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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

TEMBANI, which was the St. Dunstan's preliminary Training Centre in South Africa, closed down on September 30th. Owing to the closing of the Mediterranean during the dangerous years, men wounded in the Middle East were evacuated down the East coast of Africa to South Africa, where the British Government set up a number of hospitals to care for them. At the request of the British Government, St. Dunstan's in London, with the co-operation and the splendid management of St. Dunstan's in South Africa, set up Tembani, and a considerable number of blinded soldiers stayed there for a few weeks or months. Thus in our world, as in the greater world outside, South Africa has rendered a great service to the common cause. Tembanians quickly developed a life of their own, based upon the St. Dunstan's tradition, but introducing many elements due to the location of the house in a new country, and to the new friends who helped.

The closing of Tembani is the closing of a chapter of the St. Dunstan's story of which we are proud, and all St. Dunstaners who were there will join me in thanking Mr. Alers Hankey and his Committee, Mrs. Chadwick Bates, and all the staff, and the public of South Africa for an outstanding effort which will be remembered by all who took part in it as long as they live.

Men from the Dominions at St. Dunstan's

As a result of the closing of Tembani and for other reasons, there are now nine South Africans here in Britain who are in various stages of their early training or settlement in their professions and occupations.

The first New Zealander of this war has also arrived, sent over by his Government for training. These men join the many Canadians and the two Australians who have so far come to us, and thus complete the representation of the Dominions. We are glad to welcome them and to make them one with us in the brotherhood of St. Dunstan's.

N.I.B.'s Vice-Chairman

Godfrey Robinson, M.C., St. Dunstaner of the last war, has been elected Vice-Chairman of the National Institute for the Blind. After recovering from his blindness, and after training at St. Dunstan's, he returned to his family business, which was an important food importing and distributing firm. When this war broke out his brothers joined or rejoined the Forces, and he became the acting and active head of the family business. These responsibilities, together with representation of the trade on a number of advisory committees of the Ministry of Food, kept him very fully occupied in an important war post, but he

still had time to devote to the welfare of the blind, in which he had taken a lifelong interest. He used to come to London every week and stay alone at a hotel to attend to his public and private business and to help in blind welfare. One night he made an exception to the rule and stayed at my house, and, as a result, he lost the whole of his baggage, for my house was bombed and burned to the ground.

The National Institute for the Blind co-operates with St. Dunstan's in very many matters, including the provision of braille and Talking Books and research work. I am happy to think that a St. Dunstaner should have been elected to such a high office, and I am sure that all readers will join in wishing Godfrey Robinson all success in his new job.

Registration of the Disabled

The Disabled Persons (Employment) Act became law during the period of Mr. Churchill's Government. Its broad object was to ensure training and employment for all disabled persons who were able to work, either under ordinary conditions in ordinary factories, or under special conditions in ordinary factories, or in extreme cases under special conditions in special factories.

Some of the provisions regarding training came into force during the war, but others were scheduled to begin after the war, including the provisions regarding employment. The Act empowers the Ministry of Labour to fix a quota, say of two or three or four per cent., which will represent the proportion of seriously disabled persons who must be employed by every substantial firm. A substantial firm is one which has more than twenty employees. This quota will be adjusted to a point at which it should provide employment for all who are capable of employment, but before the quota can be fixed the Government must know how many disabled persons there are who want jobs, and for this purpose there must be registration. Quite recently in the newspapers and on the wireless it was announced that the time had come for the registration to begin. The announcement described the scheme and said:—

An application, which must be on a form prescribed for the purpose, may be made at any Local Office (e.g., an Employment Exchange or Regional Appointments Office) of the Ministry of Labour and National Service. In the case of 1914-1918 disablement pensioners, employers may apply for their registration, but the normal rule for others is that they should apply in person. Application may, however, be made if necessary by post, and exceptionally an application can be accepted from a responsible person on behalf of an applicant. An explanatory leaflet on the scheme can be obtained from any Local Office of the Ministry.

