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BRITISH LEGION AND ST. DUNSTAN'S

AT the Annual Conference of the British Legion held at the Isle of Man at Whitsuntide, Sir Ian Fraser was elected National President of the British Legion by a vote of 905 to 328 cast for the other candidate, Admiral of the Fleet, Lord Tovey. Sir Ian was Vice-Chairman of the Legion for the three years, 1943-46, and although it is the practice of the Vice-Chairman to go forward to the Chair, and Sir Ian was asked to do so, he refused on the ground that the Chairmanship was a post involving day to day administration for which he had not the time nor the inclination. The Presidency on the other hand is not a whole time post. He is at the same time a figurehead and responsible for contacts at the highest level and public representation of the Legion's point of view. St. Dunstaners will rejoice that their Chairman should be elected by so overwhelming a majority to such a post of responsibility and honour and we feel that other disabled ex-servicemen will join us also in testifying that the appointment brings prestige to the whole disabled community.

In a message to St. Dunstan's REVIEW, Sir Ian writes :

"It is a great honour to me to have been elected President of the British Legion. Sir Arthur Pearson founded St. Dunstan's in 1915 and its present constitution was formalised in 1923 when Earl Haig, who had recently founded the British Legion, and was then its President, was one of our first signatories. Ever since then, St. Dunstan's has worked in harmony with the British Legion. I have done all I could to promote good relations with the Legion. It was in 1928, that out of a conversation with Sir Brunel Cohen, then Honorary Treasurer of the Legion, an agreement to work together arose. In later years, co-operation has extended to many fields, including representations to government. From my place in the House of Commons, I have tried to help the Legion and the Legion have helped us to obtain many concessions from various governments of all parties. This working together was cemented by my taking office as Vice-Chairman. I hope it will be further confirmed now.

"I should like to thank all my St. Dunstan's friends who have written to me expressing their pleasure at my election. My first love was for St. Dunstan's and it still is and my Legion friends would wish it so. I will do my best to serve all ex-service men, especially the disabled, and in this task I shall, I know, have the help of all St. Dunstaners. I hope St. Dunstaners who do not already belong, will join their local branch of the Legion. They will find companionship, friendship and many advantages by so doing; they will also be able to contribute much to the Legion itself. Some have become members of committees, and officials; many more could do so and I hope they will. I consider it very important that all ex-service men and women should join the Legion so that we can speak with one voice.

"It may be that in the next few years our highest demands may have to be modified, because I think great difficulties are ahead of our country and it is certain that if all the just demands of all sections of the community were met without a great increase in production, we should gallop into ruinous inflation. Inflation threatens all, but especially those who live on a fixed income or a pension; we must, therefore, see to it that the legitimate claims of ex-service men and women are kept to the forefront in Parliament and the country.

"The British Legion and St. Dunstan's are closely connected; they have much in common. While retaining its separate identity and separate administration, St. Dunstan's will work in ever closer harmony with its big brother, the British Legion."

IAN FRASER.

His Majesty's Birthday

The following telegram was sent to H.M. the King on June 12th:

"On behalf of men and women blinded on war service, I send loyal greetings to Your Majesty on the occasion of your birthday.

IAN FRASER, ST. DUNSTAN'S."

Sir Ian has received a reply from His Majesty as follows:—

"I thank you sincerely for your kind message, which I have received with much pleasure.

GEORGE, R.I."

St. Dunstan Wins His Own Cup

Congratulations to Arthur Morgan, York's war-blinded ex-Commando, who was the first man home in the six-mile Victory Walk, organised by the York Clarence Club in aid of St. Dunstan's. He completed the course in grand style in 57 minutes 37 seconds, starting with a handicap of fifteen minutes, and he was escorted throughout the race by his brother-in-law on a cycle. As a result of his victory, he won a cash prize, an electric clock, and the Morgan Cup, which he himself offered for competition for this annual walk last year.

Miss Phyllis Pease, Miss Hester Pease, and C. Durkin, of York, were waiting to congratulate him at the finish.

This is our St. Dunstan's second win in road walks, in which he has been competing for seventeen years, his last victory being gained before the war. He is 34 and was blinded at the Anzio beach-head.

