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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

Pensions Policy

ON a number of occasions I have noted the two principal items of pensions policy which we have been advocating. They are: (1) The raising of pension rates and conditions for men of this war until they are comparable with those of the last war; and (2) The payment of wives' and children's allowances to all severely-disabled men, no matter when they marry or the children are born.

I am glad to notice that these two reforms are on the Agenda for the British Legion Conference, which will be held as usual at Whitsuntide. I hope the delegates present will pass them unanimously, so that the National Executive Council may press them upon the Minister of Pensions. I have already raised these matters on behalf of St. Dunstan's with the Minister of Pensions, both privately and in the House of Commons. But it will be realised that they do not only affect blinded men and their families, but also all others who are seriously disabled; consequently it will greatly strengthen the case if the British Legion add their voice to ours.

St. Dunstaners who are members of Legion Branches can help by calling the attention of their Branches, and particularly of the delegates who will go to the Conference, to these two resolutions—they are Nos. 1 and 10, and read as follows:—

1. That this Conference reiterates its decision of the last National Conference that the rates and conditions of pensions and allowances be brought into line with the Great War pensions, and that nothing less than these conditions can possibly be accepted as a satisfactory solution for the services of the men of the present war.

10. Having regard to the large number of single young men now serving in the Armed Forces of the Crown, this Conference requests the Council again to approach the Minister of Pensions with the object of securing an amendment to the regulations authorising allowances and or pensions to wives, children and widows of disabled men, being of the opinion that the limitation of payment of such allowances or pensions to cases where marriage took place prior to disablement is operating and may be expected increasingly to operate harshly on a number of severely disabled men and their families.

Derby Sweepstake

The question has been brought to me for a decision as to whether or not we should continue the St. Dunstan's Sweepstake on the Derby. The question whether such a

sweepstake should be continued at the present time, when conditions are so serious, and when the organisation involves the use of a little paper, and a little work, and a little postage, had to be taken into account.

For very many years now this annual sweepstake has taken place amongst our own members, and has given them much innocent pleasure. I cannot feel myself that it is inappropriate. On the contrary, with the severe limitation of our amusements, it may well contribute something towards our morale and cheerfulness. I do not think an innocent flutter does anybody any harm, so I have authorised its continuance this year.

But so that it may make a positive contribution towards the war effort, I have asked the Editor to deduct 10 per cent. of the total contributions and pay it over to our own fund for the provision of comforts for the sons of St. Dunstaners who are serving, and I have also suggested that instead of the prize money being paid in cash, only the first £5 of it, or less, should be paid in cash and the rest in War Savings certificates. I feel sure these suggestions will meet with general approval.

Voluntary Service versus State Aid

Occasionally, when a member of the public has been asked to support St. Dunstan's, he or she has written to me to say that it is inappropriate to make appeals for such an object, and that the Government should do all that is necessary to be done.

Recently I have seen in one of the national newspapers an article raising the same point in relation to such organisations as the Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Families Association, the Haig Homes organisation, and the Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund. St. Dunstan's has not been mentioned, but the same principles apply as if it had.

I am certainly one of those who believe that the State should undertake its full obligation to men who have been disabled, and the fact that I have so frequently urged reforms in our pensions system is evidence of this, but I am quite certain that St. Dunstaners are better off from many points of view while St. Dunstan's is a voluntary organisation than if we were to become part of a Government department. Governmental organisations have to take such a wide variety of classes and problems and precedence into account that they must hedge around everything they do with red tape and rules and regulations, whereas the elasticity and personal variations which are possible for an organisation like St. Dunstan's are a matter of very great importance to our members.

Apart from this I believe that whatever kind of Government you have in a country like ours, and whatever provision it makes for any class in the community, there will always be some members of the public who will want to do a little more, or do it differently in respect of those in whose welfare they are interested. Our history shows that voluntary agencies have always blazed the trail, which the State has subsequently followed, and that all new enterprise in the philanthropic field is an expression of the wishes of an enlightened minority.

There is no reason why a voluntary agency like St. Dunstan's should not express for our blinded soldiers the willingness of a large part of the community to give them personal help on a scale not hitherto attempted by Government, and there is no reason why this should not be expressed with understanding and dignity.

When I was a young soldier fighting in France I frequently went to the Y.M.C.A., Salvation Army, or Toc H, and gladly received their help, and when I was a young blinded soldier I was no less willing to receive help from St. Dunstan's than from a Red Cross V.A.D. in hospital. There is nothing undignified in receiving the help of your fellow citizens whether it be expressed through Parliamentary machinery and Government departments or through a voluntary agency, and it can be offered and given and received with grace.

