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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

SO the clamour and argument about Remembrance Day ceases. The November Armistice-tide period has been chosen, as many of us urged. *The Times* leading article on this subject seems to me to deserve wide reading. Here is it:

A Day of Remembrance

"The discussion about the time and manner of commemorating the nation's dead of the second world war has been ended by a decision that will command general approval. As the Prime Minister announced in Parliament yesterday, the date 1939-1945 will be added to those of 1914-1918 in the austere dedication of the Cenotaph in Whitehall to 'The Glorious Dead.' The King will perform a simple act of unveiling on November 10th, as his father before him did in 1919; and that day will be honoured throughout the country as 'Remembrance Sunday.' In future years a similar day will be observed, with the accustomed salute of the two minutes' silence, on the Sunday before the old Armistice Day, unless that day itself falls on a Saturday or Sunday.

"It is altogether right that the dead of both wars should thus be honoured together. They fell defending the same cause and trusting in the same hope; and many who gave their lives in these latter years were the children, or the companions in arms, of those who went before. If the same monument is to represent them all to after ages, and the same date to recall their memory, there is good cause not to depart far from the day that already bears such poignant associations. Indeed it seems to answer to an abiding need in human nature. Some of the world's greatest poets—Homer, Virgil, Dante, Milton—have seen in the falling autumnal leaves the image of the fleeting generations of men; and from before the dawn of history our ancestors seem to have dedicated the month of November to thoughts of the beloved dead. In the proud festival of All Saints, as well as the more sombre commemoration of All Souls, the Christian Church has made this immemorial cult its own, giving it richer, nobler, and in a deep sense happier significance. So in the quiet of the falling year we shall remember the valour and the sacrifice, and continue to give thanks."

Honours

The King has honoured two ex-Servicemen, one of them our own St. Dunstaner, Donald McPhee, who receives the O.B.E.

Donald McPhee served in the 2nd New Zealand Rifle Brigade and was blinded at Messines, and he came to St. Dunstan's in 1917, where he learned to be a masseur. Returning

to his own country, he established a successful practice in Auckland which, I learn, is still going strong. His son, Malcolm, a lieutenant in the Fleet Air Arm, visited this country many times during his war service and brought me good news of his family. When Sir Clutha Mackenzie left New Zealand to go to America and India on missions for St. Dunstan's, Donald McPhee took his place as our representative on the spot, and he was largely responsible for the setting up in New Zealand of "Little St. Dunstan's," an organisation which, as its name implies, is a miniature of our own, to undertake the same work for New Zealand blinded men. "Little St. Dunstan's" is associated with the parent organisation in the happiest relationship and we congratulate McPhee himself and all connected with him upon the honour which, though it goes to him, is shared by all.

The other honour is a Knighthood for Brigadier General E. R. Fitzpatrick, C.B.E., D.S.O., D.L., who becomes Sir Richard Fitzpatrick. He has been Chairman of the British Legion and I have been his Vice-Chairman for the past three years. We have worked together and I have had full opportunity of appreciating the high quality of his leadership, comradeship and devotion to his self-imposed duty of spending the whole of his life in working for the welfare of ex-Service men and women.

St. Dunstan's offers him congratulations upon his Knighthood, which enriches us all.

Since I wrote these Notes, two more Honours which will be of interest to St. Dunstaners have been notified. This time they go to Canadians. Our own St. Dunstaner, Major Ted Dunlop, receives an O.B.E. Dunlop came to Church Stretton after he was blinded and received severe wounds to his right hand when serving with the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada. He was with us for some months recovering from his wounds and studying the usual subjects and reading Economics. He married Miss Dorothy Tupper, one of the Canadian V.A.D.s working at St. Dunstan's. On his return to Canada, Dunlop was appointed to the Casualty Rehabilitation Division of the Department of Veterans' Affairs in Ottawa as an administrative officer, and it is in this connection that he has gained his award of an O.B.E.

The other appointment is that of Mr. Lou M. Wood to the Order of C.B.E. Lou Wood, as all his friends call him, was a pioneer for St. Dunstan's in Canada. A leading business and financial man in Toronto, he was the first to give Edwin Baker and A. G. Viets and others the backing they wanted when they started a St. Dunstan's unit on their return to Canada after the first war. This unit developed into the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, of which Lou Wood was the first and only President.