I recommend all St. Dunstaners who feel themselves capable of employment, and who want it, or who are in employment and wish to keep it, to carry out the procedure indicated in the announcement and go to their Labour Exchange and register their names (unless in the case of last war St. Dunstaners they know that their employer has already done so on their behalf). St. Dunstaners who do hobby or side-line work not amounting to more than £1 per week, and who are in receipt of the supplementary pension, should not register. Nor should masseurs or shop-keepers or poultry farmers or others who work on their own account, and do not want the Labour Exchange to find them employment.

Registration with the Employment Exchange does not mean that St. Dunstan's will cease to make itself responsible for trying to find jobs, or for giving all possible help in holding down jobs, but as the employer will be bound to take a certain percentage of disabled persons, he will expect every St. Dunstaner he is employing to count in the quota, and therefore every employable or employed St. Dunstaner should be registered.

Good News about Pensions

Just as we go to press, the Editor is able to slip in this line to say that there is good news about pensions.

The story started two or three years ago, when I happened to be the first in the House of Commons to make a strong plea for Workmen's Compensation to be changed. I said the weekly compensation of an injured workman ought not to be scaled down as his earnings went up. Mr. Osbert Peake, one-time Under Secretary for the Home Office, and

then Financial Secretary to the Treasury, said that my speech influenced the Government to make this change, and a Bill was introduced before the Election but did not have time to pass. Now the Bill has come up again and obtained a second reading, and included in it is the proposal that compensation for injured workmen should be fixed at 45 shillings a week instead of being related to the wages lost. I immediately interrupted Mr. Griffiths, the Minister who was introducing the Bill, to say that injured soldiers must receive at least as good treatment as injured workmen. General Fitzpatrick, Chairman of the British Legion, and I brought immediate pressure to bear upon the Minister of Pensions, and we have no doubt that the flat rate will go up. We shall ask for the children's allowance to go up too. Perhaps an announcement will be made before you read these lines.

IAN FRASER.

Japanese Prisoners of War

St. Dunstan's has taken immediate steps to endeavour to obtain an early repatriation of blinded prisoners of war who have been in Japanese camps.

Through the good offices of the British Red Cross, we have information of four such cases, one of whom has, in addition, lost both hands.

We now know that one man is safe at Singapore and two others are safe in New South Wales en route for home. They are being looked after by the New South Wales War-blinded Welfare Committee, and our St. Dunstaner, Captain Gilbert Nobbs, tells us that they are in good health and spirits.

Unfortunately there is as yet no further news of the handless man who, when we last heard, was at a camp in Java.

News from Canada

Congratulations to Col. E. A. Baker, who has had the honorary degree of doctor of laws conferred upon him by the University of Toronto. Colonel Baker is a St. Dunstaner of the last war, and managing director of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind.

Cecil Purkis, of Preston, Ontario, on VE Day led the cheering crowd on his cornet in a programme of patriotic songs. A few weeks previously he had given his twentieth donation of blood to the Red Cross Transfusion Service.

St. Dunstaner Honoured

Congratulations to Squadron Leader W. T. Curtis-Willson, who has been invited by the Minister of Labour to become a member of the Disablement Advisory Committee covering Brighton and the West Sussex Area.

The Braille Review

The ST. DUNSTAN'S REVIEW has now appeared in braille for ten months and many St. Dunstaners have expressed their appreciation of it. We are delighted that this is so and we shall be very pleased to hear from any St. Dunstaner who has not yet had a copy and would like to be put on the list. On the other hand, if anyone is receiving it and does not need it, will he please notify the Editor, because the paper situation is still serious.

87 Albany Street

The many St. Dunstaners who have stayed at 87 Albany Street will hear with regret that Mrs. Wiggins has had a serious breakdown in health and has reluctantly had to close down her house.

Mrs. Wiggins' connection with St. Dunstan's goes back some twenty years, and hundreds of St. Dunstaners have enjoyed the warm, friendly hospitality of "No. 87." Now it is to be closed and we all regret the reason for its closing, but St. Dunstaners everywhere will join with us in wishing Mrs. Wiggins a speedy return to health and many happy years.

Killed in Action

We have heard with deep regret that John, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Chambers, of Northenden, Manchester, who was reported missing, believed killed, is now known to have lost his life on May 12th, 1944, on air operations.

