd.

### The Regatta, 1940

THE Annual Regatta will take place on July 10th, at 1.15 p.m. Owing to conditions to-day the programme will be of a modified nature, and will depend entirely upon the number of entries received.

Below is a list of events. Please send along your entries to the Sports Office as early as possible to enable us to get the programme arranged. The latest date for accepting entries will be Monday, July 1st. No competitor may enter for more than two events. In all events, prizes will be awarded according to the number of entries.

The proposed programme will be as follows:—

- Single Sculls (Sections A and B).
  - Double Sculls (at least one Section B man in each boat).
  - Pair Oars (at least one Section B man in each boat).
  - One-Armed Pair Oars.
  - Single Sculls, for Veterans, 45 years and over. (Events for both Sections if numbers permit).
  - Single Sculls, for totally deaf St. Dunstaners (Sections A and B combined).
  - Open Fours—The President's Challenge Cup, presented by Lady (Arthur) Pearson, D.B.E.
- There will be no Shield events this year, nor will the Annual Dinner be held at Connaught Rooms. Supper will be served in the Lounge at Headquarters, at 7 p.m.

Sir Ian Fraser, M.P., was the principal speaker at a recent gathering at Stone Cross, Ulverston, Cumberland, the residence of Mrs. Myles Kennedy, who had thrown her beautifully-kept gardens open with the object of aiding the local Soldiers' Comforts Fund.

### National Egg Laying Test Report for the Eighth Period of Four Weeks, 23rd April to 20th May, 1940

Position	Name	Test Score	Value
1	P. Holmes ...	...	733
2	W. Alan Smith ...	...	684
3	P. Holmes ...	...	678
4	D. McLaren ...	...	647
5	A. Jarvis ...	...	646
6	G. Powell ...	...	640
7	T. M. Fisher ...	...	633
8	T. M. Fisher ...	...	632
9	R. E. Hill ...	...	629
10	E. H. Carpenter ...	...	530
11	D. McLaren ...	...	529
12	J. Campbell ...	...	524
13	G. C. Jackson ...	...	517
14	A. Chaffin ...	...	508
15	W. Alan Smith ...	...	490
16	W. J. Woodcock ...	...	464
17	A. Jarvis ...	...	454
18	G. C. Jackson ...	...	410
19	A. Benning ...	...	356
20	M. Watson-Brown ...	...	308
21	W. C. Stamp ...	...	273
22	H. A. Hammett ...	...	258

### "Too Crafty for Jerry"

MANY sons of St. Dunstaners were involved in the Evacuation of Flanders, that epic of military history that has thrilled the world and has non-plussed Hitler. We congratulate those who were able to get away on their safe return.

Mrs. E. J. Laker, of Haverhill, Suffolk, has received a letter from her son, Gunner L. J. Laker, of the R.A., announcing his safe arrival home. "All my son says about the Hell" she writes, is "I am not to worry, he was all right. He was too crafty for 'Jerry' and they will get what they deserve next time they go out. What a spirit the dear boys have!"

### "Reported Missing"

Our sympathies go out to J. "Tiny" Fleming, of Wembley, on his natural anxiety over the whereabouts of his son, Driver James F. C. Fleming, of the R.A.S.C., who is "Reported Missing" since May 26th. Driver Fleming was on the Flanders front.

## Distemper Teeth

By H. MARSDEN

**D**ISTEMPER teeth are not very common, although by no means rare amongst pedigree dogs, which, in this early career have had a very bad attack of distemper.

In the recently-noted case of a dog with teeth of the above description, no doubt the hound concerned had a stiff struggle against the disease, so severe being the attack that the permanent teeth became eroded in patches, or the whole of the enamel stripped off. The weaker the constitution of the dog, the greater the danger that the whole of the permanent teeth may be so affected.

This condition of teeth is not a fault, it is not hereditary, and it is not transmittable. I have in mind a bull terrier, bred by Hinks. The dog is five years old, but when a youngster he had to be nursed as much as a baby. Careful nursing and patience brought him round. But the disease attacked his teeth, and although a really good "old 'un" in type, he has never got first, second, or third, much to the disappointment of his sporty owner. Because the dog has had the misfortune to lose the enamel in patches from his teeth he is condemned.

