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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

Armistice Day

“ They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old :
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.”

THESE words will be familiar to hundreds of thousands of men who fought in the 1914-18 war and to their womenfolk. They have been said with reverence at Armistice Day services and ceremonies in thousands of towns and villages for more than twenty-five years. They call our minds back to our comrades of the three Services who died in the first world war, and as we remember them we dedicate ourselves afresh to those who survived, including the disabled, and to the ideals for which they fought.

The King has expressed a wish that the Service of Remembrance shall be held at the Cenotaph in Whitehall, at 11 a.m., on November 11th, this year, and doubtless similar services will be held at War Memorials all over the country. A contingent of St. Dunstaners will be there, as no doubt St. Dunstaners will be present also at hundreds of local services, and, as in past years, no doubt many St. Dunstaners will be chosen to lay wreaths at local War Memorials, as I shall be laying one for the whole of St. Dunstan's throughout the Empire at the Cenotaph.

But we have lived to see another war, in which our sons have fought and lost life and limb and sight. And this second world war did not come to an end in an armistice on November 11th, but on a date in May and a date in September, for there were two endings, one in Europe and another in the Far East. As I write these lines just before Armistice-tide, I cannot call to mind the dates when the war in Europe and the war in the Far East came to an end. At any rate, I cannot remember them with certainty. Will these new dates become significant in our lives as the years go on, as November 11th has done? I wonder. And the question has only to be asked to inspire speculation as to how the two generations will combine their acts of remembrance and dedication for the future. Will the younger generation join the older in thinking of these things on November 11th, or shall we fix an arbitrary date? I do not know the answers to these questions. No doubt the King will fix a date based upon advice which he will receive from his Ministers, who will in turn be advised by the Churches and the British Legion, and by taking account of public opinion.

I have already observed that, as I write, and without looking the matter up, I cannot

remember with certainty the exact dates of the ending of the war in Europe or of that in the Far East. How many of my readers can remember? Does this simple fact that November 11th has been sanctified by long observance, and that even those of the younger generation, who took no part in the first world war and were children between the wars, have nevertheless grown up to regard this day as one set apart for remembrance and dedication, provide a possible answer for my question? I think it would be of great interest to hear the views of St. Dunstaners, old and new, and suggest that they write to me or to the Editor brief letters for publication in this journal.

Whatever day the nation chooses, it is a good thing that for a few moments in the year the busy life and noise of our civilisation should be stopped for two minutes, so that we may remember all that has been lost, and may dedicate ourselves afresh to new efforts to make the world a better place, worthy of those who died, of those who bear the scars of war, and of all who fought and toiled for King and Country.

IAN FRASER.

From Lady Buckmaster

DEAR ST. DUNSTANERS, 1940—1945,

During one of our chats round the stove in No. 2 Braille Hut, Joe Walch gave me the practical suggestion that the easiest way to get in touch with you all would be to write a letter in the REVIEW.

First I want to send my thanks to those of you who so generously contributed to my leaving present. I am going to spend it on a picture for my drawing room.

I am now established in my new home, 28 Cornwall Gardens, S.W.7—quite near Gloucester Road Underground—and my telephone number is Western 1303, so you'll all know where to find me, and I ask you to give me the very real pleasure of welcoming any of you who are in London. If you forget the address, ring up Headquarters.

Greetings to you all and *please* remember me when you are in London.

Your affectionate friend,
JOAN BUCKMASTER ("Lady B.")

St. Dunstaner Matriculates

Congratulations to Douglas Parmenter, of Catford, who has successfully completed his final examinations for London Matriculation. He was a prisoner of war for nearly three years.

Sir Arthur Pearson

For many years it has been customary for a number of old St. Dunstaners to subscribe for a wreath, to be placed on Sir Arthur's grave in Hampstead Cemetery on December 9th, the anniversary of his death in 1921. As in other years, the subscription is limited to one shilling, and should be sent to Mr. Askew, who will act as Honorary Treasurer.