We offer the sincere congratulations of St. Dunstaners of both wars to both our Canadian friends.

The British Legion Elections

At the British Legion Annual Elections at Whitsuntide, having served the usual term of three years as Vice-Chairman, I did not offer myself for re-election and did not accept any invitation to go forward to the Chair itself. My reason was that the Chairmanship of the Legion, in addition to everything else, is a big administrative job and I want to keep myself free so long as my services are needed for my work at St. Dunstan's and in the House of Commons.

I am grateful to many St. Dunstaners and other ex-Servicemen who gave me their support during my period of office and, as I said at the Conference, whether I am in high office in the Legion or am an ordinary member, matters little to me. I will still give ex-Servicemen and women whatever services I can from my place in the House of Commons or elsewhere.

IAN FRASER.

Silver Weddings

Congratulations to the following upon their silver wedding anniversaries:—

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lambourne, Bletchley, May 16th; Mr. and Mrs. E. Watts, Birkenhead, May 30th; Mr. and Mrs. T. McCann, Kirby Cross, June 18th; Mr. and Mrs. H.

Northgreaves, Hampton, June 18th; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Smith, Bolsover, July 2nd; Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Perrett, Devizes, July 16th.

Promotion

The son of G. M. Jordan, of Rhymney, now serving in Palestine, to Captain.

An Albert Medallist

St. Dunstan's is proud to welcome to its ranks W. Wrigley, of Manchester, who was awarded the Albert Medal for his gallantry in the incident which resulted in the partial loss of his sight and the loss of both hands. A sergeant in the Royal Scots Regiment, he was engaged on manoeuvres when a mine failed to explode at a given time. The men were already in action and Wrigley, fearing that it might explode as they scaled the barrier, tried to throw it clear but it exploded in his hands.

Wrigley has not so far come to St. Dunstan's for training. He has a certain degree of useful sight and is employed at the Ministry of Labour as a messenger. It was only when Mrs. Dunphy visited him recently and noticed his ribbon that we knew of his award, and then it was with great reluctance that he told us of the facts.

A York Event

On Whit Monday a six miles Victory Walk, organised by the York Clarence Working Men's Club, was held in York, the first prize being the Morgan Cup. This trophy is named after Arthur Morgan, the new war St. Dunstaner. As a member of the organising Club, Morgan, who is 32 years of age, is totally blind, took part in the walk. He finished in the fine time of 61 minutes 23 seconds.

In the evening a very large crowd gathered in the Club for a concert and the prize distribution. Amongst those present were Miss P. E. Pease, St. Dunstan's Social Visitor, and Messrs. Morgan, Scaife and Durkin, all St. Dunstaners. The Chairman of the Club called on Arthur Morgan to present the prizes. With a few well-chosen remarks, the blinded sportsman handed over the cup and the many other prizes to the winners. His own prize for having finished the course he gave to St. Dunstan's.

A Law Success

Congratulations to A. H. Simcocks, of Ballasalla, Isle of Man (new war), who has passed his intermediate examination for admission to the Manx Bar.

Young St. Dunstaners

Ethel Dennison (York), late of the W.A.A.F., has been Mentioned in Dispatches for services with Bomber Command.

Christina McLoughlin has won a Silver Cup for singing in the Ladies' Solo Competition at a recent Dublin Festival.

Mary Loveridge has won a scholarship to the North London Collegiate School.

Reunions

Now that Reunions have been resumed all over the country for the first time since 1939, men who have lost their sight in the war which has just ended are finding comradeship and encouragement in the company of men who were blinded in the years 1914-1918. A Reunion of St. Dunstan's men of Bedford and district was held at the Dujohn on June 16th. Over thirty men, with their wives and friends, had luncheon, which was followed by an afternoon of music and entertainment.

J. C. Carney, of Dunstable, who, before 1939, worked in Bedford, was one who came to the Reunion to discover again the spirit of mutual help and inspiration which he had already known at St. Dunstan's Training Centre.

