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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

Mavro

MR. E. E. MAVROGORDATO died early this month, and my wife and I and Mr. Askew attended his funeral to pay the respects of St. Dunstan's to one who had worked for us with unstinting kindness and devotion for many years.

Mr. Mavrogordato was a well-known writer of reviews for *The Times* Literary Supplement, and in addition he was for many years Lawn Tennis Correspondent to *The Times* itself. In an Obituary Notice on November 8th, 1946, *The Times* said:

"His descriptions of some of the greater matches on the Centre Court were the work of vivid conception. He occupied also a distinctive place in the world of winter sports, particularly ice-skating, subjects on which he contributed many articles of great charm to *The Times*.

"He only gave up his reporting of lawn tennis when his eyesight began to fail so that he could no longer accurately follow the game, and an interest which had been close to his heart for many years received added impetus. For over 30 years he had been a voluntary worker at St. Dunstan's, having joined the staff in 1916 as a guide and reader. In 1924 he became a member of the executive council and contributed much from his personal knowledge of individual blinded men as well as from his rich store of wisdom and literary experience. 'But it was,' in the words of Sir Ian Fraser, 'as friend and confidant of the young blinded officers in whose hostel he worked that he made his greatest contribution, for he was a man with whom you could talk things over and who told you the truth—sometimes even the hard truth—and you felt better for it. There are rare men whose primary service to mankind is that you can tell your troubles to them and get comfort and a warm but restrained affection. Mavro was one of these.'"

Mr. Mavrogordato was most regular in his attendance at St. Dunstan's Council and Committees, and none gave us more valuable help. The Council of St. Dunstan's and those St. Dunstaners who knew him personally, lose an old and trusted friend, and the whole of St. Dunstan's is the richer for the life and work of a wise counsellor.

Helen Keller

Miss Helen Keller, with her constant friend, Miss Polly Thompson, is visiting England and Europe for a few weeks to see how our blind world is getting on. Miss Helen Keller is one of the best-known figures in the United States, having spent a long lifetime in the

service of the blind, and particularly the deaf-blind, as writer, publicist and lecturer. She has been totally blind and totally deaf since she was a child. The method of teaching her to appreciate things around her, and to speak a language she has never heard, with a remarkable vocabulary, is one of the educational wonders of our time.

Miss Keller is an old friend of ours, for my wife and I have had the pleasure of meeting her many times in England and the United States, and we were delighted to welcome her back to our country and give her a dinner party at the House of Commons, where she met representatives of ex-servicemen and of the blind world and of the various political parties. She also made a visit to Brighton, and, interviewed by a *Daily Telegraph* reporter afterwards, she said: "We have nothing like this in America." Miss Keller told me that she proposes to go back to the United States to tell them of the situation over on this side, and particularly of the difficulties which European blind organisations are experiencing, so that America may help to revive their much needed activities. We all wish her good luck in her mission.

What's in a Name?

There is nothing much in a name by itself. What matters is what the name stands for. Take the name of St. Dunstan's. It is a wonderful name, a magical name, a name that opens doors, a name that makes you feel good in the best sense of that word. Why does the name of St. Dunstan's stand for so much? Because it represents so much.

For over thirty years the name of St. Dunstan's has become increasingly well known in our Country, in our Empire and throughout the World. It stands for courage amongst the men and women who form the brotherhood of St. Dunstan's. It is synonymous with Victory over Blindness, it spells achievement, purpose and success.

There are many—the majority indeed—who have enjoyed material success, but there are spiritual values also. I know many who have not made much money, who have not been prominent, but who have nevertheless become extremely good fathers of their families, have brought up the most vigorous and attractive children, and have made a happy home. That indeed is success of the highest quality.

Sometimes it has been the help of St. Dunstan's that has been of prime importance. Sometimes it has been the example of another St. Dunstaner, sometimes merely the spirit of St. Dunstan's.

The name of St. Dunstan's is the heritage of all who have belonged to it or worked for it. Let us guard the name well and keep its sound sweet in the ears of men.

A Problem of the Peace

On another page in this issue, under the heading "From the Chairman's Post-bag," is a most interesting letter from a German blinded soldier. I have acknowledged this, but have not yet answered it.

I print the letter in full first of all to publicise the German blinded soldier's desire to enter into correspondence with a British blinded soldier. If any St. Dunstaner wishes to correspond with him I will gladly give him his address.