Mines Damage St. Dunstans, Ovingdean

In the great storm which swept the South Coast last month the Home at Ovingdean was twice damaged by mines, which were washed up on the shore.

Fifty or sixty windows on all floors, including two in the sun bay, were broken. The damage was mainly in the front of the building, looking seawards. A temporary wall which had been erected in one of the rooms by the Admiralty was also blown down.

The first mine exploded on the Tuesday morning, and the furious gales and torrential rain the same evening caused more damage before we could fit temporary windows. The rain, beating in, flooded the lift shaft at one time. The following Friday morning another mine exploded.

Fortunately, we have been able to make use of some emergency shutters which we have held ready since 1939, but much of the glass, particularly that in the sun bay, is heavy plate-glass, and extremely difficult to replace.

In Brief

Major David L. Charters, the ophthalmic surgeon, who twice refused repatriation from Germany in order to remain with prisoners whose sight had been injured, has been awarded the M.B.E.

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The braille magazine, *The Tribune*, has been discontinued as from last June.

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Reversi, the new game now obtainable from the N.I.B., is played with counters. We have had enquiries as to whether braille playing cards are used.

War Pensions

The following paragraph appeared in the *Evening Standard* on Tuesday, November 6th:—

War Pensions Revision is Forecast

The Press Association understands that there is to be a big revision in war pensions and that the matter is now being discussed by the Cabinet. A deputation from the British Legion will visit the Minister of Pensions to-morrow to discuss the general question of pensions with the Minister, Mr. Wilfred Paling. Brigadier General E. R. Fitzpatrick, National Chairman of the British Legion, will head the deputation, which will include Sir Ian Fraser, M.P., Vice-Chairman of the Legion.

The deputation's meeting with Mr. Paling, on November 7th, followed upon pressure on the Minister for a long time from the British Legion and from Sir Ian Fraser and other M.P.s interested in the welfare of ex-Service men and women. The main points stressed at the meeting were:—

Basic rate of Disability Pension for 100 per cent. disablement to be increased from 40s. to 60s. a week, with proportionate increases for lower assessments.

Wife's Allowance to be increased from 10s. to 16s. a week in all cases where the higher rate is not now in issue.

Children's Allowances to be increased from 7s. 6d. to 12s. 6d. each child.

Payment of Family Allowances to all war pensioners, irrespective of date of marriage or birth of children, with contingent pension rights for widows where husband's death is due to war service.

Economic supplementation of flat-rate pension where standard of living has been unduly lowered as the result of reduced earning capacity, due to war disablement.

Abolition of the regulations under which deductions of 19s. a week for single men and 9s. a week for married men are made from treatment allowances paid during an authorised course of treatment.

Sir Ian Fraser particularly stressed the need for the increase of the Constant Attendance Allowance to double rate for those very severely disabled pensioners who have suffered what might be called 200% disability.

A Park Crescent Wedding

There was excitement in Park Crescent on Wednesday, November 7th, when Jack Vincent, of the Transvaal Scottish Regt., South Africa, married Miss Robina Walker, who has been Matron of the Massage Hostel at No. 12 since it was opened two years ago.

The bridegroom, who was blinded in Abyssinia, qualified as a masseur last July.

Miss Walker, who is the daughter of the late Archdeacon of Uganda, and Mrs. Walker, was given away by Sir Ian Fraser. The ceremony, which took place at St. Peter's Church, Vere Street, W.1, was conducted by Bishop Willis, Assistant Bishop of Leicester and former Bishop of Uganda, who had worked with the bride's father.

The Rev. F. H. Everson was best man, and many masseurs, qualified and in training, were present at the church and at the reception in Park Crescent which followed.