Commander A. D. D. Smyth, Welfare Superintendent, presided at the luncheon, and the Deputy Mayor (Cllr. A. L. Nicholls) welcomed the visitors to Bedford. Miss Hensley, Area Visitor, was also present.

E.W.H.

Men from the Birmingham and Wolverhampton district met at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens on June 17th, where they were welcomed by the Lord Mayor of Birmingham, Alderman A. S. Giles. Mrs. Edwards, who lost her sight and both hands in the course of her work at a munitions factory, was among the new war St. Dunstaners present. Miss M. Hamar Greenwood, a member of St. Dunstan's Executive Council, Mr. W. S. Brazener, Chairman, Birmingham Branch, British Legion, Mr. E. C. Thomas, Hon. Secretary, Alexandra Musical Society, and Mr. J. Murphy, of the Farcroft Hotel, both of whom have organised parties during the war for St. Dunstaners, Miss Gough, Mrs. Argyle, and Miss Lewis, Area Visitors, were also present.

The Oxford meeting took place at the Angel Cafe on June 20th, Commander Smyth again presiding. Among the other guests was Major D. Montgomerie, Chairman, and Col. E. Holt, Secretary, of the Oxfordshire County Branch of the British Legion, Miss M. E. Stevens, Area Visitor, Miss Lloyd, and Mrs. Giorgi.

A welcome to Leicester was given by Capt. A. V. Boddy, County Chairman of the British Legion, to some sixty St. Dunstaners at the historic de Montfort Hall, Leicester, on June 25th. This was

one of our biggest meetings, but, like all the others, it was just a grand, informal party, with everyone getting down to the job of making up for seven lost years. Mrs. Boddy came with her husband and Mrs. Argyle and Mrs. Giorgi were also present.

The Norwich meeting was on July 1st, at Stuart Hall, and here Col. Eric Ball, Senior Member of St. Dunstan's Executive Council, presided. He received a great ovation, which was renewed when he introduced the Lord Mayor of Norwich (Alderman S. A. Bailey), who welcomed the St. Dunstaners to the City. British Legion friends present on this occasion included Capt. J. J. Chapman, Chairman, Eastern Area, and Capt. A. A. Rice, Chairmen, Norwich Branch.

Rounding off a crowded month of meetings, Hampshire St. Dunstaners held their Reunion at Kimbell's Restaurant, on July 3rd, where they were greeted by the Lord Mayor of Portsmouth (Alderman A. E. Allaway, J.P.). Mr. H. B. Perry, Chairman of the Portsmouth Branch of the British Legion, was another guest.

A St. Dunstan's Baker

Herbert Scaife, of York, a trained baker before the war, who was blinded in Italy in 1944, has started work again with his old firm.

St. Dunstaners have, in a number of cases, been able to return to the work they were doing before they were blinded, but to the best of our knowledge this is the first St. Dunstaner to return to his job as a baker. His work includes cutting, filling and folding sausage rolls, and packing trays.

To my St. Dunstan's Friends

By the time this REVIEW reaches you I shall have returned to my own country, where I am to be a telephone operator in a military hospital.

Before I go, I wish to say to all my St. Dunstan's friends how much I have appreciated their friendship. I owe much to St. Dunstan's and I am very proud to belong to it. In my own country, I shall proudly wear its badge and I will do my best to keep its name high.

To all at St. Dunstan's I say good luck always and au revoir.

REINDER WAAS.

(Sergeant), Netherlands Army.

From the Chairman's Postbag

The Chairman receives letters from St. Dunstaners and other ex-Service men upon a hundred and one different matters, covering almost every human activity, and generally related to the difficulties of the times. We think that brief extracts of letters from the Chairman's Postbag, without mentioning any names, may be of interest. The Chairman's Office has not time to verify every idea or suggestion that occurs in these letters, and we cannot hold ourselves responsible if advice that is taken as a result of reading an extract proves to be wrong. Nevertheless, Sir Ian takes an enormous amount of trouble to try and help everybody who writes to him, and it may be that some of the matters touched upon here may be of interest or value.