London Transport Passes

Will St. Dunstaners please note that the London Passenger Transport Board bus passes, due normally to expire at the end of this year, will be regarded as available for another year, up to December 31st, 1946.

St. Dunstaners Join the Navy

"Hey there: Wakie, wakie, show a leg! It's a lovely morning, kippers for breakfast, lash up and stow . . ."

Last week I was one of forty blinded ex-Servicemen lucky enough to go to the annual camp for St. Dunstaners, organised by Padre and Mrs. Spurway, of Titchfield, where our daily routine was punctuated by such "pipes" and the regular clanging of the ship's bell.

Strangely enough, not one of our number was an ex-naval man, but our sailor friends soon explained the mysteries of the dog watch and other nautical terms, and we were soon made to feel at home.

As one of the new generation of St. Dunstaners, this was my first camp, but Mrs. Spurway has arranged these annual camps ever since 1920, and some of the fellows had been to eighteen of them.

Accommodation and catering presented a great difficulty in this year's camp, the first since 1939, and Mrs. Spurway approached the Fleet Air Arm with a view to borrowing some huts, which she had seen at Lee-on-Solent. This, however, could not be done, but the Commodore of H.M.S. *Daedalus* very kindly offered to put us under canvas in the grounds of Seaford Park, which is part of his land-based ship, and also undertook to do the catering for the party. This in itself would have been a very great service, but it was apparently not enough for the Navy. When we arrived we were told of a very full and exciting programme which had been arranged for us. Every morning there was a "liberty boat" in the form of a naval lorry to take us into Lee-on-Solent, where we split up into small groups and amused ourselves in various ways. On two occasions during the week we went aboard the "real thing," when our naval hosts took us out cruising on the Solent. A pleasant afternoon was spent in "watching" a cricket match, played between a Home Counties team and a ship's eleven, most descriptive commentaries being given by well-known "pros." in the visiting team. We had two rip-roaring nights when we were entertained by the Petty Officers of No. 34 Mess, and by the Chief Petty Officers of No. 23 Mess. The W.R.N.S. also played a big part in making ours an enjoyable holiday by taking us for

walks and afternoon teas, and on one occasion fifteen of us were entertained at the local "Wrennery" to supper, which was followed by a very jolly sing-song and an impromptu dance.

On behalf of my fellow campers I should like to express our sincere gratitude to the Commodore and to every member of the ship's company of H.M.S. *Daedalus* for a really bumper victory camp. Not only for their great kindness in providing us with a camp, but for all the little services which everyone volunteered so freely.

There was Lt. Comdr. Swanee, who not only proved himself an ideal Entertainments Manager, but also a very friendly and cordial "skipper." There was the C.P.O. who erected the marquees, and, although a stranger to St. Dunstan's, showed great forethought when he put up guide wires from tent to tent and all round the camp. There was the Wren who brought us a jug of tea early every morning before going on duty in the galley; the C.P.O.s and ratings who came to the tents to assist with our letter writing. There were also those who did voluntary dining tent duties. The whole ship's company gave up a considerable portion of their rations to provide us daily with cigarettes and beer.

To them all we send our hearty thanks for a very jolly time, and this victory camp will always recall memories of a very happy week spent with the Navy. And of course our grateful thoughts also go out to Padre and Mrs. Spurway and to all the V.A.D.s who helped to make the camp such a splendid success. JAMES E. ELLIS.

Mr. Sorrell Retires

Mr. W. B. Sorrell, Basket Technical Visitor, has retired from St. Dunstan's after nearly twenty-three years' service.

After serving in the last war he came to us in 1923 as a Basket Instructor, and during the years he has been with us he has proved a loyal and efficient Visitor and a real friend to all those basket-makers whom he visited. They will miss him, but they will join with us in expressing our deep appreciation of his long and valuable service, and will wish him the very best of good luck in his well-earned retirement.

FOR SALE.

THREE-SPEED TANDEM. — Splendid condition, dynamo lighting. £14.—W. Haslam, 130 Mill Street, Crewe.