Advanced Braille Reading Test

Congratulations to the following St. Dunstaners' who have been successful in passing the Advanced Braille Reading Test during the past two months and have therefore qualified for the special prize of £3:

D. J. McLoughlin, Dublin; G. Lidbetter, S. Pike, E. W. Stevenson, Alec Lawlor and J. Boyd, all of Brighton; F. A. Rhodes, Exeter; A. J. Radford, Castle Cary; F. C. S. Hilling, Taunton; T. W. Dee, Hull; W. Girling, Southampton; G. P. Brown, Chiswick; W. Collins, Redhill; H. G. Manning, London, N.; B. E. Ingrey, Beddington; W. Birchall, London, S.W.; P. Conlin, London, W.9; Beryl Sleigh, London, S.W.7; G. S. W. Chamberlain, Reading; W. Farmery, Colden Common, near Winchester; and S. McCheyne, Manchester.

Mr. Attlee's Gift

A case of seven pipes has been presented to St. Dunstan's by the Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. C. R. Attlee. Sir Ian Fraser has sent them to the Commandant to distribute among those trainees who enjoy pipe smoking.

Church Stretton Notes

A shadow lies over us at the Centre, caused by the "passing on" of Miss Livingstone (Pensions Office Staff), on Sunday, November 4th. She was so consistently cheerful and efficient and friendly—and latterly so courageous in her incurable illness—that she leaves a bright memory with all her friends, who will greatly miss her.

We have been honoured by a visit from a celebrity of "highest" fame in more than one sense—Dr. Odell, the well-known Himalayan climber. For his talk at Longmynd the quiet lounge (old Braille Room) was crowded. He vividly pictured for us those ranges and ranges of snowy peaks, mostly unclimbed (including Mount Everest, 29,000 feet), and the varied difficulties of ascending five and a half miles above the earth on foot. To begin with, one peak being locally considered a mountain of pilgrimage, permission must be obtained from a Tibetan people, with whom one must first drink tea mixed with rancid butter, sugar, salt and soda! On one occasion, as they had just crossed the snow, it all began sliding down over a precipice, "so we made the last step or two rather quickly!" There were endless preparations, hardships and perils for each attempt, perhaps only to be frustrated by adverse weather conditions. And such feats of endurance, only to be attempted by men of exceptional physique, will and character, Dr. Odell calmly described as "a pleasant diversion."

On two occasions plays have been given at the Central Hall—"Black Limelight," by the R.A.O.C., and Priestley's "I have been here before," by the R.A.P.C., Shrewsbury, much enjoyed by all.

The Music Circle again secured a good C.E.M.A. Concert, this time given by Ena Mitchell, Ivry Gritlis, and Dorothea Aspinall.

Another informal St. Dunstan's Concert attracted a good audience to the Central Hall, despite appalling weather. Besides many old favourites—including "our Gwen"—the highlights were Jock Steel and two daughters as a string trio playing three of his own compositions, and the "Big Five," i.e., grand pianos played by Mrs. Steel, Mrs. Bergstrom, Miss Jones, Mr. Bampton and his friend, kept together

by foot-tapping—a wonderful achievement!

In the Workshops another capstan lathe—a Herbert 2D—has been installed. The numbers of men now in training are: On upholstery, eight; on capstan lathes, six; inspection and assembly, nine; router, one; plastic press, two; boots, six; basketry, six; and telephony, eight.

The Gym. Hut is a centre of activity, under Mr. Jarrold's popular guidance. He has seventy-five men on his books enjoying the varied equipment and training, viz., one punch-bag ("biff'im"), one punch ball, Indian clubs, chest-expanders, rowing machine, rowing exerciser, cycle, boxing gloves and mitts, skipping ropes, improvised trapeze, horizontal bar, medicine ball, besides wrestling mat and P.T.

There have been two more gay expeditions to Wolverhampton, at the invitations of the Grand Theatre, for the plays of "Romeo and Juliet" and "Flare Path." These were followed by sumptuous "spreads," kindly provided by members of the Forces' Social Club.

Dance invitations have also been happily accepted from the A.T.S., both at Battle Camp; Arlescott and Condover Hall; from the Mayor of Welshpool at the Town Hall; from Mrs. Swain and Mr. Parslow, Meole Brace; and Shawbury R.A.F. Station.

Visiting bands have included the Pioneers, Rhythm Aires Band, Fred Hobson's Band from Birmingham, the K.S.L.I., the Nescliff, besides a concert part from the R.A.F. Station, Madley.