A Job for my Son.—A St. Dunstaner wrote to say that his son had just been demobilised and would like a job in UNRRA. Sir Ian replied saying that he did not personally know anything about recruiting for UNRRA, but advised that the son should go and see the Manager of his local Labour Exchange and talk over with him the kind of job that he wants.

Grants for Military Medallists.—A St. Dunstaner (Military Medallist) of the 1914-1918 war wrote to Sir Ian asking if it was true that Military Medallists were to receive a sum of money.

Sir Ian replied that it was a fact that an award of 6d. a day added to the pension, or a lump sum of £20, is payable to every Military Medallist of the 1939-45 war, but not before that date and that he would raise the subject in the House should an opportunity occur.

National Egg Laying Trials

9th period, May 20th, 1946, to June 16th,

Position	Name	Test Score
1	J. Campbell	835
2	G. C. Jackson	811
3	A. Jarvis... ..	773
4	D. McLaren	771
5	A. H. Capper	752
6	T. M. Fisher	695
7	G. Powell	681
8	W. A. Smith	662
9	T. Gregory	562
10	M. W. Brown	542
11	A. Chaffin	522
12	C. McIntosh	502

Average per bird, 132.08

Notes and News

A photograph of St. Dunstan's, Ovingdean, taken at the official reopening, has been circulated to all British Embassies and Legations throughout the world. One hundred and fifty copies have been ordered and distributed through an official Government source. ★ ★ ★

R. J. Vine, of West Ealing, has won second prize in the International Literary Competition, organised by the "Jewish Braille Review," of New York.

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At the Centenary Celebrations of Brighton College, Mr. Eric Neve, K.C., revealed that the College was once housed in "Portland House" (now St. Dunstan's, West House) until 1848.

Brighton Notes

Greetings again from West House, where the holiday season is now in full swing! If we could but instal our own sunshine on the lawn then all would be perfect.

We were filled to bursting point at Whitsun. On Whit Monday evening we had our usual Holiday Dance, with various spot prizes and competitions. The prizes were presented by Sister Conroy, as the evening was her last at West House before leaving us to join the Y.M.C.A. in Germany. Our best wishes go with her.

Concerts at West House have by no means diminished. At the beginning of June, Mr. Austin Laidlaw gave us another enjoyable evening of recorded music. Our good friends of the Musical Club provided us with two delightful concerts this month. The Musical Fraternity came along on June 18th, and on the 25th the Sussex Women's Musical Club entertained us for the first time.

The Staff are still dabbling in Amateur Dramatics, and inflicted another evening of One Act Plays on the household on Whit Sunday. Those taking part were Sisters Carter, Watkins, Arnold, Temple, Furst, Ashfords (1 and 2), and Orderlies Mitchell and Webster. Later in the month Matron Ouseley gave an amusing performance in "The Dear Departed," in which she was ably assisted by Sister Temple, and Orderlies Ball, Webster and Hall. The next experiment, so we are told, is to be a three act play! This, provided their vocal chords will stand the strain, and the men manage to sit through it, should be good fun.

During the month we have received many

invitations to events outside St. Dunstan's. On the 30th the Grocers' Association gave another excellent Concert in the Braille Room at Ovingdean, to which we of West House were invited.

We regret to report that at the return match of the Spelling Bee (1914-1918 war men v. 1939-1945 war men), which was this time held at Ovingdean, West House was unable to hold its own. The younger generation came out on top. It seems, if we are to compete with the new lads, then "Spelling Classes" should be inaugurated at West House.

The Whist Drives and Darts Matches are still a weekly feature, and every Friday evening the Lounge continues to be packed with dancers. We extend a hearty welcome to any Ovingdean boys who would care to join us on these occasions—come along, we can pack you all in!

And so, goodbye from West House until next month.

The Braille Gift Fund

Some time ago, it will be recalled, a generous friend of St. Dunstan's made a gift of £500 to encourage braille reading among St. Dunstaners of both wars.

One of the first arrangements was the institution of money prizes for St. Dunstaners passing an Advanced Braille Reading Test.

Since the gift was made, forty-eight St. Dunstaners have qualified for the special gift of £3 at St. Dunstan's Training Centre, while no fewer than seventy-one last war men have entered and passed the Test in London and other centres. In addition, fourteen ex-prisoners of war also qualified for the special gift by reason of their prowess in braille, and there have been ninety-eight successes in the preliminary competition.