Secondly, I should be most interested to know what is the reaction of the ordinary St. Dunstaner to this appeal. I may say that with regard to the Talking Book it would not be practicable to supply him with a machine, because it would be no use to him without ready access to the records, which could not very well be sent to Germany for the use of one person.

Nevertheless, this practical difficulty does not answer the moral question which my correspondent raises. Some may think that we should do nothing to help the reconstruction of the blind world in enemy countries. Others may think that the world is one world, and that we must all make friends some day, and that to encourage understanding is to encourage ultimate peace. What do you think?

The Editor will be very interested to have a letter from you on this subject. Please make it as brief as possible.

IAN FRASER.

Thanks to Church Stretton

At a recent meeting of the Executive Council of St. Dunstan's, a resolution, proposed by Lady (Arthur) Pearson, D.B.E., President, and seconded by the Marquess of Normanby, M.B.E., was passed "that the thanks of St. Dunstan's Executive Council be extended to the Chairman and Members of the Urban District Council of Church Stretton and to the Council's Clerk and Officers and to the residents of Church Stretton for their kindness and hospitality to the blinded men and women of the Services, and the staff of St. Dunstan's, from August, 1940, to August, 1946, during which time St. Dunstan's Training Centre was established in Church Stretton."

Those who were at Church Stretton will be especially pleased to know that their happy days there have been commemorated by the presentation of a plaque to the Church Stretton Town Council, with the following words on it:—

"This is to place on record the thanks of St. Dunstan's, whose Men and Women, blinded in War Service, enjoyed the hospitality of Church Stretton during their Training here between the years 1940—1946."

Election Successes

Congratulations to T. Irvine, of Moffat, and H. White, of Stalybridge, who have been successful in the recent local Council elections. "Chalky" White won a seat for the Labour Party in the Lancashire Ward of the Borough of Stalybridge—the first time he had stood as a candidate—and our 1914-1918 St. Dunstaner, Tommy Irvine, topped the poll in his first candidature for Moffat Town Council.

St. Dunstaner Honoured by Chief Scout

H. T. Christal, of Castletown, Isle of Man, has been awarded the Medal of Merit by the Chief Scout for his services to the Scout Movement. He has now returned to his duties as a teacher at King William's College, Isle of Man.

Reader's Digest

A few more copies of the "Reader's Digest," in braille, have been offered to us, and the Editor will be glad to hear from any braille reader who would like his name to be put on the waiting list.

New Year's Dance

As announced by the Chairman last month, the first post-war Reunion for London will take the form of a Grand Dance.

This will take place on **Thursday, January 23rd**, at the Seymour Hall, Seymour Place (close to Marylebone Tube Station), from 7.30—11 p.m.

It must be understood that the Dance is primarily for those who can return to their own homes the same night, as it will not be possible to book any accommodation in London.

Tickets will admit a St. Dunstaner and one escort (it is much regretted that children under 16 cannot be included), and application for tickets should be made to Commander Smyth, at Headquarters, *as soon as possible* and in any case not later than December 31st.

Well done, Warrington

In a Braille Reading Competition, organised by the National Library for the Blind, Northern Branch, two St. Dunstaners, Elsie Aldred of Warrington, and J. W. Lawson, also of Warrington, won the first and second prizes respectively in Class III (readers who have lost their sight during the past seven years). Congratulations to them both.

Thirty Years Ago

From the "St. Dunstan's Review," November, 1916:

"At St. Mark's Hospital we hear that there are over forty-five men preparing to come along to St. Dunstan's. They are all of them from the 'Big Push' and from what we have seen of those who have come up on Thursday afternoons they are both promising and excellent fellows. The sooner they come the better we shall be pleased. A party of Australians, blinded in the war, paid a visit to the Workshops and the Poultry Section about the middle of the month and displayed keen intelligence in understanding the work that the boys were doing and the various ways in which it was being taught. They struck a morning when the boys were particularly jubilant and were indulging in songs, accompanied by loud rat-tats, which, while cheering, are also a little disturbing."

Ovingdean Notes

It is now "full house" at Ovingdean and its satellite houses, for there are 163 trainees in training, and the list of men waiting to come in is gradually being absorbed.

The Braille Hut, which had to be vacated early in October because its construction would not stand up to the gales so well known at Ovingdean, is being reconstructed and we hope to have this building ready again by the end of November. In the meanwhile, the lift ("no more than six persons at a time") is overworked carrying staff and trainees up to the Winter Gardens, our temporary Braille Room.

A new section has been added to the Handicraft Department—plastic ornaments, trinkets and fancy goods. This should be an absorbing additional hobby and promises to be extremely popular.

