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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

AT our temporary war-time home there is a large kitchen garden. For the first time in our lives, my wife and I are taking an interest in gardening and it is a very great interest, which I commend to any St. Dunstaner who has not experienced it. The pleasure of growing vegetables ourselves and of eating them is something to be experienced. I know that to some hundreds of St. Dunstaners this is no new thing, for I have always encouraged gardening, and for many years now have arranged to send to any St. Dunstaner who wishes it a packet of useful seeds. I am always hearing how much these are appreciated and what satisfaction they give. In these days there is the additional pleasure of knowing that one is digging not merely for pleasure but for victory.

I took a few days off during August, the first break I have had since war began. I spent the time quietly at home, and was soon persuaded to dig for victory myself. Many St. Dunstaners, I know, dig in their own gardens, and find it splendid exercise and an agreeable pastime. But there may be others who, like myself, have not had the opportunity hitherto, and to whom perhaps it has never occurred that they can dig in a garden themselves. I did not do any elaborate marking or roping of the part to be dug, but soon found that by feeling with one's hand the line of the edge of the bed, and by moving along slowly from one fork's width to another, it was possible to dig in a reasonably straight line and to make a fair job of it. I commend this activity to anybody who has not tried it. You will all remember Kipling's advice to people who got the hump, "the hump that is black and blue":

*But to take a large hoe and a shovel also,
And dig till you gently perspire;
And then you will find that the sun and the wind,
And the Djinn of the Garden too,
Have lifted the hump—
The horrible hump—
The hump that is black and blue!*

Colonel Eric Ball, D.L.

Lieut.-Colonel Eric Ball, the senior, though not the oldest member of our Council, has recently taken up a job in the War Office, and has also had the honour conferred upon him of an appointment to be a Deputy Lieutenant of the County of London. Officers and men who were blinded, or whose eyes were severely damaged in the last war went, very

many of them, to the 2nd London General Hospital, where special eye wards were opened. Other cases sometimes went there, too, and Colonel Ball found himself, when his hand was badly wounded, in one of the eye wards with many of our officers. This was his first contact with St. Dunstan's. Friendship with many of them, and later with Sir Arthur Pearson, followed, and he joined our Council soon after the war. He became a member of the London County Council in 1918, and introduced me to that body when I also became a Member in 1922. He and I sat there together for three years. Later he became Chairman of the Fire Brigade, and has held many other offices; now he is an Alderman. All Colonel Ball's St. Dunstan's friends will congratulate him upon becoming a Deputy Lieutenant.

Braille Watches

Some time ago there was a note in the ST. DUNSTAN'S REVIEW asking men who were not using their braille machines to send them to Headquarters, so that they might be reconditioned and might be made available for new St. Dunstaners who wanted them. I thought there would be many of these machines quietly resting on a shelf, unused by their owners, and so it turned out. A considerable number have been received and have been put into good order. The war makes it difficult to obtain apparatus of all kinds, and I am grateful to those St. Dunstaners, and friends outside St. Dunstan's, who have sent in their Braille machines.

Braille watches are very difficult, too, and our stocks are getting low. I like to give every new St. Dunstaner a braille watch, and I would be grateful if there are any widows of St. Dunstaners who have their late husband's braille watch available and would send it to me. The braille watch is not only a most useful device, but St. Dunstaners will remember that we all looked upon it as a kind of symbol; to many of us it was the first piece of apparatus with which we became familiar, and telling the time for oneself was very often the first independent act of which we found ourselves capable.

Well Done, Craftsmen and Raglan Street!

"What about a good and hearty cheer for the Raglan Street Staff?" These words occurred in a letter from a St. Dunstaner to me, who asks me to mention them in my notes for the REVIEW. He is thinking of the difficulties which will face them this winter, and is recalling how splendidly they overcame similar difficulties last winter. I am glad to record the thanks of all St. Dunstaners who use Raglan Street to the staff there, who have done their work so well and have kept our men supplied so regularly with what goods are available.