To Bridge and Chess Players

Will all men who would be interested in a Bridge Week or a Chess Week, to be held at West House, Brighton, write to Mr. A. Mackay, Welfare Superintendent, giving their views.

Correspondent Wanted

A Frenchman who lost his sight near Verdun, in April, 1915, would very much like to correspond in braille, grade number two, with a St. Dunstan. He has also asked for our REVIEW in braille, but unfortunately this is not possible and it occurs to us that it would be a very nice gesture if a St. Dunstan would care to forward his braille copy of the REVIEW to the Frenchman when he has finished with it. The Editor will be glad to give his address to any St. Dunstan who may be interested.

Braille to German Blind

On May 12th, Sir Ian Fraser asked the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs if he would make a statement as to the transmission of braille literature and braille letters for the blind between Britain and Germany.

Mr. McNeil replied: "Quadrupartite agreement has now been secured so that from May 15th, braille may be included in the international mail services to and from Germany. The maximum weight for braille correspondence will be 1lb., and for braille books and other literature, 11lbs."

St. Dunstaners who wish to correspond with German blinded soldiers will be interested to hear of this agreement.

To Braille Readers

As the name of the "European Review" has been altered to "Braille Review," will St. Dunstaners when writing about ST. DUNSTAN'S REVIEW in braille make a special point of saying "St. Dunstan's Review," to avoid confusion.

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Those St. Dunstaners who replied to the Editor's invitation some time ago to correspond with a young blinded Dutch ex-Serviceman, Peter Janssen, will hear with deep regret that he died last month.

Derby Sweepstake, 1947

The draw for the Derby Sweepstake was made at No. 12 Park Crescent on Tuesday, June 3rd, by St. Dunstaners Des Coupe, Jack Kirkby and John Harris. Matron Walker, Corporal Major Dawkins, Mrs. Giorgi, and a number of St. Dunstaners and members of the staff were present.

This year's total was not quite so high as last year. Although tickets numbering up to 2,569 were issued, the number actually sold numbered twenty less, in view of the fact that Nos. 1681 to 1690 and 2181 to 2190 were omitted by the printers from the numbered tickets. The total number sold, therefore, was 2,549, producing £318 12s. 6d. After deducting £10 12s. 6d. to cover the cost of printing and postage, a balance of £308 was left to be divided in accordance with the printed rules. The result was:

1. Pearl Diver	£154 0 0
A. Stevens, Winnersh (2121).	
2. Migoli	£61 12 0
T. Nash, Ovingdean (1940).	
3. Sayajirao	£30 16 0
T. North, Cannock (2160).	

Twelve horses "also ran," and the holders of these tickets received £5 2s. 8d. each. The lucky ones were:—

BHISHMA	R. E. Hill, Buxton ...	2396
BLUE CORAL	T. Batt, Bath ...	1314
CADIR	D. J. M. Stephens, Ferryside ...	306
CASTLE STREET	H. Pugh, Finchley ...	1088
FIREMASTER	T. J. Warren, Slough	368
GRAND WEATHER	F. J. Mears, Beeston	1494
MERRY QUIP	T. Rogers, Ovingdean	1898
PARISIEN	T. Gregory, Worting, Basingstoke	1481
RICHARD THE THIRD	J. H. Martin, Bloxwich ...	1649
SARAVAN	F. A. Rhodes, Harlesden ...	1012
TITE STREET TUDOR	C. A. Luker, S.W.18 P. Sainty, Woodford	656
MINSTREL	Bridge ...	1798
Those drawing horses which did not start were:—		
A. Hobson, Hastings, COMBAT		1354
C. Wilshaw, Worthing, MIGHTY MAHRATTA		1692
G. Hewett, Liverpool, BLUE TRAIN		189
T. Read, Ovingdean, drew THE FIELD		1891

Reunions

The month's Reunions began with a meeting at Bristol on May 13th, where Colonel P. G. J. Gueterbock, Chairman, Gloucestershire Territorial Association, took the chair, and Mr. S. Jacobs, Chairman of the Bristol Branch of the British Legion, was among the guests.