Ovingdean will soon have the advantage of a Dental Centre of its own. This is being set up in the building and the cost of the equipment is being met out of the generosity of the Aylesbury Fund for War Blinded.

Another gift we have received is from Mrs. McEuen and her Ajax Hospitality Committee, who have sent us enough towelling dressing gowns to be able to give two to each of our handless men and women.

During the month we have received many invitations to events outside St. Dunstan's. A particularly enjoyable evening was spent at the King Alfred, Hove, on the invitation of Messrs. Walter Gillett's, who welcomed the small party of St. Dunstaners to their Annual Staff Dinner and Dance like old friends. Each St. Dunstaner was presented with a cigarette case on leaving as a memento of a most happy occasion.

The Trades Union Annual Congress, held at Brighton this year, gave visitors' tickets to us and several trainees attended the Congress. They heard the Prime Minister's speech and particularly enjoyed the spirited discussion by delegates on Foreign Affairs.

The R.A.F. Association Festival at the Albert Hall, on September 22nd, was attended by five R.A.F. trainees, accompanied by the Commandant.

John Taylor took advantage of his trip to London for the El Alamein Reunion to arrange a visit to his M.P., who entertained him to tea in the Members' Cafeteria

and gave him and his escort a seat in the Press Gallery, from where he heard both Mr. Churchill and Mr. Attlee speak in the Foreign Affairs debate.

Charles Stafford, on a recent week-end home in London, went to Covent Garden Opera House and boldly asked for the Manager. Through his initiative 27 St. Dunstan's trainees went up to London on November 6th and heard the world-famous tenor, Beniamino Gigli, and the San Carlo Opera Company in "Cavalleria Rusticana" and "Pagliacci."

A new series of Oxford University Extension Lectures have begun on "The Modern Novel" and "Background to International Affairs."

Weekly evening talks by visiting speakers from the Southern Railway, the N.F.S., and the Colonial Office conclude the list of varied entertainment and leisure occupation which are now available here.

This autumn has also brought to us the honour of receiving several distinguished visitors, among whom were Miss Helen Keller, Air Chief Marshal Sir John and Lady Slessor, Sir Brunel Cohen (who is a member of St. Dunstan's Council), and Lord Normanby (also a member of St. Dunstan's Council).

Test Results

Preliminary.—J. Swann, D. Watkins, C. Walters, T. Cooper, R. Pope, R. Page, R. Bickley.

Typewriting.—R. French, G. O'Shea, E. Rowe, W. Griffiths, C. Austin, E. Eccles.

Advanced.—P. Stubbs, G. Durant.

Braille Writing.—S. Lidiard, S. Bogicevic.

Moon.—E. Tibbett.

Telephony Device

Devised by St. Dunstan's Industrial Training Officer, Mr. Cheeseman, a gadget has been produced and approved by the General Post Office which indicates easily when a line is cleared. The raising of a small stud indicates a call and its flush position indicates the free line. It has now been installed on St. Dunstan's training boards.

The Comforts Fund

From Matron Pain we hear that as a winding-up gift from the Comforts Fund, 357 postal orders of 10s. have been despatched to the sons of St. Dunstaners.

Miss Helen Keller at St. Dunstan's

On Monday, November 4th, Miss Helen Keller, the famous blind-deaf authoress, paid a visit to St. Dunstan's, Ovingdean. Accompanied by her companion, Miss Polly Thompson, she spent a full day with us, visiting each section and showing the greatest interest and pleasure in everything that was shown to her. She had tea at Belmont, the Girls' House, but let the girls give their own impressions of that afternoon.

First, Eileen Gould: "Great excitement was caused at Belmont on Monday, November 4th, when we were given the honour of entertaining Miss Helen Keller to tea. Envious eyes were cast in our direction when the news spread around Ovingdean, but the scene at the Girls' House was one of excited preparation for the arrival of our guest. What with reporters interviewing us in search of a "scoop" and frantic efforts to brush the dust from our party manners, we felt somewhat worried whilst waiting the arrival of our guest and her companion, Miss Polly Thompson.

"But over tea conversation flowed as if it was an everyday occurrence to have such a great celebrity with us. Miss Keller was so interested in all our activities here, and her companion told us some very interesting stories, both of their travel and life in America."

Maureen Lees takes up the story: Miss Thompson translated to Helen just who we three girl trainees were and she was particularly interested to learn of Zophia's part in the rising of Warsaw. Later, Zophia recited St. Joan's speech, Miss Thompson interpreting to Miss Keller word by word, action by action, each word and movement that Zophia made.