Over twenty new trainees have arrived. Among those leaving are Ernie Jensen, to Messrs. Peerless Built-in Furniture, Ltd., Perivale, London, N.W.; and L. Withington, to Messrs. Walker & Co., Casefield Iron Works, Wigan, as telephonists; as upholsterer, A. Simpson, to the Johnstown Manufacturing Co., Ltd., Wrexham; for assembly, E. Griffiths, to Messrs. Brookhurst Switchgear, Ltd., Northgate Works, Chester; Harry Boseley, all ready to take charge of a shop; and James Todd, to Messrs. Smith's (England) Ltd., Cricklewood; Charles Stevens, to World Moulded Metals, Park Royal; J. Yorke, to Messrs. Hollis Bros., and F. Chapple, to Rosemary Stores, Istend Rise, Near Gravesend. All success to each one!

Congratulations to the following, who have passed tests:—

Braille Writing.—R. McConnell, C. Williamson, F. Cartwright, F. Hawes, A. H. King.

Interpoint Reading.—T. Daborn, A. H. King, E. Jensen, L. White, M. Norman, J. Reagan, D. Cashmore.

Interline Reading.—G. Taylor, F. Whyte, D. Jennings, N. Christal, T. Tatchell, J. Lynch, J. Harriss, J. Caswell, A. Moore, D. McGoochan, A. Paulson, G. Lund, J. Shonfield.

Typewriting.—J. Harris, F. Mandy, B. Temple, E. Woofenden, J. McGinnis, F. Bennett, H. Smith, A. Somervell, G. W. Cooke, J. Holden, J. Hammerton, R. Holmes, C. Jennings, A. Clarke.

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor, "St. Dunstan's Review"

DEAR SIR,

It would appear from the statement in the Chairman's Notes in the September issue of the REVIEW, that we should all be thankful for the many concessions which were bestowed upon us by the late Government, but I am afraid, like many more of my comrades, I cannot join in any thanks as none of these concessions came our way. In fact, the same Government found it too much of a strain to give equal pay for equal work.

The Chairman also mentions there are some anomalies and injustices which we want to see corrected. I think that this is quite true, then why not start within St. Dunstan's, and if this is done then we might expect a sympathetic hearing when such injustices are brought before the present Government.

Yours sincerely,

Thornton Heath.

P. MARTIN.

To Blackpool and Brighton Visitors

It may not be generally realised by visitors to Brighton and Blackpool that before tea, sugar, butter, etc., can be supplied to the Homes a corresponding number of points must be surrendered to the local Food Office. All St. Dunstaners going to Blackpool and Brighton, therefore, should take their ration books with them, and should see that the points are intact. We do not want St. Dunstaners to bring along any of their own provisions, but they must bring their ration books.

Blinded German Prisoners

Readers of the REVIEW who were prisoners of war in Germany, and others, will be interested to know that on instructions from Sir Ian Fraser, St. Dunstan's has rendered what small services were possible to German blinded ex-Servicemen who were prisoners of war here in Britain. Lately there has been a small number of German prisoners of war in a camp near Church Stretton, and Tommy Milligan, who is well known to many of both wars as a very good brailist, and one who speaks German fluently, and who is at present an instructor at Church Stretton, has been regularly going over to see them and give them lessons in braille and typewriting. Before leaving for Germany the prisoners of war have written him the following letter:

DEAR MR. MILLIGAN,

First of all, heartiest regards from your four foster-children. Our comrade, Juegens, is still in hospital. We others are sitting around our writing desk (serving at the same time as smoke and card-table), typing this letter to keep our promise to you.

As far as our work is concerned, I am happy to say that my comrades, Mertens, Kienberger and Moser are practising diligently on the typewriter. The progress in braille system is, unfortunately, not yet as you would like to see it, but that does not mean that we are not learning at all. As you know, this punching of the "little holes" has always been a sore point with us. As far as myself, Paul, is concerned, I want to inform you that I am practising typing as well as braille system every morning. In the evening we are then sitting in our easy chairs and play cards.

