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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

St. Dunstan's Remembers

ON another page is a note of the way in which St. Dunstan's remembered its Founder, Sir Arthur Pearson, on Sunday, December 8th, and Monday, December 9th, which was the anniversary of his death in 1921.

When Sir Arthur Pearson lost his sight shortly before the Great War, he gave up his many newspaper interests in which he had been both a pioneer and a leader, and devoted his rare talents and deep sympathy to the welfare of the blind.

By a great national appeal he set the National Institute for the Blind on a new course of national usefulness. Then came the war, and he founded St. Dunstan's, with a new spirit and a new outlook. Three thousand soldiers, sailors, and airmen, blinded in the Great War, passed through St. Dunstan's. Two thousand survive to this day and have benefited immeasurably by his insight and foresight, to which the Rector of Church Stretton, in a memorial address, paid tribute.

We remember his inspiration, his leadership, and his great gift of friendship, and we dedicate ourselves to see that the good he did bears fruit as well in what remains of our generation as for the young service men now entering our brotherhood as a result of this war. We will try to help them to Victory over Blindness, as Sir Arthur helped us.

More Bombs—But We Carry On

After the turmoil of the last few weeks, St. Dunstan's has again settled down. Let us hope that we shall not be bombed out again, at any rate for a time. Expert advice has been taken as to the state of our Headquarters building in Regent's Park, and we are told that this will cost a great deal of money and take some months to repair. If we were to repair it, there would be no guarantee that we should not be displaced again, for although severe bombing attacks are now spreading all over the country, London still continues to receive regular and damaging bombardments. We have therefore decided not to waste our money trying to rehabilitate the old Headquarters, but to do the very minimum that is necessary to keep the weather out, and repair it properly after the war, when we hope we shall receive compensation from the Government.

Nevertheless, I attach great importance to the prestige of our London address. "St. Dunstan's, Regent's Park," is known all over the world, and the goodwill attached to this familiar address from the publicity and money-raising point of view is very great.

We have found a solution of these differing needs by moving the bulk of the staff who deal with the men's welfare, accountancy, and routine matters to Tyttenhanger Park. I have already written to all St. Dunstaners in the United Kingdom telling them of this, but, as they say on the wireless, I will repeat the address: St. Dunstan's Offices, Tyttenhanger Park, London Colney, near St. Albans, Herts (Telephone No. London Colney 3128).

I have an office there personally and all letters addressed to me, or to members of the staff, about welfare matters generally—massage, poultry-farming, pensions, visitors, health, and applications for visits to convalescent homes, and so on, should be sent to Tyttenhanger Park. Londoners or those passing through London should particularly note the following: Namely, that they should not come to the old Headquarters in Regent's Park except when they want to see me personally, and then only after an appointment has been fixed. I have an office in Regent's Park because I have certain duties to perform in London, but I am not always there. I have to go to Tyttenhanger Park, to Church Stretton, to Melplash Court, to inspect our various establishments and direct their policies. The office in Regent's Park is exclusively concerned with St. Dunstan's appeal, and the only staff beside my own private secretaries and the editor of the REVIEW are those who undertake our publicity and appeal work.

Londoners and those passing through London who want to see a welfare officer, and who feel that Tyttenhanger Park is too far away, can go to Raglan Street, where Mr. Doughty and Mr. Taylor are in attendance to help them. To complete the picture, let me repeat what I said in my circular letter, namely, that Northern welfare is still conducted at Blackpool, and all trading is still going on at Raglan Street.

St. Dunstaners will remember that my own private house is next door to the Headquarters building. This was also affected by the many bombs which fell near it, so much so that eight or ten of the ceilings came down, and the roof began to let in the rain. My furniture was soaked and damaged, and I had to give it up as a residence. I have myself moved to a little house to the north of London, from which I can easily get in and out. Although my house was no longer fit for a residence, and I had to give up repairing it week after week, it is nevertheless still usable, and a few nails and boards have made it weatherproof for the time being. It is a small, compact unit, and it is at our own familiar address. We have therefore turned it into our Appeals Office, and it is full of typewriters and files, doing its share to keep St. Dunstan's going. I have lent it to St. Dunstan's, rent free, for the duration.