"It was indeed an honour to us trainees at Belmont to meet this grand woman, who had obtained practically every degree, and who still is giving the benefit of her experience to backward countries."

And Zophia Kniazak, our new Polish friend who hopes to continue her training as a dramatic actress, says: "Anything which I could say about Helen Keller would be but 'a drop in the ocean.' I can only bow my head in admiration to her."

Irish Reunions

With the Irish Reunions, our series of post-war meetings came to an end. At Cork the Lord Mayor, Mr. M. Sheehan, was the guest of honour who, welcoming the St. Dunstaners present, said he desired to express a little of the thanks he felt for all that St. Dunstan's had done for so many of his countrymen. On the following day, the Dublin meeting took place, where the chief guests were Major J. J. Tynan, D.S.O., and our old friend, Mrs. Strain. At Belfast we had Mr. R. W. Grant, M.P., Minister of Health, Northern Ireland; Major Sutherland, Area Secretary, British Legion; and Lady Turner. When the gathering learned that Mr. Panton was shortly retiring, a pleasant little ceremony took place. Those present made a collection and procured a pipe, which Lady Turner presented to Mr. Panton as a token of their goodwill. Tribute was paid to the work of Mr. N. S. Macauley, Area Representative, who was present, with Commander Smyth, at all the Reunions.

A Car Hire Service

A seven-seater Humber car, chauffeur driven, can be hired from the Vincent Car Service, 447 High Road, Willesden, N.W.10, which is under the personal supervision of our St. Dunstaner, Ronald Vincent. Prompt attention is available at all times. Telephone: Day, Willesden 2358 and 0875; night, GLAdstone 3904.

Miss Lloyd

Her many friends will be interested to know that Miss Lloyd, O.B.E., for many years in charge of the Braille Room, has been appointed Librarian at Preston Hall, Maidstone, the well-known sanatorium run by the British Legion. She writes that it is a most interesting job and she is extremely busy carrying out much reorganisation.

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Where are you going, young fellow?

Have you tried to figure it out?

What! waiting for an opportunity?

Well, look around. There's plenty about.

You're not alone in this boat, young fellow,

And numbers will likely swell.

So use what you have left, my boy,

And the future will all be well.

BILL DIES, of Canada, in "All Clear," the magazine of Baker Hall.

From the Chairman's Postbag

KWEILIN, KWANGSI, CHINA.
October 12th, 1946.

DEAR LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

You must have received my note, passed on to you by Miss Garvie, of the National Library for the Blind at Westminster. In that note I mentioned my wish to get from you information concerning how the blind can learn carpentry and poultry-keeping. For these arts are useful to the Chinese blind, and are also feasible in China. We Chinese blind are in constant suffering for the lack of a reliable means of livelihood. So when I come to know the two kinds of work practised by the blind in your organisation, I have felt that they are at least a temporary salvation for the blind of our country. Therefore, please give me as much information as possible about these two subjects. I beg your pardon for my request. But from what I have experienced, I know that the people of your country are always kind to others, and are always ready to give aid to those who are in distress, even if they are not of the same nationality. It is simply with this experience that I dare to write to you. Please give me an answer as soon as you can.

Cordially yours, YIH AN-SHEN.

THE AMERICAN ZONE OF GERMANY.

October 10th, 1946.

"You will be astonished to get a letter from a person you do not know. So I hope you will allow me to tell you how it came about that I made up my mind to write to you.

I am a German, 34 years old. In July, 1941, I was wounded in Russia, and I have been blind since. Before the war I had been employed in the export trade, and therefore always interested in languages. After I had realised that I should remain blind for my life, I had to decide what profession I wanted to take up. I decided to become an interpreter. After many difficulties and obstacles were overcome, I started studying English as my chief subject, in Spring, 1942, at Vienna University.