Speaking about cards, we want to thank you and our unknown benefactress for your efforts and kindness.

We are going to write you the promised letter in braille system, we intend to write a nice little soldier story with a little dedication. We hope you will be satisfied with our modest gratitude, but, as you know, a P.O.W. has not got much choice.

I have to finish now, and wishing you and our unknown benefactress all the best, we remain with our heartiest greetings,

YOUR FOUR WAR BLIND,

Artificial Limbs

The following correspondence passed between Sir Ian Fraser and the Minister of Pensions, the Rt. Hon. Wilfred Paling, M.P., last month:—

1st October, 1945.

Rt. Hon. Wilfred Paling, M.P.,
Minister of Pensions.

DEAR PALING,

I wrote to you on August 28th about the men who are both limless and blind at Stoke Mandeville Hospital. I would be glad to know if anything can be done for them. Weeks pass and they are still waiting. You were good enough to reply to my letter that you would consider giving them an absolute priority, but I have not yet heard that it has had any effect. Can you communicate to me that there is a reasonable time limit before which these men will be supplied? If there is no way in which you can get Roehampton to deal with these type of cases at once would you welcome my seeking to supply suitable limbs from some other channel?

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) IAN FRASER.

October 9th, 1945.

Lieut. Col. Sir Ian Fraser, C.B.E., M.P.,
House of Commons.

DEAR FRASER,

Since receiving your letter of October 1st I have further examined the question of the supply of artificial limbs to blind amputees and I have, indeed, talked with some of your men on a recent visit to Stoke Mandeville.

I am very sorry that the position is not yet as satisfactory as I had hoped, but I am taking strong action to ensure that these cases receive the absolute priority which I wish them to have. I am afraid at the moment I cannot give you a definite date for supply, but I hope there will not now be any long delay.

In reply to the last sentence of your letter, I should strongly deprecate any attempt to obtain artificial limbs from any other source because, even if speedier delivery could be secured, there would be many obvious disadvantages, such as the difficulty of making convenient arrangements for maintenance.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) W. PALING.

Following upon this correspondence between Sir Ian and the Minister, we learn that the supply of limbs, especially legs, at Stoke Mandeville has speeded up considerably, although there is still room for improvement in the supply of artificial arms.

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C. McIntosh, of Terregles, is well known for his excellent letters to the REVIEW. His daughter, Brenda, is following in his footsteps and has just won first prize for an article in her school magazine.

From an American Friend

A correspondent in the United States, writing to Sir Ian Fraser, says:—

"May I tell you that I have read your book, *Whereas I was Blind*, on the Talking Book with the greatest pleasure and interest. I enjoy the English recordings very much.

"I found your work most interesting as a revelation of English thinking. I think I feel more unity with English ideas and more sympathy with England now than I have ever felt before.

"I, too, lost my eyesight in 1916, and am now the same age as you were when you wrote the book. My grandparents were pioneers to the mid-west wilderness. After losing my sight I spent three years at the Wisconsin School for the Blind, then a year at a public high school, four years at a small college, eight years at various occupations, and then three years at the law school of the University of Wisconsin. A couple of years after I took another year of post graduate work in labour economics. After a short period of law practice I took an appointment as an attorney for the Wisconsin Industrial Commission, acting as an appeals examiner holding hearings in the Unemployment Compensation Department. I am still at this work.

"May I offer my heartiest and sincere congratulations to you English for the victory over Germany we have achieved. I feel very sympathetic for the suffering you have had to endure and the greatest admiration for your attitude and stamina."

Correspondents Wanted

Mr. Gavin Gordon, who lives in Edinburgh, recently came across a braille copy of the REVIEW, and as a result of this would like to correspond with one or two St. Dunstaners.

Mr. Gordon, who is totally blind and deaf, writes:

"I am a Rover Scout and wear the Seaforth Kilt. I play dominoes, chess, draughts, darts. I go out alone, travel alone, and have been in London five times alone. I have also been to other parts of England, and it is fun getting lost, stranded and all that. I am forty-six years of age. I am interested in anything that comes my way.