Men in the West Country held their Reunion at Plymouth on May 15th, where the guests included the Deputy Lord Mayor of Plymouth, Mr. W. H. J. Priest, Rear Admiral R. B. Hosking, Devon County Chairman of the British Legion, and Major R. W. Fennamore, Secretary of the Plymouth Branch of the Legion. Swansea's meeting on May 17th was presided over by Sir Ian Fraser, who was accompanied by Lady Fraser, and other guests included the Mayor of Swansea, Alderman Harry Davies, Mr. S. G. Johns, Chairman, and Mr. W. F. Francis, Secretary of the Swansea Branch of the British Legion. Lord Luke presided over the Bedford Reunion on May 29th, where the guests were welcomed by the Deputy Mayor, Alderman A. Braggins. The Mayor of Bournemouth, Councillor J. W. Moore, presided at Bournemouth on June 3rd, where Brigadier Eden, Vice-Chairman of the Hampshire County Committee of the British Legion, also spoke. The Portsmouth meeting was presided over by the Lord Mayor, Councillor R. J. Winnicott.

Thirty Years Ago

From the "St. Dunstan's Review," June, 1917:

On May 11th, the subject for debate was "Ought the blind to go about alone, and if so, how should they obtain help in case of need?"

Sir Arthur Pearson opened the discussion in a breezy speech in which the argument was that the blind should go about alone and take their knocks, and thus gain caution and experience. Mr. Cairns made a greatly appreciated point in declaring that half the assistance that the blind got could be dispensed with and that it was the fair sex that was a little to blame. Mr. McDougall argued that it takes a blind man too long to get about by himself and that time could be saved by having a guide, Mr. Hyde Thomson was in favour of training, pointing out that "the more waist, the less speed." Sir Arthur wound up the discussion by pointing out that "if you don't try you'll never succeed."

Ovingdean Notes

This month has indeed been a good one, and the excellent weather has been enjoyed by one and all. We have been pleased to welcome some old St. Dunstaners who have taken advantage of this fine period.

We were honoured to include amongst our visitors to Ovingdean, Air Vice-Marshal Sir John Cordingly, who is the new Controller of the R.A.F. Benevolent Fund, and Dr. Moham Lal, Chief Medical Officer of the Aligarh Eye Hospital, India, who made a tour of the building, watching trainees at their work with great interest. Dr. Lal is an eminent Indian ophthalmic surgeon who is in this country to study the prevention of blindness. Sir Hubert and Lady Huddleston, in England from the Sudan, paid a further visit to Ovingdean to see our Sudanese trainee and his brother who acts as his attendant.

The "14-18" Club are having a series of interesting lectures. House Steward Jennings gave the first talk on Naval Gunnery and Radar Control, our St. Dunstaner, G. W. Killingbeck, on Gardening, and Joe Walsh, on Guide Dogs for the Blind.

Lieut. Col. Davys, O.B.E., B.A., a lecturer with the India-Burma Association, and an authority on Indian affairs, visited Ovingdean on May 21st to give an interesting talk on India and her problems. His clear and simple exposition of so complicated a subject delighted his listeners. Col. Davys has promised to pay a return visit in the autumn.

The Annual Sports Meeting this year will be held on the Sports Field of Roedean Girls' School, Brighton, on July 19th, commencing at 2.30 p.m.

Ovingdean Darts Club is still doing well having had five fixtures during the present term, with the following results. Three wins, 8-1, 9-2, 9-0; one game lost, 8-9; and one cancelled. One of our regular players, George Shed, has recently left training and we miss his strong support very much, but with him go our very best wishes and good luck in his new adventures.

On Saturday, May 18th, escorts gave a dance for the Trainees at the Pelham Street School Hall. The dance was preceded by an excellent tea and our old friend, Mr. Cliff Rawson, from the Dome, Brighton, acted as compere for the dance which everyone voted to be one of the best held since St. Dunstan's returned to Brighton.

On Wednesday, May 21st, a party of trainees went to the Empire Day Ball at the Regent, Brighton, while another party went to a dance at the Training College, Eastern Terrace—a very amusing evening with plenty of novelty dances, etc.