New St. Dunstaners Doing Well

Since I wrote my last Notes, I have visited the Hospital and Training Centre at Church Stretton. The new St. Dunstaners of this war are doing well. Many have already passed their typewriting test and some even their Braille test. When I recall how long it took me to pass my Braille test, I cannot help marvelling at the speed with which one or two young fellows have achieved this difficult task. This time we are not considering the old Braille test, which so many of us passed in the last generation, as being sufficient. I feel all old St. Dunstaners will agree with me that more prolonged study and practice is required. So we are instituting a further test, which every student will be urged to pass later on during his period of training. Two students are already learning massage. Mr. Toft, an old St. Dunstaner who built up a most successful practice in London, has joined the staff at Church Stretton, to start a course of massage and to teach Braille. The massage course will last a year and the students will then go on to the School of Massage at the National Institute for the Blind for the second year and to pass their examinations. Telephone operating has been approved as a career, and one or two have been selected for this course. Poultry-farming is still under consideration, and we have not yet concerned ourselves with handicrafts, except as a means towards preliminary re-education. The Research Committee which I set up some months ago to try and find jobs in industry and commerce which would afford a similar outlet to that provided by telephone operating has made a preliminary survey. Many factories and businesses have been visited, and the possibilities are interesting and promising, but it is too early to say much about this yet, and apart from this, none of the young men are yet ready to go out and try any of the jobs that may be found.

The trainees, as has always been the custom, will leave Church Stretton for a period at Christmas, and we shall use the place to provide a Christmas change and rest for a small number of men who have had a particularly bad time in London and other bombed cities, and who have stuck to their homes and work in spite of all difficulties.

I have also visited Melplash Court. This country house contains the permanent and bed-ridden St. Dunstaners who were at Brighton. They are cheerful and well, and many visitors from the neighbourhood come in to read to them and act as Good Companions. In addition, there are a number of men from London, Southampton, Bristol and the other provincial cities which have been recently bombed. The place is quiet, of course, being far away from any of the amenities and fun which used to be associated with Brighton, but it is a happy and successful place.

Interesting News Comes from South Africa

Hugh Stayt, a South African St. Dunstaner, has added a new and interesting job to his already varied life. He has done some good anthropological work, on which subject he has written a book which attracted considerable attention; he has followed with success the profession of masseur, and has had a considerable poultry farm. Now I hear he has been commissioned in the South African Defence Force, in the Reserve of Officers, with the rank of Captain, as a Recruiting Officer for the south coast district of Natal. Stayt is a good speaker and has always taken a deep interest in South African public affairs.

A. D. Kirstein has a flourishing massage practice, as well as a business in Johannesburg. He has been appointed Honorary Physiotherapist to the Defence Training Association.

These are both interesting appointments and I am sure all St. Dunstaners will join me in offering our congratulations.

Mrs. Chadwick Bates, Secretary of St. Dunstan's in South Africa, and I exchange a good many letters. We appreciate the deep interest she continues to take in all our problems and difficulties, and old St. Dunstaners will be glad to know that she is well and writes cheerfully. Mrs. Bates not only carries on most active and successful work for St. Dunstan's, but her experience has made her a leading figure in South African social and philanthropic life, and she is always being asked to lend a hand to various war efforts.

Christmas Wishes

The earlier part of these Notes was mainly concerned with our offices and the address to which St. Dunstaners should write in order to invoke the assistance of our many services. But this does not mean that the fate of our offices or our staff are our primary concern. On the contrary, the whole reason for the existence of St. Dunstan's is the welfare of blinded ex-Service men of the Great War and of this war, and our concern for offices and staff arises out of the fact that unless satisfactory arrangements are made for them the work of St. Dunstan's cannot go on.

