

# ST. DUNSTAN'S REVIEW

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## CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

### American Help for St. Dunstan's

**T**HE abundant generosity of the American people has included gifts to St. Dunstan's. The British War Relief Society has made us a grant of £25,000. I am extremely grateful to Mr. Robert R. Appleby, the Chairman of this Fund in New York, and to Mrs. Rex Benson and Mr. Bertram de N. Cruger, the representatives of the Fund in London, for their sympathetic interest in our work. Such a princely and timely gift not only helps us to carry on St. Dunstan's work and meet our new responsibilities, but is also direct aid to Britain in her war effort by strengthening our dollar resources.

Mr. William V. C. Ruxton, President of the British American Ambulance Corps, has, through his London representative, Mrs. Somerville Smith, presented an Ambulance to St. Dunstan's Hospital. This beautifully-equipped and efficient vehicle was delivered at Church Stretton on Monday, March 24th. St. Dunstaners will remember that Mr. and Mrs. Ruxton are the owners of Melplash Court, Bridport, which they have lent to us for the duration of the war as a West Country Convalescent Home.

St. Dunstaners all over the Empire will thank Mr. Appleby and Mr. Ruxton, and the generous American men and women who subscribe to their funds, for this practical evidence of their desire to send their aid to Britain.

### St. Dunstan's for Service Blinded

I am often asked by St. Dunstaners and others what exactly is St. Dunstan's function in this war. As we have just recently made a precise definition of the "service" cases that are to be regarded as St. Dunstaners, it seems a good opportunity to state the facts. The first function of St. Dunstan's is of course to look after the interests of the blinded men of the Great War in every possible way, and, subject to modifications required by war-time difficulties, we are carrying on on familiar lines. Then we have undertaken to give training, settlement, and life-long after-care to Service men and women who are blinded in this war. By Service men and women we mean soldiers, sailors, airmen, A.T.S., W.R.N.S., and W.A.A.F.S., persons engaged in services subsidiary to the fighting forces, policemen, firemen, and members of War Service Civil Defence organisations, such as Auxiliary Fire Service, A.R.P., Nursing and Medical Services, etc. The ordinary civilian blinded in an air-raid may come to our Hospital for a brief time for medical and surgical treatment, but will pass on for training and future care to the civilian blind organisations.

The object of this policy is to maintain St. Dunstan's service tradition, but at the same time to recognise that "service" in this war includes the Home Front, because it is a total war.



As a matter of interest, readers may like to know that the cases that have already been admitted to full benefits of St. Dunstan's include an officer and other ranks from Dunkirk and other fighting, and from bomb and gun explosions, one from the Middle East, a petty officer from Narvik, two flying officers, an auxiliary fireman, an explosive technician from Woolwich Arsenal, and a member of the Home Guard.

### Australian St. Dunstaners Co-operate

Joe Lynch, President, and Foster McConnell, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, and Dudley Tregent, Honorary Solicitor, and the Committee of the Australian Blinded Soldiers' Association, have done good work in the Commonwealth. I gather from their recent report that they have all made up their minds to give every possible help to any Australians who may be blinded in this war. St. Dunstaners may be gratified to read in their own words what they have to say about this matter. Here is an extract from their report:—

"Those blinded in this war will, on their discharge from service, receive the full benefit of our experience gained in the past, which should be of the greatest advantage in any new problem. This Association should do all in its power to have those blinded in this war sent to St. Dunstan's for expert training, which is absolutely essential. We must co-operate with St. Dunstan's in the best possible manner, so that our fellows are trained along the lines which our experience has taught us is best for Australian conditions. To re-create life anew in a real sense, in a world already beset with almost insurmountable difficulties, will require the closest contact between this Association and St. Dunstan's, and close co-operation between this Executive and State Associations will also be essential to ensure all round maximum efficiency. We desire to thank the various Associations and our private members for past assistance, and, though these days may be dark, we must look forward with hope to the future."

Readers will remember that the Australian Government, like the other Dominion Governments, has asked St. Dunstan's to be responsible for looking after any of their countrymen who may be blinded in or evacuated to the British Isles. We are glad to have this honour and to undertake this responsibility should the need arise.