It had been hoped, in due course, to hold a Braille Championship Competition to find the best braille reader, but this has presented a number of difficulties, not the least of which has been the recent removal of the Training Centre from Church Stretton to Ovingdean.

The Championship has, therefore, been postponed until the Braille Dept. at Ovingdean has had sufficient time to settle down.

The Advanced Braille Reading Test consists of reading two pages of interpoint braille in twenty minutes with understanding and a reasonable degree of accuracy.

Any St. Dunstaner wishing to take the Test should get in touch with the Editor.

Ovingdean Notes

Now that we are installed at Ovingdean, the distinct advantages of being near a large town are showing themselves. Brighton people's generosity enables St. Dunstaners to have free seats at most cinemas in the town, free seats every week at the Grand Theatre, and the Palace Pier Theatre, free entry with escorts to the Follies' Concert Party and to the Princes and Regent Dance Halls any evening. For those who like a tang of salt with their entertainment, Captain Knight, of the "Martha Gunn" motor launch, has invited the boys, with their escorts, to take free trips on any week-day; the Shoreham Rowing Club have made all St. Dunstan's trainees honorary members of the Club, and members will take trainees rowing in the evenings or at week-ends. The Rottingdean Bathing Pool has been made available to us on Saturday mornings. Those interested in other sports are also catered for. The County Cricket Club send invitations for a number of trainees to attend all matches played at Hove, and trainees are admitted free to the Greyhound Track.

There is, of course, the weekly dance here every Monday evening, with our own newly re-formed band playing one week and Miss Bowers' Band from Boots Café playing the other.

Up to date there have been five outside dances given. Many more are already booked for future dates.

There have also been two concerts at Ovingdean, one by the Brighton and Hove Operatic Society and one by the Grocers' Association, who entertained the boys very hospitably in the interval with refreshments and cigarettes.

An increasing number of trainees have asked for facilities to attend lectures on various subjects, and through the kind offices of the Workers' Educational Association, parties have attended and thoroughly enjoyed the two Oxford University Extension Courses at the Community Centre, Friends' House, Brighton, one on Musical Appreciation and one on International Relations.

Mr. T. J. Roberts is Organising Tutor of the W.E.A., and has offered to arrange courses in the building next term. We hope that he will take one himself, as his lecture and discussion at Ovingdean on "Unemployment," was obviously the sort

of thing we have been waiting for. There was also a most stimulating discussion on the problems of Black and White in Africa, led by Mr. T. J. Hining.

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Congratulations to the following, who have passed tests at Ovingdean, Church Stretton and Avenue Road:—

Typing.—W. Carr, N. Daniel, J. Mash, H. Foster, T. McKay, R. Owen, C. Stafford, R. Turner, R. Birkin, J. Martin.

Braille Reading (Interline).—J. Newton, S. Stinson, N. Daniel, H. Foster, L. White, L. Constable, G. Durant, E. Gould.

Advanced Braille Reading (Interpoint).—R. Wilson, C. Stafford, J. A. Bocking (West House).

Braille Writing.—K. Storath, G. Poole, T. Lydon, H. Pierrepont, R. Bridges, K. Johnston-Stewart, P. Owens.

Moon.—H. Potts.

War Medals

On June 18th, Sir Ian Fraser asked the Prime Minister in the House of Commons if he would recommend that the War Medal 1939-1945 should be extended to the Home Guard. Mr. Attlee replied that it was not proposed to recommend the extension of the War Medal to part-time military service. It would cause great difficulties in relation to Civil Defence organisations; service in both these bodies was recognised by the award of the Defence Medal.

Sir Ian asked the Prime Minister if he would recommend that a campaign medal, or special emblem, should be granted to officers and men of the three Services who were engaged upon bomb disposal work in this country.

Mr. Attlee said that such service is recognised by the grant of the Defence Medal and the War Medal, and the time qualification of three years had been specially reduced to three months. The grant of such an emblem would at once give rise to demands from other quarters. It was not proposed, therefore, to recommend the institution of a further emblem.