On Thursday, May 29th, the Resident Director of the Dudley Hotel, Mr. King, and the Manager, Mr. Boast, once again gave us the most delightful dance at the Hotel. The kindness and hospitality of these good people and the delicious refreshments provided will remain in our memories for a very long time.

The number of trainees is gradually decreasing now and in consequence we are also losing some of the staff. We offer them our very best wishes in their new spheres of occupation.

Footnote from the Braille Room

Braille teacher, telling her pupil how badly he had done during his lesson, is a little taken aback when the pupil replies, "I may read braille badly, but I'm very good on the spaces!"

Test Results

Preliminary.—R. French, D. Grimes.

Writing.—C. Campkin, J. Gannon, A. D. Moore.

Typing.—W. Carthy, A. Puttnam, A. Relf, H. Frost, L. Hoult, A. Trill.

Avenue Road

Typing.—G. Merriman.

Placements

M. Golding, of Kentish Town, is taking over a tobacco and confectionery business at East Greenwich; R. L. Page, Bromley, takes over a similar business at Hove.

Blind Man's Buff

Not childhood's game
But road to fame
War-blinded tread.
Whose spirit bright
Makes darkness light—
Leader though led—
He wins the fight
And conquers night
Who uses head.
Though things be tough
With vision keen
He breasts Life's stream
And calls Fate's bluff

Bristol.

A. B. HILL.

Brighton Notes

Warm sunny days arrived at last with the coming of May and so we at West House have been making the most of the fine weather and picnics have been the order of the day. At last blessed with our own 'bus, we have been out and away as often as petrol would permit! A favourite jaunt has been to Poynings and the Devils Dyke—with picnic tea!

There has also been plenty in the way of entertainment in the House and we started the month off well with a return visit from the Florence Moore Players who gave us three original plays which we all thoroughly enjoyed.

Close upon that came an invitation to visit Ovingdean to listen to Ted Heath and his Band. The swing fans were in their element that day.

West House came back into the lime-light with a visit from Stewart Macpherson who entertained us, with the aid of Matron Pain, Matron Ouseley, Tiny Fleming and Douglas Grimes, with his "Twenty Questions Quiz." The team were so remarkably successful on the first subject that we suspected they had heard it before, getting far enough away from the platform. However, they kept up the standard practically throughout, so we gave them the benefit of the doubt! On that occasion, too, Lady Pearson, the Mayor and Mayoress of Brighton and Mrs. Dacre were amongst our guests. It was a grand afternoon and we are looking forward to Stewart Macpherson's next visit.

Something new to West House was the visit of a coloured troop, "The Carolina Coons" and they gave us a merry evening of minstrel songs, piano duets and jokes. They came to us through our friend Mr. Bert Martin and will, we hope, be back again later in the year.

On the 18th, we enjoyed a play reading by Ovingdean Staff—aided and abetted by Commandant, who was appearing by kind permission of West House!

There was a taste of Canadian hospitality for those who went along to the Regent Dance Hall for the Canadian Empire Ball. They were given a warm welcome by the Canadian ex-servicemen and enjoyed an excellent floor show, compèred by Gerry Wilmot.

May 22nd saw a party of fourteen set off for the evening in London; the occasion

was a dance at Simpsons Services Club, Piccadilly, which we had been looking forward to for some time. For those left behind there was another picnic outing.

Our Whitsuntide activities got off to a flying start with a Domino and Whist Drive in the afternoon with the local St. Dunstaners and friends joining us and staying to tea. In the evening, there was a special party in the Lounge and many of our visitors went away after the week-end, the proud winners of a prize.

On Sunday evening, Commandant presented his "Twenty Questions." The guessing team included House Steward Mason, Orderly Wright, Sister Goodman and Miss Holland.