### A War Office Braille Letter

It is commonplace to assume that Government Departments are a hard-headed lot. But behind the official facade there is often a kindly heart, though it is seldom that it can find expression.

Recently, T. G. ("Tiny") Fleming, the giant blinded soldier telephone operator who used to row such a strong oar in the St. Dunstan's boat, asked me if I could get any information from the Secretary of State for War as to the welfare of his son, who is a prisoner of war. I learn that from the Secretary of State's office a letter has gone to him giving him what information is available, and the War Minister's Secretary tells me that she has transcribed the letter into braille specially for him. An unusual and thoughtful act, which I am sure gave great pleasure, and which seems to me to be worthy of being placed on record.

### Our Grandson

My wife and I would like to thank the large number of St. Dunstaners and members of the Staff who have sent us their congratulations on becoming grandparents. My daughter, Jean McDonald, gave birth to a son on March 22nd. Mr. McDonald, who is a 2nd Lieutenant in the Rifle Brigade at present serving in the Middle East, and my daughter, add their thanks. The little boy and his mother are doing well. Let us hope that he and all St. Dunstan's grandchildren will grow up into a happier and better world. An old friend tells me that a grandchild has advantages over your own child because "you can spoil the grandchild and leave it to the mother to clear up the difficulties."

IAN FRASER.

### Church Stretton Notes

HOSPITAL cases are in another building now, and the Longmynd Hotel becomes St. Dunstan's Training Centre, with separate classroom for massage (complete with "Clarence," the skeleton!) and a quiet room for typing letters, which can also be used for braille and typing tests. The V.A.D.s are housed at "Belmont," about five minutes' walk away from the Hotel, and the Officers are at "Battlefield." Old St. Dunstaners will be glad to hear that Mrs. Irvine, better known to us all as "Sister Pat," was there as Hostess for some weeks before Easter, but has now left to be with her children during the holidays.

At the time of going to press April is passing, but like a white-coated lamb, and though we are assured that Spring lags not far behind, it is too early to close down our Winter programme. The Debating Club proposes winding up the season on April 1st—a significant date—with another Ladies' Night. As two fixtures for March 26th fell through at the last moment, that ever-resourceful whip—H. Miller—organised a surprise item. Each man present as his name was drawn was asked to speak on a subject proposed by the Chairman. These subjects had been carefully selected to set the speaker at his ease and to interest his audience! For instance, Allan, who had served on the N.W. Frontier, was asked to speak about the Khyber Pass; the latest comer, whose tastes were not yet known, was to give his impressions of St. Dunstan's, a Scot to tell of Edinburgh Castle. Other specialists spoke on furniture, the Hull fish trade, Sheffield Wednesday, chemists' interests, etc. Finally, Tommy Rogers was drawn by the question "Is dancing immoral?" and scouted the mere suggestion with arguments drawn from ethical treatises and classical authorities.

During the month the following have passed tests:—

**Typewriting.**—A. French and J. Lawson (Civilians).

**Typing.**—L. Webber.

**Braille Reading.**—R. L. Berry (Civilian).

**New Hospital Service Cases.**—G. Etherington (Sapper), R.E., aged 32 years (Windlesham, Surrey); F. Reid (Sapper), R.E., aged 19 years (Aberdeen); Flying

Officer Cooper, R.A.F. (Kenton Middlesex), aged 36 years.

Under the new definition of "service" cases, Auxiliary Fireman L. Webber now becomes a St. Dunstaner.

### Blinded Men Perform Thriller

The following is an extract from the "Shrewsbury Chronicle," March 7th:—

A dramatic entertainment was given by members of St. Dunstan's, all of them totally blind, at the Longmynd Training Centre, Church Stretton, on Tuesday evening.