I hear constantly from St. Dunstaners all over the country. I appreciate fully their many difficulties and the stout-hearted manner in which they are meeting and overcoming them. I know that this Christmas season can hardly be happy in the peace-time sense. All of us have growing anxieties around us, household difficulties to meet, rising costs to face, and our young people are in various theatres of war facing many hazards. I would like all St. Dunstaners to know that their welfare in their own homes, and the problems which face them and their wives, are constantly in our minds, and that we are always trying to plan ahead to do the best that lies in our power to carry on St. Dunstan's for them.

We have, however, much to be thankful for. Our Country and Empire has so far withstood all the enemy's attacks. We are growing stronger day by day, and in due time the clouds will lift and the sun break through.

In spite of anxieties, therefore, my wife and I wish all St. Dunstaners and their families the happiest possible Christmas and the best of good luck in the New Year.

IAN FRASER.

"In Memory of the Founder"

A LARGE contingent of St. Dunstaners, who are in training at Church Stretton, including men of the old war and the new, together with men of the fighting services, civilians whose eyes have been severely damaged in air-raids and who are in St. Dunstan's Hospital, were accompanied by members of the Staff of the Training Establishment of the Hospital to the morning service at the Parish Church. Special St. Dunstan's prayers were said, and the Rector's memorial message was as follows:—

"This is the date at which it has been customary for a Memorial Service to be held in memory of the Founder of the great and noble organisation for War-blinded men. It first took formal shape when a dozen or so of blinded soldiers started their training in March, 1915, in the old house of St. Dunstan's in Regent's Park.

"Now that we welcome a large contingent of St. Dunstaners amongst us in Church Stretton, and to our Parade Services in this Church, it is right and fitting that we should take note of this Anniversary, and pay a tribute to the memory of that remarkable man—himself deprived of physical sight, but endowed so richly with insight and foresight, the results of which, in the organisation he created, are more than ever manifest to-day. We can hardly do better than quote from the tribute paid to him by his worthy successor, Sir Ian Fraser:

"Many of the problems of the old days,' he writes, 'together with a great many new ones, are being faced by the men and staff in the same old spirit which has fortified and strengthened us for a generation, and which we owe in such large measure to Sir Arthur. He laid the foundations well, and we are all of us proud to have built our own lives and the continuing life of St. Dunstan's upon them.'

"Let us stand for a moment in silence and grateful remembrance."

Amongst those present with the St. Dunstan's party were Sir Ian and Lady Fraser, Mr. Davenport, Miss Pain, and Mr. Askew.

St. Dunstaners and staff from the Melplash Home attended the morning service at Melplash Parish Church on

December 8th to pay tribute to Sir Arthur's memory. The Rev. Pope officiated.

At Blackpool, the Rev. R. P. Wilson held a service in the Lounge of the Home, on December 9th. St. Dunstaners staying at the Home, and many living in Blackpool, were present, with their escorts and members of the Blackpool staff.

As has been the unbroken custom for nearly twenty years, a deputation of St. Dunstaners visited Hampstead Cemetery on December 9th and laid a large St. Dunstan's wreath, the gift of many St. Dunstaners, upon the grave of Sir Arthur Pearson. The deputation was led by Colonel Eric Ball, member of St. Dunstan's Council, and consisted of M. Burran and N. Downs, accompanied by Hall Porter Burgess.

A wreath was also placed on the grave from the telephonists of St. Dunstan's.

St. Dunstan's Comforts Fund

1/- Raffle

A BEAUTIFUL "baby" grandfather eight-day clock has been made by J. Burley, of Norwich, for the Comforts Fund. He has sent it to Church Stretton, to be raffled, but it is much too attractive to keep to one centre of St. Dunstan's activities, and with the help of the REVIEW, the raffle is open to all St. Dunstan's men, staff and friends.

The clock is 1ft. 8in. in height, with a base 6½in. by 3in. It is made in oak with a gold face, and presents a most charming appearance.