Talking about supplies of goods, although even before the war broke out we bought vast quantities of stocks so as to try and be sure that we would have enough, and although we have continued to buy from all quarters whenever possible, nevertheless there is a shortage, and I am afraid it will get worse. In addition to this, a good many of our men are doing increased local trade. We have already had to introduce certain rationing arrangements, but we will do our best in accordance with the raw materials that are available to distribute them fairly amongst our men.

It is a good thing to feel that the goods our men make in their homes are in demand; whether they are directly applied to the war effort or whether they go into civilian homes they are making a contribution to the war effort. I offer my congratulations to our craftsmen in their homes who continue their work, and turn out their goods under difficult conditions, and I only wish we could help them more.

The New Chapter

Two of our young new St. Dunstaners have started out in the world. They are both telephone operators. Preedy is with a firm in the London area, and Russell has gone back to the Leeds Corporation, which was his previous employer. Both these men were apt pupils, and it was a pleasure to have them at Church Stretton. Preedy was particularly

good at braille and passed his tests in record time. Russell acted as commentator in a recent short film which was made of the new St. Dunstan's. These two men have, in a sense, started writing a new chapter of St. Dunstan's history. We older men, and all connected with St. Dunstan's, wish them the very best of good luck.

Sister Peacock

No V.A.D. was better known or held in warmer affection than Sister Peacock. She has now retired from St. Dunstan's service on account of the age limit. She was a familiar figure at Brighton, where she took a particular interest in the Roman Catholic Chapel. When we gave up Brighton she went to Blackpool. All her old friends amongst the men and staff will wish her the very best of good luck in her retirement, and would like me to express for them, as I do on behalf of St. Dunstan's generally, our sincere thanks for her devoted service and her warm friendship.

IAN FRASER.

Home Guard News

E. Garthwaite, of Rotherham, is, we think, the first St. Dunstaner to get promotion in the Home Guard. After three months with the Service he has been promoted corporal.

H. E. Lambert has joined the Albany Street branch of the Home Guard. His job is in connection with the handling of stores, and the care of rifles—and he is kept busy!

Model Host

A. V. Law, of Gotherington, recently spent a short holiday with a doctor friend in Bristol, a visit made all the more enjoyable by his host's kind thought beforehand. He sent Law a most ingeniously-contrived plan of the ground floor of the house, worked out by means of cardboard (for walls), cotton threads (for windows), matches (for steps), and corrugated paper (for stairs), with furniture, etc., indicated by pieces of thin felt cut to correct shape and scale.

He also prepared a plan on similar lines of the layout of the roads in the neighbourhood, with the result that Law was familiar with the house and the district right from the start of his visit.

Wedding of Miss Hickley

Many St. Dunstaners who knew her as a Sister at Ovingdean will be interested to hear of the marriage of Miss Hickley to 2nd Lieut. Guy Temple, of the K.O.S.B., which took place at West Worthing on August 27th, and they will want us to send on their behalf congratulations and best wishes to the bride and bridegroom.

Notes and News About St. Dunstaners

Mr. and Mrs. Pink, of Axminster, spent their silver wedding anniversary with Mr. and Mrs. Fleetwood, of Herne Bay.

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G. H. Maynard, of Fareham, is a fire-watcher for his district, and so is E. J. Blundell, of Eton.

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F. H. Cox, of Havant, has taken his first and second Red Cross Certificates and Anti-Gas Certificates, and is now working full-time for the Red Cross in Havant.

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E. J. Squires, of Ringwood, is a store-keeper in a N.A.A.F.I. He likes the work and is doing very well.

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E. T. Humphries, of Swindon, is now the grandfather of twelve grand-children, including two sets of twins. His youngest son's wife has just presented him with the last pair.

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A. J. Caple, of Cardiff, is secretary to the Supplementary Fire Party in his district.

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Under an excellent picture of our St. Dunstaner and his dog, the "Farmer and Stockbreeder" wrote, on September 9th:

"Jack Radford (blinded in the last war) and his dog have collected large sums in the Castle Cary area for the Red Cross Agricultural Fund. When he sees a prospective contributor coming along, Mac shakes himself from side to side, and so rattles the coppers in the box on his shoulders."

Church Stretton Notes

Holidays have come and gone, and we are now able to reveal without giving away information that, though we scattered to all parts of Great Britain, we returned one and all with doleful accounts of weather under the baleful influence of St. Swithin.