Whit Monday was quite a day, too! Off we went to the Devils Dyke, Poynings and Arundel for a picnic and Treasure Hunt, everyone armed with a list of the things they must bring safely home to West House in order to get a prize. The little insects in matchboxes proved tiresome little fellows, but they were at long last, conquered—but our efforts to secure "the hair from a cow's tail" we beg to leave to your imagination. Tiny Northcott and Jack Caswell tied for the prize and we gave many a pat-on-the-back to the exhausted runners up! However, we had all gained our second wind in time to thoroughly enjoy a grand Dance when we returned to Brighton at 8.30. A lovely evening with plenty of ice cream was the perfect finish to a wonderful day.

Sunbathing and swimming attracted many of us during the last few days of the month which terminated with an invitation to the Dudley Hotel for dancing (and excellent refreshments) and so we faced June, many of us with red and shiny faces, others, more successful, just the right shade of golden brown, but all of us in the best of holiday spirits.

On the Air

Jim Banks, who works on a machine at the Hoover factory, Perivale, was interviewed by Richard Dimpleby in "Down Your Way," on Sunday, June 8th, when he visited the Ealing district.

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A. B. Hill, of Bristol, and W. Burgin, of Southwick, receive a guinea for their contributions this month.

Letters to the Editor

From the General Editor, National Institute for the Blind.

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

DEAR SIR,

Duplication in Braille Magazines

Referring to the note in your May issue under this heading, may I point out that the National Institute has always done its utmost to avoid duplication in Braille magazines, and will continue to do so. The difficulty is when two magazines, published in different quarters, go to press simultaneously and cannot await each other. Nevertheless, I can assure you that duplication is very rare.

Yours very truly, J. DE LA MARE ROWLEY.

DEAR EDITOR,

For some time I have given serious thought to the possibility of a Branch of the British Legion being formed within St. Dunstan's, and after our Chairman's overwhelming success at the recent Annual Conference of the British Legion, I feel it would be a fitting tribute to his election as President, to form a branch at Brighton and possibly, Blackpool. It could easily be established and in no way interfere with Legionnaires in their present branches as there is nothing in the Charter to stop an ex-service man or woman from joining as many branches as they desire. I believe it would be a great asset to St. Dunstan's and the British Legion alike, besides it being a worthy tribute to our Chairman.

Yours sincerely,

Leeds.

E. RUSSELL.

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

DEAR SIR,

I would like to congratulate Sir Ian on being elected President of the British Legion. This is a great honour and he is following in the footsteps of some great men, Haig, Jellicoe, etc. Although he is a "grand-dad" he is the youngest President the Legion has ever had; however, I hope he will worry the "hide" off John Hynd, the Minister of Pensions. Good luck, Sir Ian.

Secondly, I would like to thank "Daddy Anon." for the letter about St. Dunstan's Old Boys—I mean former pupils—but I do not think anonymous letters should be published as the REVIEW is a family affair. I am sure that the young men of the

Second War are just as good and will be calm and stable when they reach our age and I am sure that if "Daddy" was in St. Dunstan's in '17-'18 he would have had a different story to tell. My advice to the youngsters is, enjoy yourself while you are young, as it is better to be a "has been" than a "never was." The road of darkness is what you make it, and remember you are a hell of a long time dead.

I hope I shall have the pleasure of meeting some of the youngsters in camp in July, as I was one of the youngsters of the '14-'18 war.

Yours sincerely, JOCK MACFARLANE.

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

DEAR SIR,

This is a true story.

I received this morning my new plastic eyes. I happened to mention this to a patient of mine, an old lady of seventy or over, as she seemed rather interested. She said: "Can you see through them?" Of course, I replied "Yes."

Yours sincerely,

Crewe.

ROBERT GIFFIN.

What About Next Winter?

We shall all remember this winter and its fuel troubles, and we should do what we can to avoid further trouble in the coming winter.

I intend to get all the coal my merchant will allow me to have, and as it arrives I shall only put in the bin the best, keeping on one side the slack and fine powder you get with the coal at times. I find that this slack or fine coal damped and mixed with cinders comes in useful for damping the fire down if you go out, and saves your good coal from burning away quickly.

I have also made a six foot square at the back of the house, on which I intend to store any unrationed fuel I can get. In my case I hope to get a few cwts. of coke and brickettes; these brickettes are made from coal dust, and about the size of half a brick, and if one is put on the fire with a few cinders or slack, they keep the fire in for hours.