But here is the point: Should a dog be condemned on such teeth? The teeth are only part of the head, and the head is not the whole dog. Any judge, if ignorant of the cause of such teeth, could have judged the hound in question "for" and "against," with all due respect to the dog and the owner, and have given the latter a sporting run for his entry fee. Dismissing an exhibit from the ring must have been done in absolute ignorance of the true facts. To my mind, when a dog is in the ring and his number is up, he is there to be judged to the best of the judges' ability, and the owner will be satisfied if he gets such treatment, but it is pretty certain that he won't be if he gets the treatment that was meted out at a recent show, because he will go home no doubt thinking that teeth make a dog, but quite erroneously, because distemper teeth are not scheduled as a qualification or fault. If the judge in question acted in ignorance, let him closely study and handle distemper cases amongst his own and other people's dogs.

## Brown Bread and Marmalade!

A St. Dunstaner, who signs himself "Glaswegian," has contributed the following lines, as an expression, in rhyme, of the enjoyment of his visit to the Home at Ovingdean.

He excuses the effort as the result of "the Brighton breezes, or else this glorious sun of Sussex," and adds a PS. to his note that "I think the new Home is absolutely IT."

### Cupboard Love

*Dedicated, with humble apologies, to "My Lady of the Jam Pot."*

*Dear Sister, e're I pack my case and take my homeward way,  
I thank you for the kindness you have shown to me each day,  
Your word of cheer your guiding hand, your unseen, charming smile,  
Are as the precious jewels which have made my stay worth while.  
You did not chide when, once or twice, for breakfast I was late,  
But punished me by putting three huge helpings on my plate,  
And then, to cap a hearty meal, you artful, knowing jade,  
You served me with brown bread and most delicious marmalade.  
Oh! I would be, as Gilbert says, "A saintly man to please,"  
If not completely satisfied with dinners, suppers, teas;  
And when to Ovingdean I come again (if I am able)  
I hope 'twill be my luck to find the same seat at your table.  
'Tis all too little I can do to show my gratitude,  
But here's a box of Birrell's "chocs"—I bet you'll find them good,  
For Birrell's lovely chocolates put Terry's in the shade,  
And taste as delectable as brown bread and marmalade.  
So when I'm back in Glasgow and my thoughts take Fancy's flight,  
I'll think of you, dear Sister, for you are my heart's delight,  
I'll live again these happy days, recall the friends I've made,  
But most of all I think of that brown bread and marmalade. Amen!*

## The Joinery Department

### Mr. E. E. George's Appointment

**S**INCE the last issue of the REVIEW, the appointment has been made of a successor to our late friend, E. Hope Atkinson, who was Chief Joinery Instructor from the inauguration of the Joinery Department.

The Chairman, in a letter to all joiners announcing the appointment, writes:

"My first thought when considering the question of appointing a successor to our late friend, Mr. E. Hope Atkinson, was whether one of his pupils could take his place, and I was glad to receive letters from two St. Dunstaners, who were for some time pupils' teachers in the Joinery Shop.

"You will know, however, that we had to consider other things than visiting and instructing the men, as Mr. Atkinson was responsible for the whole of the work of the Joinery Department. I therefore felt that, in the interests of St. Dunstan's men, we should advertise the appointment and interview other candidates. This has been done, and we came to the conclusion that we could not do better than appoint Mr. E. E. George, who has, for nearly eight years, been employed in the Joinery Department at Raglan Street. He has had a life-long experience of the trade, which he has followed continuously with the exception of the period when he served in the Great War. His personal contact with Mr. Atkinson, and the fact that even before he joined our staff he made up some of the jigs which are so helpful, gives him special knowledge. He has also met a large number of the men, and I am confident that he will be able to give St. Dunstan's joiners just the help they need."

## Silver Weddings

Congratulations to:

Mr. and Mrs. A. GROGAN, of East End Park, Leeds, who celebrated their Silver Wedding on June 5th.

Mr. and Mrs. H. FINKLE, of Sunderland, whose Silver Anniversary of their wedding falls on June 25th.

Mr. and Mrs. MURPHY, of Hamilton Hill, Glasgow, who celebrated their Silver Wedding on June 15th.

## Nine Mile Walk

### Regent's Park, May 18th

**T**HE Annual Nine Miles Walk took place on Saturday, May 18th, at Regent's Park. It was a glorious afternoon, and although the number of entrants was slightly smaller than in the previous year, there was no lack of enthusiasm among the spectators. The start and finish were at St. Dunstan's headquarters, Inner Circle. It is gratifying to find that these occasions are always graced by the presence of representative members of St. Dunstan's. Among those present on this occasion were Miss M. Hamar Greenwood and Col. R. E. Bickerton, the Hon. Secretary of the Medical Advisory Committee, who started the competitors on their "circular tour." The route was three times round the Outer Circle of Regent's Park.