Before leaving we were given such a splendid breaking-up Concert (under the baton of Leslie White) that Mr. Bankes-Williams has decided that it shall be an annual event. For some weeks past we had caught strains from the practice room and the ballroom, but were quite unprepared for such an excellent programme. J. Walch was the genial compère—or should we call him the showman?—for he introduced not only Tigers (from Tiger Hall), but a Tigress among his troupe. We were fortunate in having Miss Jones as accompanist. She and Mr. Edwards, their trainer, had spared themselves no time or trouble in coming up for practices. L. Webber expressed our appreciation of their kindness, and presented them each with a memento from our workshops.

The following is the programme:—

BAND: Choruses.

CHOIR: "Drink to me only."

W. C. CARLTON: "Smiling Through,"
"The Rose of Tralee."

J. DAVIES: "Invictus," "Passing By."

W. ALLEN, P. TODD: "Ride, Tenderfoot,
Ride," "Sunny Side of the Rockies."

L. WEBBER: "Oh, Promise Me."

MISS SLEIGH: "Le Rêve Passé," and
"Sympathy."

MUSICAL ITEM: "On Wings of Song"
(Piano, Mandoline, Violin); "Medley"
(Viola, Dulcimer, Piano, Mandoline,
Violin).

CHOIR: "Sweet and Low."

G. STANLEY: "Bird Songs at Eventide,"
"For You Alone."

A. GADD: Monologue.

J. WALCH: "Sergeant Major," "One
Alone."

J. DAVIES, L. WEBBER: "Watchman, What
of the Night."

MISS SLEIGH: "Softly Awakes my Heart,"
"Sleepy Lagoon."

CHOIR: "England."

Vote of Thanks: Mr. BANKES-WILLIAMS.

Presentation: Mr. L. WEBBER.

"Auld Lang Syne"

"God Save the King"

On returning from the holidays we found a steam-roller at the gates, the drive already smooth, and Gunnery Road a precarious quarry for the moment, but promising soon an easier passage for pedestrians, longer life for tyres and springs, and calmer crossing between Tiger Hall and Longmynd; it may soon be possible to cycle up and down the hill.

This brings us to the Tandem Club. Starting in June with one tandem, in six weeks Lady Buckmaster and Miss Canti have piloted 18 members of the Club over a total mileage of 460. Almost daily the inhabitants of Church Stretton have descried them setting forth from the bottom of the hill—in future, doubtless, they will mount at Longmynd and coast down. On warm evenings and half holidays they have indulged in supper picnics, with an occasional bathing party. A second tandem is on order and they hope to continue their outings for the next two months.

On July 2nd we were invited to an "Ensa" Concert, at Silvester Hall, and on the 23rd we were pleased to have an opportunity of returning the compliment by inviting a few of them to our own "Ensa" Concert in the lounge at Longmynd.

We should like to thank all those who have come up as escorts and "Good Companions" in the past twelve months, and hope that they will continue to help us in the coming year.

Changes in Staff.—Miss Hunt has joined the staff at Blackpool, so we feel that we have not lost her.

Nurse Ball, from Tiger Hall, has also left to join the W.A.A.F.

We are very glad to welcome Mrs. Colliver as a permanent member of the staff. She has been working for many months as an escort, and has lately been devoting all her time to helping us.

We congratulate the following, who have passed tests:—

Braille Writing.—Flying Officer Kitson, Lieut. R. Slatter, L. Webber.

Braille Reading (Interpoint).—D. Calder, G. Stanley, Flying Officer Kitson.

Braille Reading (Interline).—L. Webber.

Typewriting.—F. Reid, B. Laiman, W. Cowing, Pilot Officer D. Tufnell, P. Smith.

New Hospital Cases

Pte. K. B. Sleigh, A.T.S., London; P. K. Smith (Civilian), Woodbridge (19); A/c. 1 D. Baker, R.A.F., Nottingham (19); Sergt. Josef Parowicz, Polish Air Force (36); W. McGarry (Civilian), Liverpool (37); Corpl. M. Feffenberg, Royal Scots, London (21); Pte. F. Bennett, W. Yorks Regt., Bradford (25); Pte. J. L. Ainsworth, R. West Kent Regt., London (26); S.P.O. Richard Dufton, R.N., Shap, Westmorland (29); Major R. C. Bullock, Royal Marines, Cheltenham (42); Spr. C. C. Wilkinson, R.E., Hull (27); Lieut. E. P. Knight, R.N.V.R., London (35).