Viceroy Visits Indian St. Dunstan's

His Excellency the Viceroy of India, Lord Wavell, accompanied by Lady Wavell, on September 25th visited St. Dunstan's Hostel for Indian war-blinded at Dehra Dun. Lord Wavell is Patron of St. Dunstan's All-India Committee.

Sir Clutha Mackenzie, who is St. Dunstan's representative in India, and has established the Indian St. Dunstan's, writes:—

"The monsoon would not stop, but went on for ten days beyond its allotted span—two to eight inches a day—a droning, drenching, endless downpour, with plenty of thunder and lightning. I prepared an emergency wet weather programme, cutting out our main parade, tea on the lawn, etc., and we had to put this into effect. We cleared out the Gurkha Barrack and it made a grand drawing room set out for tea, and Lady Wavell, as she sat beside me at tea, gazed over it appreciatively and asked: 'Is this your Officers' Mess?'"

"Inadequately protected by umbrellas, we dashed from building to building, but in spite of it all the visit was a grand success."

It was a particularly happy day for Sir Clutha, because his son Ian, previously reported missing while on Commando service against the Japanese, was able to spend some time at Dehra Dun before returning to New Zealand, and in spite of his grim experiences, was in good shape.

There are now about eighty-five blinded men at Dehra Dun, and numbers are still coming in. Two of the handless men have now experimented with specially devised gadgets for the handless, sent out from England, and have made a great initial success.

Good News of Japanese Prisoners

We are delighted to have news of the following prisoners of war, until recently in Japanese hands:—

Albert Brewer, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Brewer, of Redruth, is home at last.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Payne, of New Orwell, is safe and in hospital in India.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Chaffin, of Leighton Buzzard, have received a cable that their son, Reg., too, is safe in India.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Rowe, of Burslem, is safe and expects to be home shortly. This is their first news since 1943.

The Closing of Tembani

Tembani has closed, its purpose accomplished. For three and a half years it has been the St. Dunstan's of South Africa to the men who were blinded in the Middle East, and who were not able to return at once to this country, and it was with mixed feelings that the few remaining trainees gathered in the Dance Room on September 6th for the official closing ceremony, and, with Matron Pease, the V.A.D.s and staff and many friends heard Mrs. Chadwick Bates pay tribute to the work of the South African Committee, under the chairmanship of Mr. Alers Hankey.

Mrs. Bates opened the sad evening by reading aloud letters she had received from Jimmie Ellis and others, thanking Tembani for all that had been done for them in those never-to-be-forgotten early days. Mr. Hankey, replying, spoke of the efforts of the Committee and of the co-operation of the men, and told, amid laughter, how Mrs. Bates always bullied the Committee into agreeing to what she wanted for them. It was, he said, with deep regret that Tembani was being closed, but the number of men in South Africa was now very few, and many were coming to England to take up massage training.

Frank Mandy thanked everybody present on behalf of the men who were then at Tembani, and Jack Vincent, on behalf of those who had passed through, warmly endorsed the sentiments expressed in Jimmie Ellis's letter to Mrs. Bates.

There were toasts to H.M. the King, to Mrs. Bates and Matron Pease, to the Committee, and to the V.A.D.s and staff, and there were telegrams from many friends, including one from Sir Ian Fraser.

So the evening ended, but on the following Saturday a final dance was held and, to the strains of Auld Lang Syne, we said goodbye.

Tembani's work was finished, but the spirit of Tembani lives on.

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Arthur Morgan, of Hull, a new war St. Dunstaner, who was a well-known athlete before he was blinded, presented the cup and prizes at a concert following a Victory Walk. The cup was the Morgan Cup—named after our St. Dunstaner, who also took part in the walk.

Church Stretton Notes

Five weeks of holiday away, followed by four weeks of work here, seem to fill the gap since our last Notes—AND—a whole week of fine weather!

We have welcomed thirty-four new trainees, some from the Far East, besides four from South Africa, and Lieut. Somervell from the New Zealand Artillery.