IAN FRASER.

Church Stretton Notes

The event of the month has been our Fete in connection with Warships Week, in which every St. Dunstaner, both man and staff, was allowed a "finger in the pie." The result was most gratifying, thanks largely to the untiring efforts of Mrs. Greenland. The new ballroom, with its raised platform, was used for the first time, the Mock Auction, Cabaret, Concert, and Dancing all taking place there. The Auctioneer coaxed his audience into making bids beyond the wildest dreams of the majority, who had to be content with investing next day in War Savings certificates. The Auctioneer's table succumbed early in the proceedings "under the hammer"—that was a detail, when we consider that it helped to gain £2,380 9s. 1d. The following account appeared in the *Shrewsbury Chronicle*—

St. Dunstan's Fete

A fete was held at St. Dunstan's on Wednesday, March 18th, when the opening ceremony was performed by Lieut.-Commander R. C. Buckley, R.N., supported by Lieut. Esmond Knight, R.N.V.R., A.B. Stanley Barton, R.N., Stoker H. McCrea, R.N., and Mr. I. M. Bankes-Williams, Director of Training.

The tour of the workshops was most successful, four hundred people attending, and the side-shows also did a brisk business. There were variety entertainments in the afternoon by the St. Dunstan's singers, including two numbers by the whole choir, a song by Beryl Sleight, a monologue by Leslie Copeland, and a selection by Esmond Knight. Both these entertainments were packed to capacity.

The mock auction, under B. R. Cole, as salesman, was a tremendous success, and the twelve lots submitted raised at least £2,000. Prizes for competitions and side-shows were afterwards presented by Lady Fraser.

A dance was held in the evening, with the Coddon Orchestra (who also played incidental music in the afternoon). It was attended by over 300 people, and included a cabaret, sketches by Frances Clare and Esmond Knight (including a scene from Noel Coward's "Cavalcade"), an original sketch, "Evening in Wartime," and a violin solo by Captain Rosenberg.

The Committee, under the leadership of Mrs. Greenland, had every reason to be satisfied with the result of its efforts.

R. Dufton and P. Todd left on the 16th to join our other St. Dunstaners at the Southern Aircraft Factory. We are also losing M. Goundrill, B. Lammiman, S. Musty (N.I.B.), and L. Webber—the last two are taking posts very soon as telephone operators.

There is a temporary lull in matters matrimonial since the first Sunday in the month, when Phil Todd was married at St. Lawrence's Church to Miss Molly Edwards, a visitor from the Raven Club, Shrewsbury. (We have told several times of their kindness in entertaining us, but this is the first time they have given us a bride.)

Our Choral Society gained a prize at the Eisteddfod in Warships Week, Miss Sleight, Joe Walch and Boot Instructor Kitson also taking first place in their respective competitions.

On the 26th, the Ludlow Ladies' Club invited us to another social evening and about thirty accepted the invitation. They declared unanimously that it was one of the pleasantest evenings they had spent since coming to Church Stretton.

On the 28th we invited our friends from the Raven Club, Shrewsbury, to a dance in our new ballroom in the Huts. The room is slightly larger than that at the Longmynd, and the floor is well sprung—as the huts are one-storeyed we can stamp as heavily as we like in the St. Bernard's without endangering the building!

We congratulate the following on passing tests during the month:—

Typing.—A. Hedger, J. Blakeley, L. Clarke, H. McCrea.

Braille Reading.—(Interpoint), R. Dufton; (Interline), J. Padley.

Braille Writing.—R. Alty, A. Colclough.

Discharged from Hospital.—Cpl. M. Fefferberg, Pte. J. Ainsworth, Pte. S. Bennett (all hoping to return to civilian employment), Spr. J. J. Dale, Pte. A. C. Mitchell (transferred to Training), Pte. A. Matthews (returned to Army).

Admitted to Hospital.—Cpl. F. T. Morgan, aged 26, R.A.C., of Bristol; Pte. B. Priest, aged 27, South Staffs Regt., of Tipton.

Admitted to Training.—R. W. Bridger, N.I.B.