The entertainment opened with a medley of lively tunes, played by the Hostel Jazz Band, with Leslie White at the piano, Flying Officer Kitson saxophone, and Peter McMartin drums. This was followed by round and part-songs, given by the Hostel Chorus, but the great event of the evening was the play "In the Library," by W. W. Jacobs, with the cast as follows:—

|                  |   |       |            |
|------------------|---|-------|------------|
| Trayton Burleigh | - | -     | D. CALDER  |
| James Fletcher   | - | -     | R. BERRY   |
| The Burglar      | - | -     | H. PREEDY  |
| The Sergeant     | - | "POP" | HUMPHREYS  |
| The Constable    | - | -     | G. STANLEY |

The actors, who were word perfect, gave such a realistic display that one quite forgot that it was not a real burglar who was agonisingly thumping on the door to be let out, whilst the audience fully shared his horror when he discovered the murdered man lying on the floor, and realised that he would be suspected of the murder.

What struck everyone so forcibly was the natural movement of all the actors. The average blind man is sometimes conspicuous by his immobility, and ordinary actors are prone to be "wooden" on the stage. Not so these blind men—they moved freely about the stage. Every emotion, horror, joy, relief, and conviction, was registered on their features. At the end of the performance, Lady Buckmaster, who is a member of the British Drama League, and who was responsible for the tuition, rehearsals, and production of this performance, read a telegram which she had received from the League, wishing them every success with this play, and she said that she hopes very soon her company of blind actors would be able to take their place and compete in the Drama League Festivals in other parts of the country.



### Blackpool Notes

We raffled a very beautiful blue and gold work-basket, made by G. Fallowfield, and made £4 10s. on it, and, with £2 from other sources, we managed to send £6 10s. to the Comforts Fund. The basket was won by an R.A.F. officer's wife in Blackpool.

We then raffled a very pretty little hand-bag, made by the wife of a St. Dunstaner, Mrs. Denny, of South Africa. We made £2 10s. on that, and it was won by J. Bailey, of Barnehurst. We sent it to him and it was again raffled by his daughter, and another 16s. 6d. fell to the Comforts Fund.

Our third effort was a very beautiful white woolly cape, on which we made £1 10s., which was won by Mrs. Butler, who is at present staying in Blackpool. Her husband is an invalid, so we suggest he should wear the cape, but being pure and white we fear it would not suit him. Anyway the Comforts Fund for sons of St. Dunstaners is richer by ten guineas.

*Things we would like to know—*

Who rang the fire bell to call the troops to tea?

### Derby Sweepstake

As announced last month, the REVIEW Sweepstake is now open. Full rules are printed below. Only St. Dunstan's men may enter, and prize-money will not be paid 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, May 19th**. 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.

### News of St. Dunstaners

St. Dunstan's has had its air-raid wardens and its roof-spotters—now it has its fire-watchers. G. W. Francis, of Morley, Leeds, plays a leading part in the fire-watching in his street; —. Dyson, of Greenfield, Oldham, also regularly takes his turn, with his wife, in their district. J. McNicholls, of Manchester, is a member of a fire-watching team. He mans the stirrup pump.

By the way, McNicholls had an excellent "write-up" in the Manchester edition of the *Daily Mail* recently, which reported the North West Divisional Office of the Ministry of Labour as saying that he was the fastest man telephone operator in the country.

R. Boyter, of Pittenweem, is a proud grandfather, his daughter Nessie having presented him with a granddaughter. Incidentally, his son, Peter, hopes to ride in the Apprentices' Race at Newmarket this year.

W. A. Simmons, of Northampton, and A. J. Harvey, of Guildford, have also joined the proud ranks of St. Dunstan's grandfathers. Simmons' eldest son's wife has had a daughter, while a little girl has also been born to Harvey's daughter.

D. Batchelor, of Ratley, near Banbury, won third prize with his bantams at a recent show.

A mat, made by R. Finch, of Upper Gornal, Worcs., realised £2 10s. when it was raffled in aid of a fund to provide a Mobile Canteen.

G. Lyttle, of Keady, Ireland, has had a sad blow in the death, by enemy action, of his youngest sister, her husband, and their four children.

We have heard, with regret, of the death by enemy action of Mrs. Yare, wife of our St. Dunstaner, J. Yare, of Liverpool. Yare and his daughter were also in the house when the bomb fell, but both escaped injury.