Among the thirty-two who have left during these two months are: On inspection jobs—A. Burnham, to Messrs. Morris Motors, Ltd., Oxford; C. Hoyle, to Messrs. A. V. Roe, Ltd., Manchester. To work on capstan lathes—D. Gallagher, to Messrs. A. V. Roe, Ltd. As telephonist—L. Northwood, to Shell Petroleum, Plymouth. To a post with Barclay's Bank, Ltd., Lombard Street, London, Harry Davenport. For an assembly job with Messrs. Mossley Industries, Ltd., Weir Mill, Mossley, J. H. McDermott. While J. White has started with Supholstery, Ltd., Cardiff; Corporal Jimmy Staples and M. J. Luba, Royal Canadian Air Force, have left for repatriation to Canada, and D. Beattie, Royal Australian Air Force, to Australia.

Duggie Parmenter has taken the rest of his matriculation examination, and left with Mrs. Parmenter (*nee* Elwell) for 19 Rosenthal Road, Catford, to await appointment. Success to them all.

A welcome visitor to the morning Discussion Class was Mr. Pollock, member of the Executive Council for Palestine, and District Commissioner for Jerusalem, who had entered that city with Allenby in 1918. We are indeed fortunate to have these outside contacts with people "in the know," whose brains we can pick.

The Musical Circle organised another evening Concert, partly gramophone recital, with the artistes, Eric Hunter and W. F. Holman (pianists) and Miss Vera George (mezzo-soprano).

The always-popular Croft Hermits Repertory Company have come again, this time with the play "The Hextons"—fully up to their usual high standard. Their finished acting is a real pleasure, and we are very grateful for all they do for us.

On two Wednesday afternoons parties of thirty trainees were invited to the Wolverhampton Grand Theatre for the plays, "Night Must Fall" and "The Breadwinner"—both most happy outings.

The All-Services Club provided a meat tea and cigarettes one day, and the Women's Social Club gave a real spread the other time. Nice kind friends!

"Love from a Stranger" was a most successful play-reading at Longmynd, providing appropriate creeps and shudders to an appreciative audience! A scavenge hunt at Longmynd was also much enjoyed. Although the objects required included a rabbit's tail, a red rose, a runner bean more than ten inches long, a newspaper of September 19th, the height of Church Stretton Station above sea-level, and the finding of a R.A.M.C. orderly in Cardingmill valley to ascertain what was amiss with his uniform (brown shoe-laces on black boots!), several couples tied; from the final test, viz., to choose two lumps of coal from "Tiger," measuring twelve and eight inches round, Geoff. Preston emerged victorious.

Dance invitations have been accepted from Atcham R.A.F. Station, Toc H at Morris's, Shrewsbury, Montford Bridge R.A.F. Station, Battlefield Camp, and Attingham. Visiting dance bands have included the Codon Band, the Pioneer Band, the K.S.L.I. Band (with spot prizes), and the Rhythm Aces Band.

The Hereford Allied Concert Party gave an evening's entertainment, which was much enjoyed, and Harry Meadow's Male Voice Choir and Concert Party from Wolverhampton came another day.

Mr. Bampton organised another Informal Concert of St. Dunstan's talent, including a "quiz." The principal novelties were a "Jam Session," when two pianos and drums carried the audience along with varying rhythm, and J. M. Botha, one of our new South Africans, with his guitar.

Another member of the teaching staff leaving us is Miss Downer who will be much missed. She was of special assistance to the massage students with their notes and Latin—in gratitude for which they presented her with a handsome leather bag.

When the Duke of Gloucester's Penny-a-Week Red Cross Fund closed, on June 30th, our St. Dunstan's Branch had collected for it £321 19s. 9d. The trainees asked to continue contributing to the Red Cross General Fund, and £24 13s. 11d. has already been sent to that Fund also.

Congratulations to the following, who have passed tests:—

Braille Interpoint Reading.—F. Collingwood.

Braille Writing.—P. Matthews, P. Dent, R. Phillips, E. Griffiths, N. Crane, E. Cookson, P. Spencer, F. Collingwood.

Interline Reading.—D. McConnell, A. G. Bradley, R. Slade, J. Burge.

Typing.—R. Slade, J. J. Mooney, J. Horton, W. Kelly, P. Chovancek, F. Collingwood, R. Belcher, A. Stroud.