Blackpool Office Closes

As St. Dunstaners will have heard in a letter from Sir Ian Fraser, dated March 23rd, the Northern Area Welfare Office at Lytham Road, South Shore, Blackpool, has been closed, and all correspondence hitherto sent there should now be addressed to Miss Wilson, at St. Dunstan's, Tyttenhanger Park, London Colney, Herts.

The release of many of St. Dunstan's employees for the Forces, and the probability of further staff losses in the near future, has obliged us to concentrate our welfare work in one office.

The Blackpool Home will continue as at present.

Notes and News

F. C. Fleetwood, of Herne Bay, made a tray which realised £1 18s. 6d. during the local Warships Week.

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S. C. Tarry, of Wandsworth, who on March 31st celebrated his silver wedding, also celebrated his silver anniversary as a masseur on March 28th. He heard the result of his finals examinations and qualified on that date in 1917.

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"One of the best-known preachers on Tees-side" was how the *Yorkshire Evening Press* described A. Garbutt, of Stockton-on-Tees, in an announcement that he was to preach in York last month.

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G. W. Lovett, of Kingstag, and his wife, gave a St. Dunstan's oak tray for the Gift Auction during their local Warships Week. Bidding was slow at first, but when it was announced that it was made by a St. Dunstaner, it went rapidly ahead, and £75 was paid into War Savings for it.

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"Happy" Lambert, who lodges with Mrs. Wiggins, keeps a collecting box in which he slips all the halfpennies he gets. These he eventually sends to Headquarters. Last week he opened his box and there were nearly a thousand in it.

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G. Fallowfield had a cowardly attack made upon him by a barbed wire battery while he was negotiating the Ovingdean tunnel recently. The damage to his clothes, and his person, is no laughing matter, but our St. Dunstaner took it in good part and wants it to be a warning to his fellow travellers.

St. Dunstan's—27 Years Old

On Thursday, March 26th, St. Dunstan's celebrated the 27th anniversary of its founding by the late Sir Arthur Pearson, and on Sunday, the 29th, the postscript to the one o'clock news was given by Mr. Godfrey Talbot, of the B.B.C., who recently paid a visit to our Training Centre at Church Stretton. Mr. Talbot described the St. Dunstaners he met there as "the most cheerful, zestful and ambitious lot of folk I've ever come across."

He mentioned that he has lately come across blinded soldiers of the last war and this in some of our munition factories, and he brought to the microphone Paddy Campbell, a young Irish soldier who was blinded at Dunkirk, who, with other St. Dunstaners, is now working in a factory.

Paddy said he liked his work very much and "was glad to be able to help in the war again, and put another nail in Hitler's coffin."

Paddy's foreman, in a recorded conversation, said he and his fellow St. Dunstaners were doing remarkably good work.

The Pope Sends Blessing to All the War-Blinded

His Holiness the Pope, receiving in audience last week a group of war-blinded men, sent a message of consolation and his blessing to the war-blinded throughout the world.

After consoling the group before him, His Holiness praised the women who, "like guardian angels," look after them. Sisters of St. Dorothy and others dedicated to the service of the blind were with the men, said Vatican Radio.

"We are especially glad to have before us," the Pope said, "you who have sacrificed the light to your duty, as officers and soldiers."

The Holy Father said that perhaps the darkness had brought them nearer to God. They knew that their Redeemer lived and that on the last day they would see Him with their own eyes.

The Pope received his blind guests one by one, chatting with them, consoling and blessing them.

St. Dunstan's, South Africa

Since the announcement in our March issue of the establishment of a South African St. Dunstan's, more details have come to hand of our new Home at Wynberg.

The house itself is most happily named, as Her Excellency Lady Duncan pointed out at the opening ceremony. "Tembani"—"to hope and go on hoping."

It stands in about three acres of beautiful grounds, and has been lent to St. Dunstan's for the duration of the war by Mr. Norman Kennedy, who, with his wife, is taking a keen and active interest in the work.

As the house itself is not large enough for our future needs, a building is being erected in the grounds, which will include workshops and classrooms, a dispensary, two large wards, and a sick ward. In the meantime, the St. Dunstaners already at the Home are settling down happily in the available space. There is a bright and most comfortably furnished lounge, a dining room, arranged with small tables, training rooms, and, upstairs, the dormitories.

Five St. Dunstaners are at present in the Home, three South Africans and two from Great Britain; and a number of others are arriving very shortly. Gradually a staff is being gathered together, under the able direction of Mrs. Chadwick Bates. Where possible, St. Dunstaners of the last war are acting as instructors, and so far, W. A. Helm is teaching braille and basket-making, and J. Crawford will act as massage instructor. Already Helm's pupils have produced some amazingly good work.