(Lieut. Esmond Knight is the well-known stage and screen actor.)

Training Centre

Gunner D. Campbell, R.A., Liverpool (23).

The following Hospital cases have been transferred to Training: F. Reid, N. Cook, R. Dow, F./O. C. Cooper, P./O. D. Tufnell.

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André Duhamel has now left us and returned to the Free French Forces.

Silver Weddings

Our congratulations to the following, who have been, or will shortly be, celebrating silver wedding anniversaries:

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Porter, Seven Kings, July 2nd; Mr. and Mrs. S. Game, Gloucester, July 11th; Mr. and Mrs. F. Cox, Havant, July 29th; Mr. and Mrs. D. J. McLoughlin, Dublin, August 1st; Mr. and Mrs. Pink, Axminster, August 3rd; Mr. and Mrs. W. Brogan, Cambridge, August 5th; Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Davies, Llandyssul, August 17th; Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Milliss, Sevenoaks, August 20th; Mr. and Mrs. W. Burns, Salford, August 23rd; Mr. and Mrs. A. Keegan, Cork, August 26th; Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Briggs, Norwich, September 2nd; Mr. and Mrs. D. McCarthy, Fordingbridge, September 6th; Mr. and Mrs. P. Featherstone, Ferriby, September 9th; Mr. and Mrs. A. Seal, Porteshaw, October 19th.

For Sale

VICEROY automatic shaver, practically new; only tried. 30s.—J. C. OWEN, 62 Childwall Road, Liverpool 15.

News of Young St. Dunstaners

The son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Johns, of Exeter, has won a scholarship which will take him to Oxford University.

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Brenda Hazel has won a six-year scholarship to Wimbledon High School.

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Jessie Hamilton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. Hamilton, of Brookville, Thetford, has won a junior scholarship.

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Betty Milner has won a Liverpool Junior City Scholarship, and also the Governors' Scholarship to Broughton Hall Convent.

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John, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Owen, of Liverpool, married Miss Edna Johnson on May 24th, at Blackpool.

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Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Thompson's daughter, Laura, has become engaged to 2nd Lieut. Kenneth N. Smart, Royal Signals.

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Stanislaus Sephton has secured a free place at St. Helen's Catholic Grammar School.

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Mr. and Mrs. T. Ashe's son, James, has won a scholarship to Worthing High School.

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Thomas Hunt, son of Mrs. Hunt and our late St. Dunstaner, Dan Hunt, has secured place thirty from 1,429 entrants in the Open Competitive Examination for entry into the Air Force, and is now in the R.A.F. A few weeks later he sat for the Durham Examination and secured six credits.

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Audrey Bundy has been awarded a special place at Ribston Hall, Gloucester.

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The son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Wood, of London, S.W., lost a Charity Middleweight Boxing Match by two points, and then found out that his opponent was a professional boxer in civil life! He himself had never had any tuition.

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Fred, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Boon, of Woodingdean, Brighton, married Miss Irene May Moore, half-sister to Mrs. J. Attrell, of Polegate, on August 23rd.

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Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Garbutt, of Stockton-on-Tees, married Mr. Thomas Wilson, on July 19th.