Unrationed fuel wants getting in stock during the summer or autumn; it is not to be had during the winter months, so get your rationed fuel when it is due to you or you will not get it at all.

Southwick, Sussex.

W. BURGIN.

Blackpool Notes

I guess there will be many who are wondering about the "doings" of the Blackpool Home, but we are enjoying ourselves in our own quiet way, and have our thrills and laughs from time to time.

On February 28th, a long time ago, but very vivid in our memory, we left the Home by special bus to partake of an enjoyable dinner at Hill's Restaurant, as guests of the British Legion. It was well for us that the Legion also sent us home by bus, for it started to snow early in the evening, and by the time we were ready for our homeward trip, there was a terrible blizzard and drifts were four and five feet deep at the street corners.

Our next "Gala do" was the Easter Monday Party in the Lounge with spot dances, grand marches, and rollicking dances, with refreshments and ices. The fun waxed fast and furious to a late hour.

On Whit Monday we had another Party, followed a few nights later by a Thunder Party at 4.30 in the morning. Everyone was awake owing to the severity of the storm. Tea and biscuits at 4.30 a.m. was some treat and although there have been several storms since, to the great disappointment of the troops they have all been in the daytime.

On Queen Mary's birthday, we too celebrated; we were given twenty "cigs." and a packet of razor blades, had a gradely lunch and tea, followed by a dance in the evening, when we all drank to Her Majesty's health.

The Managers of the Grand and the Palace still continue to ask us to a show weekly, and several of the Amateur Societies invite us to see their performances as did the Neptune Players on May 30th, when a large party escorted by Matron and some of the V.A.D.'s enjoyed Priestley's "Laburnum Grove."

It is with sincere regrets that we lose our night orderly, Tom Chambers, who has retired after many years of willing service. The men in residence and the staff made him a presentation on the eve of his departure as a token of their esteem.

RODNEY.

Grandfathers

H. Wordsworth, Gainsborough, a granddaughter—Carol; F. Warin, Fencehouses, a grand-daughter; H. D. S. Wood, Rugby; H. A. Davies, Sandbach.

Young St. Dunstaners

Stanley Mussell is a sergeant in Movement Control with the B.O.A.L.

Pat Jarman, who is articled to the Clerk to Llandudno Urban District Council, has passed the Trust Accounts portion of the Law Society's examination.

Donald Wardle (Northampton), is now a Sergeant Educational Instructor, R.A.O.C. He is 19. His brother Colin is a First Class Warrant Officer, R.E.M.E., at 21.

The son of Mrs. Plunkett, widow of our late St. Dunstaner, has sailed for Australia.

The son of R. Edwards, of Denbigh, has been mentioned in despatches.

Marriages

On May 8th, in Italy, Celia Coates, New Longton.

On May 31st, L.A.C.W. Vera Cookson, Kendal, to Cpl. Collins, R.A.F.

Silver Weddings

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. A. Smith, Nottingham, May 20th and to Mr. and Mrs. W. Ellinson, Warwick, July 22nd.

Births

HARRISON.—On June 4th, to the wife of T. Harrison, of Sheffield, a daughter.

HIGGS.—On May 22nd, to the wife of E. Higgs, of Bradford, a daughter—Alwyn May.

HIGGINS.—On May 27th, to the wife of T. W. Higgins, of Cricklewood, a son—Anthony John.

JAKINS.—On May 11th, to the wife of G. H. Jakins, of Rugby, a daughter—Hilda Mary.

McCLARNON.—On May 2nd, to the wife of E. McClarnon, of Blackpool, a daughter—Marjorie Ann.

MORRIS.—On May 18th, to the wife of G. W. Morris, of Southbourne, a son—Brian David.

NOLDE.—On May 2nd, to the wife of F. S. Nolde, of Harringay, a son—Norman Arthur.

REYNOLDS.—On May 28th, to the wife of A. Reynolds, of Shrewsbury, a daughter—Frances Mary.

WATKINSON.—On May 26th, to the wife of F. Watkinson, of Hessle, a daughter.