We welcome our new comrades to St. Dunstan's and send our very best wishes to them all.

The Editor hopes one of the St. Dunstaners in "Tembani" will act as correspondent and send us a paragraph from time to time about his comrades' activities and progress.

Marriages

TODD—EDWARDS.—On March 8th, at St. Lawrence's Church, Church Stretton, Philip Todd to Miss Molly Edwards.

JOHNSON—CLEMENT.—On April 14th, at Brixton Registry Office, W. H. Johnson, of Brixton, to Mrs. Emily Clement.

SPENCER.—We have also heard that our St. Dunstaner, J. H. Spencer, of Leicester, was married on April 4th at Winton, near Manchester.

Letter to the Editor

The Editor, "St. Dunstan's Review."

DEAR SIR,

What is the longest word in the English dictionary which cannot be contracted in braille? Oh! I know the Professor will say 'smiles,' because there is a 'mile' between the two 'S's,' but putting the smile on one side, I suggest that 'RESPONSIBILITIES' is the longest word you can't contract.

Yours sincerely,

G. FALLOWFIELD.

(Further suggestions are invited, and we will ask Miss Pain to act as judge.—ED.)

The Eve of Call Up

*How lovely is the night; this final night
Of free resolve and clear, unfettered thought;
These precious hours are mine in lone delight
To pleasure joyful memories life has brought.
The night is mine; those silver stars that shine
Shattering the dark despondency above,
Will shine with steadfast light in days to be
When all my soul shall crave one spark of love;
And the friendly moon still shall I see
Full and serene, spreading a glorious sheen
Over the heaving bosom of the sea—
A glittering chain of restless, golden light;
While sea-borne airs will gently breathe
Into my heart caresses of the night.*

*These are my friends; each in its fashion lends
A lasting gift of lovely memories—
And other friends there be whom I revere
Whose goodly company will grant release
From life's insistent tumult pressing near.
So shall I know, wherever I may go,
To what far distant land my fortune leads,
In lonely, quivering nights and hideous days,
And fighting, fight again with desperate deeds
Till blind endurance fail and judgment cease,
When faith burns low and hope has lost its glow,
And in the days to come when sordid ease
Would seek to undermine my very soul,
When evil men and women vainly please,
Who sear the flesh, yet leave the spirit whole—
Then shall I know the beauty of this hour
So close will I enfold it to my breast;
And friends shall crowd my thoughts with
pleasant fare,
Firming resolve and granting perfect rest—
The night is mine, its beauty is my power.*

R.J.V.

Young St. Dunstaners

Peter Strachan, who, as reported elsewhere, is missing after a flight over Germany, was married on December 22nd to Miss Joyce Morton.

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Kenneth Welton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Welton, of Cleethorpes, was married on March 25th.

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Joan Sida, who is a nurse, has passed her final State examination—the youngest nurse to do so. She is only twenty, and must wait until she is twenty-one before she goes on the State Register.

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Janet McFarlane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. McFarlane, of Barnhill-by-Dundee, was married on November 26th to Mr. Charles Brown. Her brother, James, is now A.C.1.

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Corporal George Irvine, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Irvine, of Glasgow, married Miss Betty Cooper, of Boreham, Essex, on April 18th.

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Eileen Shread, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Shread, of King's Lynn, was married to Captain Clarry, of Halifax, on March 23rd, at St. Margaret's Church, King's Lynn.

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The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Hotson, of Brough, is a member of N.A.A.F.I., Arthur, who is 17, is a Home Guard, and Tommy, their soldier son, has just been home on leave after taking part in a Commando raiding party.

Missing

We have heard with deep regret that the following young St. Dunstaners are missing:

Peter Strachan, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Strachan, of Motherwell, a gunner in the R.A.F., after a flight over Wilhelmshaven.

Albert Brewer, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Brewer, of Redruth, in Malaya.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Payne, of New Orwell, near Royston, in Singapore.

Prisoner of War

The son of Mr. and Mrs. M. O'Hara, of Clara, Ireland, is a prisoner of war in Japanese hands as a result of the fall of Singapore.