The price of the ticket is 1s. Will everyone who wishes to enter send their name, address and a postal order to me at St. Dunstan's Hospital, Church Stretton, Shropshire. The raffle will be open until the end of January, and the result will be given in the February REVIEW.

Church Stretton. MATRON PAIN.

Re Seeds and Seed Potatoes

The large and small seed packets will be sent as usual early in the New Year, but there will be various adjustments, caused by scarcity of seeds, etc. Broad beans and cauliflower seeds will be omitted.

Sister Goodey

Sister Goodey has again had to change her address. This is now: 188 Grove End Gardens, St. John's Wood, London, N.W.8.

Church Stretton Notes

Games

WITH the River Severn well over its legitimate bounds, the rowing season has come to an end. Thanks are due to the boys of Shrewsbury School, who have helped in coxing.

Football is as popular as ever (one enthusiast even kicking off his boot in his zeal). The usual crop of fancy names for teams has arisen, and we have "Long-mynd" and "Workhouse," both of which are very promising teams.

Dart-throwing is becoming more accurate, and far less perilous to the lookers-on. We hold our own at domino tournaments with the Sergeants' Mess and the British Legion.

Thanks to our chauffeur, Austin, who operates his own first-rate projector, wet Sunday evenings are enlivened by a film show in the Ball Room. "King Solomon's Mines" was an outstanding success.

Workshops

Our new St. Dunstaners have hardly had time yet to settle down to serious training for their subsequent careers, but preliminaries, like braille and typewriting, are being seriously tackled, and certain handicrafts are being taught for their re-educational value. In addition to basket-making and wool-rugging, we have started again on carpentering, and some good work has already been turned out under the skilful management of F. Ralph.

Braille

We congratulate H. Miller, A. Robinson, and H. Preedy on passing the Reading Test. The last-named won a silver Braille wrist-watch, which was offered by a blind lady as a prize for the first man from the new war who should pass the test.

Typing

Congratulations are also offered to the following, who have passed their Typing Test:—

R. Patterson, H. Preedy, J. Calder, E. Russell, L. Copeland, P. McMartin, E. Humphrys, W. Allan, J. Leeks, and Flying Officer Kitson.

Christmas Greetings

At Church Stretton we are all in agreement with Sir Ian's suggestion not to send Christmas cards this year, but we would

like, through the medium of the REVIEW, to send greetings and the best of New Year wishes to all St. Dunstan's men, and to the friends of St. Dunstan's.

New War St. Dunstaners

These are the first St. Dunstaners of the present war. Old St. Dunstaners will join with us in wishing them well.

Name	Rank	Regt.	Age	Location
ALLEN, Gnr. W.	R.H.A.		28	Carmarthen
CALDER, W/Sgt.				
J. D.	R.A.		28	Edinburgh
CAMPBELL, Fus.	1st Batt. Royal		22	Carrigallen,
P.		Irish Fusiliers...		Co. Leitrim
COPELAND, Pte.	Yorks & Lancs.		23	Sheffield
L.				
HUMPHRYS, Pte.	12th Queen's		58	Hook,
E. J.		Ovn E. Surreys		Surbiton
		(T.N.D.)		
LEEK, L./Sgt.	R.A.		22	Dunfermline
J. R.				
McMARTIN, ...	2nd Seaforth		27	Linlithgow
Pte. P.		Highlanders		
PATTERSON, ...	4th Batt. The		21	Dunfermline
Pte. R.		Black Watch ...		
PREEDY, Rfn. H.	2nd Batt. The		28	Stoke New-
		Cameronians ...		ington
		(Scottish Rifles)		
RUSSELL, Fus. E.	1/6 Lancs. Fus.		21	Leeds
STANLEY, ...	1/5 Leics. Regt.		23	Market
Cpl. G.				Harborough
TODD, Gnr. P.	R.H.A.		28	Newcastle-
				on-Tyne
WAINMAN, ...	6th East Yorks		45	Hull
Pte. W. H.				