St. Dunstan's Bridge Club

Eleven members of the Bridge Club went to Harrogate on September 22nd for the annual visit, and had a most enjoyable time with some very keen bridge. In the "Yorkshire Evening News" Tournament on the Sunday evening, ten teams took part and our Club entered two teams, one finishing fifth and the other eighth. Apart from this, we played five other matches and won four—a very creditable performance—BRAVO REG. On the Wednesday, not having a match until the evening, all the party went, along with some Harrogate friends, to Fountains Abbey, which is, as most of you know, one of the oldest ruins in the country, and then on to the Rose and Crown (near Ripon), for an excellent lunch (chicken and Worthington). The Friday evening came, and this is our evening. St. Dunstan's At Home, we call it, and all our friends whom we have visited and played bridge with at the various Clubs come along to us at the Salisbury for a grand final bridge drive, with prizes made by our men. At the close of the evening speeches were made by Mr. John Morrison and Mr. A. Field, our two Harrogate friends who organised the whole show and made it a success. Our Club Captain (Reg Coles) replied in magnificent style, thanking these two gentlemen, and also Jack Habesch (proprietor of the hotel), and the people of Harrogate for the wonderful reception they had given us.

Drummer then made one of his natty little speeches and presented two ladies with flowers as only Drummer can, and got away with it. This was indeed another good Harrogate Week, with still more bridge on the train coming home.

H.G.

Births

CASHMORE.—On August 16th, to the wife of D. Cashmore, of Birmingham (new war), a son—Robert Douglas Eason.

MILLER.—On October 5th, to the wife of G. Miller, of Sheffield (new war), a daughter—Sonia Jean.

TUTTON.—On October 13th, to the wife of S. Tutton, of Pontypridd, a daughter.

Deaths

We extend our sincere sympathy to the following:—

BRAY.—To Mr. and Mrs. H. Bray, of Wythenshawe, whose daughter, May, passed away on September 7th.

BULLEY.—To F. E. C. Bulley, of Crampmoor, whose wife passed away on October 4th.

BUSH.—To S. H. Bush, of Leytonstone, whose wife died on September 8th.

HESKETH.—To F. V. Hesketh, of Greenford, whose wife died on September 23rd.

MATTHEWS.—To Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Matthews, of St. Helen's, whose son, Gordon, died on September 19th.

WISE.—To A. G. Wise, of Fakenham, whose wife passed away on October 11th. They had been married for over forty years.

Marriages

BOWERMAN—GARDINER.—On July 25th, W. Bowerman, of Willesden (new war) to Miss Dorothy Gardiner.

BRITTON—CAINS.—In July, J. Britton (new war), to Miss Emma Cains.

COSTELLO—FARRANT.—On September 20th, M. Costello, of Clacton, to Mrs. Farrant.

HAMMERTON—FITZGEORGE.—On August 18th, J. Hammerton (new war) to Miss C. FitzGeorge.

HAWES—STRASZAER.—On August 13th, F. Hawes (new war), to Miss E. A. Straszaer.

KIBBLER—EVANS.—On July 28th, L. Kibbler (new war) to Miss Barbara Jean Evans.

ROBINSON—SEY.—On September 15th, William M. Robinson, of Ontario, Canada (new war), to Miss Monica Sey.

SHEEHAN—JOHNSON.—On August 4th, M. Sheehan (new war), to Miss R. Johnson.

Wanted

LOCOMOTIVE SET, clock or electric, or a TRICYCLE, needed urgently as Christmas present for boy of five.—Freddy Mills, 45 West Street, Tavistock, Devon.

" In Memory "

Private James Charles Robbins, *Labour Corps*

With deep regret we record the death of J. C. Robbins, of Kenton, who came to St. Dunstan's in September, 1918, after losing his sight in France as the result of an accident. He entered a Government Department as a shorthand typist, subsequently training as a dictaphone typist. He was evacuated to Blackpool during the war, and while away from London he was taken seriously ill. For many months he bore much suffering with great fortitude, and he died in hospital on July 15th, to which he had been removed only a few days before from our Blackpool Home, after many months under our care.