Young St. Dunstaners

Marriages

Edna Illingworth (Rochdale), on December 15th, to 1st Class Stoker Eric Luker.

Edith Humble (East Howdon-on-Tyne), on November 3rd, to Mr. William Hamblin.

Leslie Scott (King's Langley), on December 1st, to Miss Winifred Harris.

Frances Massey (Reading), on November 10th, to Kenneth Ernest Pope.

Church Stretton Notes

The next issue of Church Stretton Notes will be "positively our last appearance," and there are already signs of our imminent departure. We have had a good variety of entertainments this month, and on Sunday, June 2nd, we were very pleased to meet some new friends, the Royal Netherlands Brigade Choir and Concert Party, from the Dutch Army camp near Albrighton. They sang in Dutch and English, and they also brought with them an excellent Impressionist and a small Hawaiian band. We hear that they may be stationed near Brighton for a short time, and so we very much hope to see them again. The 6th Battalion R.E.M.E. provided a splendid band for the dance in the Central Hall on June 3rd. A dance was given in Morris's ballroom on June 4th by the Wolverhampton and Shrewsbury Toc H. This was our last visit and, as usual, we had a very enjoyable evening. We should like to take this opportunity of thanking our hosts for all their hospitality. On June 14th we had a lunch-time show from Delya, Arthur Tatler, and Don Alvin. Our friends from Bridgnorth again brought their Electric Organ for the dance on the 17th. The Croft Hermits gave a grand performance of "Billeted." We were afraid that this might have been their last visit, but we are very glad to hear that they will be coming again before the end of term. On Sunday, June 30th, artistes from Birmingham B.B.C. entertained us with a variety show.

The United Motion Pictures representatives are busy fixing up their apparatus in the Maltings. They are making a film of the various spheres of Industrial Training, which will later form part of an appeal.

Au revoir and good luck to those who have left us since our last notes were published. Paddy Sutton left on June 11th to work on the router with the Greengate Wood Turning Co., Dukinfield, Cheshire; Charlie White left on June 19th to start work on assembly with Messrs. Singer's, of Glasgow, on July 8th; Albert Stroud started work on June 24th as a capstan operator with the Radio Transmission Co., 45 Nightingale Lane, Clapham; George Weldrick left us on June 29th to operate a small bench lathe with Messrs. Dean and Son, Grovehill, Beverley; Tom Harrison starts on the router with the Sheffield Wood

Turning Co., on July 8th; Douggie Cashmore left on June 28th to start on July 8th as a Telephone Operator with Messrs. I.C.I. (Metals) Ltd., Selly Oak, Birmingham.

The new massage class started here on July 3rd. Six men at the Massage School in London have passed their Electricity Exams. (first four with credit). They are Bill Morris, Jock Inness, Bob Lloyd, Bob Evans, Mickey Burns, and Alan Vickers.

The Elusive Eye

*From Sunny South I came to see
If they could find an eye for me
In England, rationed blitzed and cold,
But people warm, with hearts of gold.*

*A charming people I met there,
And many a lady sweet and fair,
While waiting for the time to be
That they could find that eye for me.*

*The deed was done, the die was cast,
Sir Tudor found an eye at last.
To Rookwood then I had to go
To be prepared there for the show.*

*Then came the final weary wait,
My Matron helped to ease my fate.
We have a battle o'er "blues,"
But fight it clean—without abuse.*

*And Sister in a watchful mood,
Keeps eye on temp, and pulse and food
While Nursesey, oh, so sweet is she,
Just dips her finger in my tea.*

*"The hour has struck, the time is here,"
So Sister told me with good cheer,
And Nursesey watched with bated breath
For my return, as from the death.*

*Alas, it proved a false alarm,
The eye he found had come to harm.
That eye for me with which to see
Seems as elusive as a bee.*

*At Rookwood there is little rest.
The weary patients try their best
To snatch an hour or so of sleep
Ere Sister wakes them from the deep.*

*Scarce has the dawn begun to shade,
But Sister does her squad parade.
With water, soap and all the gear
To wash the dirty patients here.*

*I try to sleep, there is no hope
For Nursesey now has lost the soap.
I try again, it is in vain,
So turn me round and have a smoke.*

POP MARAIS.