New War

Blinded Hospital Patients

CARLTON, ...	Bomb Dis-	24	Manchester
Spr. W. C.	posal Section,		
	R.E.		
DICKERSON, ...	2nd Cambs.	19	Comberton,
Pte. F.	Regt. ...		Cambs.
KITSON, Flying	R.A.F.	20	Chorley,
Officer E. K.			Lancs.
STEPHENSON, ...	Royal Navy	42	Gillingham,
Petty Officer			Kent
W. N.			

St. Dunstan's Polish V.C.

The first Polish soldier at St. Dunstan's—Jan Lasowski, of the Chasseurs de Montagne—has been decorated by General Sikorski with the equivalent to the British V.C. for his conspicuous bravery at Narvik.

Lasowski was wounded at Narvik and totally blinded. He has been at St. Dunstan's Hospital since May 29th. He temporarily rejoined his unit somewhere in the British Isles a few days ago, but shortly will return to Church Stretton. Already he has learnt to converse in English, and is proving himself an apt pupil in the joinery shop.

Melplash News

ON Sunday, November 17th, 1940, a party of men from St. Dunstan's, Melplash Court, and several members of the staff, attended a special Armistice Service at Netherbury Parish Church.

It was preceded by a short ceremony, in which the local branch of the British Legion paraded at the village War Memorial, on which they laid a wreath, and then marched to the Church; at their invitation, St. Dunstaners took part in the proceedings, and marched with them to join in the special service.

A Friendly Offer

G. Fallowfield makes the suggestion that St. Dunstaners might give emergency accommodation to fellow St. Dunstaners who might be bombed out, before they are able to get into touch with St. Dunstan's. He puts his suggestion into practice by placing his house (57 Southview Road, Southwick), at the disposal of any St. Dunstaner between Brighton and Worthing. For many reasons it would not be practicable to publish in the REVIEW the addresses of St. Dunstaners willing to do this (for instance, an address given one month might be void the following month), but we have no doubt that, wherever possible, St. Dunstaners will be more than willing to give emergency help to their unluckier comrades. It is more than likely that some such arrangement has already been made between groups of men living in the same district.

National Egg-Laying Test

Report for the First Period of Four Weeks
21st October to 17th November, 1940

Position	Name	Test Score	Value
1	CAMPBELL, J. ...	...	122
2	CAPPER, A. H. ...	...	93
3	CARPENTER, E. H. ...	...	90
4	HOLMES, P. ...	...	82
5	FISHER, T. M. ...	...	80
6	FISHER, T. M. ...	...	79
7	HAMMETT, H. A. ...	...	69
8	HILL, R. E. ...	...	62
9	SMITH, W. ALAN ...	...	48
10	HOLMES, P. ...	...	35
11	CHAFFIN, A. ...	...	32

Five Reasons for Drinking

If all be true that I do think,
There are five reasons we should drink;
Good wine—a friend—or being dry—
Or lest we should be by and by—
Or any other reason why.

—HENRY ALDRICH.

The Christmas Spirit in the U.S.A.

EVERY Christmas morning, New England's flying Santa Claus, Captain William H. Wincapaw, loads up his plane with presents for the men who keep watch in lonely lighthouses and coastguard stations from Boston Harbour to Canada. Accompanied by his son and George Mason, of the National Aeronautic Association, he takes off with bundles containing cookies, tobacco, candy, magazines, books, and silk hose for the lighthouse-keeper's wife. Each package is attached to a parachute. As the plane passes over a station, Mason, who acts as "bomber," releases a package through the window to the people gathered below; spare packages are carried in case he misses aim. The Flying Santa covers more than a thousand miles in his nine-hour flight.

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Few U.S.A. Navy traditions are so universally cherished as the annual Christmas party given for poor children by American battleships, cruisers, even some destroyers, in whatever port they happen to be. Started in 1915 by the crew of the battleship *New York*, the idea spread quickly and spontaneously until to-day, wherever one of the larger ships is in harbour, from New York to Shanghai, some lucky underprivileged children are assured a merry Christmas.