### Silver Weddings

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. F. Fleetwood, of Herne Bay, who celebrated their silver wedding on February 28th, and to Mr. and Mrs. T. Jarman, of Oxford, who celebrated their anniversary on April 3rd,

### Sons and Daughters in the Services

BATTEN, DENNIS, Searchlight Training Regiment, R.A. (A.A.).  
BROADLEY, A.C.2 J. G. C., Royal Air Force.  
BROWN, Lce.-Corpl. W. J. (near Wellington), Royal Engineers.  
BUTLER, Corpl. J. C. (Waterford), Cavalry Corps.  
BUTLER, BETTY (Distington), W.A.T.S.  
COONEY, O.S. M. S., Royal Navy.  
DAVIES, A.C.2 S. (Blockley), Royal Air Force.  
DEEGAN, A.C.2 S., Royal Air Force.  
GARRATT, O.S. Harry (Sherwood, Nottingham), Royal Navy.  
GILPIN, Pte. F., Devonshire Regiment.  
HINTON, O-Tel. H. W. (adopted son of A. Hayes, Nottingham), Royal Navy.  
IRVINE, Air-fitter William (Glasgow), Fleet Air Arm.  
MCGILL, ESTHER (Hertford), Women's Land Army.  
SCOTT, A.C. L. C. (Langley, Bucks), Royal Air Force.  
SHEPPARD, Pte. K. (Warminster), Somerset Light Infantry.  
SHEPPARD, Corpl. H. (Warminster), Wiltshire Regt.  
SIMMONS, Sapper A., G.C. Coy.  
TAYLOR, Driver R. H. (Bournemouth), Hants Company.  
TAYLOR, A.C.2 R. W. (Bournemouth), Royal Air Force.  
WILLIAMS, Trooper J. (Shipley), Training Regiment, R.A.C.

### Killed in Action

We have heard with deep regret that Leo O'Kelly, only son of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. O'Kelly, of London, S.W.15, who has been missing since August, 1940, has now been reported killed.

Our deep sympathy is also extended to Mrs. McCubbin, of Leicester, widow of our late St. Dunstaner, R. McCubbin, whose only son, Tommy, has been killed while serving overseas.

### Young St. Dunstaners

Mary, daughter of R. Young, of Glasgow, who, we are glad to say, is now slowly recovering from his recent illness, is studying medicine at Glasgow University. She hopes to take her degree as a Doctor.

Peter Gilhooley (Verwood) is an A.R.P. messenger.

Fred Ham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ham, of Taffs Well, is a Home Guard.

Stephen Butler, son of our Waterford St. Dunstaner, married Miss Kathleen Ryan on January 10th; John Mitchell, son

of Mr. and Mrs. J. Mitchell, of Leith, was married last May; and Elsie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Smith, of Aspley Estate, was married on Christmas Day to Mr. John Grenville Marr.

W. Dimond, of East Grinstead, has three sons in the Home Guard—a record?

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Parker, of Kilkenny, was married on February 21st.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Leeman, of Louth, has passed his examination as a wireless operator, although he is only 17, and will shortly go to sea. While he was studying in London, he found time to act as a stretcher bearer during some of the worst raids.

Walter Turrell has joined the Air Training Corps. So has sixteen-years-old Norman Skelly. He is a corporal.

Kathleen Fleming, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. "Tiny" Fleming, is to marry Mr. Dennis Tike-Hughes, at St. Andrew's Church, Harrow Road, on April 26th.

George, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Dawson, of Carlton, Cambs., was married on November 24th.

Aileen Tooth, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tooth, of Christchurch, married Edward House, late of the Hampshire Regiment, early in January.

### Promotions

The son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Butler, of Distington, is now a Sergeant Instructor.

W. Shayler's eldest son has been promoted to the rank of Corporal, while his youngest son, George Douglas, becomes a Quartermaster, at 21.

At nineteen years of age, Cyril Bagstaff, son of our late St. Dunstaner, of Cambridge, must be our youngest C.Q.M.S.—if not of the Army. He is in the Cambridgeshire Regiment.

Benny Skelly, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Skelly, of Batley, has been promoted to the rank of Bombardier.