Sons and Daughters in the Services

ABBOTT, H. W. (London), Royal Navy.
 ANDERSON, A/c.W.2 Gwendoline (Brighton), W.A.A.F.
 BENNETT, Fred (Bristol), Royal Air Force.
 BELCHER, Gunner A. F. (Hampton), Royal Artillery.
 BELCHER, Flight-Sergt. — (Hampton), Royal Air Force.
 BELCHER, Gunner E. (Hampton), Royal Artillery.
 BRAMPTON, A/c.2 N., Royal Air Force.
 BRIGNAL, Stoker R. A., Royal Navy.
 BRIGGS, Driver C. (Norwich), Royal Artillery.
 BROOKES, A/c.W.2 Doris (Southampton), W.A.A.F.
 BURNS, A.B. Joseph (Salford), Royal Navy.
 BURNS, Ord. Seaman James (Salford), Royal Navy.
 BURRIDGE, A/c.2 C., Royal Air Force.
 BRELSFORD, Gunner-Signalman T. H., Royal Artillery.
 BRELSFORD, Corpl. A. G., R.N.A.S.
 BARNARD, K. (Leytonstone), Royal Marines.
 CHEW, Phyllis (nee Morgan), Tredegar, A.T.S.
 CHIVERTON, Daisy, A.T.S.
 CLARK, A/c.2 C. S. (London, S.E.12), Royal Air Force.
 COX, Sapper F. B. (Havant), Royal Engineers.
 COX, R. H. (Havant), Royal Navy.
 FENNEL, Gunner C., Royal Artillery.
 HENDERSON, L/Cpl. R. J. (Dagenham), The Rangers.
 HOLMES, J. (Harrow), Fleet Air Arm.
 HUME, L.A/c. F. J. (Alnwick), Royal Air Force.
 HUME, A/c. T. W. (Alnwick), Royal Air Force.
 HUNT A/c. Thomas, Royal Air Force.
 JACKSON, Trooper R. F. W. (New Malden), Royal Horse Guards.
 JENKINS, Trooper Frank (Cardiff), R.T.R.
 LOMAS, Gunner A. (Burnley), Royal Artillery.
 LUCOCQ, Dennis, Merchant Service.
 LUCOCQ, A/c. 2 Eric, Royal Air Force.
 MCCARTHY, Dan (Fordingbridge), Royal Air Force.
 McDONALD, Trooper J. (Oldham), The Lancers.
 McDONALD, W. (Oldham), Royal Navy.
 MARSHALL, Driver J. (Bridlington), R.A.S.C.
 MORTIMER, A/c.2 H. (Hull), Royal Air Force.
 PARNELL, Marine J. A., Royal Marines.
 PAYNE Pte. Edward (Cardiff), R.A.O.C.
 ROBINSON, J. (Blackpool), Royal Air Force.
 ROWE, A/c.2 G. (Burslem), Royal Air Force.
 SCHOLLAR, Ord. Seaman R. E., Royal Navy.
 SCHOLLAR, Gunner R., Royal Artillery.
 SHUTE, A/c.1 F., Royal Air Force.
 SIMPSON A/c.2 J. W. (Leeds), Royal Air Force.
 STOCK, Nancy, W.A.A.F.
 THORPE, A/c.2 R. H. (Chelmsford), Royal Air Force.
 THORPE, Pte. I. (Chelmsford), Pioneer Corps.
 TEBBUTT, Gunner A. W., Royal Artillery.
 WARIN, A/c.W. Joan, W.A.A.F.
 WEEDALL, Pte. Norman, King's Liverpool Regt.
 WARREN, Recruit Phyllis (Macclesfield), A.T.S.
 WELLAND, Sergt. A., Royal Army Ordnance Corps.
 WOODROW, A/c.W.2 E. M. (Salisbury), W.A.A.F.
 WYLIE, A/c.2 Douglas, Royal Air Force.
 YUILE, Pte. R., Seaforth Highlanders.

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Enoch Last, of Crynant, has been discharged from the R.A.M.C. following an operation, but is nearly well again.

Killed in Action

We have heard with deep regret that Colin Burran, previously posted as missing, has now been reported killed. Mr. and Mrs. Burran have heard from the Air Ministry, through the Norwegian Red Cross, that his aircraft was shot down in Norway in June of last year. Our sincere sympathy is extended to Micky and his wife.

Missing

We have heard with regret that the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Donnelly, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, has been reported missing in the evacuation of Crete.

Reported Missing—Now Safe

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Millard, of Tredegar, have received the good news that their son, Tom, who has been posted as missing since March, is safe, free, and well.

Prisoners-of-War

The son of W. J. Galloway, of Oxford, is a prisoner-of-war in Greece.

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E. Alexander, of Bournemouth, has heard that his eldest son, who was taken prisoner, is now working on a farm in Germany.