He was buried at Carleton Cemetery, Blackpool, after a funeral service at Holy Trinity Church. Among the flowers was a wreath from Sir Ian Fraser and his comrades at St. Dunstan's.

Our deep sympathy is extended to Mrs. Robbins and her only daughter.

Private Thomas Henry Daley, *Labour Corps*

It is with deep regret that we record the death of T. H. Daley, of Brierley Hill.

He served from October, 1916, until 1918, but he did not come under St. Dunstan's care until November, 1933, when he was trained as a basket-maker, an occupation at which he carried on for a considerable time. Shortly before the outbreak of war in 1939 he was admitted to hospital on account of his nervous condition, and he remained a patient there until his death on August 1st.

We extend our deep sympathy to Mrs. Daley and her children. Mrs. Daley's loss is particularly sad as she herself met with a serious accident some time ago, losing both legs.

A wreath from Sir Ian Fraser and his comrades at St. Dunstan's was among the flowers at the funeral, which took place in London.

Private Michael Dunlea, *Royal Munster Fusiliers*

We record with deep regret the death of M. Dunlea, of Charleville, County Cork, who served for two years in the Great War, but did not come under St. Dunstan's care until October, 1939, when he was then too old to consider serious training. For some months before his death he had been a very sick man and he passed away at his home on August 7th.

The Rev. Ryan, C.C., celebrated Requiem Mass, and the funeral took place at New Cemetery, Holycross, Charleville, St. Dunstan's being represented by Messrs. M. Tynan, John Maloney and Martin Manning. A Mass Card from St. Dunstan's was placed on the coffin.

Mrs. Dunlea was an invalid and we have now learned with sorrow that she too passed away on October 4th, leaving a daughter, to whom we extend our deepest sympathy.

Private Thomas Murphy, *1st Cheshire Regt. and 1st King's Liverpool Regt.*

It is with deep regret that we record the death of T. Murphy, for many years a permanent resident in our Homes. Although discharged from the Army in 1916, he did not come under our care until August, 1935, when he was an elderly and very sick man. He looked forward to the return to Brighton, but very shortly after the journey from Melplash to West House he was taken ill and he died on August 9th. He was buried in the Brighton and Preston Cemetery, after Requiem Mass at St. John the Baptist Church.

In spite of his continued ill-health and additional disabilities, he was always cheerful and a great favourite, and he will be missed by men and staff. He was a single man and our sympathy is extended to his relatives.

Private Thomas Homan, *Labour Corps, R.D. Fusiliers*

With deep regret we record the death of T. Homan, of Cork.

Invalided out of the Army after the Gallipoli campaign, he came under St. Dunstan's care in August, 1932. He carried on with mat-making in his home up to the time of his death on August 10th, after only three weeks' illness.

He was buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Cork, and among those present were St. Dunstaners Driscoll, Condon, Twoomey, Horgan, Keegan and J. Callaghan, and Mrs. Driscoll, Mrs. Kenny and Miss Aberne.

Our deep sympathy goes out to Mrs. Homan, who is left with eleven children, seven of whom are under sixteen years.

Corporal Thomas Henry Millard, *13th Welch Regt.*

We record with deep regret the death of T. H. Millard, of New Tredegar, who came to us in 1930. For some time past he had not been in very good health, but his death, on August 21st, was sudden and unexpected, and came as a great shock to his wife and family.

The funeral was attended by St. Dunstaners D. G. Morgan, of Tredegar, and J. Jordan, of Rhymney, with their wives.

We extend our deep sympathy to Mrs. Millard and her family in their loss.

Private James Levett, *5th Derbyshire Regt.*

It is with deep regret that we record the death of J. Levett, of Worthing. Enlisting in May, 1916, he was wounded at Arras in October, 1918, and he came to us the following year. He was trained in wool rug work and continued with this until his health became too poor to allow it. After suffering much pain he passed away on August 22nd.

Among the flowers was a wreath from Sir Ian Fraser and his St. Dunstan's comrades. A Union Jack covered the coffin, and among those present at the funeral were representatives of the Worthing Civilian Blind Society.

Our deep sympathy is extended to Mrs. Levett at this time.