Early Christmas morning, about 100 boys and girls come aboard in the ship's launch. The band plays them over the side; they are greeted by the Captain and officers, then divided into small groups for the great adventure of going over the ship. Toward noon, all the youngsters gather on the quarter-deck, and Santa Claus himself comes aboard. Usually he roars out of the sky in a big amphibian, but occasionally the good saint comes up out of the depths in a diving suit. He distributes his gifts, warm clothing and toys.

When the excitement has calmed down a little, mess-call sounds for a turkey dinner. Songs and stories, comic stunts, sometimes a Punch and Judy show provide entertainment.

Late in the afternoon the youngsters are invited by the officers to the wardroom, where they are loaded down with fruit and candy before they are taken ashore at dusk.

Sons and Daughters in the Services

BARNES, Signaller Reginald (High Wycombe, late Folkestone), Royal Corps of Signallers.
BROOKER, Stoker (2nd Class) L. F., H.M.S. *Bridlington*.
CARTER, Sapper K. (Darlington), Royal Engineers.
CURTIS-WILLSON, Lieut. C. L., Royal Artillery.
DEWIS, Driver K., M.T. Company.
HOTSON, Pte. F., East Yorks Regt.
M'CLOUGHLIN, Pte. J., 7th Cheshire Regt.
MOORE, A/c I, Michael, Limerick, Royal Air Force.
NELSON, Sapper H. R.
O'BRIEN, Pte. F. D., Hampshire Regt.
RENDELL, Sapper W. T.

Young St. Dunstaners

The son of W. T. Curtis-Willson, of Brighton, who was gazetted a second lieutenant in 1937, and was called up for duty a fortnight before the war commenced, is now a full lieutenant.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. F. James, of Hove, has, since his return from Dunkirk, been given his commission.

Robert Brogan is in Egypt and our St. Dunstaner and his wife were able to send him a message recently through one of Sandy MacPherson's broadcasts.

Doris Mary Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin, of Penzance, was married on November 16th to Richard H. Eddy, and Hetty Pinner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Pinner, of Peasedown, near Bath, married Frank Intern on November 23rd.

Rachel Stratton, daughter of F. Stratton, of Shirebrook, married Charles Thorpe on November 9th, and she and her husband are making their home with our St. Dunstaner, who lost his wife only a short while ago.

Mary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carlton, of Canterbury, has passed her matriculation. She is just fifteen.

Christine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Edwards, of Tottenham, has won a scholarship which takes her to Tottenham Grammar School.

More young St. Dunstaners who have joined the Home Guard: Dick and Kenneth Head (Brixton Combe), Wilfred Loran (Brixham), Leslie Brewer (Bristol), and Reggie Meader, Llangadock.

Sixteen-year-old Joan Fallowfield is a voluntary cycle messenger to the local A.R.P. services. She does two full nights weekly and is out in all raids.

Beatrice Robinson, of Welby, Grantham, has gained the School Certificate with four credits.

William Allen (Torrisholme), K.O.R.R., has won his first stripe.

Mavis Hazel, daughter of A. T. Hazel, of Merton Park, has been awarded a scholarship to Wimbledon High School.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Milliss, of Sevenoaks, has won his Artificers' Badge, and has now been transferred from the Royal Artillery to the 4th County of London Yeomanry.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Long, of Sheffield, was married on July 29th to Mr. Kettle.

A Christmas Competition

BELOW are eight questions. You are invited to answer as many as you can and to send in your replies to the Editor not later than January 6th, 1941. A prize of One Guinea will go to the sender of the first correct solution opened on that day. If no one sends a completely correct entry, the prize will go to the next best. Mark your envelopes "Competition" and address them to Regent's Park.

1.—What is the average length of life of a lion?

2.—Who wrote "Gone With the Wind"?

3.—In what year was Queen Victoria married?

4.—What teams were in the 1939 Cup Final?