Sons and Daughters in the Services

AHRENS, Kathleen, A.T.S.
 BATCHELOR, A.C.W. 2 Gladys, W.A.A.F.
 BATES, J. (Oakengate), I.T.C.
 BENSON, Gunner J. G. (Boroughbridge), Royal Artillery.
 BOULTWOOD, Gunner G., Royal Artillery.
 COLLINGE, Pte. G., South Staffordshire Regt.
 COLLINGE, A.C.1 F., Royal Air Force.
 DAVIS, Pte. S. A. (Newent), Training Corps.
 FEATHERSTONE, Julie, A.T.S.
 HARGREAVES, Nancy (Accrington), W.A.A.F.
 HILL, A.B. A. W. (Redland, Bristol), Royal Navy.
 MACDONALD, — (Stockport), Gordon Highlanders.
 MACDONALD, Colin (Stockport), Royal Marines.
 MEADER, Gunner J. N. W., Royal Artillery.
 MECKIN, Gunner H., Royal Artillery.
 MECKIN, Robert, Royal Navy.
 NEW, Lce.-Corpl. C. T. (Wolverhampton), East Yorks Regt.
 PAYNE, Pte. E. (Royston), Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment.
 QUINN, Corpl. M., Royal Air Force.
 SMITH, Ordinary Seaman J. (Nottingham), Royal Navy.
 SWINDELL, A/Coder F. N., Royal Navy.
 SWINDELL, L/Sergt., Royal Corps of Signals.
 TARRY, A.C. 2 S. J., Royal Air Force.
 WALDIN, Sergt. D. J., Royal Corps of Signals.
 WHITHAM, Ronald, K.O.Y.L.I.

National Laying Test

Report for the fifth period of 28 days from
 February 2nd to March 1st, 1942

Position	Name	Test Score	Value
1.	{ Carpenter, E. H. ...	503	
	{ Smith, W. Alan ...	503	
3.	Jarvis, A. ...	488	
4.	Jackson, G. ...	460	
5.	Fisher, T. M. ...	443	
6.	{ Holmes, Percy ...	407	
	{ Fisher, T. M. ...	407	
8.	Chaffin, A. ...	401	
9.	Jarvis, A. ...	389	
10.	{ Chaffin, A. ...	387	
	{ Holmes, Percy ...	387	
	{ Hammett, H. A. ...	387	
13.	Campbell, J. ...	319	
14.	Watson-Brown, M. ...	301	
15.	Capper, A. H. ...	260	
16.	Jackson, G. ...	240	

Average per bird, 76.45

Competition Corner

All the missing words in the following paragraph contains all the five vowels, a, e, i, o, u, though not necessarily in their alphabetical order. In six of the words no vowel is duplicated.

My friend Walker, who occupies a (1) position in a bank, is a vegetarian and a most (2) man in all respects. It is, perhaps (3) whether or not that method of living suits him. His friends are inclined to be (4) at his expense, but he never shows any (5). From this you will gather that Walker is a bit out of the ordinary—in fact, quite (6). Normally he is very quiet and not at all (7), but I have found him quite reliable and entirely (8) in all he says; so, when he tells me that, following a serious illness years ago, his (9) was very rapid, I believe him. He has (10) me to quote this experience for the benefit of doubters.

A* National Savings certificate will be awarded to the sender of the first correct solution opened on the closing date, Thursday, May 7th. If no correct solution is received the prize will go to the next best.

Wise Words

The optimist is a better reformer than the pessimist; and the man who believes life to be excellent is the man who alters it most.—G. K. CHESTERON in *Charles Dickens*.

The great secret is not having bad manners or good manners or any other particular sort of manners, but having the same manner for all human souls; in short, behaving as if you were in Heaven, where there are no third-class carriages, and one soul is as good as another.—G. BERNARD SHAW in *Pygmalion*.

Who overcomes by force hath overcome but half his foe.—JOHN MILTON in *Paradise Lost*.

Silver Weddings

Congratulations to the following upon their silver wedding anniversaries: Mr. and Mrs. S. K. Jerome, Harwell, February 14th; Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Tarry, Wandsworth, March 31st; Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Stacy, Mark's Tey, April 8th; Mr. and Mrs. A. Chilton, Leighton Buzzard, April 9th; Mr. and Mrs. J. Martin, Penzance, April 21st.

Derby Sweepstake, 1942

The Derby is being run on Saturday, June 13th, and again we have pleasure in announcing our own Sweepstake. The rules, given below, are a little different this year to meet war-time conditions, so read them carefully—and the best of luck to you all.