WOOD.—On May 21st, to the wife of Gerald Wood, of Northampton, a daughter—Merle Rose.

" In Memory "

Private Ernest Ling, *Labour Corps*

With deep regret we record the death of E. Ling, of Brampton, Chesterfield.

After service with the Labour Corps from 1917 to 1919, he came to us in October, 1921, with his sight severely damaged as the result of his experiences. He learned boot repairing and clogging and, later, mat-making. He carried on with mat-making for a long time, but for many years his health had been steadily growing worse. In September of last year he was admitted to West House and he passed away there on May 8th after much suffering.

He was buried near his comrades in Brighton Cemetery.

Our deep sympathy is extended to his wife in her loss.

Private Harry Bates, *King's Shropshire Light Infantry*

With deep regret we record the death of H. Bates, of Oakengates, Salop.

Enlisting in March, 1915, he was wounded at Hooze in September, 1915, but he did not come to us until April, 1918, where he trained in boot repairing. He continued at this for several years, then going on to netting only. His health was not good but his last illness was very short; he passed away in hospital on May 25th.

A wreath from Sir Ian Fraser and his St. Dunstan's comrades was among the flowers at the funeral. Our deep sympathy is extended to Mrs. Bates, who herself has recently had a severe illness, and her large family.

Private Arthur Edward Taylor, *2nd East Lancs. Regiment*

With deep regret we record the death on May 22nd, of A. E. Taylor, of Grantham.

He was wounded at Ypres in October, 1917, after eighteen months' service and he came to St. Dunstan's almost immediately. He, too, trained as a boot repairer and mat maker, but after a time was able only to do work for the netting room. Until the end of his life he was a staunch member of the Methodist Church; he had a fine baritone voice.

A wreath from Sir Ian Fraser was sent for the funeral.

We extend our deep sympathy to his wife in her loss.

Private John Percival Ireland, *New Zealand Expeditionary Force*

We have heard with deep regret of the death of J. P. Ireland, of Waikato, New Zealand, which occurred on May 28th, 1946.

Enlisting in May, 1917, he was wounded at Cambrai. He trained at St. Dunstan's as a poultry farmer from February, 1919, until February, 1920, when he returned to New Zealand. Since then we have kept in touch with him although there was very little news.

Charles Montague Johnston, *New Zealand Expeditionary Force*

We have also heard with deep regret of the death of another of our New Zealand St. Dunstaners. C. M. Johnston, of Christchurch.

Wounded in France in October, 1918, he came to us the following year and was trained as a poultry farmer, and he returned to New Zealand in 1920.

He had hoped to return to England when things were more settled, but he passed away on September 25th, 1946.

Marriages

ALBERTELLA—BROWN.—On December 21st, M. H. Albertella, recently of Coulsdon, and now of Hastings, to Mrs. L. Brown.

BUTT—WESCOMBE.—On May 17th, W. F. Butt, of Worthing, to Mrs. L. Wescombe, at a double wedding. Mrs. Wescombe's son was married at the same service. St. Dunstaners formed a guard of honour.

CHITTY—PEADON.—On May 25th, W. V. Chitty, of Peckham, to Miss Mary Peadon.

DOUGLAS—MORRIS.—On May 10th, J. L. Douglas, of Barking, to Miss Marion Morris.

HERBERT—WALKER.—On June 6th, Reuben Herbert, to Miss Joyce Walker.

Deaths

We extend our deep sympathy this month to the following:—

KING.—To Freddie King, of Derby, whose father passed away on June 6th.

MITCHELL.—To Mr. and Mrs. J. Mitchell, of Leith, whose daughter, Jemima, has passed away after a long illness.

REED.—To Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Reed, of Hertford, whose baby did not survive its birth.

WILTSHIRE.—To A. J. Wiltshire, of Upper Norwood, whose mother died on June 1st.

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Personal

G. B. Reed, of Hertford, writes: "On behalf of my wife and myself I desire to thank all my friends at St. Dunstan's for their kindness, consideration and sympathy shown to us both during our recent shock and disappointment, and to say how much we appreciate their thought."