5.—Who was the first President of the United States?

6.—Braille was introduced by a blind Frenchman of that name; what was his Christian name?

7.—What horse won the Derby in 1927 and who was his jockey?

8.—These letters form the name of a well-known soldier—who is it?

S I N E I D O R

Good Work

Mrs. F. C. Fleetwood, wife of our St. Dunstaner living at Herne Bay, has sent £116 0s. 6d. to the Air Ministry towards the cost of a bomber. It is the result of a collection she has organised in connection with the Women's Section of the local British Legion.

“ In Memory ”

PRIVATE WILLIAM JAMES GILBERT
(4th/6th Devonshire Regiment)

It is with deep regret that we have heard of the death of W. J. Gilbert, of Barnstaple.

Gilbert lost his sight while on active service, and was admitted to St. Dunstan's in 1918. He was trained as a mat-maker, but later spent time on propaganda work for St. Dunstan's. Of late years his health has been far from good, and recently he became practically an invalid. He was admitted to a local nursing home, where he passed away on October 19th. The funeral took place a few days later and was attended by a very large circle of relatives and friends. Among the wreaths was one from Sir Ian Fraser and his comrades at St. Dunstan's.

We send our very sincere sympathy to all members of Gilbert's family.

PRIVATE A. G. HERNE
(3rd Yorkshire Regiment)

WITH deep regret we record the death of A. G. Herne, of Rayleigh, Essex.

Herne's sight failed while on active service in India. He came to St. Dunstan's and was trained as a basket-maker, at which trade he worked most consistently. He always seemed to enjoy fairly good health, so that his sudden death on October 25th came as a great shock to everybody.

The funeral took place four days later. Among the wreaths was one from Sir Ian Fraser and his comrades at St. Dunstan's. We extend our very sincere sympathy to Mrs. Herne in her sad loss.

Silver Weddings

Congratulations to the following St. Dunstaners and their wives, who have celebrated their Silver Wedding recently: Mr. and Mrs. F. Foster, Ottery St. Mary, November 24th; Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Briggs, Sheffield, November 30th; Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Cooke, Birmingham, December 4th; Mr. and Mrs. A. Smith, Elwick, December 11th; Mr. and Mrs. R. Z. Hurrell, Groby, near Leicester, December 26th.

Parable of the “ Isms ”

We have received the following from an American friend:—

SOCIALISM.—If you have two cows you give one to your neighbour.

COMMUNISM.—If you have two cows you give them to the Government, and the Government than gives you some milk.

FASCISM.—If you have two cows, you keep the cows and give the milk to the Government, then the Government sells you some milk.

NEW DEALISM.—If you have two cows, you shoot one and milk the other, and then pour the milk down the drain.

NAZISM.—If you have two cows, the Government shoots you and keeps the cows.

CAPITALISM.—If you have two cows, you sell one and buy a bull.

Death of Lord Tryon

Lord Tryon, for so many years known as Major Tryon, M.P., died recently. He created a ministerial record by holding the same office, namely, that of Minister of Pensions, for over nine years. He visited St. Dunstan's on a number of occasions. The Chairman, writing to Lady Tryon, said: “ We remember with pleasure your husband's many kindnesses to St. Dunstan's men.”

Where Is Beauty ?

*I must cling to the beauty in life,
In this dark, ugly season of strife;
With frightfulness raging and passion rampaging,
And bitterness everywhere rife,
'Tis hard to find beauty in life.*

*But music and literature
Are faithful and ever endure;
Sweet flowers and clear fountains, green hills and
grey mountains,
All nature is constant and sure,
Eternally, beautifully pure.*

*I must look to the hills for a guide,
For the light that is never denied;
While friendship unfailling, all virtue unveiling,
While faith, duty, love still abide,
Then beauty may dwell at my side.—R.J.V.*

Birth

JARMAN.—To the wife of T. Jarman, of Oxford, late of Bournemouth, on November 28th, a daughter—Hester Maureen.