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The son of A. Ashley, of Old Kent Road, S.E.17, is a prisoner-of-war, also in Germany.

Reported Missing—Now Prisoners-of-War

Arthur Horsnell, of Charlton Adam, Somerset, who was reported missing last month, is now known to be a prisoner-of-war in Germany.

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We are also very glad to hear from T. R. Beattie, of Hornsey, that his son, Ronald, who had been notified as missing since the evacuation of Crete, is a prisoner-of-war and quite well.

Wounded in Action

The son of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Henderson, of Dagenham, has been wounded in action, but is now out of hospital and is going along well.

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We have also heard that the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Baker, of Chaddesden, has been wounded and is in hospital abroad.

National Laying Test

Report for the tenth period of four weeks, June 30th to July 27th, 1941

Position	Name	Test	Score Value
1	Holmes, Percy	...	1012
2	Fisher, T. M.	...	1006
3	Campbell, John	...	975
4	Fisher, T. M.	...	960
5	Smith, W. Alan	...	803
6	Hill, R. E.	...	785
7	Chaffin, A.	...	756
8	Carpenter, E. H.	...	708
9	Capper, A. H.	...	707
10	Hammett, H. A.	...	692
11	Holmes, Percy	...	687

Average per bird, 164.40.

From Sister Peacock

DEAR ST. DUNSTANERS,

It would be impossible for me to shake hands and say goodbye to each one of you, so I take this opportunity of sending, through the REVIEW, this message to you all: "Goodbye, and God bless you all."

There is an old saying, "All good things must come to an end," and this has now come to me, and the only thing I want to say is, how very proud and happy I am to feel I have been able to work amongst you all for so many years, which I have much enjoyed, and not forgetting the privilege I have also had of working under such noble Matrons in the different houses where I have been placed. My love and wishes for your success to you all in the future.

Your affectionate old pal,

SISTER PEACOCK.

The Fresh Air Fund—A Jubilee

Mr. Kessell, Hon. Secretary of Pearson's Fresh Air Fund, passes on to us a message from J. Chisholm, of New Zealand. In sending Mr. Kessell his yearly donation, Chisholm wishes to be remembered to any St. Dunstaners whom he may meet.

Mr. Kessell this year celebrates his fiftieth year of organising Pearson's Fresh Air Fund—Sir Arthur's first charity.

St. Dunstaners will join with us in sending him our congratulations and our best wishes for many more successful years.

Letter to the Editor

DEAR SIR,

I was interested in the complaints which have been made of the same stories being published in different Braille magazines.

I have to complain that paper is being wasted by the persons responsible for the make-up of these books, at a time when that commodity is in very short supply. In the July issue of "Hora Jucunda," page 46 contains an advertisement which could have been relegated to page 3 of the cover, and pages 47 and 48 are blank. A waste of three pages.

The July issue of "Hampstead" has the title page on page 1, when it could very well have been on page 2 of the cover. Page 41 is only used for seven lines; page 42 has an advertisement which could have been put on page 3 of cover, and pages 43 and 44 are blank. A total waste of four and three-quarter pages.

As the size of these magazines has already been cut down, I think the blank pages could have been filled with anecdotes taken from "Tit-Bits," or a similar periodical.

Yours sincerely,

G. LIDBETTER.

Brighton.

The "Not Forgotten" Association

The "Not Forgotten" Association held its 86th Garden Party at Buckingham Palace on August 28th, when, as usual, a number of St. Dunstan's men were invited to attend.

Nearly five hundred sick and wounded soldiers, sailors, and airmen were the guests. About two-thirds of them, including a number from the Dominions, were men from this war, although St. Dunstan's representatives were all our 1914-1918 men. They were: W. Abbott, Willesden; J. Bentley, Whetstone; A. G. Bright, East Barnet; H. H. Burnett, Edmonton; A. J. Burtenshaw, Walthamstow; T. W. Collyer, Kingsbury; I. Corns, Kenton; C. A. Luker, Wandsworth; and J. T. Iddiolls, Paddington.

Lieut.-Colonel Frederick Packe, M.V.O., O.B.E., welcomed the guests on behalf of the King and Queen and the Princess Royal.