"I can type or braille letters, whichever is preferred, and as for myself, I would prefer braille. "My address is c/o Grant, 11 Keir Street, Edinburgh 3."

The Chairman at Blackpool

Sir Ian and Lady Fraser visited the Blackpool St. Dunstan's Home on October 12th. The house was full of old St. Dunstaners, with one or two men of this war, all of whom said they were having a very good time. After lunch, Sir Ian addressed the men on a number of subjects of interest to St. Dunstaners and answered many questions. W. E. Brookes, of Southampton, proposed a vote of thanks to Sir Ian and Lady Fraser, and to the Matron and staff, which was carried with acclamation. Sir Ian, in reply, said that he certainly thought Matron Davies and her staff had done a splendid job at Blackpool during the war years. The Home had been very popular and a great many St. Dunstaners had enjoyed a holiday or period of convalescence there.

Young St. Dunstaners

Marriages

On May 29th, Signalman Peter Cook (Goffs' Oak) to Miss Lilian Bellingham.

On June 16th, James Canning (Liverpool) to Miss Joan Herrish.

On September 22nd, Charles Edwin Brooks (Brenchley) to Miss Roseannah Kemp.

On October 20th, Frederick Hornsby (Sheffield) to Miss Ivy Ford.

On September 26th, Harry Desmond Taylor (Lye) to Miss Kathleen Stansfield.

On October 29th, Kathleen Power (Merthyr Tydfil) to Norman Prosser.

On August 27th, John Henry Martin (Penzance) to Miss Annie Doreen Nicholas.

On October 16th, Iris Hollinrake (Haslingden) to L.A.C. Holdaway.

On August 11th, Leading Seaman Cyril Davidson (Manchester) to Miss Doris Ramsden.

On September 1st, Lieut. Anthony Austin Jordan (Rhymney) to Miss Betty Ray Richards.

On October 1st, Gladys Ellen Back (Shaldon, near Teignmouth) to Marcus Michael Andrews.

On October 6th, Minnie Stamp, Keelby, to Sgt. Herbert Markham.

On August 25th, Florence Swingler, Newark, to Stanley Atkins.

On September 29th, May Wood, Brackley, Northants.

On August 27th, Veronica McCarthy, Manchester, to Cpl. H. Hughes.

On August 18th, Norah Jarman, Bournemouth, to Gunner Leslie Fox, and on September 8th, her sister, Nelly Jarman, to Petty Officer Leslie Williams.

On September 15th, Driver Neville Jarvill, Thorne, to Miss Vera Pettitt.

On September 19th, Isabel Macpherson, Windsor, to Driver Gordon Lynes.

On September 3rd, Warrant Officer Robert Black, Gateshead, to Miss Margaret Gibbon.

On June 6th last, Doris Kirk, Lancing, to David Lloyd George.

On September 8th, Ada Henderson, Dagenham, to Sgt. A. A. Smith.

Promotions

Sydney, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Henderson, of Dagenham, to the rank of Major.

Frank Woodrow, R.E.M.E., of Alderbury, to full Lieutenant.

Donald Jordan, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Jordan, of Luston, Leominster, to Regimental Sergeant Major with a staff appointment.

Ronald Megson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Megson, of Carterton, to the rank of Sergeant.

Scholarships

Dennis, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Coles, of Redhill, has entered Pembroke College, Oxford, for a three years' degree course in modern languages. Commencing his education at an elementary school in Ealing, Dennis gained a scholarship at Ealing County School. The war brought him to Reigate, and for five years he was a pupil of Reigate Grammar School. In 1944 he passed his Higher Schools Certificate examination, as a result of which he gained a County Major Scholarship. This has enabled him to go to Oxford.

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John, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hancock, of West Drayton, has gained a scholarship to Bishopholt School.

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Brian, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Farmery, of Winchester, has won a scholarship to the Danemark School, Winchester.