Miss Morrah Returns Home

Miss Nesta Morrah, for twenty-three years one of St. Dunstan's most loyal and faithful helpers, sailed for her home in New Zealand on July 10th, on the *Rimutaka*.

It was in 1923 that Miss Morrah came to this country for a holiday which was to last, as she thought, for about eighteen months. Instead she stayed with us, and it is our privilege to think that St. Dunstan's was one of her chief reasons for doing so, for she was never happier than when she was working for St. Dunstan's. At sports meetings, dances, whist and bridge drives, and reunions she has been an ever-popular visitor, always giving her help freely and unobtrusively. When the war broke out she still came to Regent's Park each day, although there were few St. Dunstaners passing through then. We had other visitors instead, but even daily and nightly air-raids did not deter her, and to the tiny staff still in Regent's Park she was a very present help in trouble.

Until the time of her departure, in spite of a period of very indifferent health, she regularly visited the Star and Garter Home and two St. Dunstaners in particular, C. Gibson and J. H. Parker, will greatly miss her visits to them there.

Everyone who knows Miss Morrah will join with us in wishing her "bon voyage," and years of happiness in her homeland. She will often be in our thoughts, as we know we shall be in hers.

As a mark of their deep appreciation of her splendid years of service, the Executive Council of St. Dunstan's have presented to Miss Morrah a handsome travelling clock, while from the Headquarters Staff she has received a leather writing case.

Mrs. McGill

It is with deep regret that we learn that Mrs. McGill, who was to have sailed with her husband, J. W. McGill, of Hertford, for New Zealand, in the *Rimutaka*, with Miss Morrah, died suddenly at 8 Park Crescent, an hour before the boat train left for Tilbury.

The fact that they were to travel home on the same ship had been a very pleasant surprise to Miss Morrah and to Mr. and Mrs. McGill. Miss Morrah had expected to meet them on the train and she left London still unaware of the tragic happening.

Our deep sympathy goes out to our St. Dunstaner in his great loss.

Births

QUINN.—To the wife of E. Quinn, of Plumstead (new war), on June 2nd, a daughter—Patricia Margaret.

ROBINSON.—On June 20th, to the wife of L. Robinson, of Dunscroft, near Manchester (new war), a son—Michael Leslie.

Marriages

BLACK—STOKES.—On May 8th, Sadie Black (new war) to Mr. T. J. Stokes.

FRANKLIN—WILSON.—On June 8th, A. H. Franklin, of Edmonton (new war), to Miss Ruby Wilson, Music Teacher at St. Dunstan's, Church Stretton.

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Miss Pauline Hallam, V.A.D., was married on June 21st to Mr. William Herbert Daviss, of Jersey, C.I. Miss Walker, Matron, No. 12 Park Crescent was chief bridesmaid.

Mr. W. B. Sorrell

It is with regret that we have to record the death of Mr. Sorrell, our late Basket Technical Visitor for the Southern Area. He passed away on June 16th in hospital, following a short illness.

Basket-makers in the area he visited will receive this news with a feeling of deep regret and sadness that a good friend and conscientious instructor has not been spared to enjoy the well earned retirement which he so justly deserved. Our sympathy goes out to his widow and son.

Placements

J. Carney, with the Empire Rubber Co., Dunstable, to work on a rubber moulding machine; Lot Clarke, with Messrs. Joseph Sankey & Sons, Ltd., Wellington, Shropshire, on assembly; Albert Mitchell, as a capstan operator with Messrs. Hoover, Ltd., Greenford; R. Coupland, with Messrs. Armstrong's Patents, Ltd., Beverley, on jig drilling; T. Tasker, as a capstan operator, with the English Steel Corporation, Openshaw; J. May, with Messrs. Hoover, Ltd., Glasgow, on assembly and other work; F. Bennett, with the Woodgrange Metal Stamping Co., Forest Gate, on a hand press; E. A. Ashby, on assembly and testing, with the B.T.H. Co., Coventry.

As in past years, there will be no REVIEW published for the month of August.