In Summer, 1944, I learnt from different sources that there existed a hospital in Germany for English and American prisoners of war. So I decided to request the German army for allowing me a stay at this hospital, in order to get into touch with English-speaking men of all races. My request was complied with, and I came to

the hospital of Bad Soden, together with my wife, in October, 1944, and could stay there till the end of the year 1944. For me this was the most interesting time I ever had, because I met very nice boys there from all over the world, and I was able to improve my spoken English quite a bit. It was in this hospital that I first came into touch with your book, 'Whereas I was Blind.' I read it with very great interest, as you can well imagine. Thus I learnt a lot about you and Britain's blind ex-servicemen. Already then I was sure that I should write to you some time after the war. With the war over, I could have written to you some months ago. But somehow I could not quite make up my mind to do so. For several times I heard your name being mentioned in the B.B.C.'s Pacific Service, to which I regularly tune in. Some days ago now, I heard your own voice in this Service. You spoke in 'Freedom Forum.' The question was discussed there: 'Is it possible that the Conservative Party will come back again?' You stood together with another Conservative against the Labour M.P., Mr. Silverman. I listened as carefully as possible to your voice. And after that I decided finally to write to you. 'Well,' I hear you say, 'what is this foreigner aiming at?' To this question I must answer frankly that I really have something in mind with this letter.

My first aim is to get into touch with you and through you with one or two other blind men in England who want to have letters exchanged with a German blind man. I think we Germans must try as hard as possible to get out of this terrible isolation in which we have been during more than a decade. I know that many men in foreign countries have great prejudices against us. But somehow or other we must try to convince them that not all of us are criminals. We want to live in peace with the whole world, and exchange ideas and goods with them."

My second aim is rather personal I am afraid. But I apply to you, as a fellow blind man, because I hope that as such you will understand my situation. As I have told you, I am studying the English language for the purpose of once becoming an interpreter. As far as I know, I was the first blind man in Germany to take up this study. So I have got to show that a blind man is able to do the job. And I

West House Notes

We were all delighted to see Matron Ouseley on her return from a month's well-earned holiday. During her absence Matron Lang came to look after us, and we all wish her good luck in her new post as Matron at No. 8 Regent's Park.

On October 6th a Harvest Thanksgiving Service was held in our Chapel. The Reverend H. Kingston officiated.

Tickets were given to us by the Bakers' Association on October 8th, when a party of thirty went to their dance at the Pavilion. The following night the same number enjoyed a dance at the Regent, at the invitation of the R.A.O.B.

For days we noticed Sister Melbourne walking around with a worried expression on her face and a pencil and paper in her hand. The result was a "Quiz," in which the Good Companions, represented by Miss Blencowe, Miss Cockshott, Miss Jacon and Mrs. Austin, beat our men, represented by Messrs. Muggeridge, Warren, Mann and Chelton. Sister Melbourne's face brightened as she read her questions—how easy when you know the answers!

Lt. Bayley and his party gave a splendid reading of "Night Must Fall," and the following Tuesday the Mavis Ward Players cheered us with an excellent concert.

On another evening, Mr. A. Ramsden came and read us some short stories, which he himself had written and broadcast, telling us of his experiences while big-game hunting. Matron Ouseley read his "Black Mamba" and gave us all the creeps! Then followed a recital of well-known gramophone records, given by Mr. Laidlaw and Mr. Richardson.

West House was very proud to learn that we have at last beaten the Hove Bridge Club, in a match played at Hove on October 26th. St. Dunstan's was represented by R. Coles, P. Nuyens, H. Gover and F. Winter.

The R.A.F. Association have guaranteed us a darts match every Thursday evening, and a darts and domino match has been arranged between Ovingdean and West House on October 31st.

June Temple would like to thank those friends who contributed to her leaving present. She has asked us to tell them she bought a very nice fountain pen, on which she has had engraved: "To June, from her friends at St. Dunstan's," and the date. She sends greetings from Switzerland.

have the firm will to struggle through. At Bad Soden Hospital now, I listened very often to the "talking book," since I had to censor all the records coming from America and Great Britain. I have found out, during this time, that this device would be the best help for me and I decided to get one. But it is quite impossible to get it here. So I take the liberty of asking you if you would help me to one. I should be very much obliged to you if you would give me your advice in this matter.

I should like to ask a third question.

As a student of the English language I want to go to England for a time in order to widen my knowledge and deepen my understanding of English life and culture. To earn a living for my wife and me I should have to take up a job in England. Do you think that this would be possible? Would you encourage me to such a plan?

I should be very glad to receive a letter from you and I hope you will forgive me for having troubled you like that. But I thought that you, being blind yourself, would understand my difficulties and obstacles, and from your book and the way of talking I could gather that you would help me if you could. And above all, in spite of all the terrible experiences we had to go through during the last years, I still do believe in humanity. And it is this belief that in the end urged me to write to you.

With this I close my letter with the best wishes for you and all the blind ex-servicemen of Great Britain.

FRIEDRICH WALTER.