### Sir Ian Returns to the B.B.C.

From "The Times," April 3rd, 1941:

Mr. Duff Cooper, Minister of Information, announced in the House of Commons to-day that the King had approved the reconstitution of the Board of Governors of the British Broadcasting Corporation, the numbers of which were reduced to two at the outbreak of war, as follows:—

The two serving members, Sir Allan Powell and Mr. C. H. G. Millis, have, at the request of the Government, consented to continue in office.

The following have been invited and have consented to join the Board:—

Sir Ian Fraser, M.P., Mr. J. J. Mallon, Mr. Arthur Mann, and Lady Violet Bonham Carter.

Mr. Lindsay (Kilmarnock, Nat. Lab.)—In view of the very reassuring statement, will my right hon. friend say whether, under the reasonable restrictions of war, this enlightened board of governors will be allowed to exercise genuine freedom?

Mr. Duff Cooper.—Yes, Sir; certainly.

Sir Ian Fraser and Mr. Mallon were members of the Board before its reduction. It is understood that the former will be enabled, under the new Act, to retain his seat in the House of Commons.

### Wireless Notes

A new series of B.B.C. broadcasts has been arranged for the Forces in the series entitled "Radio Reconnaissance."

Mr. Ritchie Calder will be in charge of a series on "Science and the Fighting Man" (Tuesdays, at 3.30 p.m.).

Another series, "Where Britain Stands on Guard" (Thursday, at 3.30 p.m.), will deal with key points overseas.

A revival of the inspiring Home Guard programme, "We Also Serve," is due on April 24th.

"Dr. Goebbels Entertains," beginning on April 26th, will present in three broadcasts in dramatic form a selection of the best and most entertaining lies that have emanated from the Nazi Propaganda Bureau.

### Competition Corner

As no correct, or nearly correct, solution has been received for last month's National Savings competition, the closing date has been extended to Saturday, May 3rd. You are invited to guess the number of a

National Savings Certificate made up of six figures which, added together, total 16. Post-cards, please, to the Editor at Regent's Park.

### From a Young St. Dunstaner

In a letter to Sir Ian, Lieutenant Clifford Curtis-Willson writes:—

"Please convey my very grateful thanks to St. Dunstan's Comforts Fund for the cigarettes, which I received to-day. It's grand to know that you people, in spite of all the worries of your second encounter with the Hun, can spare a thought for us youngsters making our debut. I can't tell you what a kick it gave me.

"— is very disappointing at present; the only fighting that goes on consists of battles with regimental H.Q. over the telephone, so I have no battle honours to show as yet. Still, the A.A. boys don't get all the fun. Occasionally a Hun plane comes low enough for us to 'hass' off with Lewis and Bren guns, and once, by diligent disregard of Standing Orders, we managed to loose off our big stuff within a landlady's stone's throw of some "E" boats. With any luck however, the R.A.F. may miss one or two of the invasion barges and then we shall get a crack.

"Again, my very sincere thanks to the St. Dunstan's 'boys' and the best of good luck to you all."

### National Egg Laying Test

Report for the fourth period of four weeks  
13th January to 9th February, 1941

| Position | Name                | Test Score | Value |
|----------|---------------------|------------|-------|
| 1        | J. Campbell ...     | 392        |       |
| 2        | P. Holmes ...       | 333        |       |
| 3        | A. H. Capper ...    | 314        |       |
| 4        | T. M. Fisher ...    | 306        |       |
| 5        | W. Alan Smith ...   | 280        |       |
| 6        | T. M. Fisher ...    | 279        |       |
| 7        | R. E. Hill ...      | 262        |       |
| 8        | A. Chaffin ...      | 253        |       |
| 9        | H. A. Hammett ...   | 246        |       |
| 10       | E. H. Carpenter ... | 245        |       |
| 11       | P. Holmes ...       | 235        |       |

### Cool!

The National Amalgamated Approved Society reports in its magazine, "The Office Window," that a member in one of the bombed areas sent in a sickness claim the other day. He had been flung, by blast, into a pit 20ft. deep. He "went on the funds" with "Headache!"