Grandparents

Mr. and Mrs. J. Stibbles, Pitlochry, whose daughter, Dorothy, has had a daughter.

"In Memory"

Private John Thomas McCollester, *Aerial Employment Company*

With deep regret we record the death of J. T. McCollester, of Rossendale. After serving for three years, during which time he contracted trench fever, he came to St. Dunstan's in March, 1925. As soon as his health permitted it, he took up mat-making and was an extremely busy craftsman right up to the time of his death. He died at his home, as a result of pneumonia, on September 12th, only a few days after he had returned from a very happy time at the Camp at Lee-on-Solent.

Among the wreaths was one from Sir Ian Fraser and his comrades at St. Dunstan's and another from the Manchester Sports Club.

Our deep sympathy is extended to his wife, whom he married only four years ago.

Birth

DALY.—On October 27th, to the wife of J. Daly, of Liverpool (new war), a son, Charles Alfred.

Death

We extend our very sincere sympathy to the following:—

CLEVITT.—To H. D. Clevitt, of Durrington, Sussex, whose wife passed away on October 17th.

Marriages

FOULKES—COX.—On September 25th, W. A. Foulkes, of Bletchley, to Miss Annie Phyllis Cox.

VINCENT—WALKER.—On November 7th, J. Vincent, of South Randfontein, South Africa (new war), to Miss Eleanor Robina Theodora Walker.

WOOD—SINCLAIR.—On October 27th, G. Wood, of Nuneaton, to Mrs. L. Sinclair.

Silver Weddings

Congratulations to the following upon their silver wedding anniversaries:—

Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Poole, Redditch, April 5th last; Mr. and Mrs. J. Wishart, West Stanley, June 26th last; Mr. and Mrs. J. Worthington, Stockport, August 7th; Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Miller, West Keal, near Spilsby, September 14th; Mr. and Mrs. V. Alderson, Baildon, September 20th; Mr. and Mrs. B. Hammiman, Skegness, September 22nd; Mr. and Mrs. A. Yates, Southwick, October 2nd; Mr. and Mrs. C. McIntosh, Dumfries, October 4th; Mr. and Mrs. H. Hotson, Brough, October 6th; Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Wood, Brackley, October 9th; Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Manning, Upper Holloway, November 6th; Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Clampett, Luton, October 2nd; Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Shaw, Walsall, November 3rd; Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Morgan, Southall, November 20th; Mr. and Mrs. R. Wylie, Bromley, November 27th.

Mr. Harry Day

St. Dunstaners will hear with deep regret that Mr. Harry Day died on Oct. 29th.

Because of ill-health, Mr. Day resigned from St. Dunstan's in February, 1944, after nearly twenty-five years' service, and there will be many who will remember with affection his help and guidance over many years as our Settlement Representative.

Mr. P. R. Lale represented St. Dunstan's at the funeral, which was also attended by Mr. W. H. Ottaway, Mr. E. Taylor, St. Dunstaners C. Griffin, of Enfield, and M. Kingsnorth, of Southgate, Mrs. Griffin and Mrs. Kingsnorth.

Mr. H. Seely Whitby

With the death of Mr. H. Seely Whitby, of Nottingham, St. Dunstan's has lost another good friend. For twenty-five years he has acted as honorary organiser for St. Dunstan's Appeals Department, until his ill-health forced him to retire a few weeks ago. He was always a popular visitor to our Nottingham Reunions and delighted in meeting St. Dunstaners at all times. Another of his interests was Pearson's Fresh Air Fund, with which he had been associated for just on fifty years.

St. Dunstan's was represented at the funeral by Mr. F. V. Parker, Appeals Representative.

A Correction

J. Levett, of Worthing, whose death was reported last month, was wounded at the battle of Cambrai, not Arras, as given in our records, and he was in the 5th Dorsetshire Regiment, not the 5th Derbyshires. We are grateful to Mrs. Levett for pointing this out.

Wanted

JUVENILE CYCLE for a boy aged nine. Good second-hand machine preferred.—Offers to W. J. Dimond, 25 The Close, East Grinstead.