Mr. F. Donoghue again kindly acted as handicapper, Mr. C. R. Butcher, R.W.A., as timekeeper, and Mr. L. Warwick as judge. Our grateful thanks are due to the members of the Police and the Metropolitan Walking Clubs who again supplied the escorts.

Archie Brown maintained his unbroken record in the St. Dunstan's walks in making the quickest time, 84.44, from scratch.

Appended are the times and handicaps:

Competitor	Actual Time	Handicap	Handicap Allowance	Position
A. Brown ...	84.44	84.44	Scratch	4
J. Jerome ...	85.44	83.29	2.15	2
T. ap Rhys ...	90.6	85.21	4.45	5
T. Rouse ...	93.15	84.0	9.15	3
J. Triggs ...	99.53	91.8	8.45	6
W. C. Scott ...	101.13	82.28	18.45	1

## Deaths

We extend our very sincere sympathy this month to:—

R. WHITE, 35 Chaplin Road, Wembley, Middlesex, on the death of his wife, on May 19th.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Ross, on the death of their eighteen-months-old daughter.

MOORE.—We deeply sympathise with Mr. W. Moore, of 26 Derby Road, Southport, in the death, on June 8th, of his daughter Winifred, after an illness, from pneumonia.

Mr. J. MULLEN, of Blayden-on-Tyne, on the death of his wife, on June 4th, after a long and painful illness.

## The Spring Song of the Birds

By A BIRD-LOVER

I WONDER how many St. Dunstaners have discovered the pleasure of listening to the singing of the wild birds. It has been a delight to me each Spring to keep my ears open for the first notes of the various species with which I am familiar. Nothing adds more interest to a walk abroad than to be greeted here and there by a well-known and well-beloved voice. Indeed, I often conduct a little competition with myself by counting up the number of different species I can recognise during successive walks with my dog.

This year I have heard very few Missel Thrushes—perhaps because of the severe winter. They begin to sing early. I always associate those early migrants, the Chiff-Chaff and the Willow Warbler, and expect to hear them about the same time.

This year I heard the Chiff-Chaff for

the first time on March 23rd, but the Willow Warbler was silent until April 21st. I wonder how that happened? Curiously enough, I have often noticed that one hears nothing of the Willow Warbler until a certain day when one hears them in all directions. It almost seems as if they had chosen a special day on which to begin their spring song. I first heard the Tree Pipit this season on April 23rd, and was thrilled by its delightful notes. I mention these dates in case there are any other enthusiasts who might like to compare notes, so to speak.

You may say, "But how can I begin this innocent pursuit?" I am afraid you will need the help of a bird-lover, with plenty of patience, before you will learn how to distinguish the varied voices of the Spring. But I hope these few remarks will be enough to suggest how worth while it is to take a little trouble in this matter.

S.A.C.

## "In Memory"

PRIVATE JOHN SEYMOUR HEWER  
(*Gloucestershire Regiment*)

WE record with regret the death of Private John S. Hewer, of Over Hospital, Gloucester.

Hewer was a new St. Dunstaner, whose vision did not fail completely until recently. Unfortunately, his health was such that he was unable to come to us, and remained at the Star and Garter Home. At the outbreak of this war he was transferred to Gifford House, Worthing, and a few weeks before his death he applied to be moved to his home town of Gloucester. This was done, and so he spent his last days in the county he knew and loved so well.

Hewer's death took place quite suddenly on the 23rd May, and the funeral was carried out a few days later. This was attended by many relatives and friends, the latter including Mr. and Mrs. A. Bundy, a St. Dunstaner comrade and his wife. Among the many wreaths was one from Sir Ian and his friends at St. Dunstan's.

We extend our very sincere sympathy to Hewer's son and daughter.

CORPORAL WILLIAM RADLEY  
(*Chinese Labour Corps*)

WE regret to have to report the death of W. Radley, who was one of our older men—born in 1868.

William Radley was an old soldier. He took part in the Relief of Chitral in 1895; he re-enlisted in 1914, and served as a corporal in the Chinese Labour Corps. He was gassed and blown-up, but did not come under our care until 1925.

He never enjoyed very good health, but was trained in wool rug-work, in which hobby he took a great interest to within a short time of his death.

He had been ill for a long period, but nevertheless his death, which took place at his home on May 13th, was unexpected.

A wreath was sent from Brighton, and one of our St. Dunstaners, J. H. Greaves, of Oldham, attended the funeral.

We extend our deepest sympathy to his wife and three children.