### War Pensions

FOLLOWING up his question in the House of Commons on February 18th, with a view to keeping the whole question of pensions in the public mind, Sir Ian Fraser has contributed a letter to *The Times*, and a number of interviews to other newspapers, and in Parliament on March 6th asked the following question:—

CAPTAIN SIR IAN FRASER asked the Minister of Pensions when present war disability pension rates were first fixed what was the cost-of-living figure and what was the amount of the pension; when he raised these pensions what was the cost-of-living figure and how much was the increase; and what is the present cost-of-living figure?

THE MINISTER OF PENSIONS (Sir Walter Womersley): The basic rate of pension for total disablement provided in the Royal Warrant of September, 1939, was 32s. 6d. per week. The rate was that laid down in 1921 for the peace-time Army. The average cost-of-living figure in 1921 was 226; in September, 1939, it was 155. The figure was 181 in June, 1940, when the rate of disability pension was increased to 34s. 2d. per week. Allowances for wife and children were also at the same time substantially increased. The latest index figure for the cost of living is 197.

SIR IAN FRASER: When does the Right Hon. Gentleman contemplate making a further adjustment to conform with the rise that has taken place?

SIR WALTER WOMERSLEY: I am keeping a very careful watch on the cost-of-living figure. As soon as it appears to me that it is high enough to warrant an increase I shall make it.

### Make a Will

A YEAR or two ago the Chairman wrote a note urging St. Dunstaners to make their wills, so as to avoid complications for their families. His foresight has been justified, for many have done so. Recently, however, the Welfare Department has reported one or two cases in which, because of neglect to make a will, there has been very great inconvenience and a hold-up in the settlement of the estate, causing hardship to the widow and family.

St. Dunstaners who own property, however small, are urged that in these times it is the duty of the head of a family to go to a local solicitor and make a simple will. It costs very little and saves much trouble.

St. Dunstan's is a Trust Corporation and can therefore act as Trustee. Tell your solicitor this and he will advise you of the advantages of having an independent and trusted friend like St. Dunstan's to act for you. Of course, St. Dunstan's will act as Trustee for you without any charge to you or your family.

### Mr. George Smith

ST. DUNSTAN'S Headquarters have suffered a severe loss in the death of Mr. George Smith.

When we took over the big house, St. John's Lodge, Regent's Park, in 1921, "Smithy" was gardener there. He stayed on to work for St. Dunstan's, and for twenty years gave unstintingly of his services. It is said that no one is indispensable, but George Smith came nearer that description than most. Whenever there was a job to be done, he did it. In his time with us he was gardener, electrician, plumber, air-raid warden, fire watcher—everything relating to the care of our building was in his most capable hands—and yet he would still find time to relieve the orderlies when they were hard pressed, and meet St. Dunstaners passing through London, as many will remember. Everything he did, he did quietly, cheerfully, and supremely well.

He was taken ill in February, but recovered, and after a convalescence at Brighton, came back to us, but only for a week. He had not been well and, on the doctor's advice, went to hospital for an X-ray. As he was sitting chatting to a friend he had a seizure and passed away shortly afterwards.

His death has been a great grief to everyone at Headquarters, and to numberless other friends, both at St. Dunstan's and elsewhere. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his widow and her family. Mrs. Smith herself has given valuable service to St. Dunstan's, and her connection with us is not to be broken.

A wreath from Sir Ian and Lady Fraser and his friends at St. Dunstan's, and another from St. Dunstan's staff, were among the many flowers.

St. Dunstan's was represented at the funeral by Miss Goole, Private Secretary to the Chairman, Mr. Lale, and Orderly Gibbon.

### Thanks, Jim!

"Nuggets" for October went  
To the bottom; doubtless sent  
By a U-Boat out to spoil  
Relaxation after toil.  
Other braille and other ink  
Followed "Nuggets" down the sink.  
Wish you luck to carry on  
Till the victory be won.

North Auckland,  
New Zealand. JAMES CHISHOLM.



## “ In Memory ”

PRIVATE HAROLD HARRIS  
(*East Kent Regiment, The Buffs*)

WITH deep regret we record the death of H. Harris, of Maidstone.