El Alamein

Thirteen St. Dunstaners who took part in that great battle were present at the El Alamein Reunion at the Albert Hall on October 23rd. They were: P. B. Baker, A. E. Baldwin, H. Briggs, W. Chitty, C. Cooke, I. Darling, E. R. Ettridge, E. Foster, C. Hobbs, B. Greatrex, C. Nicholson, G. Mortimer and J. Taylor. All were presented to Mr. Churchill and Lord Montgomery.

The *Daily Express* in particular gave our men a good show and two days later, in their leader column, reprinted a message which Bert Baldwin and Ron Ettridge gave to their reporter, as they left the hall:

"We have learned something from our wounds. We do not think we have lost anything if people have learned a lesson and decide that they will try to live together, work together and never engage again in killing each other."

“ In Memory ”

Chief Petty Officer Harry Strudwick, D.S.M., *Royal Navy*

It is with deep regret that we record the death of H. Strudwick, of Esher, who was blinded in 1943 and came to St. Dunstan's the following year. In addition to the loss of his sight, he had suffered also the loss of a leg.

Earlier in the war he had been awarded the D.S.M. for conspicuous gallantry while on Russian convoy duties on board H.M.S. *Bulldog*.

His health was not good; it prevented him taking up serious occupational work, but his cheerful courage never failed.

The cremation took place at Woking, seven brother petty officers bearing the coffin. He was a single man and our sympathy is extended to his father and brother.

Private James Hodkin, *King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry*

With deep regret we record the death of J. W. Hodkin, of Shaldon, at the age of 53.

He lost his sight at Ypres and joined St. Dunstan's in 1916, where he trained as a basket-maker, and he carried on with this trade in Shaldon, where he had lived for many years.

The funeral took place at the Church of Our Lady and St. Patrick, after Requiem Mass.

Our deep sympathy goes out to Mrs. Hodkin and her daughters.

A.B. William Nelson, *Mercantile Marine*

It is with deep regret that we record the death of one of our old St. Dunstaners, W. Nelson, of Newcastle-on-Tyne.

When war came in 1914 he was serving as a deckhand on H.M.S. *Victory*, having been in the Mercantile Marine for some years. His ship was blown up by a mine and his sight failed. He came to St. Dunstan's in 1920 and was trained as a boot repairer and mat-maker, but of recent years had done little outside work.

His health had deteriorated and he passed away at his home, after a period in hospital, on October 9th. Our deep sympathy is extended to his widow and her family.

Births

CAMPBELL.—On October 31st, to the wife of P. Campbell, of Reading, a son—Patrick James.

GLOVER.—On November 10th, to the wife of W. Glover, of Hall Green, Birmingham, a son—Robert William.

KEMP.—On October 11th, to the wife of S. Kemp, of Redruth, a daughter—Sarah Jane Elaine.

PARKER.—On October 26th, to the wife of C. Parker, of Grantham, a son—Gordon Douglas.

WOOD.—On October 15th, to the wife of W. C. Wood, of Atherton, near Manchester, a daughter—Jennifer Mary.

Death

NEWALL.—We extend our deep sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. H. Newall, of Manchester, whose baby daughter, Barbara Ann, died on October 13th. She lived only nineteen days.

Marriages

HUMPHRIES—MILES.—On October 19th, J. Humphries to Miss Marjorie Miles. A fellow student trainee, Reg. Theobald, was best man.

RUSSELL—HOLMES.—On November 2nd, Norman Russell, of Huddersfield, to Miss Vera Holmes, late of the A.T.S., whom he met at Church Stretton.

Silver Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Ollington, of Earlsfield, December 20th. Congratulations.

Remembrance Day, 1946

On Sunday, November 10th, Sir Ian and Lady Fraser, with four St. Dunstaners, P. Conlin, M. Hackett, F. Mandy and P. Owen, marched to the Cenotaph with the official contingents to lay a wreath on behalf of the men of St. Dunstan's throughout the Empire.

On the evening of November 11th, a number of St. Dunstaners, including trainees from Ovingdean, were present at the British Legion Festival of Remembrance at the Albert Hall.

Memorial Service to Sir Arthur Pearson

The Memorial Service to Sir Arthur Pearson will be held this year in the Chapel of the Ovingdean Home, at 2.30 p.m. on Sunday, December 8th.

On the morning of December 9th, the anniversary of Sir Arthur's death, a deputation of St. Dunstaners will proceed to Hampstead Cemetery from Headquarters to place a wreath upon Sir Arthur's grave. Subscriptions of not more than one shilling towards the wreath should be sent to Mr. Askew, at Headquarters.