"In Memory"

PRIVATE ARTHUR FULLER
(4th Bedfordshire Regiment)

WE record with deep regret the death of A. Fuller, of Bedford.

Fuller was wounded in France early in 1917, and shortly afterwards was admitted to St. Dunstan's, where he was trained in boot repairing. Soon afterwards, however, he gave up this occupation in favour of running a newspaper pitch, as he much preferred an open-air life. He became quite a well-known and popular character in the town, where he was known to everybody as "Blind Dick." For some time past his health had not been good, and in July he was admitted to hospital for an operation, but he died shortly afterwards. The funeral took place a few days later and was attended by a large number of relatives and friends. Among the many wreaths were tributes from Captain Sir Ian Fraser and his comrades at St. Dunstan's, the Bedford Conservative Club, and the London *Evening News*, and the children of his district.

We extend our very sincere sympathy to Mrs. Fuller and her family in their bereavement.

PRIVATE ALBERT PERRIN
(2nd/4th Leicestershire Regiment)

WITH deep regret we record the death of A. Perrin, of Forest Hill.

Perrin was wounded in France in 1917, and a few months later was admitted to St. Dunstan's for training in mat making. He worked at this until the end of last year when it became apparent that his health was far from good. He became worse and eventually was admitted to hospital, where he died on July 9th. The funeral took place a few days later, and among the wreaths was one from Sir Ian Fraser and his comrades at St. Dunstan's. Perrin was a single man and we extend our very sincere sympathy to his sister, who has lived with him for many years and has given him splendid care and attention.

SEAMAN ALBERT EDWARD WILKINS
(Royal Fleet Auxiliary)

WE record with deep regret the death of A. E. Wilkins, of Portsmouth.

Wilkins, who had already served in the Navy for some years before the outbreak of war, lost his sight as a result of his service and was admitted to St. Dunstan's in 1918. For many years he maintained quite a flourishing little tea run, although of late years trade had not been so good. For some time Wilkins's health had been deteriorating, and his death, which took place on July 7th, was undoubtedly hastened by his experiences in air-raids, when his house was demolished and he and his wife lost all their effects.

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

We extend our very sincere sympathy to Mrs. Wilkins and her son in their loss.

PRIVATE SIDNEY PHILIP HAYLINGS
(2nd/5th Hampshire Regiment)

WE deeply regret to announce the death of S. Haylings.

He was serving in the Army at the outbreak of the Great War, having enlisted in 1911. He was blinded in the last year of the war, in Palestine, and came to us a few months later. He was trained as a boot-repairer and mat-maker, and carried on with these trades for a considerable time, but of late years he has not been very fit, so that he contented himself with netting and the making of sea-grass stools. In order to build up his strength he was admitted to Melplash for a holiday, but his condition grew worse and he died there on 22nd August.

The funeral service was conducted by the Vicar of Mapperton, the Rev. Earle. St. Dunstan's men were represented by Messrs. J. Fay, J. Hartley, and J. Jerrard, and St. Dunstan's staff by Sister Bradley, and Orderlies J. Mitchell and P. Passiful. The coffin was draped with the Union Jack. A wreath was sent from St. Dunstan's to be placed on the grave later, as Haylings had expressed a wish to have no flowers at the funeral.

He leaves a widow and one child, to whom we extend our sincere sympathy.

BIRTH. FRANK.—To the wife of F. Frank, of Yeovil, on August 18th, a daughter—Margaret Ann.

DEATHS. We extend our deep sympathy to the following:—

HARRIS.—To W. T. Harris, of Grantham, whose mother, with whom he lived, has died as the result of a road accident. She was 82.

TAYLOR.—To Mr. and Mrs. H. Taylor, of Bournemouth, whose eighteen-year-old

son, Roy, died in hospital on July 21st, after a very long illness.

WHITE.—To C. White, of Colchester, whose wife died suddenly on July 19th, while on holiday at Blackpool with her husband.

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Our sympathy is also extended to G. Powell, of Stretton, whose father died on August 2nd, after a long illness; to J. J. Knights, of Romford, who has recently lost his mother; and to C. E. Spiers, of Oxford, who has just suffered the loss of his sister.