Harris enlisted in 1916 and as a result of wounds received whilst serving in France in 1917, lost his sight and came to St. Dunstan's shortly afterwards. He was trained in mat-making, at which he worked until quite recently. A few years ago his health began to deteriorate and a month or so ago it was realised that he was a very sick man. His death on the 2nd instant was not unexpected.

The funeral took place a few days later, and was attended by many relatives and friends. Among the wreaths was one from Sir Ian Fraser and his comrades at St. Dunstan's.

We extend our very sincere sympathy to Mrs. Harris and her family.

SERGEANT WALTER PRIEST  
(*11th Worcestershire Regiment*)

WITH deep regret we record the death of W. Priest, of Kennford, near Exeter.

Priest enlisted in 1916 and saw service on the Western Front, Salonika, and Russia, and as a result of the privations he suffered, lost his sight and in due course was made a beneficiary of St. Dunstan's. His health was not good enough to allow him to come to St. Dunstan's for training, so instruction was given to him in his own home, where he worked at the making of baskets and trays, for which he had a good local sale.

Unfortunately, his health began to deteriorate and in recent years he was an invalid, but a very cheerful one, and happy in the splendid care and attention given to him by his wife.

His death occurred on February 25th, and the funeral a few days later was attended by many relatives and friends. Among the wreaths was one from Sir Ian Fraser and his comrades at St. Dunstan's.

We extend our very sincere sympathy to Mrs. Priest and her son Douglas.

LIEUTENANT E. G. THOMAS  
(*London Rifle Brigade*)

A WIDE circle of friends will learn with the deepest regret of the sudden death of Lieut. E. G. Thomas, of Worthing.

Lieut. Thomas, who was 47 years of age, was wounded by gunshot at Gommecourt, in July, 1916, while serving as Lieutenant in the 5th City of London, London Rifle Brigade, and as a result lost his sight. He came to St. Dunstan's the following October and there qualified as a Chartered Masseur. For some time he practised in Croydon, where he founded the Lansdown Social Club for the Blind, but in 1928 he moved to Worthing, where his personal charm and professional skill rapidly gained for him many friends and a most successful practice.

His death occurred very suddenly on Friday, March 7th. The funeral took place on Wednesday, March 12th, at Durrington Cemetery, after a service at St. Columba's Presbyterian Church. Mr. Mace represented St. Dunstan's.

RIFLEMAN JOSEPH PUGH  
(*12th Rifle Brigade*)

WE record, with deep regret, the death of J. Pugh, of Islington, as a result of enemy action. Mrs. Pugh also lost her life.

Pugh was wounded at Ypres and came to us in 1916, and was trained in boot-repairing and mat-making, and in 1935 he went to Raglan Street where he worked in the Nursery Furniture Department until it closed down in December, 1939.

The funeral took place at New Southgate Cemetery. Among those present were A. G. Bright, who was a Rifleman in the same Brigade as Pugh, W. Lacey, Sister Goodey, Mr. H. Burgess (representing St. Dunstan's Welfare Department), and Mr. J. E. Rose. A Union Jack covered the coffin, and among the many beautiful flowers was a wreath from Sir Ian Fraser and his old comrades at St. Dunstan's.

Our sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Pugh's relatives, and to their adopted son, who will now live with our St. Dunstan's brother.

### Births

KEEGAN.—To the wife of A. Keegan, of Cork, on March 2nd, a daughter—Sheila Marie.

MATTHEWS.—To the wife of G. Matthews, of Bilston, on February 11th, a son.

SMITH.—To the wife of A. Smith, of Wembley Park, on February 17th, a son—Anthony John.

**Marriage.** MCCOLLESTER—BROWN.—On April 19th, at St. Mary's Parish Church, Rawtenstall, J. T. McCollester to Miss Rosella Brown.

### Deaths

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

SPINK.—J. W. Spink, of Hemel Hempstead, who died on April 14th, Easter Monday, after a long and painful illness.

YARE.—To J. Yare, of Liverpool, whose wife has died as a result of injuries received through enemy action.