Rules

1. The price of tickets is 2s. 6d. each.
2. Ten per cent. of the total contributions subscribed will be paid over to the Comforts Fund for the sons of St. Dunstaners.
3. The remainder of 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 those who hold tickets drawing a horse which actually starts in the race.

Application for tickets can be made at once, and will be received up to the first post on Friday, June 5th. Every application must bear the name and address of the sender, and must be sent to the Editor of the REVIEW, St. Dunstan's Headquarters, Regent's Park (Irish St. Dunstaners see below).

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. In the case of the three big prizes, the prize money will be paid in War Savings Certificates, with the exception of the first £5, which will be paid in cash. The smaller prizes for runners will also be paid in cash.

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

TO ST. DUNSTANERS IN IRELAND

To avoid the possibility of applications going astray, St. Dunstaners in Ireland are advised to send their requests to Mr. Macauley and not to Regent's Park.

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A soldier on the march felt something in his boot. His toe became painful and he was limping badly by the time he got back to camp.

He took off his boot and sock to bathe his blistered foot and found lodged in the toe of the sock a pellet of paper, on which was written: "God bless the soldier who wears these socks."

Death

RYAN.—We offer our sincere sympathy to J. Ryan, of Newton-le-Willows, whose wife died in hospital on March 18th, after a long illness.

“ In Memory ”

PRIVATE STRETCHER BEARER GILBERT SPENCER CHAPPELL
(*Royal Army Medical Corps*)

It is with deep regret that we record the death of G. S. Chappell, of Saltford, Bristol, at the age of 48.

Our St. Dunstaner had for many years been an invalid, caused through an accident he had long before he became a St. Dunstaner in 1936, and his death on March 17th ended many years of patient suffering, during which time his wife's devoted nursing was a source of great help and encouragement to him. Until the end of his life he took the greatest interest in everything connected with St. Dunstan's, and many times sent us gifts, of his own making, to sell for our Comforts Fund.

Members of the local British Legion, Mr. Allen, and three fellow members of St. Dunstan's—H. T. Cheal, of Saltford; F. V. Bond, of Bath; and A. E. Tucker, of Bristol—were among those attending the funeral. A wreath was sent from Sir Ian and his comrades at St. Dunstan's, and our sincere sympathy is extended to his widow in her loss.

PRIVATE GEORGE ALEXANDER CAMERON HOLLINS
(*12th Yorkshire Regiment*)

We deeply regret to record the death of G. A. C. Hollins, of Slough, at the early age of 47.

Hollins lost his sight as a result of a gas attack in France during 1916, and was admitted to St. Dunstan's in 1917, when he was trained in mat-making. He was, however, unable to follow this occupation for long owing to gastric trouble, and prior to his death on March 17th he had been very ill.

The funeral took place at St. Mary's, Slough, and his coffin was draped with the Union Jack. A wreath was sent from Sir Ian Fraser and his comrades at St. Dunstan's.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Mrs. Hollins and her six children, to whom Hollins was a devoted father.

ALEXANDER CROSS SMYTH
(*Australian Imperial Forces*)

With deep regret we have to report the death of A. C. Smyth, of Dublin, who served with the Machine Gun Corps of the Australian Imperial Forces. Smyth enlisted in 1916, but although discharged from the Army in 1922 he did not come under St. Dunstan's care until 1936. Not being in very good health, he did not undertake any serious training, but learnt typewriting and wool rug-making. He was a great lover of music, and, in fact, had, at the time of his death, a number of compositions standing to his credit.

His death, which occurred on March 19th, after only a few days' illness, came as a great shock to all. He lived with relatives in Dublin and we extend to them our deepest sympathy.

Smyth was buried in the family vault at Drumcrae, on Saturday, March 31st, after a service in Drumcrae Church. A wreath was sent from Sir Ian Fraser and his St. Dunstan's comrades.

PRIVATE GEORGE WILLIAMS
(*1/2 London Regiment*)

With deep regret we record the death of G. Williams, of North Kensington.

This St. Dunstaner was wounded in Cambrai during the last war, and it was whilst he was in hospital that he was brought to St. Dunstan's notice. He came to us in January, 1919. He has never been in good health and during the last few months has been in and out of hospital, having had to undergo several internal operations; it was from the effects of these that he died on March 30th.

He was buried at St. Mary's Cemetery, Kensal Green, on April 4th; a wreath was sent from Sir Ian and his comrades at St. Dunstan's.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to his sister, who has looked after him all these years.